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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1994
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 ballistic missile launching platform. The Commanding Officer is Captain R. H. Stoll of Silverdale, Washington. USS GEORGIA is under the operational control of Commander, Submarine Group 9 and is homeported at the Naval Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington.

2. (C) Chronology

During 1994 the USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE) performed the following:

-Two off-ship training periods

- Off-ship 35 18 FEB to 29 APR
- Off-ship 37 26 SEP to 26 NOV

-Three patrol periods which included:

- Patrol 33 (Partial) 01 JAN to 20 JAN
- Patrol 35 07 JUN to 11 AUG
- Patrol 37 (Partial) 29 DEC to 31 DEC
- Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) 18 JAN
- Supply Management Inspection (SMI) 18 JAN
- Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) 22 JUL
- Short Notice Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) 20 MAY
- COMSUBPAC Ney Inspection 05 DEC

-Four combined-crew refit periods

- Refit 34 20 JAN to 18 FEB
- Refit 35 29 APR to 07 JUN
- Refit 36 14 AUG to 20 SEP
- Refit 37 28 NOV to 29 DEC

- Graded as EXCELLENT on Tactical Readiness Evaluation
- Graded as AVERAGE on Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
- Evaluated as SATISFACTORY on Supply Management Inspection
- Awarded BLUE "E" for Supply Excellence in Submarine Squadron SEVENTEEN (Second Consecutive Award)

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- Selected as Submarine Squadron SEVENTEEN Ney Award Representative
- Selected as Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Ney Award Representative.

3. (C) Narrative

The USS GEORGIA Blue crew concluded Patrol 33 on 20 JAN 1994. This patrol began on 17 NOV 1993 and ended with an ORSE and an SMI. During the SMI the Blue crew received grades of outstanding in seven of nine areas. The Blue crew was relieved by the Gold crew on 23 JAN, commencing the year's first combined-crew refit period.

Command of USS GEORGIA Blue was officially turned over to Captain R. H. Stoll on 29 JAN in ceremonies conducted at the Consolidated Mess Open facilities aboard Naval Submarine Base Bangor. Rear Admiral David R. Oliver, Jr. Director, Programming Division (N80) for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations was the speaker. Rear Admiral Richard A. Riddell Commander, Submarine Group NINE and Commander, Naval Base SEATTLE presided over the ceremonies and introduced RADM Oliver. Captain R. D. Raaz was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service as Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA BLUE.

Off-ship 35 for USS GEORGIA BLUE began 18 FEB. This training period emphasized physical readiness, formal training, Tactical Weapons Proficiency and Team Training. Approximately 3300 manhours were spent keeping physically fit, 4500 manhours in responsive and team trainers, and over 7000 manhours in formal schools.

CAPT Bathgate and the Gold Crew returned from patrol 34 on 27 APR at the Naval Submarine Base Bangor Explosive Handling Wharf and commenced turnover on 28 APR. On 29 APR, CAPT Stoll relieved CAPT Bathgate and commenced combined crew refit 35, the second of the year. On 2 May, the ship was moved to the drydock for the refit maintenance period. Over 60,000 production manhours of IMA level work were completed by 2 JUN. This work included major modifications to Sanitary Tank 3, work on numerous hull valves, an anchor modification and replacement of the ship's battery. Midway through the refit, the ship completed a short notice NTPI. A two day Submarine Force Safety Stand Down was also conducted to improve safety awareness.

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On 07 JUN, CAPT Stoll and the USS GEORGIA BLUE crew departed on Patrol 35. The patrol began with a post-refit training period, then a transit to the Hawaiian Operating Areas for training. On 23 Jun, the USS GEORGIA pulled into Pearl Harbor for a port visit. The ship departed on 27 JUN for a series of VIP cruises and an alert period prior to the upcoming Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

On 14 JUL, the ship returned to Ford Island for tactical weapons exchange to receive exercise torpedoes. Emergent repairs to the ship's forward drain pump were completed with assistance from the SUBASE Pearl Harbor IMA prior to departure on the 16 JUL.

The Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) team boarded the ship the following morning on a personnel transfer, beginning the evaluation and a tactical weapons proficiency. The TRE was the first overall Excellent grade of the year and the first for CAPT Stoll and the USS GEORGIA BLUE crew.

