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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1991  
USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)  
BLUE CREW (U)

1. (U) Command Composition and Organization

The USS GEORGIA is an Ohio class submarine which serves as an undersea intercontinental missile launching platform. The Commanding Officer is Captain R. D. Raaz of Silverdale, Washington. USS GEORGIA is under the command of Commander, Submarine Group 9 and is permanently stationed at the Naval Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington.

2. (C) Chronology

During 1991 the USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)(BLUE) performed the following:

-Two off-crew training periods

-Two patrol periods which included:

- Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
- Torpedo Certification and Proficiency (TCP)
- Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)
- Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI)
- Submarine Continuity of Operations Exercise (PAC SCOOPLEX)

-Awarded the Deck Seamanship "D"

3. (C) Narrative

On January 2, 1991, the USS GEORGIA departed from NSB Bangor on Patrol 23. This patrol included the completion of a TRE and TCP out of Pearl Harbor, HI. The USS GEORGIA returned to Bangor on March 18 to participate in a NTPI in which the ship received an overall grade of outstanding.

The Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew on March 22nd, commencing off-crew 25. During this period, extensive training was conducted to increase the level knowledge of watchstanders.

The Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew on June 29th to begin Refit 25. Besides an extensive maintenance schedule, the USS GEORGIA hosted numerous tours by both military and community organizations. The ship organized a visit by a group of distinguished business and community leaders from Atlanta, Georgia, to reestablish ties with its namesake state. During sea trials conducted at Dabob Bay the USS GEORGIA represented the Trident Submarine Force as it hosted General Butler, the Commander in Chief of the Strategic Air Command, and other high ranking officers on his staff. Just prior to departure for patrol, the crew conducted a day long dependent's cruise. The Ship departed on Patrol 25 on July 22nd.

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Most of Patrol 25 was spent in an alert status. The ship was in Adak, Alaska on 20 August for PAC SCOPEX 91. At the end of patrol the ship successfully completed its ORSE. The USS GEORGIA returned to Bangor to complete Patrol 25 on October 9th.

On November 8th, Captain Richard D. Raaz relieved Captain John H. Almy II as the Commanding Officer.

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Encl: (1) Biography of Commanding Officer  
(2) Photo of Commanding Officer, (1) 8X10 color  
(3) Photo of Ship (1) 8X10 color  
(4) Fact sheet of ship  
(5) History of Ship

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) through (5) are forwarded.

  
H. F. REESE  
By direction

USS GEORGIA (SSEIN-729)

STATISTICAL DATA

KEEL LAID: 7 APRIL 1979  
LAUNCHED: 6 NOVEMBER 1982  
COMMISSIONED: 11 FEBRUARY 1984  
SPONSOR: MRS. SHEILA A. WATKINS  
HOMEPORT: BANGOR, WASHINGTON  
PROPULSION: NUCLEAR PROPULSION PLANT  
LENGTH: 580 FEET  
SPEED: EXCESS OF 20 KNOTS  
DISPLACEMENT: SURFACED: 16,764 TONS  
SUBMERGED: 18,750 TONS  
HULL DIAMETER: 42 FEET  
DRAFT: 36 FEET  
ARMAMENT: MISSILE TUBES: 24  
TORPEDO TUBES: 4  
COMPLEMENT: OFFICERS: 15  
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS: 17  
E-6 AND BELOW: 125  
TOTAL: 157

## USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) COMMAND HISTORY

USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) is the fourth Ohio class nuclear powered submarine and the third ship to bear the name of this grand state, one of the thirteen original states of the Union.

The keel laying ceremony was presided over by First Lady Rosalyn Carter, wife of President Jimmy Carter, both Georgia natives. The ceremony took place the same day the USS OHIO, the lead ship of the class, was launched. Mrs. Carter's initials can still be seen on the ship's keel. The crew was formed in April of 1982, under the command of Captain A. W. Kuester.

November 5th, 1982, GEORGIA was launched and christened by Mrs. Sheila Watkins, wife of Admiral James D. Watkins, USN, Chief of Naval Operations.

On 11 February, 1984, USS GEORGIA was commissioned at Naval Underwater Sound Center. Commissioning Officer was Admiral James D. Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations. The first Commanding Officers were Captain A. W. Kauderer, Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (BLUE), and Captain Myron D. Gray, Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (GOLD).

The following major events have marked the ship's history:

- March to April 1984, shakedown and Trident C-4 missile launch.
- September 1984, MK-48 Torpedo Certification.
- October 1984, transit through Panama Canal.
- November 1984, ship arrived at homeport Bangor, Washington.
- January 1985, Captain T. W. Turner relieved as Commanding Officer.
- First Meritorious Unit Commendation as an element of Task Unit 14.7.1 from September 1983 to May 1986.
- Second Meritorious Unit Commendation for Submarine Operations from February 1986 to August 1986.
- September 1987, Captain J. M. Rushing relieved as Commanding Officer.
- November 1989, Captain A. W. Bower, III relieved as Commanding Officer.
- February to May 1991, Patrol 24. Completed Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
- August 1991, Delegation from the State of Georgia Armed Forces Committee visits USS GEORGIA in an effort to re-establish ties with the State of Georgia. Delta Airlines agreed to provide two round trip tickets anywhere in the United States for the Sailor of the Year and the Blue Jacket of the Year.

- September 1991, Captain A. E. Lawver relieved Captain A. W. Bower III as Commanding Officer during a Change of Command Ceremony held at Subase, Bangor.
- October 1991, twenty-fifth strategic deterrent patrol.
- October - November 1991, ship underwent changeout of ship's computer system, upgrading from UYK-7 to UYK-43 computers and upgrading the Radio Room with revision 5.0.
- November 1991 - January 1992, Patrol 26. Completed Torpedo Certification Proficiency and Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). Port Call at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.