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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)
UIC: 35956

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 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. Organizational Structure. USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727), the second in the Ohio Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by CDR Dietrich H. Kuhlmann, III (GOLD Crew) and CDR Thomas M. Calabrese (BLUE Crew).

There are presently eight Ohio submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain T. M. Giardina.

CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01 JAN 02 - 27 MAR 02	OFF-CREW TRAINING PERIOD
27 MAR 02	GOLD CREW RELIEVED BLUE CREW
27 MAR 02 - 29 APR 02	REFIT
29 APR 02 - 01 MAY 02	POST REFIT SEA TRIALS, DABOB BAY
01 MAY 02	UNDERWAY FOR PATROL 62
10 JUN 02 - 14 JUN 02	TACTICAL WEAPONS PROFICIENCY/STRATEGIC READINESS EXAM
14 JUN 02 - 18 JUN 02	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
25 JUN 02	INPORT BANGOR, WA
05 JUL 02 - 07 JUL 02	UNDERWAY FOR MINI-DASO
07 JUL 02	INPORT BANGOR, WA
10 JUL 02	BLUE CREW RELIEVED THE GOLD CREW
10 JUL 02 - 29 AUG 02	REFIT ASSIST
30 AUG 02 - 08 NOV 02	LEAVE, STAND DOWN AND OFF-CREW TRAINING PERIOD
08 NOV 02 - 10 DEC 02	REFIT
11 DEC 02	POST REFIT SEA TRIALS, DABOB BAY
12 DEC 02 - 31 DEC 02	UNDERWAY FOR PATROL 64

NARRATIVE

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) is the second Ohio 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 2002 was recognized by receipt of:

COMSUBRON SEVENTEEN

- Battle Efficiency "E"
- Damage Control "DC"
- Strategic "S"