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Command History for 1985

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Blue Crew

(C) The Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew on 3 January 1985 and commenced the ship's first pre-patrol refit at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington. This intensive work period was followed by USS GEORGIA's first strategic deterrent patrol conducted in the Northern Pacific patrol areas from 25 January to 1 April. At the end of the first patrol, the Blue Crew completed successfully an Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE).

(U) During the following off-ship training period, Captain Larry J. Kramer, USN, relieved Captain Arland W. Kuester, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS GEORGIA (BLUE) on 20 May. The training period was completed on 3 July, then the Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew once again on 11 July.

(U) The ship's third refit was highlighted by a visit from the Governor of Oregon, The Honorable Victor Atiyeh, and from RADM James N. Darby who had just relieved as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

(C) USS GEORGIA departed on Patrol 3 on 2 August 1985. During the patrol, the ship conducted a number of varied operations. In early September, the ship launched two C-4 missiles as part of Follow-On Operational Test 20 of the Trident I Strategic Weapons System. After the missile shots, GEORGIA conducted MK 48 exercise torpedo firings in the Southern California operating areas off San Clemente Island to complete command qualification practical factors for three officers. Upon return to Bangor for missile reload, the Blue Crew completed successfully a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection which renewed the crew's certification to handle nuclear weapons.

(C) The final part of the third patrol included Pacific Submarine ASW Exercise 86-1 which GEORGIA conducted with USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 707) in the Northern Pacific. Patrol 3 was then completed on 16 October 1985 upon the ship's return to Bangor.

(U) Another highlight of Patrol 3 was the submarine qualification of seven junior officers. These officers completed all requirements to wear the gold dolphin insignia which also qualified the ship to fly the Gold Dolphin flag.

(U) The final part of 1985 was spent in off-ship training in preparation for the crew's next patrol. Another high point of 1985 included the crew's selection as a Ney Memorial Food Service Award semi-finalist for COMSUBPAC. This selection named GEORGIA Blue Crew's mess as one of the three best in the Pacific submarine force and qualified it for the final selection process in 1986.

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