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From: Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronological Narrative of 1999
(3) Narrative
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(5) Ship's Picture
(6) Commanding Officer's Biography and Picture
(7) 3 ½ inch disk
(8) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

1. Enclosures (1) through (8) are forwarded, per reference (a).

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T. H. BARGE II

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD) (UIC 35956)
Command Composition and Organization

1. Mission: The mission of the SSBN 726-class submarine is to provide strategic deterrence against hostile attack by maintaining a continuous capability to deliver strategic missile attacks against hostile targets. In order to carry out this mission, SSBN 726 class submarines are designed to:

a. Operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to nuclear attack by a foreign power, and to destroy land targets with strategic, nuclear armed missiles.

b. Minimize the probability of detection by any potential threat.

c. Operate defensively against submarine and surface ship threats as necessary to accomplish the mission.

2. Organization: The USS MICHIGAN, the second in the Trident Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by CDR Thomas H. Barge, II (Gold Crew) and CDR Brian Coval (Blue Crew).

There are presently eight Trident submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Michael R. Oliver.

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)
Chronological Narrative for 1999

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|---------------|---|
| 1 Jan-11 Mar | Gold Crew continues Off Crew training period. |
| 12 Mar | Exchange of command. The Gold Crew relieves the Blue Crew. |
| 13 Mar-11 Apr | Refit period. |
| 12 Apr | DABOB Bay Trials. |
| 14 Apr | Dependent's Cruise. |
| 16 Apr | Commenced Strategic Deterrent Patrol. |
| 3-5 May | Conducted sound trials. |
| 8-12 May | Conducted Engineering Assist Visit. |
| 11-13 Jun | Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). |
| 13 Jun 00 | Return to port, Bangor, WA; Completed Patrol 52. |
| 17-20 Jun 00 | Conducted Mini Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (Mini-DASO). |
| 23 Jun 00 | Exchange of command. The Blue Crew relieves the Gold Crew. |
| 28 Jun-7 Jul | Gold Crew conducts Refit Assist. |
| 6-30 Aug | Leave and Stand Down Period. |
| 30 Aug-20 Oct | Off-Crew Training Period. |
| 23 Oct | Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieves the Blue Crew. |
| 24 Oct-24 Nov | Refit Period. |
| 25 Nov | Dependent's Cruise. |
| 25 Nov-26 Nov | At sea Refresher Training (REFTRA). |
| 27 Nov | Commenced Strategic Deterrent Patrol. |
| 23 Dec | Return to Port, Bangor, WA. |
| 23-26 Dec | Christmas Port Visit. |
| 27 Dec | Resume Strategic Deterrent Patrol. |

Narrative

No narrative is provided. The events listed in the chronology need no further amplification.

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
History

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) is the second Trident class nuclear submarine to be constructed, and is the third warship to bear the name of the Great Lakes State.

The ship's keel was laid on 4 April 1977 by Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. The Submarine was christened on 26 April 1980, by Mrs. Lucian N. Nedzi and commissioned on 18 September 1982.

Michigan Gold's Outstanding performance during 1999 was recognized by receipt of:

COMSUBRON SEVENTEEN Unit Awards

- Battle Efficiency "E" **Second Consecutive Award**
- Engineering Red "E" **Third Consecutive Award**
- Supply Blue "E"
- Communications Green "C" **Third Consecutive Award**
- Medical Yellow "M"
- U.S. Navy League's (Olympic Chapter) "Best Trident Crew"
 Second Consecutive Award
- USSTRATCOM's "The Omaha Trophy" for the Best Submarine
Ballistic Missile Launch Platform.



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Subj: HISTORY OF THE SHIP

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Encl: (1) Part I
(2) Part II

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

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B. S. COVAL

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Part I

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

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2. Organization. MICHIGAN, second in the TRIDENT Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by Commander Brian S. Coval (BLUE) and Commander Thomas H. Barge (GOLD). There are presently 18 TRIDENT submarines; eight are home-ported at Submarine Base Bangor, Washington and are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17. All TRIDENT class submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 17 are capable of carrying the C-4 missile.

PART II

1999 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>KEY EVENT</u> |
|----------------|---|
| 18 - 19 Feb 99 | Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation. |
| 9 - 10 Mar 99 | Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI). |
| 12 Mar 99 | Exchange of Command, Commander T. H. (Hal) Barge, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew relieved Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew. |
| 6 Apr 99 | Change of Command, Commander Brian S. Coval relieves Captain (sel) Clare (Bill) W. Hanson as Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN SSBN 727 (BLUE) at Naval Undersea Warfare Museum, Keport, Washington. |
| 23 Jun 99 | Exchange of Command, Commander Brian S, Coval, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew relieve Commander T. H. (Hal) Barge (GOLD) and crew. |
| 25 - 30 Jun 99 | Conducted Mini DASO |
| 30 Jun 99 | Conducted VIP Cruise for State of Michigan |
| 2 Jul 99 | Conducted Dependents Cruise |
| 2 - 6 Jul 99 | Public Affairs Visit to Everett, Washington in support of Everett Days and VIP tours. Congressman Norm Dick was senior official to tour. |
| 6 Jul 99 | Conducted Dependents Cruise |

Enclosure (2)

1999 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (Cont'd)

14- 16 Sep 99 Conducted Surprise Operational Reactors
Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

19 - 20 Oct 99 Dependent "Tiger" Cruise

21 Oct 99 VIP Cruise for State of Michigan

23 Oct 99 Exchange of Command, Commander T. H.
Barge Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew
relieved Commander Brian S. Coval,
Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew.

MICHIGAN received the following awards in 1999:

- Naval Sea Service Ribbon
- Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen Damage Control
Efficiency "Red DC".