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(COMSUBPAC) [Bio filed in BIO FILE; photo trans. to cu]

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1. (U) MISSION. The Commander of the Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet is the principal advisor to the Fleet Commander in Chief for submarine matters. Under his command are 45 submarines. The Submarine Force also includes 3 submarine tenders, 3 floating dry docks, 2 submarine rescue ships, and 4 deep submergence vehicles, 9 submarine groups/squadrons and 3 bases. There are 1,436 officers, 16,048 enlisted personnel and 1,857 civilians in the command.

2. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

a. (U) In 1991, the staff Public Affairs Office arranged 79 tours for approximately 1,028 people. This included 17 day-long embarkations for 153 distinguished visitors. Additional items of note include:

-- USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) launched the first submarine-based TOMAHAWK missile on 19 Jan 91 in support of Operation Desert Storm.

-- USS MCKEE (AS 41) was the last San Diego-based ship which participated in Operation Desert Storm to return to the city on 18 Jul 91.

-- A memorial service was held on 6 Dec 1991 at Subase Pearl Harbor to honor the Pacific submarines lost during World War II. Over 600 WWII Subvets attended the ceremony which was held in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Secretary of the Navy H. Lawrence Garrett III was the guest speaker.

3. (U) PERSONNEL AND TRAINING DIVISION

a. (U) COMSUBPAC retention increased 1.4% to 71.3% during 1991.

b. (U) During calendar year 1991, COMSUBPAC continued to enforce zero tolerance for drug abuse and increased its efforts to minimize the incidents of alcohol abuse. In 1991, the number of drug positives was 81, a reduction from 1990's total of 102.

c. (U) COMSUBPAC's forty-seven Naval Reserve detachments reported mobilization readiness as follows for FY91: 1) thirty-eight detachments reported R1/R2 (R1-fully ready for mobilization; R2-substantially trained to undertake gaining command's wartime mission), 2) five detachments reported R3/R4, 3) four detachments reported R5 (activated detachments during FY91 whose readiness is not reportable during the first year (R5 status)). Four new detachments were activated during the year: 1) NR COMSUBGRU NINE CCC Det 1 in Bremerton WA; 2) NR COMSUBGRU FIVE CCC Det 2 in Stockton, CA; 3) NR BANGOR BNGR Det 2201 in Tacoma, WA; and 4) NR PROTEUS Det 1918 in Aurora, CO. One reserve detachment, NR FLORIKAN 918, was disestablished.

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TACTICAL COMBAT SYSTEMS

1. (C) FOREIGN TRAINING. Training was conducted for the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine JDS AKISHIO (SS 579) during September and October 1991.
2. (C) SUBPAC ships launched three TOMAHAWK missiles. All were successful during flight. Two HARPOON missiles were also launched successfully. The HARPOON missiles were launched in support of Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) operations.

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OPERATIONS AND PLANS

1. (U) FORCE COMPOSITION. Ships comprising the Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet on 31 December 1991 were:

COMSUBRON ONE (Pearl Harbor)

TAUTOG (SSN 639)
ASPRO (SSN 648)
WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)
TUNNY (SSN 682)
CAVALA (SSN 684)
OLYMPIA (SSN 717)

COMSUBRON ELEVEN (San Diego)

MCKEE (AS 41)
ARCO (ARDM 5)
LA JOLLA (SSN 701)
SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716)
CHICAGO (SSN 721)
LOUISVILLE (SSN 724)
PASADENA (SSN 752)
TOPEKA (SSN 754)

COMSUBGRU FIVE (San Diego)

LAPON (SSN 661) (*DEACT MINS)
GUITARRO (SSN 665) (*DEACT MINS)
HAWKBILL (SSN 666) (*ROH MINSY)
PINTADO (SSN 672) (*RF MINSY)
PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707) (*DMP MINS)
SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716) (*COMP MINS)

COMSUBGRU NINE (Bangor)

TINOSA (SSN 606) (*DEACT PSNSY)
ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617)
GUARDFISH (SSN 612) (*DEACT PSNSY)
G.W. CARVER (SSBN 656)

COMSUBRON SEVENTEEN (Bangor)

OHIO (SSBN 726)
MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
FLORIDA (SSBN 728)
GEORGIA (SSBN 729)
HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730)
ALABAMA (SSBN 731)
ALASKA (SSBN 732)
NEVADA (SSBN 733)

COMSUBRON SEVEN (Pearl Harbor)

FLASHER (SSN 613) (*DEACT PHNSY)
LOS ANGELES (SSN 688)
OMAHA (SSN 692)
BIRMINGHAM (SSN 695)
NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696)
INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697)
BREMERTON (SSN 698)
SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711)
BUFFALO (SSN 715) (*DMP PHNSY)
HONOLULU (SSN 718)
HELENA (SSN 725)

COMSUBRON THREE (San Diego)

DIXON (AS 37)
SAN ONOFRE (ARD 30)
HADDOCK (SSN 621)
POGY (SSN 647)
PUFFER (SSN 652)
GURNARD (SSN 662)
DRUM (SSN 677)

