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## **USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) 1992 COMMAND HISTORY**

### **Command Composition and Organization**

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710), the twenty-third 688 class nuclear fast attack submarine, is one of the most advanced undersea vessels of its type in the world. Its mission: To search for and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. She carries a crew of 17 officers and approximately 150 enlisted men, all highly qualified specialists in their fields. USS AUGUSTA, under the command of Commander David W. Fennell, is attached to Submarine Group TWO and is homeported in Groton, CT. Lieutenant Commander Richard A. Yocum is the Executive Officer.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

2-10 Jan 92	At Sea Training
11-15 Jan 92	Inport Type Training
16 Jan - 3 Feb 92	DDG-51 OPEVAL
4-9 Feb 92	Inport Type Training
10-13 Feb 92	Ops with SSN 678
14 Feb - 30 Mar 92	DMP A-3 Upkeep
31 Mar - 1 Apr 92	Sea Trials/Ops with SSN 690
2-12 Apr 92	Inport Type Training
13-17 Apr 92	Ops with SSN 690
18 Apr - 6 May 92	Inport Type Training
7-10 May 92	At Sea WAA Testing
11-13 May 92	Transit to PNSY/Tiger Cruise
14-31 May 92	Pre-DMP Availability at PNSY
1 Jun 92	Start DMP
2 Jun 92	Drydock PNSY Kittery, ME
20 Nov 92	Change-of-Command
26 Nov - 29 Nov 92	Holiday Standown
23 Dec - 3 Jan 93	Holiday Standown

## NARRATIVE

The year of 1992 was a time of transition for USS AUGUSTA as the ship conducted a few exercises in completing an operating cycle, yet primarily made preparations for and began a fourteen-month Depot Modernization Period (DMP) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

The first exercise of the year took AUGUSTA to the Caribbean in support of the USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) Operations Evaluation. The data collected during this operation was critical in evaluating the capabilities of the U.S. Navy's state-of-the-art Anti-Submarine Warfare surface platform.

After a short underway period to support USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678), AUGUSTA came home for a six week DMP A-3 upkeep, which was designed to finalize the correction of shipboard material discrepancies identified during the DMP A-6 testing period in preparation for beginning the DMP.

During the next underway, AUGUSTA conducted sea trials and supported USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690). A three-week return to port preceded the ship's final underway periods: a four-day testing of the Wide Aperture Array (WAA) sonar system and a two-day transit to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY), during which an enjoyable Tiger Cruise allowed approximately 25-30 male dependents and guests to experience life on a submarine. The arrival at PNSY marked a return to the ship's home state of Maine and the site where AUGUSTA was commissioned on 19 January 1985.

After a three-day off-load of everything on the ship and the completion of final preparations for the start of the availability, AUGUSTA officially began the Depot Modernization Period on 1 June, leaving the water and entering drydock in the early hours of 2 June. The purpose of this overhaul is to modernize the ship's tactical capability, including the installation of BQQ-5E and CCS Mk 2 Sonar and Fire Control systems, making AUGUSTA the first submarine in the fleet to receive these systems during a major shipyard availability. Also unique to the DMP is the installation of an updated version of the SEAWOLF Wide Aperture Array system (BQG-5), further improving AUGUSTA as the prototype platform for this one-of-a-kind technology of the 21st century.

The final major event of the year was the Change-of-Command held at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on 20 November, during which Commander David W. Fennell relieved Commander Edward J. Rutkowski, Jr. as Commanding Officer of USS AUGUSTA.