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USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) COMMAND HISTORY - 1988

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION:

Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet	Vice Admiral D. L. COOPER Vice Admiral R. F. BACON
Commander, Submarine Group TWO	Rear Admiral L. G. VOGT
Commander, Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE	Captain D. A. JONES
Commanding Officer, USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719)	Commander T. N. TEHAN Commander G. L. SIEVE

Homeport: Groton, Connecticut  
Unit Identification Code: 21029

CHRONOLOGY:

1 JAN - 8 JAN	In port in Groton, Connecticut for upkeep.
11 JAN - 21 JAN	Underway at sea training (NBOAs). Completed Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE); Average overall grade.
22 JAN - 27 JAN	In port in Groton, Connecticut; conducted Tactical Training at Naval Submarine School.
28 JAN - 30 JAN	Underway at sea training enroute to Port Everglades, Florida.
31 JAN - 4 FEB	Port visit in Port Everglades, Florida.
5 FEB - 11 FEB	Underway at sea enroute to AUTEK. Completed MK 48 Torpedo Certification and Tactical Readiness Evaluation - overall Above Average. Designated as a COMSUBLANT TRE Top Performer.
12 FEB - 20 MAR	In port in Groton, Connecticut for upkeep.
21 MAR - 24 MAR	Underway at sea training (NBOAs).
25 MAR - 21 APR	In port in Groton, Connecticut for weapons loading operations and Vertical Launch System (VLS) testing in support of VLS Technical Evaluation.
22 APR - 29 APR	At sea for training and BRD-7 calibration (NBOAs).
30 APR - 22 MAY	In port Groton, Connecticut for VLS Technical Evaluation.
23 MAY - 27 MAY	At sea training period, enroute to St. Croix, USVI.

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CHRONOLOGY (Continued):

28 MAY - 1 JUN	Port visit St. Croix, USVI.
2 JUN - 8 JUN	At sea training period, enroute to Port Canaveral, Florida.
9 JUN - 13 JUN	In port Port Canaveral, Florida for Vertical Launch System loading operations and testing.
14 JUN - 16 JUN	At sea for Vertical Launch System Testing (PCAN OPAREA'S).
17 JUN	Admiral K. McKee, NAVSEA 08, and VIP party observed underway operations on USS PROVIDENCE (PCAN OPAREA'S).
18 JUN - 21 JUN	At sea for VLS Testing (PCAN OPAREA'S).
22 JUN - 26 JUN	In port Port Canaveral, Florida for VLS testing and equipment installation.
27 JUN - 30 JUN	At sea training, enroute to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
1 JUL - 4 JUL	In port Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for VLS testing and test equipment installation.
5 JUL - 12 JUL	At sea for Vertical Launch System Technical Evaluation (PROA'S). Conducted successful live firing of Tomahawk Anti-Ship Missile (TASM).
13 JUL - 24 JUL	In port Groton, Connecticut.
25 JUL - 28 JUL	At sea training, enroute to Port Canaveral, Florida.
29 JUL - 31 JUL	In port Port Canaveral, Florida for VLS load-out and testing.
1 AUG - 12 AUG	At sea for Vertical Launch System Technical Evaluation. Conducted successful Tomahawk Land Attack Missile Conventional (TLAM-C) launch off Pensacola, Florida. PROVIDENCE conducted emergency MEDEVAC of crewmember off Key West, Florida.
13 AUG - 25 AUG	In port Groton, Connecticut for weapons loading operations.

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CHRONOLOGY (Continued):

- 26 AUG - 26 SEP At sea for Vertical Launch System Operational Evaluation. Conducted actual firings of TLAM-N, TLAM-C, and TASM missiles. Conducted MK 48 exercise torpedo firings with USS BOSTON in support of C4.1 Fire Control System Operational Evaluation. Completed unscheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE); Above Average overall with noted improvement in four of five areas.
- 27 SEP - 25 OCT In port Groton, Connecticut for upkeep. Awarded second consecutive Battle "E" Award and Red "DC" Award. Awarded Tomahawk Strike Derby Award for accuracy in Tomahawk missile targeting.
- 26 OCT - 16 NOV At sea in support of Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) operations at AUTEC and St. Croix Underwater Tracking Range. PROVIDENCE conducted emergency HUMEVAC for crewmember off Norfolk, Virginia.
- 17 NOV - 28 NOV In port Groton, Connecticut for weapons loading operations. Commander Glennon L. Sieve relieved as Commanding Officer USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) on 23 November.
- 29 NOV - 8 DEC At sea in support of CNO Project 945, HS Helo services, (AUTEC). Rear Admiral Vogt, COMSUBGRU TWO, observed underway operations.
- 9 DEC - 11 DEC Port visit in Port Everglades, Florida.
- 12 DEC Mr. C. H. Schmitt (NAVSEA 08), Mr. T. J. Garrish (Asst. Sec DOE), Mr. H. Raab (Naval Reactors Head Physicist) observed underway operations on USS PROVIDENCE (PEV OPAREA's).
- 13 DEC - 18 DEC Vice Admiral R. F. Bacon, COMSUBLANT, observed underway operations. Conducted degaussing operations at Magnetic Silencing Facility, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 19 DEC - 31 DEC In port Groton, Connecticut for SHT repairs and holiday routine.

NARRATIVE: None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None.