On 21 JUL, the USS GEORGIA returned to sea to resume the patrol 35 operations. Following a second alert period, the BLUE crew returned to port at the Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, EHW to commence turnover with the GOLD crew. On 14 AUG, CAPT Stoll and the BLUE crew were relieved by CAPT Bathgate and the GOLD crew.

Off-ship 37 for the USS GEORGIA BLUE crew began 26 SEP. This off-ship training period emphasized physical readiness, formal training, community support and Team Training. In combination with Olympic College and the USS NEVADA, the crew was offered a college level English Composition course for the first time at the Off Crew Administration Building. The USS GEORGIA BLUE renewed its contract with the Washington State Department of Transportation for sponsoring a Highway Cleanup Program along Highway 16. Twelve volunteers picked up the trash along 2.5 miles of highway in November. The ship also set up a partnership with Vineland Elementary School for educational support. Approximately 5000 manhours were spent keeping physically fit, 4800 manhours in responsive and team trainers, over 6000 manhours in formal schools, and over 1000 manhours in community service.

CAPT Bathgate and the GOLD Crew returned to Bangor with the ship on 25 NOV. The two crews commenced turnovers the following day, and refit 37 began on 28 NOV when CAPT Stoll and the BLUE crew relieved.

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Refit 37 included a schedule of IMA maintenance in excess of 30,000 manhours. Modifications included BCP replacement, a DPS upgrade and Trident Signal Data Converter (TSDC) replacement. Reactor plant pressurizer repairs were also completed by Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

CAPT Stoll and the USS GEORGIA BLUE crew got underway on 29 DEC for sea trials, refresher training and Patrol 37.

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FROM 1 MARCH 1994 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1995

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(2) Change of Command Pamphlet
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**USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY
FROM 1 MARCH 1994 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1995**

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) is the fourth in the TRIDENT class of submarines designed to remain at sea for long periods, remaining undetected, and launch Ballistic Missiles as ordered by the National Command Authority. Capable of carrying 24 TRIDENT I Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, it is designed and manned to remain on deterrent patrols of up to 90 days duration. Having a compliment of 15 officers and 150 enlisted personnel, it has the highest trained professionals in the U.S. Navy.

b. Organizational Structure. USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) operationally controlled by Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 based at Submarine Base Bangor, Washington.

c. Commanding Officer. Captain, J. C. Bathgate, USN until being relieved on 22 August 1995 by Captain D. A. Roberts, USN.

d. Permanent Duty Station. Submarine Base Bangor, Washington.

2. Chronology of Significant Events

a. Dates of Movements/Deployments:

- Patrol 34 - 25 February 1994 to 27 April 1994.
- Patrol 36 - 15 September 1994 to 25 November 1994.
- Patrol 38 - 10 March 1995 to 28 June 1995.

b. Exercises and Operations:

- Patrol 34 - Navy's first Pacific Fleet Follow-on Commander-In-Chief's Evaluation Test of the TRIDENT I Weapons System in the Atlantic.
- Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
- Supply Management Inspection.
- Patrol 36 - Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
- Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection.
- Patrol 38 - Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
- Logistics Readiness Evaluation.

c. Major Command Awards. Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 Damage Control Red "DC" Award. Received for Excellence in Basic Submarining/Operations during the Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

3. Narrative

a. In Patrol 34, the GEORGIA sailed south to the Panama Canal and transited under heavy security to the Atlantic Ocean. Security was a significant concern as the GEORGIA still maintained its full compliment of ballistic missiles. No security problems arose and the transit was conducted smoothly.

Sailing north, the GEORGIA arrived at Submarine Base, Kings Bay Georgia where it conducted the Navy's first Pacific Fleet Follow-on Commander-In-Chief's Evaluation Test of the TRIDENT I Weapons System in the Atlantic. This test fully evaluated the strategic weapons systems ability to launch ballistic missiles and to predict their effectiveness in a "war" scenario.

The ship was prepared for extensive testing, including the installation of numerous precision electronic systems. Four ballistic missiles were replaced with four fully functional, unarmed missiles on GEORGIA. Numerous fire control exercises were conducted and the TRIDENT I Weapons System was fully analyzed for functionality and performance. This testing culminated in the firing of four unarmed TRIDENT I missiles. Three were outstanding successes fully earning the Navy's trust in this weapons system. One missile failed in flight and identified a previously unknown deficiency on several boats within the squadron.

