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**USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)**  
**Command History for 1998**

I. 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**

Commander Michael T. Maliniak  
(1 January - 31 December 1998)

**Executive Officer**

Lieutenant Commander Robert R. Hooks  
(1 January - 31 December 1998)

II. Chronology:

Jan	JTFEX 98-2 with John C. Stenis Battlegroup
Feb	Pre-deployment Upkeep
Mar-Jul	Mediterranean Sea Deployment
Aug	Post-deployment Standdown
Sep	FMA Upkeep
Oct	Underwater Unmanned Vehicle (UUV) Testing Tomahawk Land Attack Missile Operational Test Launch Ft. Lauderdale Port Visit
Nov	FMA Upkeep
Dec	Local Operations, FMA Upkeep and Holiday Standdown

### III. Narrative

The first two months of 1998 were spent in preparation for a Mediterranean Sea Deployment. The ship participated in JTFEX 98-2, with the John C. Stenis Battlegroup and SEAL training.

The ship departed for a Mediterranean Sea deployment at the end of February. The ship conducted a port visit in Lisbon, Portugal in March where the ship hosted a VIP tour for the U.S. Ambassador to Portugal and several other national and foreign military dignitaries.

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL was found to be extremely well prepared to conduct operations in the Mediterranean. While in the Mediterranean Sea, the ship had port visits in Gibraltar, UK; Naples, Italy; LaMaddalena, Italy; and Souda Bay, Crete, Greece. During port visits the ship conducted many tours and two underway VIP cruises in the Bay of Naples. Operations in the Mediterranean included operations vital to the security of the United States and many allied exercises.

The ship returned to Norfolk at the end of July for a joyous reunion with family and friends. After a standdown and brief upkeep in September, the ship was chosen for a Nuclear Weapons Regeneration exercise, and conducted a dependent's cruise.

In October, the ship was underway conducting several Chief of Naval Operations projects including Underwater Unmanned Vehicle (UUV) testing, and a Tomahawk Operational Test Launch; both of which were flawlessly executed. These were followed by a much enjoyed VIP cruise for our friends from the Twin Cities area and Ft. Lauderdale and a port call in Ft. Lauderdale for Broward County Navy Days. In November, the ship conducted an FMA upkeep. Finally, December began with a week of Anti Submarine Warfare Exercises with COMPATWING 11, preparations for a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) and concluded with the holiday standdown period in Norfolk with family and friends.

### IV. Supporting Documents:

- a. Commanding Officer Biography
- b. Executive Officer Biography