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**USS MINNEAPOLIS - SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)**  
**Command History for 1997**

1. Command Composition and Organization:

Ship's Mission:

USS MINNEAPOLIS - SAINT PAUL's primary mission is to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. With the advent of the Tomahawk cruise missile, the ship is capable of tactical strike against land based targets. Secondary missions include; coastal surveillance and special forces insertion.

**Immediate Senior Command**

Commander, Submarine Squadron Six

**Commanding Officer's**

Commander Arnold L. Lotring  
(1 January - 15 August 1997)

Commander Michael T. Maliniak  
(15 August - 31 December 1997)

**Executive Officer**

Lieutenant Commander James R. Righter Jr  
(1 January - 19 September 1997)

Lieutenant Commander Robert R. Hooks  
(19 September - 31 December 1997)

2. Chronology:

Jan	Preoverseas Movement (POM) training.
Feb	Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) Upkeep.
Mar	Preoverseas Movement (POM) Workup and Certification.
Apr-Jun	Deployment.
Jul	Return to Norfolk, Stand-down.
Aug	Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) Upkeep, Change of Command.

Sep Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) Upkeep.  
Oct Training exercises.  
Nov Training exercises.  
Dec Underway Material Inspection (UMI), Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) Upkeep, Stand-down.

### 3. Narrative

The first three months of 1997 were spent in preparation for an overseas deployment. These months included workups and certifications, during which time MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL performed superbly.

During the second quarter, the ship conducted a deployment vital to the security of the United States. July brought a return to Norfolk and some rest and relaxation. The ship began its post deployment maintenance period halfway through July and completed it in August. After Change of Command and a short at sea period for testing, MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL began her first Mediterranean Sea Battlegroup Deployment workup period in five years. The workup entailed several training exercises, examinations, evaluations and certifications. The ship's performance was exceptional in all respects, being designated a Tactical Readiness Top Performer as well as being awarded the Communications Excellence "C" and Navigation Excellence "N" Awards.

MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was honored to conduct a VIP cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale for Navy League members from its namesake cities and South Florida. December began with an Underway Material Inspection (UMI) and concluded with the holiday period in Norfolk with family and friends.

### 4. Supporting Documents:

- a. Change of Command Pamphlet
- b. Commanding Officer Biography
- c. Executive Officer Biography