



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (N09BH), 2000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) Welcome Aboard Brochure  
(2) 3 1/2" Submittal Disk (Office 97 Format)

1. Per reference (a), the command history of USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) (UIC 21762) for the period 1 January - 31 December 2002 is submitted.

2. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Ship's Mission: MONTPELIER employs its stealth, agility, firepower, and endurance in multiple missions including strike warfare, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, undersea warfare, anti-surface warfare, special warfare, mine warfare and joint operations.

b. Ship's Goal Statement for the Year 2002:

(1) Remain the preeminent warriors in the Atlantic Submarine Force.

(2) Improve upon the professional development of our Sailors.

(3) Have the most fun and build the strongest esprit de corps in the Submarine Force.

c. Organizational Structure:

(1) ISIC: Captain R. M. Klein, Submarine Squadron SIX

(2) Commanding Officer: CDR William J. Frake

(3) Executive Officer: LCDR Paul C. Haebler (23 August - 31 December 2002)  
LCDR Warren G. Huelsnitz (1 January 2000 - 22 August 2002)

(4) Navigation/Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED]

(5) Engineer Officer: LCDR [REDACTED] (18 October - 31 December 2002)  
LCDR [REDACTED] (1 January 2001 - 17 October 2002)

(6) Combat Systems Officer: LCDR [REDACTED]

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- (7) Supply Officer: ENS [REDACTED] (4 November – 31 December 2002)  
LT [REDACTED] (3 November 2001 – 16 October 2002)

- (8) Division Officers: LT [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
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ENS [REDACTED]

d. The Commanding Officer's biography is provided in enclosure (1).

e. USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) was home ported in Norfolk, Virginia for this reporting period.

3. Chronology:

January 2002

- 1-29 In port Norfolk
- 29-31 Transit to Port Canaveral (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs)

February 2002

- 1-4 Transit to Port Canaveral (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs)
- 4 Moor Port Canaveral Trident North
- 4-7 In port Port Canaveral
- 7,8 VIP Cruise Port Canaveral (CCNVLOAs)
- 8-14 AUTECH Target Services
- 14-17 Torpedo Proficiency, Acoustic Trials (AUTECH)
- 18 Moor Port Canaveral Trident North, VIP Cruise
- 18-22 In port Port Canaveral
- 22-28 Transit to Norfolk, Engineering Readiness Review (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs)
- 28 Moor Norfolk, Pier 3

March 2002

- 1-31 In port Norfolk, EHF installation

April 2002

- 1-31 In port Norfolk, EHF installation

May 2002

- 1-30 In port Norfolk, EHF installation
- 30 Underway for Engineering Readiness Review
- 31 Engineering Readiness Review (VCOAs/NBOAs)

June 2002

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1-3 Engineering Readiness Review (VCOAs/NBOAs)  
3 BSP, Groton  
3-10 Transit to Halifax, NS (NBOAs/MARLANTOAs)  
10 Moor Halifax, NS  
10-13 In port Halifax, NS  
13 Underway for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination workup  
13-30 Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination Workup  
(MARLANTOAs/VCOAs/CCNVLOAs/NBOAs/VCOAs/CCNVLOAs)  
30 Moor Norfolk, Pier 3  
30-31 In port Norfolk  
July 2002  
1 Underway for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination  
1-3 Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (VCOAs)  
3 Moor Norfolk, Pier 3  
3-31 In port Norfolk  
August 2002  
1-8 In port Norfolk  
8 Underway from Norfolk  
8-10 Transit to Groton (VCOAs/NBOAs)  
10 Moor Groton  
10-24 Groton, Pre-deployment Training  
24 Underway from Groton  
24-31 Battlegroup Situational Testing and Anti-Submarine Warfare Proficiency  
Training with USS HARRY S. TRUMAN Battlegroup (VCOAs/CPOAs)  
31 Moor Norfolk, Pier 14  
Sept 2002  
1-12 In port Norfolk  
12 Underway from Norfolk  
12-20 ISE, Tactical Readiness Review (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs)  
20 BSP, Port Canaveral  
20-24 Tactical Readiness Evaluation, Torpedo Proficiency (CCNVLOAs/AUTEC)  
24 BSP, AUTEC  
24-26 Transit to Port Canaveral  
26 VIP Cruise (CCNVLOAs)  
27 VIP Cruise (CCNVLOAs)  
27 Moor Port Canaveral Trident Basin  
27-30 In port Port Canaveral  
30 Underway from Port Canaveral for Tiger Cruise  
October 2002  
1-2 Tiger Cruise (CCNVLOAs/VCOAs)  
2 Moor Norfolk, Pier 3  
2-31 In port Norfolk  
November 2002  
1-13 In port Norfolk

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13 Underway from Norfolk  
13-18 Pre-overseas Movement Workup (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs/PEVOAs)  
18 BSP, Port Canaveral  
18-25 Pre-overseas Movement Workup (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs/PEVOAs)  
25 Moor Norfolk Pier 3  
25-31 In port Norfolk  
December 2002  
1-3 In port Norfolk  
3 Underway from Norfolk  
3-7 Pre-overseas Movement Certification (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs/PEVOAs)  
7 BSP, Port Canaveral  
7-13 Pre-overseas Movement Certification (VCOAs/CCNVLOAs/PEVOAs)  
13 Moor Norfolk, Pier 3  
13-31 In port Norfolk

4. Narrative: MONTPELIER spent the first half of 2002 underway for short periods for local operations and VIP cruises, followed by a three-month upkeep to install the EHF communications system. The tempo later in the year rapidly increased as the ship entered the POM period. Several inspections and evaluations were successfully completed, including an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, Tactical Readiness Examination, Pre-Deployment Training, POM Work-up and POM Certification. These underway periods were a great opportunity to train the crew to fight the ship and combat casualties encountered while at sea. Several members of the crew also got some time to relax in the ship's namesake city of Montpelier, VT for a USS MONTPELIER movie unveiling. The year ended with a well-deserved break for the crew over the holiday stand down, in preparation for the upcoming overseas deployment.

  
W. J. FRAKE