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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995
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 Ralph H. Stoll of Silverdale, Washington. USS GEORGIA is under the operational control of Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen and is homeported at the Naval Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington.

2. (C) Chronology

During 1995 the USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE) performed the following:

- **Two off-ship training periods:**
 - Off-ship 37 24 APR to 22 JUN
 - Off-ship 39 (Partial) 07 NOV to 31 DEC
- **Two patrol periods, which included:**
 - Patrol 37 (Partial) 01 JAN to 09 MAR
 - ORSE 27-29 JAN
 - Final NEY Inspection 07-09 MAR
 - LRE 07-09 MAR
 - Patrol 39 27 JUL to 04 OCT
 - TRE/TWTCP 12-14 SEP
 - NTPI 02-04 OCT
- **Three combined-crew refit periods:**
 - Refit 38 09 MAR to 13 APR
 - Refit 39 26 JUN to 27 JUL
 - Refit 40 04 OCT to 09 NOV
- Graded as ABOVE AVERAGE on the surprise ORSE.
- Graded as EXCELLENT on the LRE.
- Received 2nd place in the NEY Memorial Award for 1995.
 - * Pacific Fleet Submarine Winner
- Graded as AVERAGE on the TRE/TWTCP.
- Graded as SATISFACTORY on the NTPI.

3. (C) Narrative

The USS GEORGIA Blue Crew began 1995 already underway on Patrol 37, which commenced 29 December 1994. On 4 January the ship encountered problems with missile tube #7 missile muzzle hatch ring and the diesel fuel pump. A personnel transfer followed and repairs were successfully completed to both components. The ship received notification on 23 January that the ORSE originally scheduled for early March had been moved up to 27 January. After completing the surprise ORSE, the ship and crew continued Patrol 37 until 9 March. That day the Blue Crew returned to Bangor and commenced turnover. CAPT Bathgate and the Gold Crew relieved CAPT Stoll and the Blue Crew on 11 March.

Off-ship 37 training for the Blue Crew began 24 April. This training period's main emphasis was based on physical readiness, formal training, tactical weapons proficiency and team training. Approximately 3300 manhours were spent on keeping fit, 4500 manhours in responsive and team trainers, and over 7000 manhours in formal and informal schools.

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CAPT Bathgate and the Gold Crew departed for patrol 38 on 13 April and returned on 26 June and commenced turnover. CAPT Stoll and the Blue Crew relieved CAPT Bathgate and the Gold Crew on 28 June. Drydocking refit 39 was a manpower intensive refit consisting of 65,000 manhours of refit facility support in addition to ship's force workload. URO-03 was the major job as it consisted of inspections of nearly every one of the ship's tanks - both internal and external.

CAPT Stoll and the Blue Crew set sail for patrol 39 on 27 July. The GEORGIA was forced to return to Bangor on 31 July to conduct emergency repairs to one of the nuclear reactor plant rod controllers. Repairs were completed and the ship returned to sea late in the day of 01 August to continue with the patrol. On 09 September, CAPT Stoll and the rest of the crew enjoyed a swim call approximately 200 miles off the coast of Hawaii. The following day CAPT Stoll performed a burial-at-sea of a shipmate's father. The GEORGIA pulled into Pearl Harbor on 12 September to unload exercise torpedoes for the upcoming TRE/TWTCP. Once the load was complete, the ship returned to sea, only to reenter port the next day to retrieve the TRE/TWTCP inspection teams. The ship completed the inspections and returned to Pearl Harbor to commence liberty on 15 September. On 19 September, the GEORGIA set sail for home. On 02 October we conducted an at-sea NTPI. The ship returned from patrol 39 one day early to host CINCPACFLT, Admiral Chiles, and 13 flag officers attending the STRATCOM Commanders Conference for a cruise in Dabob Bay. Patrol 39 for the USS GEORGIA Blue Crew was successfully completed 4 October. Turnover ensued and on 6 October CAPT Roberts and the Gold Crew relieved CAPT Stoll and the Blue Crew.

Off-ship 41 started 7 November focusing on team trainers, schools and physical fitness. Approximately 4000 manhours were spent in the trainers, 5500 manhours in formal and informal schools and 2500 manhours in keeping physically fit during the partial completion of the off-ship training period. The Blue Crew commenced a holiday leave period on 15 December that would last through the end of 1995.

CAPT Roberts and the Gold Crew departed on 9 November for Patrol 40. As of 31 December 1995, they were still at sea.

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USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY
FROM 1 OCTOBER 1995 TO 29 FEBRUARY 1996

PART I: COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

A. **Mission.** USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) is the fourth submarine of the TRIDENT class designed to remain at sea for long periods, remain 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 some of the highest trained professionals in the U.S. Navy.

B. **Organizational Structure.** USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) is operationally controlled by Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen based at Submarine Base Bangor, Washington.

C. **Commanding Officer:** CAPT D. A. Roberts, USN.

D. **Permanent Duty Station:** Submarine Base Bangor, Washington.

PART II: CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. **Dates of Movements/Deployments.** Patrol 40, 9 October 1995 to 21 January 1996.

B. **Exercises and Operations:**

Patrol 40 -Reentry Vehicle On-Site Inspection.
-Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
-Defense Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection/
Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.

C. **Major Command Awards.** Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 Damage Control Red "DC" Award. Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 Deck Seamanship White "D" Award. Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet Golden Anchor Award for 1995. 1995 PACNORWEST Personal Excellence through Cooperative Education partnership program award.

PART III: NARRATIVE

Patrol 40 started with the first ever, Reentry Vehicle On-Site Inspection conducted on a Pacific Fleet Submarine by officials from the Commonwealth of Independent States. This inspection allowed the independent verification of missile reentry vehicles on board GEORGIA in accordance with the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks II (START II) Treaty.

GEORGIA got underway from Submarine Base Bangor on 9 November 1995 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 Hawaiian local operating areas. 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.

Several days of firing practice torpedoes and practicing wartime tactics versus submarines and surface forces followed, with GEORGIA being thoroughly evaluated at its strategic and tactical fighting capabilities. To further complicate the wartime scenario, numerous damage control problems, including catastrophic system failures, were simulated to fully evaluate the ship's readiness. GEORGIA satisfactorily completed all phases of this rigorous examination.

Pulling back into Submarine Base Pearl Harbor the crew enjoyed four days of liberty on the island Of Oahu. GEORGIA then departed port and commenced a slow transit back to homeport.

GEORGIA was tasked to conduct acoustic trials at the Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility (SEAFAC) in Alaska. From 14-16 January the boat conducted numerous exercises to evaluate its acoustic characteristics.

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

GEORGIA arrived at Submarine Base Bangor on 18 January and crew turnover was conducted on 21 January 1996.