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From: Commanding Officer, MONTPELIER (SSN765) Precommissioning Unit
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography
(2) MONTPELIER Christening Ceremony Brochure
(3) MONTPELIER Christening Poster

1. MONTPELIER's command history for the period 14 December 1990 to 31 December 1991 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. MONTPELIER (SSN765) Precommissioning Unit was established on 14 December 1990. Its mission is to support the construction and testing of an improved 688 Class fast attack submarine and prepare to take MONTPELIER to sea. When the ship is commissioned, the Precommissioning Unit will become the initial crew.

b. MONTPELIER is under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, VA. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN is responsible for overseeing and administering Navy contracts for the ship. MONTPELIER is administratively assigned to Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT, Norfolk, VA; Commander Submarine Group TWO, Groton, CT, and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

c. CDR Victor R. Fiebig is the Commanding Officer of the Precommissioning Unit and the Prospective Commanding Officer of USS MONTPELIER (SSN765). Enclosure (1) provides his biography.

3. Chronology.

14 DEC 90 PRECOMUNIT MONTPELIER established at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. CDR V. R. FIEBIG assumed command of Precommissioning Unit MONTPELIER. LCDR J. L. FOWLER, USN, Executive Officer, 4 officers and 24 enlisted men reported for duty.

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- 4 JAN 91 LCDR J. L. FOWLER, Executive Officer, transferred to USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709). LT S. E. FOOS, USN, Navigator, assumes duties as acting Executive Officer.
- 29 JAN 91 CDR C. OLSON, USN, relieves as Executive Officer
- 6 APR 91 Mrs. Nancy H. Sununu christened MONTPELIER at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, VA. Mrs. Sununu is MONTPELIER's sponsor and wife of White House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Eleanor C. Hayes and Maid of Honor was Miss Christine M. Sununu. Guests of Honor included the Honorable John Sununu, White House Chief of Staff, as principal speaker; H. Lawrence Garrett III, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, United States Congressman from Virginia; the Honorable Ann E. Cummings, Mayor of Montpelier, VT; and ADM Bruce DeMars, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion. Enclosure (2) provides details on the Christening Event.
- 1 MAY 91 First watches stationed aboard MONTPELIER.
- 3 JUL 91 LCDR T. R. McCARTHY, USN, relieves as Executive Officer.
- 22 AUG 91 MONTPELIER moved from outboard ways of the Submarine Modular Outfitting Facility to the drydock 'ED CAMPBELL' in preparation for launch.
- 23 AUG 91 MONTPELIER launched.
- 24 AUG 91 Power unit loaded.

4. Narrative. Since its establishment, PRECOMUNIT MONTPELIER has grown to 15 officers and 118 enlisted personnel. Major objectives of the command during this reporting period were:

- a. Conduct of Propulsion Plant Test and Acceptance Program.
- b. Watchstander qualification to support operation of shipboard equipment.
- c. Continuing training and qualification of the assigned personnel in preparation for sea trials and shakedown operations of the ship.

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