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From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)(BLUE)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH), Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, 901 M Street SE, Building 57, Washington, DC 20374-5060

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Ship's Photograph
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography
(3) Ship's Pamphlet
(4) 3 ½ inch disc (formatted for use with Windows 95)

1. Per reference (a), USS GEORGIA's calendar year 1998 command history is submitted, including enclosures (1) through (3).

2. USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)(BLUE) is an OHIO (726) Class nuclear powered submarine which serves as an undersea Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launching platform, homeported at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Silverdale, Washington. Her primary mission is providing a strategic deterrent to promote regional stability, deter aggression and coercion on a daily basis, thereby reducing conflicts and threats to world-wide peace.

3. List of senior personnel assigned:

a. Commanding Officer - Commander Richard Hass Moyer.

b. Executive Officer - Lieutenant Commander Gerard Michael VandenBerg.

c. Engineer Officer - Lieutenant Commander Chad Duncan Brown.

d. Navigation/Operations Officer - Lieutenant Lance Leo Lacroix.

e. Weapons Officer - Lieutenant Vernon Carlton Cole.

f. Supply Officer - Lieutenant Dionisio Sales Gamboa.

g. Chief of the Boat - Electronics Technician Master Chief (Submarines) William Richard Peterson.

h. Engineering Department Master Chief (formerly Engineering Department Enlisted Advisor): Electrician's Mate Chief (Submarines) Glenn Richard Wallace.

4. Combatant command authority (COCOM) of USS GEORGIA is exercised by Commander in Chief, U. S. Strategic Command. Operational control (OPCON) is delegated to his functional component, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, commanding USS GEORGIA (CTU 134.0.3) as Commander Task Force 134.

a. While conducting alert operations USS GEORGIA's (CTU 134.0.3) Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) is Rear Admiral Albert H. Konetzni, Jr., Commander Task Force 134.

b. During non-alert periods USS GEORGIA's ISIC is Commander Submarine Squadron 17, Captain Glenn Howard Ward.

5. Chronological list of major ship's employment during calendar year 1998:

a. 1 January - Continued underway for Patrol 46.

b. 6 January - Moor Ford Island, Hawaii.

c. 7 January through 9 January - Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency.

d. 10 January through 14 January - Port visit Ford Island, Hawaii.

e. 15 January - Underway, recommence Patrol 46.

f. 27 January through 29 January - Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

g. 30 January and 31 January - Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection.

h. 1 February and 2 February - Augmenting Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection.

i. 2 February - Moor Naval Submarine Base, Bangor. Complete Patrol 46.

j. 3 February through 5 March - Combined-Crew Refit 48.

k. 6 March - Commenced Off-Ship Training Period.

l. 3 April - Change of Command, Commander Richard Hass Moyer relieved Captain Donald William Randall as Commanding Officer.

m. 27 May - Completed Off-Ship Training Period.

n. 28 May through 22 June - Combined-Crew Refit 49.

o. 23 June - Commenced Patrol 48. Embarked Midshipmen from United States Naval Academy and other universities.

p. 27 June - Commenced Refresher Training.

q. 6 August through 8 August - Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency in the Hawaiian Islands local operating areas.

r. 9 August through 11 August - Conducted Prospective Commanding Officer Operations in the Hawaiian Islands local operating areas.

s. 2 September through 4 September - Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation in the San Diego, California local operating areas.

t. 4 September through 7 September - Port visit to San Diego, California.

u. 11 September - Moor Naval Submarine Base, Bangor. Completed Patrol 48.

v. 12 September through 24 October - Combined-Crew Refit 49.

w. 25 October through 31 December - Off-Ship Training Period.

6. USS GEORGIA has a crew of 14 officers, 17 chief petty officers and 130 enlisted members E6 and below.

7. USS GEORGIA's major community assistance program is sponsorship of Partnership in Excellence through Cooperative Education at Vinland Elementary School, Silverdale, Washington. Crewmember's volunteer more than 100 off-duty hours during each

8. USS GEORGIA was awarded the Calendar Year 1998 Commander Submarine Squadron 17 Deck Seamanship Letter "D" for excellence in seamanship.

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USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)(GOLD)
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Subj: SUBMISSION OF USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729)(GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY FROM 09 SEPTEMBER 1998 TO 03 JANUARY 1999

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729)(GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY FROM 09 SEPTEMBER 1998 TO 03 JANUARY 1999

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

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USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729)(GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY
09 SEPTEMBER 1998 TO 03 JANUARY 1999

PART I: 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 complement 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 J. M. Shelton, U.S. Navy

D. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: Submarine Base Bangor, Washington

PART II: CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. DATES OF MOVEMENTS/DEPLOYMENTS:
Refit 50 - 09 September 1998 to 24 October 1998.
Patrol 49 - 25 October 1998 to 19 December 1998.

B. EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS:
Patrol 49
- Refresher Training (25 - 29 Oct 98)
- Extended Echo Ranging Exercise with COMPATWING TEN (07 - 08 Nov 98)
- Underway Material Inspection (09 - 13 Nov 98)
- Emergent Repairs, SUBASE Bangor, WA (16 - 18 Nov 98)
- Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (17 - 19 Dec 98)
- Focused Logistics Training (17 - 19 Dec 98)
- Dependents' Cruise (22 Dec 98)

C. MAJOR COMMAND AWARDS:
- 1998 CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award
- 1998 Submarine Squadron Seventeen Strategic Operations White "S"

PART III: NARRATIVE

Refit 50/Patrol 49 began with an exchange of command from the Blue Crew on 09 September 1998. Throughout the rigorous, six-week refit period, numerous groups visited GEORGIA while in port Bangor, Washington. Groups toured are as follows (attendees in parentheses):

Retired Canadian Airline Employees (25)
University of Washington NROTC Battalion (74)
Seventh Day Adventists (34)
Boy Scout Troop #422 (35)
City of Poulsbo Recreational Seniors (32)
City of Leavenworth Rotary Club (30)

On 25 October 1998, GEORGIA completed Refit 50 and was underway from Submarine Base Bangor for Patrol 49 to conduct Refresher Training. Upon completion of Refresher Training, GEORGIA proceeded to the alert operational areas. Upon release from strategic duties, GEORGIA participated in Extended Echo Ranging exercises with COMPATWING TEN's P-3s out of NAS Whidbey Island. Following the Extended Echo Ranging exercises, GEORGIA embarked the Inspection and Survey Board to conduct an Underway Material Inspection (UMI) followed by a brief inport period.

Upon completion of the UMI/INSURV, GEORGIA commenced a transit to alert operational areas, but a radar mast failure required a return to SUBASE Bangor from 16-18 November 1998. Following the emergent radar mast repair, GEORGIA proceeded to alert operational areas.

On 17-19 December 1998, upon release from strategic duties, an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and a Submarine Squadron 17 Focused Logistics Training were successfully conducted.

On 19 December 1998, GEORGIA returned to Bangor, Washington for the holiday season. On 22 December 1998, GEORGIA embarked approximately 90 of the crew's dependents for a one day Dependents' Cruise conducted in local waters. Patrol 49 ended with an exchange of command to the Blue Crew on 03 January 1999.