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Subj: USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997

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1. Command Composition and Organization

a. USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) is the fifth ship to bear the name AUGUSTA, and the first to be named for the capital of Maine.

b. USS AUGUSTA is a nuclear powered attack submarine of the Los Angeles (SSN-688) class, currently assigned to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, and homeported in Groton, Connecticut. Commanded by CDR James J. Colgary, her principal mission is to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships and to provide sea to land attack strike capability. Surpassing the underwater capabilities of any ship before her, USS AUGUSTA carries detection, communication, navigation and weapons systems of the most advanced design.

2. Chronology for 1997

01Jan-18Feb	Underway, Atlantic Deployment.
18Feb-14Apr	In-port Groton, CT for Upkeep.
14Apr-16Apr	Underway, Sea Trials.
16Apr-01May	In-port Groton, CT.
01May-05May	Underway, Transit to Puerto Rico Operating Area.
05May-06May	In-port Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
06May-09May	Underway, Prospective Commanding Officer Operations.
09May-12May	In-port Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
12May-18May	Underway, Prospective Commanding Officer Operations.
18May-19May	In-port Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
19May-24May	Underway, TACDEVEX Multi-National Exercise.
24May-26May	Transit.
26May-28May	Underway, Torpedo Proficiency Evaluation.
28May-30May	In-port Port Everglades, FL.
30May-02Jun	Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area, LANTSECEX.
02Jun-05Jun	Transit to Port Canaveral, FL.

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05Jun-07Jun	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
07Jun-11Jun	Underway, Transit to Groton, CT.
11Jun-29Jul	In-port Groton, CT for Upkeep.
29Jul-01Aug	Underway, Sea Trials.
01Aug-15Aug	In-port Groton, CT.
15Aug-19Aug	Underway, Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
19Aug-04Sep	In-port Groton, CT.
04Sep-18Sep	Underway, TB-29 towed array Operational Evaluation.
19Sep-22Sep	Underway, Narragansett Bay Operating Area with Commander Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet Chief of Staff and Commander Submarine Development Squadron Twelve embarked.
22Sep-11Nov	In-port Groton, CT.
11Nov-24Nov	Underway, NBOA, Supported Tactical Readiness Evaluation for USS MAINE (SSBN-741) and USS BILLFISH (SSN-676).
21Nov	Underway, VIP Cruise for Congressional Delegates from Port Canaveral, FL.
25Nov	Underway, VIP Cruise for Local Business Leaders.
25Nov-22Dec	In-port Groton, CT for Upkeep.
22Dec-31Dec	Holiday Stand-down.

### 3. Narrative

a. 1997 began and ended with two significant technological milestones. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, AUGUSTA returned from a successful Atlantic Deployment, during which the TB-29 towed sonar array was deployed for the first time. In December, current commercial technology was utilized to install the Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion (A-RCI). Designated the AN/BQQ-10 sonar system, A-RCI utilizes "commercial-off-the-shelf" hardware to make the next generation of sonar more versatile, space saving and cost effective.

b. Augusta hosted several public relation events in 1997 to include:

(1) Four weeks in the Puerto Rico operating area with midshipman from the United States Naval Academy.

(2) A VIP Cruise for Congressional Delegates out of Port Canaveral, Florida:

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(3) A VIP Cruise for twenty one local business persons and eight active military personnel from the New England area out of Groton, Connecticut.

(4) Two weeks in the Narragansett Bay operating area with midshipman from the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

c. These efforts allowed AUGUSTA to demonstrate the significant role that the submarine plays in the future of our nation's defense to the public and future naval officers.



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