



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)  
To: Naval Historical Center (NWD), 805 Kidder Breese Street  
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History Office)

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

Encl: (1) 3.5" Floppy Disk

1. Per reference (a), the command history of USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) (UIC 21762) for the period 1 January - 31 December 2003 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 2003:

(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  
(1 January-26 July 2003)  
Captain B. E. Grooms, Submarine Squadron SIX  
(27 July- 31 December 2003)

(2) Commanding Officer: CDR William J. Frake

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- (3) Executive Officer: LCDR Paul C. Haebler
- (4) Navigation/Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED]
- (5) Engineer Officer: LCDR [REDACTED]  
(1 January - 18 October 2003)  
LT [REDACTED]  
(19 October - 30 November 2003)  
LCDR [REDACTED]  
(1 December - 31 December 2003)
- (6) Combat Systems Officer: LCDR [REDACTED]  
(1 January - 10 July 2003)  
LT [REDACTED]  
(10 July- 31 December 2003)
- (7) Supply Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]
- (8) Division Officers: LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
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e. USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) was home ported in Norfolk, Virginia for this reporting period.

3. Chronology:

**January 2003**

1-6	Inport Norfolk, Virginia
6	U/W Norfolk, Virginia
6-26	Trans-Atlantic transit to Aksaz, Turkey
26	Moor Aksaz, Turkey
26-29	Inport Aksaz, Turkey
29	U/W Aksaz, Turkey
29-31	Transit to Port Said, Egypt

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**February 2003**

1 Transit Suez Canal  
2-5 Transit to Strait of Bab el Mandeb  
5 Transit Strait of Bab el Mandeb  
5-8 Transit to Strait of Hormuz  
8 Transit Strait of Hormuz  
8-13 Transit to Bahrain  
13 Moor Bahrain  
13-18 Inport Bahrain  
18 U/W Bahrain  
18-28 AG Operations

**March 2003**

1-8 AG Operations  
8-10 BSP Bahrain  
10-21 AG Operations  
21-24 Strike Operations  
24-29 AG Operations  
29-31 Strike Operations

**April 2003**

1-3 Strike Operations  
3-7 Transit to Strait of Hormuz  
7 Transit Strait of Hormuz  
7-11 Transit to Strait of Bab el Mandeb  
11 Transit Strait of Bab el Mandeb  
11-14 Transit to Port Suez, Egypt  
14 Transit Suez Canal  
14-17 Transit to Souda Bay, Crete (GREECE)  
17 Moor Souda Bay, Crete  
17-18 Inport Souda Bay, Crete  
18 U/W Souda Bay, Crete  
18-31 Mediterranean Operations

**May 2003**

1-14 Mediterranean Operations  
14 Moor Souda Bay, Crete  
14-19 Inport Souda Bay, Crete  
19 U/W Souda Bay, Crete  
19-23 Engineering Readiness Review, CASEX, and Transit to LaMaddelana, Italy. (Mediterranean Sea)  
23 Moor Stbd Side of Tender, Lamaddelana, Italy  
23-31 Inport LaMaddelana, Italy

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**June 2003**

1-6 Inport LaMaddelana, Italy  
6 U/W Lamaddelana, Italy  
6-13 Shark Hunt-03 (East Mediterranean Sea)  
13-17 Transit to Augusta Bay, Italy for BSP  
17 BSP, Augusta Bay Italy  
17-21 Transit to Rota, Spain  
21 Moor Rota, Spain  
21-28 Inport Rota, Spain  
28 U/W Rota, Spain  
28-31 Engineering Readiness Review, transatlantic transit to Port Canaveral, Florida

**July 2003**

1-7 Engineering Readiness Review, transatlantic transit to Port Canaveral, Florida  
7 BSP Port Canaveral, Florida  
7-10 ORSE  
10 Moor Norfolk, Virginia  
10-31 Inport Norfolk, Virginia

**August 2003**

1-17 Inport Norfolk, Virginia  
17 U/W Norfolk, Virginia  
17-19 Transit to Autec for IW Experiment (VCOAs/AUOAs)  
19-28 IW Experiment, Autec (BSP's Autec)  
28-31 Transit to Norfolk, Virginia  
31 Moor Norfolk, Virginia

**Sept 2003**

1-31 Inport Norfolk, Virginia

**October 2003**

1-10 Inport Norfolk, Virginia  
10 U/W Norfolk, Virginia  
10-22 Support Services (VCOAs)  
22 Anchor Annapolis, Maryland (USNA Homecoming)  
22-27 Annapolis, Maryland  
27 U/W Annapolis, Maryland  
27-29 Transit to Groton, Connecticut (VCOAs/NBOAs)  
29 Moor Groton, Connecticut  
29-31 Inport Groton, Connecticut  
31 U/W Groton, Connecticut

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**November 2003**

1-3 PCO Operations transit to Autec (NBOAs/VCOAs)  
3-14 PCO Operations Autec  
14 BSP, Port Canaveral, Florida  
14-16 VIP Cruise  
16 Moor Port Canaveral, Florida  
16-18 Inport Port Canaveral, Florida  
18 U/W Port Canaveral, Florida  
18-21 Tiger Cruise  
21 Moor Norfolk, Virginia  
21-30 Inport Norfolk, Virginia

**December 2003**

1-31 Inport Norfolk, Virginia

4. Narrative: MONTPELIER spent the first half of 2003 underway on a very successful Mediterranean/CENTCOM deployment where she launched 20 cruise missiles that directly supported the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom. After a celebratory welcome home and brief stand down the ship participated in various local operations preparing and training with others about to deploy. The year ended with an up-keep in homeport allowing the crew a holiday stand down with families. During the year the ship completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and a Supply Management Inspection. She was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation, the Submarine Squadron Six Communications "C", Navigation "N", and the Tactical "T".



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