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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2004

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1. Per reference (a), the command history of USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) (UIC 21762) for the period 1 January - 31 December 2004 is submitted.

2. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Ship's Mission: USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) 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 2004.

(1) Remain the preeminent warriors in the Atlantic Submarine Force by training all watch-standers to handle any mission at any time.

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

(3) Build the strongest esprit de corps in the Submarine Force.

(4) Continually work to improve your ship, your shipmates, and yourself.

c. Organizational Structure:

(1) ISIC: Captain B. E. Grooms, Submarine Squadron SIX

(2) Commanding Officer:

CDR William J. Frake

(01 January - 13 February)

3. Chronology:

January 2004

01-11 In-port Norfolk, Virginia.
12-14 Underway, in transit to Port Canaveral, Florida.
15 In-port, Stores and personnel load, Port Canaveral,
Florida.
16-26 Underway, Participation in Group Strike Operations,
Atlantic.
27 Brief Stop for personnel in Port Canaveral, Florida.

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28 Underway, riders on board for "Namesake City V.I.P. Cruise." Returned to Port Canaveral same day.
29-31 Underway, riders on board for Tiger Cruise. Ended cruise at Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

February 2004

01-29 Upkeep pier-side, Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

March 2004

01-08 Upkeep continued.
09-21 Underway, Target Services Exercises.
22 Brief stop for personnel, Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.
23-24 Underway, INSURV inspections.
25-31 IMA upkeep period.

April 2004

01-26 IMA upkeep period continues.
27-29 Underway, Target Services Exercises.
30 In-port, in-port training, Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

May 2004

01-03 In-port training continues, Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.
04-08 Underway, Type Commander training.
09-19 In-port, in-port training, Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.
20 Underway, VIP Cruise
21-23 In-port, in-port training, Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.
24-26 Underway, in-transit to Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard, Portsmouth (PNSY), New Hampshire.
27-31 In-port, arrival at Pier 11, Berth C, PNSY. Restricted availability begins.

June 2004

01-23 In-port, restricted availability continues. Pier 11, Berth C, PNSY.

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24-30 Berth shift from Pier 11, Berth C, to Pier 13, Berth B. USS MONTPELIER enters dry-dock and begins Depot Modernization Period.

July 2004 - December 2004

ALL DATES - Depot Modernization Period continues.

4. Narrative: Prior to changing homeport to Portsmouth, New Hampshire the MONTPELIER was involved in various at-sea evolutions to support tasking. In January the MONTPELIER was employed as a target for MK 54 air-dropped torpedo testing. Shortly thereafter MONTPELIER on-loaded Tomahawk Block IV torpedo tube launched canisters and successfully launched the compliment to support capability testing for the new variant of the Block IV Tomahawk. At the end of January the ship had two opportunities to allow riders. The first was designated as a "Namesake City VIP Cruise." While MONTPELIER returned to homeport family members were allowed to ride on the designated "Tiger Cruise."

During February the ship began a 5 week upkeep, which saw the Change of Command from CDR William J. Frake to CDR Mark E. Davis. This upkeep was followed by an underway in which the ship was again utilized for target services. After a brief stop for personnel, an INSURV inspection was conducted. During the final two months prior to changing homeport to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the MONTPELIER was employed for the assistance of POM certifications and target services. Also, MONTPELIER had the opportunity to host a VIP cruise before making final preparations for the change of homeport.

Upon arrival in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, MONTPELIER commenced a Depot Modernization Period (DMP). During the DMP, MONTPELIER was updated with state-of-the-art equipment in the engine room and a variety of upgrades forward. At the end of 2004 MONTPELIER was half-way the scheduled DMP.

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