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Subj: USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)(BLUE) COMMAND HISTORY

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(a) OPNAVINST 5720.12E

- Encl: (1) Command History for 1989 (U)
- (2) Command History for 1990 (U)
- (3) Ship's Picture
- (4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- (5) Command Decal

1. As requested by reference (a) and required by reference (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded. Enclosures (3), (4) and (5) provide supporting documentation.

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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1989
USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)
BLUE CREW

(U) The first part of 1989 was spent in off-crew training. Part of the crew also participated in the Gold crew's Mini Daso in February.

(U) On 30 March 1989, the Blue crew relieved the Gold crew to begin Refit 17. After an extensive refit, USS GEORGIA departed on Patrol 17.

(C) Patrol 17 was not a typical SSBN Patrol. USS GEORGIA was involved in several exciting exercises and evaluations including:

-One week training assist with U.S. Navy surface ship's off the coast of Southern California.

-A Torpedo Certification Proficiency Inspection out of San Diego, CA in which a grade of ABOVE AVERAGE was received.

-Port calls in San Diego and Long Beach, CA which included a dependents cruise from San Diego to Long Beach.

-Completion of SCOOP exercise at Indian Head Island Military Reserve, WA where the ship received a 30 day load out of spare parts and food stores.

-Completion of an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of EXCELLENT.

-Upon completion of Patrol 17, USS GEORGIA (BLUE) maintained its ability to fly both the Gold and Silver Dolphin Flags.

(U) Off-crew 19 started with a Change of Command. Captain John H. Almy II, USN relieved Captain Robert H. English as Commanding Officer of the USS GEORGIA (BLUE) on 1 August 1989. The off-crew training was completed in the middle of October and the Blue crew relieved the Gold crew on 20 October 1989 to begin Refit 19.

(C) Refit 19 was a test of the Blue crew's ability to conduct an extensive Refit while undergoing several major inspections, which included:

-Completion of a Supply Management Inspection with a grade of EXCELLENT.

-Completion of a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection in the middle of Refit with a grade of OUTSTANDING.

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-Completion of major nuclear work which was finished well ahead of schedule and had the IMA commenting that the ship should be a model to others in Squadron 17 to follow.

(C) USS GEORGIA departed on Patrol 19 for the remainder of the year. The ship was visited on Christmas Eve by Captain M. P. Gray, Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 as Santa Claus while repairing a vital piece of equipment off Port Angeles, WA. Several members of the crew were able to talk to their families on a cellular phone provided by Santa Claus.

(U) In addition, USS GEORGIA (BLUE) received the following awards:

-Trident Submarine Outstanding Award for fiscal year 1989 for exceptional performance in all mission areas.

-Squadron 17 Engineering "E" for 1989 for outstanding performance in all aspects of Engineering Plant Operation and Maintenance.

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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1990
USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)
BLUE CREW

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1. (U) Command Composition and Organization. The USS GEORGIA is an Ohio class submarine which serves as a undetectable, undersea, intercontinental missile launching platform. The Commanding Officer is Captain John H. Almy II of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Captain Almy graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1968. USS GEORGIA is under the command of Commander, Submarine Group 9, permanently stationed at the Trident Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington.

2. (U) Chronology

During 1990 the USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE) performed the following:

- Two off-crew training periods
- Two patrol periods which include:
 - Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
 - Operational Reactor Safeguard Exam (ORSE)
- Awarded the Supply Blue "E" from COMSUBRON 17
- Awarded the Communication "C" from COMSUBRON 17

3. (C) Narrative

(C) On January 27, 1990, the USS GEORGIA returned from Patrol 19. This patrol included the completion of a Torpedo Readiness Evaluation (TRE) in which the ship received an overall grade of AVERAGE. Off Crew period 21 was spent doing extensive Command and Control team and Strategic Weapons System team training with many new personnel in new positions.

(C) The Blue Crew again relieved the Gold Crew on 16 May 1990 to begin Refit 21. This was a drydocking refit which included extensive preservation work and a resin discharge/replacement, which was completed flawlessly and ahead of schedule. USS GEORGIA departed for Patrol 21 on 14 June 1990.

(C) Most of Patrol 21 was spent in alert status preparing for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). At the end of patrol, the ship completed the ORSE with an overall grade of AVERAGE receiving grades of ABOVE AVERAGE in the Administration and Radiological Controls and an EXCELLENT in Cleanliness and Preservation. The USS GEORGIA returned to Bangor completing Patrol 21 on 22 August 1990.

(C) During Off-Crew 23, the crew trained in preparation for an upcoming Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI). The USS GEORGIA (BLUE) was also awarded the Supply "S" and Communications "C" by Commander, Submarine Squadron 17. On 5 December 1990, the BLUE Crew relieved the GOLD Crew to begin Refit 23. The crew enjoyed the holiday season with their families and departed for Patrol 23 shortly after New Year.

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