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USS MIAMI (SSN 755) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998

1. Command Composition and Organization

Mission: USS MIAMI (SSN 755) is the 44th ship of the Los Angeles class of nuclear attack submarines, but fitted with such advanced modifications that she and her sister ships, beginning with SSN-751, are specially designated as Improved 688 Class submarines. These modifications include retractable bow planes, under ice operation capability, vertical launch Tomahawk Cruise Missile capability, significant ship quieting enhancements, integrated combat systems suite, and improved speed. MIAMI represents the Submarine Forces' premier asset for accomplishing the variety of missions demanded in today's political environment. An independent and powerful anti-ship/anti-submarine asset, she is the ultimate stealth platform, and the singular defense resource capable of covert mining operations, special forces delivery and retrieval, precision land attack strike warfare, sophisticated intelligence gathering, covert communications monitoring, deep arctic operations, visual and electronic surveillance, and regional sea control/denial. Her speed, endurance, versatility, and sustained readiness make MIAMI one of the most formidable, operationally cost-effective, and flexible assets within the country's defense structure.

ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR
Commanding Officer: Commander James P. Ransom III, United States Navy
Homeport: Groton, CT

2. Chronology

- 01JAN98- 21JAN98 In port for Selected Restricted Availability at Naval Submarine Base, Groton, CT and completed an extended maintenance overhaul period.
- 13JAN98 15 crew members and spouses were hosted by the New York City Navy League to dinner at "Hurley's" and the musical "Cats" at the Wintergarden Theatre in Manhattan, New York.
- 22JAN98- 26JAN98 Underway for Selected Restricted Availability Sea Trials in the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas.
- 26JAN98 Brief stop at Point Alfa, New London to disembark Shipyard Sea Trial Riders.
- 27JAN98- Conducted Battle Group Workup Training Operations with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69). This occurred during a southerly transit of the east coast and terminated in the Puerto Rican Operating Areas.
- 10FEB98- 11FEB98 Moored at Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for underwater tracking range acoustic pinger installation. Underway to provide services for USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) Tactical Readiness Evaluation. USS ATLANTA delayed pierside until 12FEB98.
- 12FEB98- 13FEB98 Underway operations providing target services for USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

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- 14FEB98- Conducted Intermediate Training Assessment with the EISENHOWER
17FEB98 Battle Group as they workup for deployment. Served as Opposing Force Submarine in the Puerto Rican Operating Areas.
- 18FEB98- Port visit at Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Crew
24FEB98 members enjoyed tours of Old San Juan, the Bacardi Rum Factory, El Yunque Rain Forest, snorkeling and sunshine!
- 24FEB98- Underway from Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, PR for operations
27FEB98 providing services to USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32) and USS YORKTOWN (CG 48).
- 28FEB98 Brief stop for personnel at Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads to
embark Captain C. V. Mauney, Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR.
- 28FEB98- Enroute Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEC) for
03MAR98 acoustic trials (ACTRLS).
- 03MAR98 Disembark Commodore Mauney at Site One AUTEC. Embark ACTRLS team.
- 04MAR98 Conducted Acoustic Trials at AUTEC.
- 05MAR98- Enroute Naval Submarine Base, New London at Groton, CT.
- 09MAR98 Moored Pier 33N, Naval Submarine Base, New London at Groton, CT.
- 09MAR98 Commenced FMA Upkeep. The crew successfully completed
numerous trainers for operations readiness, battle readiness
and schools at Naval Submarine School New London.
- 25MAR98 Successfully completed Combat Systems Readiness Review.
- 08APR98 Ship provided unclassified tours to a group of 9 foreign students
from the International Defense Legal Studies Group.
- 08APR98 10 crew members and family members were hosted by the New York
City Navy League to dinner at "Hurley's" and the Broadway musical
production of "Cats" at Wintergarden Theathre in Manhattan,
New York.
- 10APR98 Completed FMA Upkeep.
- 13APR98 11 crew members and family members were hosted to the Ringling
Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden in
Manhattan, New York.
- 13APR98- Underway for Sea Trials in the Narragansett Bay Operating Area.
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- 17APR98- Moored Pier 33N, Naval Submarine Base, New London at Groton, CT.
19APR98
- 20APR98- Underway for the Tiger Cruise from Naval Submarine Base New London