COMSUBDEVGRU ONE (San Diego)

MYSTIC (DSRV 1)
AVALON (DSRV 2)
TURTLE (DSV 3)
SEA CLIFF (DSV 4)
PIGEON (ASR 21) (*ROH LBNSY)
DOLPHIN (AGSS 555)
PARCHE (SSN 683)
RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN 687)
(*RAV MINS)

COMSUBGRU SEVEN (Yokosuka)

PROTEUS (AS 19) (GUAM)

SUBASE (Pearl Harbor)

COMPETENT (AFDM 6)

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- * MINS - Mare Island Naval Shipyard
- * PHNSY - Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
- * PSNSY - Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
- * LBNSY - Long Beach Naval Shipyard
- * ROH - Regular overhaul
- * DMP - Depot modernization period
- * COMP - Completed
- * RF - Refueling overhaul
- * RAV - Restricted availability

2. (U) Changes to the force throughout calendar year 1991:

LOSSES

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>TO</u>
USS PERMIT (SSN 594)	23JUL91	DECOMMISSIONED
USS HADDO (SSN 604)	21JUN91	DECOMMISSIONED
USS SAM HOUSTON (SSN 609)	19SEP91	DECOMMISSIONED
USS FLASHER (SSN 613)	18JUN91	DECOMMISSIONED
USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616)	15AUG91	DECOMMISSIONED
USS QUEENFISH (SSN 651)	12NOV91	DECOMMISSIONED

GAINS

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FROM</u>
USS TINOSA (SSN 606)	21JUN91	SUBLANT/CSS10
USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616)	20FEB91	SUBLANT/CSG2
USS A. HAMILTON (SSBN 617)	23AUG91	SUBLANT/CSG2
USS G.W. CARVER (SSBN 656)	20SEP91	SUBLANT/CSG2
USS LAPON (SSN 661)	23SEP91	SUBLANT/CSS6
USS TOPEKA (SSN 754)	21MAY91	SUBLANT/NEWCOM
USS ULYSSES S. GRANT (SSBN 631)	01DEC91	SUBLANT/CSG2

3. (C) Operations. During CY 91, submarines were used for fleet services, underway training, exercises, deployments, special operations, overhauls, and upkeeps. A total of 1815 submarine days were dedicated to WESTPAC deployments. Overhauls, upkeeps, and other availabilities accounted for 5,484 days. There were 493 days of services provided to various users, including fleet exercises and ASW training events to enhance Pacific Fleet readiness. Type training and other pro-submarine evolutions accounted for 3,196 days.

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MATERIAL AND LOGISTICS

1. (U) The following ships completed overhaul or Depot Modernization Period (DMP) during 1991:

USS HOUSTON (SSN 713)
USS BATES (SSN 680)
USS POGY (SSN 647)

2. (U) The following ships started overhaul or DMP in 1991:

USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)
USS PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707)
USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716)

3. (U) The following ships completed a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) during 1991:

USS CHICAGO (SSN 721)
USS HELENA (SSN 725)
USS PUFFER (SSN 652)
USS TAUTOG (SSN 639)

SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

1. (U) COMSUBPAC Award Winners

(U) The Edward F. Ney Memorial Award winners were announced: SUBASE Galley Bangor, First Place, Large Ashore Category; SUBASE Galley San Diego, First Place Medium Ashore Category; SUBASE Galley Pearl Harbor, Second Place, Medium Ashore Category; USS BUFFALO, Second Place, Submarine Category; and USS MCKEE, Second Place, Tender/Repair Category.

2. (U) MAJOR CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

a. (U) January 1991

(1) (U) USS MCKEE (AS 41) and USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

b. (U) July 1991

(1) (U) USS PROTEUS (AS 19) deployed to Subic Bay in support of the Mount Pinatubo evacuation and Subic Bay clean-up.

c. (U) October 1991

(1) (U) COMSUBPAC Staff established an Environmental Coordination Committee to address the growing challenges of environmental compliance.

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STRATEGIC SYSTEMS DIVISION

1. (U) Summary of operations: Eight TRIDENT submarines (SSBNs) operated in the Pacific during 1991.
2. ~~(S)~~ Pacific SSBNs completed 29 patrols comprising 2,103 days of underway operations.
3. (U) Continued SSBN flexibility was demonstrated with the following SSBN Continuity of Operations (SCOOP) Exercises:
 - (a) USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) conducted a remote replenishment at Ancortes, WA.
 - (b) USS OHIO (SSBN 726) conducted an unscheduled remote replenishment using helicopters off Long Beach, CA.
 - (c) USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) conducted a remote replenishment in Kodiak, AK.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. (U) COMSUBPAC Provided communications in direct support of submarine forces engaged in Desert Storm.
2. (U) COMSUBPAC activated its role as Alternate Broadcast Control Authority (BCA) for the Atlantic and Pacific ELF Broadcasts.

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