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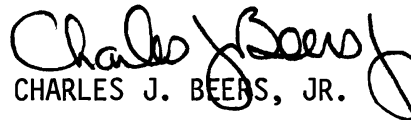
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Command History

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USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was commissioned 10 March 1984, was assigned to Commander Submarine Squadron TWO and was homeported in Groton, Connecticut. First Commanding Officer was Captain Ralph Schlichter, USN, (USNA 64). The first month of commissioning found USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL extremely busy, underway each week providing services for other SSNs in their Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) work-ups and completing final BQQ-5 sonar certification. In April, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was underway first to Roosevelt Roads and Saint Croix for Weapons Systems Acceptance Trials (WSAT), then to Exuma Sound for acoustic trials. Returning to homeport 3 May, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was underway again on 7 May for a Readiness Exercise. Inport for a weekend, she was once again underway 14 May in support of COMPATWING 5 out of NAS Brunswick. USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL returned to homeport on 20 May and spent the remainder of the month undergoing refresher training and Guarantee Material Inspection (GMI) by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). The first week of June brought MK-48 Training and Certification Program (TCP) Phase I training inport. On 8 June USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was underway for Phase II at Autec Range. A two day liberty stop at Port Canaveral on 16 June, and USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was underway to Guantanamo Bay to provide services for surface units undergoing refresher training, returning to Groton on 26 June and remaining inport for the remainder of the month. On 9 July, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was underway conducting operations with USS SKIPJACK (SSN 585). Back in port for the weekend, she was underway on 16 July for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) work-up and then on to USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL's first ORSE, successfully completed 23-24 July. On 26 July, Commander Charles J. BEERS, Jr. (USNA 67) relieved Captain Ralph Schlichter to become the second Commanding Officer of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL. The month of August will hold a special place for eight young men whose fathers or brothers serve aboard USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL: 7 August was the commencement of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL's first dependent's cruise. This underway held an added treat because USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was also providing support services to USS MOOSEBRUGER and a P-3 squadron out of Brunswick. After coming into port to let off the dependents on 12 August, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was underway on 14 August to conduct shaft testing before commencing Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) at General Dynamics Electric Boat Division Shipyard in Groton, Connecticut on 15 August. 23 November saw the completion of PSA three and a half weeks ahead of schedule. On 1 December, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was underway for the final time, this year to change homeport from Groton, Connecticut to Norfolk, Virginia. On the trip she carried ten distinguished visitors from Minneapolis-Saint Paul who had organized support for the ship through the Navy League and the USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL Commissioning Committee. After pulling into port on 3 December, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL went into a standdown schedule for the holidays, officially transferring to Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT on 15 December 1984.