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- 21APR98 for port visit at U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Tiger Cruise included 24 family members. Family members observed ship control handling and evolutions while enjoying a "hands on" experience of life on a submarine. They took part in completing the "rigorous" Honorable Submarine qualifications to earn their certification as owners of the Honorary USS MIAMI Submariner cards.
- 22APR98 Anchored in Chesapeake Bay with USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG 68) off the coast of Annapolis, MD. Ships gave familiarization tours for over 1,000 Midshipmen and 100 local VIPs. Officers and CPOs joined the Midshipmen for lunch at King Hall at the United States Naval Academy. The crew enjoyed sightseeing of the United States Naval Academy and the town of Annapolis.
- 27APR98 Underway for Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, VA to investigate and repair hull tile damage caused by the personnel access barge tied alongside the ship while anchored in Chesapeake Bay. The barge damaged SHT tiles during heavy weather encountered on the evening of 26 April 1998.
- 28APR98 Moored at Naval Station Norfolk. Completed inspection and repair of the ship's hull tiles. Underway for Battle Group Operations with USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69). USS MIAMI was the opposition force during IKEBATGRU's Joint Fleet Exercise Training.
- 08MAY98 The ship provided a VIP familiarization cruise in the Cape Canaveral Operating Areas for Admiral Frank L. Bowman, Director, Naval Reactors, his aide and 11 guests including:
Dr. Ernest Moniz, Under Secretary of Energy,
Mr. Jeffery Smith, Executive Assistant to the President's Science Advisor,
Ms. Mary Anne Sullivan, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Energy,
Dr. Michael Knotek, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Energy
Dr. Russell Dyer, Yucca Mountain Project Manager, Department of Energy,
Mr. Warren Bergholz, Deputy Manager, Idaho Field Office, Department of Energy
Mr. Stephen Trautman, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Foreign and Government Affairs, Naval Reactors,
Mr. Elmer Naples, Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Regulatory Affairs, Naval Reactors, and
Dr. D. Alan Hays, Submarine Historian, Naval Submarine League Member.
- 08MAY98- Disembarked Admiral Bowman and his guests on a personnel transfer
14MAY98 off the coast of Cape Canaveral, FL. The ship continued training and readiness operations in the Western Atlantic.
- 15MAY98 The ship provided a Public Affairs-Media cruise for a television crew from WTOG-TV, Tampa, FL and several VIPs from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. The media crew

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interviewed crew members about their experiences in the Submarine Force and produced public interest story highlighting submarine capabilities.

15MAY98- Moored at Naval Ordnance Test Unit, Port Canaveral, FL for a port
18MAY98 call. All hands enjoyed the warm season visiting local beaches and the Cape Canaveral Space Center.

19MAY98- Underway for operations off the east coast. Embarked the
01JUN98 Prospective Commanding Officer, Commander James P. Ransom III; and six Midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy for their Midshipmen Summer 1998 Cruise.

02JUN98 Moored at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT.

05JUN98 Change of Command Ceremony for the departing Commanding Officer, Commander Larry B. Olsen and Prospective Commanding Officer, Commander James P. Ransom III. Distinguished guests included Commodore C. V. Mauney, Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR as guest speaker;

09JUN98 Drydocked in the USS SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM 4) and commenced FMA Upkeep period.

01JUL98 Undocked from the USS SHIPPINGPORT and shifted berths to Pier 32.

13JUL98- Pre-deployment training.
17JUL98

17JUL98 Completed FMA Upkeep.

20JUL98- Underway for Sea Trials in the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas
23JUL98 that included a personnel transfer.

