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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY-2004

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Encl: (1) Command History for USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted per reference (a).

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USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)
UIC: 20204
2004 Command History (01 Jan - 31 Dec)

Part 1. Command Composition and Organization

A. MISSION: To provide Anti-Submarine Warfare (USW), Anti-Surface Warfare (SUW), Strike Warfare, and support Naval Special Warfare (NSW) for the U.S. Submarine Force. USS PHILADELPHIA is equipped to carry MK-48 ADCAP torpedoes and all variants of Tomahawk cruise missiles. In 1998, PHILADELPHIA was altered and is now a Dry Deck Shelter (DDS) platform capable of carrying Special Operations Forces and providing Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) mother ship support.

B. ORGANIZATION:

Immediate Superior in Command: CAPT Mark Breor, Commander
Submarine Squadron TWO

Commanding Officer: CDR Steven M. Oxholm

Executive Officer: LCDR Ryan K. Brookhart (D)
LCDR Rick A. Goodwin (R)

Chief of the Boat: ETCM(SS) Patrick D. Agnew (D)
ETCS(SS) Raymond E. Powell (R)

Engineer: LCDR [REDACTED] (D)
LT [REDACTED] (R)

Navigator: LCDR [REDACTED] (D)
LCDR [REDACTED] (R)

Weapons Officer: LCDR [REDACTED] (D)
LT [REDACTED] (R)

Supply Officer: LTJG [REDACTED] (D)
ENS [REDACTED] (R)

Part 2.	<u>Chronology</u>
1-16 Jan	Underway, Return from Mediterranean/Central Command Deployment
16-18 Jan	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)
19 Jan-26 Feb	In port Groton, Post Deployment Stand-down, training and maintenance
27 Feb-7 Mar	Underway, Groton to Port Canaveral, FL
8-11 Mar	Inport Port Canaveral, FL
12-15 Mar	Underway, Dependents Tiger Cruise Port Canaveral, FL to Groton, CT
16 - 19 Mar	Underway for Basic Submarine Assessment (BSA), Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOA)
19 Mar - 4 Apr	Inport Groton, training and maintenance
5-9 Apr	Underway, Burial-At-Sea (3)
10 Apr-15 Jul	Inport Groton, training and maintenance (drydock 10 June - 15 July)
16-20 Jul	Underway, Groton to Port Canaveral, FL
21 Jul	Underway, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy VIP cruise from Cape Canaveral, FL
21-23 Jul	Underway, Port Canaveral, FL, local training
24-26 Jul	Inport Port Canaveral, FL
27 Jul-6 Aug	Underway, Port Canaveral, FL to Groton, CT
7 Aug-14 Sep	Inport Groton, maintenance and training, Combat Systems Readiness Review 15-20 Aug, Dry Deck Shelter (DDS) O5S loaded 24-25 August
15-17 Sep	Underway NBOAS, training
18 Sep-3 Oct	Inport Groton, maintenance and training
4-7 Oct	Underway transit to Mayport, FL

9-14 Oct	Special Warfare training in Jacksonville/ Charleston Operating Areas (JAX/CHASOAS)
15-19 Oct	In port Mayport, FL
20-25 Oct	Underway transit from Mayport, FL to Groton, CT
26 Oct-1 Nov	Inport Groton, training and maintenance
2-16 Nov	Underway, Brief Stop for Personnel (BSP) Groton on 14 Nov, ORSE 14-16 November
17-25 Nov	Inport Groton maintenance, and DDS off-load
18 Nov-31 Dec	Inport Groton, maintenance and training, Supply Management Inspection (7 - 9 December)

C. NARRATIVE:

The PHILADELPHIA began the year underway, returning from a seven-month Central Command/Mediterranean Deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Prior to returning the ship made a brief stop for personnel and performed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. After a five-week respite in Groton for post-deployment stand-down and maintenance preps, the PHILADELPHIA returned to sea, transiting to Port Canaveral, FL, to complete further training and qualifications at sea. After spending three days of liberty in Port Canaveral, FL, PHILADELPHIA began a dependents' Tiger Cruise on the transit back to Groton, CT on 15 March. The ship got underway again for a Basic Submarine Assessment, on which she scored a solid Average. The next three weeks were spent in port conducting dry-dock preparations, followed by a one-week underway completing training, qualifications, and performing three burials-at-sea.

Upon return to port, at the end of a vigorous schedule, the PHILADELPHIA began an extensive upkeep period including a dry docking in Groton, CT. This upkeep included the installation of significant upgrades to Fire Control and the Reactor Plant Control Panel and a Dry Deck Shelter cross-fit, much of this three-month period was spent conducting maintenance and in-port training.

Upon completion of the dry dock period, the PHILADELPHIA returned to sea for local training, and to conduct a VIP cruise for the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, making a brief stop in Port Canaveral, FL, before returning to Groton for a five week maintenance and training period, which included a Combat System Readiness Review. Following a three-day retest period at sea, the PHILADELPHIA returned to Groton for two additional weeks of in-port maintenance and training.

On 4 October PHILADELPHIA got underway, picked up Seal Delivery Vehicle Team Two Task Unit Bravo in Mayport, FL, and conducted Special Warfare Training. PHILADELPHIA then transited back to Groton, CT while performing at-sea training. After a brief one-week replenishment period in Groton, the PHILADELPHIA got underway for further training and conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. Upon return to port, the PHILADELPHIA began Preparations for Overseas Movement, Phase 1 (POM 1), and had a Supply Management Inspection, on which she scored an average. PHILADELPHIA and her crew finished the year with a well-earned stand down period of leave and liberty.

A. Statistical Summary:

1. Navigation Total Miles Steamed: 24,316
2. Hours at Sea: 2,211
3. Awards: 2004 Engineering "E"
2004 Medical "M"
2004 Navigational "N"