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Encl: (1) Command History 1986  
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet (includes CO's biography and photo)  
*SSN file* — (3) Ship's Photograph

1. Enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded for historical and public affairs purposes in accordance with references (a) and (b).
2. This is USS AUGUSTA's third annual report.

  
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**USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710)**  
**1986 COMMAND HISTORY**

Command Composition and Organization.

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710), the thirtieth 688 Class fast attack submarine, is one of the most advanced undersea vessels of its type in the world. Her mission: to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. She carries a crew of 15 officers and approximately 120 enlisted men, all highly qualified specialists in their fields. USS AUGUSTA, under the command of Commander James D. von SUSKIL, is attached to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, a unit of Submarine Group TWO, and is homeported in Groton, CT. Lieutenant Commander Gary R. WLEKLINSKI is the Executive Officer.

Chronology:

1-26 Jan 86	Post-Shakedown Availability at Electric Boat, Groton CT; Sea Trials (21-24 Jan)
10-22 Feb 86	Weapons System Acceptance Testing, Underwater Tracking Range, St. Croix, U.S.V.I. (14-18 Feb)
24-28 Feb 86	HARPOON Cruise Missile Certification, Groton CT
4 Mar-4 Apr 86	Wide Aperture Array TECHEVAL, Open Ocean and AUTEK Andros Island, Bahamas (7-11, 27-29 Mar)
12 May-17 Jun 86	Acoustic Trials, Exuma Sound, Bahamas (15-24 May); Wide Aperture Array OPEVAL, Open Ocean (30 May-10 Jun); MK 48 Torpedo Proficiency Firing, TOMAHAWK Cruise Missile Certification, AUTEK Andros Island, Bahamas (11-14 Jun)
7-25 Jul 86	Modified FLEETEX (14-20 Jul); Midshipmen Orientation Cruises
28-29 Jul 86	Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection
22-26 Sep 86	Pre-Overseas Movement Certification
1-27 Oct 86	Independent Operations in the North Atlantic
31 Oct-13 Dec 86	Restricted Availability at Electric Boat, Groton CT
15-22 Dec 86	Sea Trials; Independent Ship Exercise; Weapons Load, Norfolk VA (18 Dec)
26-30 Dec 86	Supply Management Inspection.

Narrative.

USS AUGUSTA left Electric Boat Shipyard in January 1986 after an extended Post-Shakedown Availability. Upon completion of sea trials, recoverability trials, and preliminary sonar certification, she returned to Naval Submarine Base Groton as a member of Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE.

Spring brought several months of acoustic trials and a complete battery of tactical weapon certifications which took USS AUGUSTA to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center Range in the Bahamas. She successfully accomplished the first phase of evaluations on the newly installed Wide Aperture Array sonar system.

In mid-summer USS AUGUSTA earned an Outstanding on her Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection. The remainder of the summer saw her conducting independent ship and team exercises to further test the capabilities of her unique sonar suites.

October marked USS AUGUSTA's first operational commitment. She was tasked to conduct an emergent independent submarine operation which lasted through the end of the month.

USS AUGUSTA was awarded the 1986 Supply BLUE E for Excellence in supply support and food service. This accolade was shortly followed by a Supply Management Inspection in which she earned grades of Outstanding and Excellent across the board.

The year concluded with USS AUGUSTA's return to Electric Boat Shipyard for repairs and installation of a new sonar dome. By Christmas she had begun preparations for the ship's second Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and another round of certifications prior to deployment as an operational unit assigned to CINCLANTFLT.