24JUL98 Continued transit south for training operations with the ENTERPRISE Battle Group (COMPUTEX).

30JUL98 HUMEVAC BSP at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

01AUG98 Moored at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, PR for acoustic pinger installation.

02AUG98 Underway for a COMSUBLANT Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

04AUG98- Moored at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, PR for rest and
07AUG98 relaxation following a grade of "Excellent" on the Tactical Readiness Evaluation. The crew enjoyed the local beaches and tours of the Bacardi Rum Factory and a Catamaran ride that included snorkeling.

08AUG98 Underway for Battle Group Training Operations with the ENTERPRISE Battle Group.

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22AUG98- Moored at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT. Commenced
11SEP98 upkeep.

12SEP98 Completed upkeep.

14SEP98 Underway for Sea Trials in the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas.

16SEP98 Moored at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT.

21SEP98- Underway for Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFX) with the ENTERPRISE
03OCT98 Battle Group. Conducted training evolutions and pre-deployment
certification involving surveillance, ASW, strike operations, and
Communications, Command and Control (C3) operations.

04OCT98 Moored at Naval Station, Norfolk, VA for repairs to the forward
bottom sounder.

06OCT98 Underway for independent steaming in the Chesapeake Bay Operating
Areas.

08OCT98 BSP to embark Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board members for the
Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and to HUMEVAC one crew
member at Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

10OCT98 Moored at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT for final
preparations for deployment to the Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf with
the ENTERPRISE Battle Group.

06NOV98 Underway for Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf deployment with the
ENTERPRISE Battle Group.

18NOV98 Transited through the Suez Canal and Red Sea; eligible for Combat
Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) area tax benefits.

26NOV98 The ship celebrated Thanksgiving Day underway with a great meal
and our own Thanksgiving Day Parade.

27NOV98 HUMEVAC BSP at Al Fujayrah, United Arab Emirates.

28NOV98 Transited through the Straits of Hormuz and into the Arabian Gulf
(hostile fire area); eligible for Imminent Danger Pay.

30NOV98- Moored at Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates for relaxation. The
01DEC98 crew enjoyed the local attractions of Dubai, shopped at the
souks (markets) for gold and persian rugs, and went on local
tours, including a Safari Sunset ride in the sand dunes, camel
rides, belly dancing and an open-air Arabian dinner under the
moonlight.

02DEC98- Underway in the Arabian Gulf. Embarked nine servicemen and
11DEC98 commenced operations as tasked by COMFIFTHFLT.

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- 12DEC98- Moored at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Heightened threat
13DEC98 conditions resulted in crew recall and less than 1 day in port. A small part of the crew was able to get out to see the town and get some gifts and food at the souks and local hotels. The ship was made ready to get underway and departed the next day.
- 16DEC98- Participated in Operation DESERT FOX with the ENTERPRISE Battle
20DEC98 Group. The operation involved a series of Tomahawk cruise missile strikes against Iraq. MIAMI has now shot more weapons in a single engagement than any other submarine.
- 20DEC98- Moored at Bahrain. The crew enjoyed some great food, music and
22DEC98 dancing at a Christmas Party organized by the MWR staff of the Admin Support Unit, Bahrain. Even with heightened threat conditions and liberty restricted to the base, the crew managed to get some much needed relaxation. We also helped fund a local rug merchant's retirement by buying nearly all of his stock at the pier before we departed.
- 23DEC98- Underway and continued operations in the Arabian Gulf with the
26DEC98 ENTERPRISE Battle Group.
- 27DEC98 Transited the Straits of Hormuz and left the Arabian Gulf.
- 25DEC98 Although the crew spent Christmas Day underway, we enjoyed the holiday with some Christmas carols, a reading of the Christmas story, and a fantastic dinner. Christmas boxes and stockings provided by our families were distributed to the crew to open and enjoy.
- 31DEC98 The ship was anchored in the Gulf of Suez on New Year's Eve while waiting to transit the Suez Canal the next day.

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