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From: Commanding Officer, USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY-2010 - CY-2011

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

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

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

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D. S. SOLDOW

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USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)
UIC: 20204
Homeport: Naval Submarine Base, Groton, CT
Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA
2010-2011 Command History (01 Jan 10 - 24 Jun 11)

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 to support a Dry Deck Shelter (DDS) platform to carry Special Operations Forces and provide Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) support. The DDS and DSRV capability were removed in the summer of 2006.

B. ORGANIZATION:

Immediate Superior in Command: CAPT. Peter Clarke
Commander, Submarine Squadron Two
CAPT. Frank Catani
Commander, Submarine Squadron Eight

Commanding Officer: CDR John D. Spencer
(Jan - Apr 2010)
CDR David S. Soldow
(Apr 2010 - Jul 2011)

Executive Officer: CDR Bradford W. Baker
(Jan - Jul 2010)
LCDR Stanley G. Freemyers
(Jul 2010 - Jul 2011)

Chief of the Boat: MMCM(SS) Joseph J. Wilt
(Jan 2010 - Jan 2011)
ETCM(SS) Robert L. Beech
(Jan 2011 - Jul 2011)

Engineer: LCDR [REDACTED]
(Jan - Aug 2010)
LCDR [REDACTED]
(Aug 2010 - Jul 2011)

Navigator: LCDR [REDACTED]

Weapons Officer: LCDR [REDACTED]

Supply Officer:

LTJG Joshua Shiver

Part 2.

Chronology

01 Jan - 03 Feb 2010	On Deployment
03 Feb 2010	Return from Deployment
23 Apr 2010	Change of Command
03 - 19 May 2010	Submarine Command Course
25 Jun 2010	Decommissioning Ceremony
9 Jul 2010	Underway to Naval Station Norfolk
12 Jul 2010	Moor Pier 3T Naval Station Norfolk
27 Jul 2010	Underway to Norfolk Naval Shipyard
10 Sep 2010	Towed from Pier 5 to Drydock 3 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard
23 Jul 2011	Inactivation Completion and Crew Release

C. NARRATIVE:

In January 2010, the USS PHILADELPHIA began the last month of a seven month MEDITERRANEAN and CENTCOM deployment. USS PHILADELPHIA completed missions vital to national security and theater interests. Additionally, PHILADELPHIA conducted theater security cooperation events with the United Kingdom in Gibraltar. During the transit across the Atlantic, PHILADELPHIA provided Anti-Submarine Warfare exercise support for multinational assets. PHILADELPHIA ended her final deployment with an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

After a post deployment stand-down period, PHILADELPHIA underwent a four week availability period to remove deployment installs, conduct necessary post-deployment repairs, and prepare for the upcoming Change of Command and period of Submarine Command Course operations.

On the 23rd of April, USS PHILADELPHIA had a Change of Command where CDR John D. Spencer was relieved by CDR Dave S. Soldow. The ceremony was held on Pier 17S in Naval Submarine Base New London.

On the 3rd of May, the USS PHILADELPHIA left Groton to support Submarine Command Course Class 24 during their at-sea evaluation period. This underway offered the submarine an opportunity to prove its ability to manage high contact density environments, submarine tracking and prosecution, and other missions of the submarine force.

On the 25th of June, the USS PHILADELPHIA conducted a Decommissioning Ceremony commemorating 33 years of service to the country. The ceremony was held on Pier 32N and the guest speaker was Rear Admiral Douglas J. McAneny, Commander Submarine Forces U.S. Pacific Fleet. The week prior to the ceremony included several activities coordinated in association with the Philadelphia Naval Submarine League and PHILADELPHIA Sailors Association. A total of 500 former sailors and family members were given tours of PHILADELPHIA prior to her final underway.

On 9th of July, USS PHILADELPHIA left Groton for her final underway to Norfolk Naval Station. PHILADELPHIA transferred Immediate Superior In Command (ISIC) to Commander Submarine Squadron Eight upon mooring at Pier 3T of Norfolk Naval Station on 12th of July.

On 27th of July, PHILADELPHIA was towed to Norfolk Naval Shipyard and moored at Pier 5. On 10th of September, PHILADELPHIA was moved to Drydock #3 for tow package preparations and defueling operations.

On 24th of June, USS PHILADELPHIA completed its Inactivation Availability and the crew was released from duty in a formal ceremony held on Drydock #3. In this ceremony, CDR Dave Soldow, Commanding Officer, lowered the ensign for the last time and turned over custody of the ship to Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, RADM Joseph F. Campbell. The ship's crew was released to resume service to their country on various afloat and shore commands.

A. Statistical Summary:

1. Navigation Total Miles Steamed: 8,100 NM
2. Awards: Navy Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Commander Submarine Squadron Two Navigation
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Commander Submarine Squadron Two Tactical
White T
Commander Submarine Squadron Two Deck
Seamanship White D