While at Submarine Base, Kings Bay Georgia, Senator Sam Nunn and other dignitaries from GEORGIA's namesake state visited the ship. Displaying outstanding hospitality, the crew and dignitaries enjoyed the festive occasion. Close ties and friendships with the crew and community were made.

After leaving Kings Bay Georgia, the ship returned to the Pacific Ocean via the Panama Canal. Continuing the naval tradition of initiating all embarked personnel who cross the equator, the ship participated in the time honored "Shell Back" initiation. This ritual was highlighted by a grand meal and a good time was had by all.

Arriving off the coast of San Diego, two inspection teams were embarked to evaluate the Engineering Department and the Supply Department.

The Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination evaluated the proper and safe operation of the engineering plant. The evaluation included numerous simulated casualties, level of knowledge tests, and oral interviews with all engineering personnel. The Overall grade received was Average.

The Supply Management Inspection evaluated the operational support of the Supply Department. The inspection included numerous inventories, record reviews, and level of knowledge examinations of all Supply Department personnel. The Supply Department was evaluated as Outstanding in all areas.

GEORGIA arrived at Submarine Base Bangor and crew turnover was conducted on 27 April 1994.

b. In Patrol 36, the GEORGIA departed Submarine Base Bangor on 15 September 1994 and proceeded on a slow transit to Submarine Base Pearl Harbor. The ship conducted numerous drills and prepared for the Tactical Readiness Evaluation expected in Pearl Harbor.

Upon arrival at Submarine Base Pearl Harbor, the ship loaded 6 MK 48 practice torpedoes. Departing port the GEORGIA conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and a Tactical Weapons Proficiency in the local operational areas around the Hawaiian Islands. Upon leaving port, the ship was placed upon simulated wartime alert status and was advised to expect possible aggressor submarine forces operating in the local areas. Soon after leaving the channel outside Pearl Harbor, a periscope was sighted, identified as an "enemy" submarine and a practice torpedo was simulated launched at the target.

Several days of firing practice torpedoes and practicing wartime tactics versus submarines and surface forces followed, and GEORGIA was thoroughly evaluated at its strategic and tactical war fighting capabilities. To further complicate the wartime scenario, numerous Damage Control problems, including catastrophic system failures were simulated to fully evaluate the entire ship's readiness. GEORGIA received its second consecutive grade of Excellent in Basic Submarining/Operations and an overall grade of Average on the Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

Pulling back into submarine Base Pearl Harbor the crew enjoyed 4 days of liberty on the island of Oahu. Leaving port GEORGIA commenced a slow transit back to homeport.

Upon arriving at Submarine Base Bangor the ship received a Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection which successfully evaluated the ship's capability to safely handle and store nuclear weapons.

GEORGIA arrived at Submarine Base Bangor and crew turnover was conducted on 25 November 1994.

c. In Patrol 38, the GEORGIA transited to San Francisco, California for a six day liberty call from 26 April to 2 May 1995. Numerous local dignitaries and civic groups visited the ship and were impressed with its crew.

After departing San Francisco, the GEORGIA arrived off the coast of Bangor Washington on 12 May 1995, where two inspection teams were embarked to evaluate the Engineering Department and the Supply Department.

The Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination evaluated the proper and safe operation of the engineering plant. The evaluation included numerous simulated casualties, level of knowledge tests, and oral interviews with all engineering personnel. The Overall grade received was Average.

The Logistic Readiness Evaluation inspected the operation and support of the Supply Department. The inspection included numerous inventories, record reviews, and level of knowledge examinations of all Supply Department personnel. The Supply Department was evaluated as Above Average in all areas.

Both teams debarked on 15 May 1995 and the GEORGIA continued on a quiet patrol which ended on 25 June 1995.

GEORGIA arrived at Submarine Base Bangor and crew turnover was conducted on 28 June 1995.

d. On 22 August 1995, Captain Dana A. Roberts relieved Captain J. C. Bathgate as commanding officer in a ceremony held at Submarine Base Bangor.