

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) FP0 AE 09578-2388

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From:

Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)

To:

Chief of Naval Operations (N09BH)

Subj:

COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999

Ref:

(a) OPNAVINST 5750.126

(b) CNO ltr 5757 09BH/SH/0U505886 of 13 Oct 00

Encl:

(1) Command History for 1999

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) was forwarded 16 March 2000 while ship was deployed.

E. EVANS

By direction

USS MINNEAPOLIS - SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) Command History for 1999

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 Officers

Commander Michael T. Maliniak (1 January – 22 October 1999)

Commander John A. Ferrer (22 October – 31 December 1999)

Executive Officers

Lieutenant Commander Robert R. Hooks (1 January – 13 May 1999

Lieutenant Commander Brent R. Clarke 13 May 1999- 31 December 1999)

II. Chronology:

Jan-Apr Select

Selected Restricted Availability

May

At sea refresher training

Port Canaveral, FL port visit

June-July

At sea refresher training

Aug

FMA upkeep

Sept At sea refresher training

Oct Pre-Deployment Upkeep

Change of Command

Nov Pre-deployment Work-ups and training

Dec Pre-deployment Certification

Holiday Standdown

III. Narrative

The first four months of 1999 were spent conducting a periodic Selected

Restricted Availability, in which the ship significantly upgraded its material readiness.

The month of May found the ship conducting at sea refresher training after the long inport period. This included a much enjoyed VIP cruise for several NASA astronauts and some of our friends from the Twin Cities area. Following the VIP cruise the ship enjoyed a port visit in Cape Canaveral, FL.

During the months of June and July the ship continued its at sea training, further enhancing the proficiency of the crew.

In October, the ship started making preparations for a Mediterranean deployment.

This included a change of Commanding Officers on the 22nd. This was our second

Mediterranean deployment in 2 years. Lots of diligence and hard work culminated in the

Pre-Deployment certification for our deployment, followed by a holiday standdown

period in Norfolk.

IV. Supporting Documents:

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