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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1992
USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)
BLUE CREW (U)

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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 1992 the USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)(BLUE) performed the following:

- Two off-crew training periods
- Two patrol periods which included:
 - Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
 - Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP)
 - Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)
 - Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI)
 - Supply Management Inspection (SMI)
 - Acoustic Trials at the South East Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility (SEAFAC)
 - Awarded the Golden Anchor for Fleet Retention

3. (C) Narrative

On January 22, 1992, Capt Raaz and the Blue crew relieved Capt Lawver and the Gold Crew, to begin refit 27. Refit 27 consisted of an extensive maintenance schedule. During this period, filming was conducted for the Discovery channel production of "Sharks of Steel." Retired Vice Admiral Yogi Kaufman and his son Steve were also onboard at this time to photograph GEORGIA for the "Sharks of Steel" book.

On 21 February 1992, the USS GEORGIA departed from NSB Bangor on Patrol 27. A port visit was made from 4 to 8 April in Bangor, WA. Following the port call the GEORGIA returned to sea to conduct a Tactical Readiness Evaluation. The USS GEORGIA returned to Bangor on 26 April to participate in a Navy Technical Proficiency Examination in which the ship received an overall grade of outstanding.

The Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew on April 30th and the Blue Crew commenced off-crew 29. During this period, training was conducted to increase the level of knowledge of watchstanders.

The Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew on August 12th to begin Refit 29. The Ship departed on patrol on the 8th of September. On the 9th of October the USS GEORGIA arrived in San Diego, CA, for a scheduled port call. During the port call two distinguished visitor cruises were performed in which the GEORGIA hosted Commander, Submarine Group Five and the San Diego chapter of World War II Submarine Veterans.

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The ship returned to patrol on the 15th and successfully completed a Tactical Weapons Proficiency. After a transit back to Bangor operating areas the ship picked up members of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board for a Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. The ship returned to Bangor, WA on the 25th of November. On the 29th of November, the Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew.

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USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)
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Encl: (1) Biography of Commanding Officer
(2) Photo of Commanding Officer
(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.

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USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) COMMAND HISTORY

USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) is the fourth Ohio class nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile 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 of the ceremony was presided over by the First Lady Rosalyn Carter, wife of President Jimmy Carter, both Georgia natives. The ceremony took place the same day that 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 1982, under the command of Captain Arland W. Kuester.

November 5th 1982, GEORGIA was launched and christened by Mrs. Sheila Watkins, wife of Admiral J.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 first strategic patrol.
- July 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.
- 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 Bluejacket 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.
- April 1992, representatives from USS GEORGIA travel to the State of Georgia to give a presentation about the Trident Submarine force at a meeting of the Military Affairs Council of the Greater Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.
- May - August 1992, Patrol 28. Completed Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Supply Management Inspection.
- November 1992 - March 1993, Patrol 30. Completed Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE).

USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729)

STATISTICAL DATA

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| 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: | 560 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 OFFICERS: 15 CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS: 17 E-6 AND BELOW: 125 TOTAL: 157 |

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