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Subj: USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998
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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 class, currently assigned to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, and homeported in Groton, Connecticut. Commanded by Commander William J. Gieri, her principal mission is to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships and to provide 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 1998

01Jan-20Jan	Inport Groton, CT
20Jan-23Jan	Underway, Sea Trials
23Jan-26Jan	Inport Groton, CT
26Jan-30Jan	Underway, Transit to St. Croix, USVI
30Jan-01Feb	Inport Frederiksted, St. Croix, USVI
01Feb-02Feb	Underway, ARCI testing/Transit to Puerto Rico
02Feb-03Feb	Inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
03Feb-07Feb	Underway, ARCI testing/Transit to Kings Bay, GA
07Feb-09Feb	Inport Kings Bay, GA
09Feb-19Feb	Underway, ARCI testing
19Feb-20Feb	Inport Kings Bay, GA
20Feb-24Feb	Underway, Transit to Groton, CT
24Feb-22Apr	Inport Groton, CT for Upkeep
9Mar	USS AUGUSTA Change of Command Ceremony
22Apr-28Apr	Inport Groton, CT Drydocked
28Apr-30Apr	Inport Groton, CT
30Apr-04May	Underway, Sea Trials
04May-05May	Inport Groton, CT
05May-15May	Underway, Transit to St. Croix, USVI
15May-18May	Underway, ARCI testing

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18May-23May	Underway, Transit to Groton, CT
23May-27May	Inport Groton, CT
27May-15Jun	Underway, WESTLANT
15Jun-23Jun	Inport Groton, CT
23Jun-02Jul	Underway, TACDEVEX 43-98
02Jul-14Jul	Inport Groton, CT
14Jul-15Jul	Underway, UMI (Underway Material Inspection) by INSURV Board
15Jul-23Jul	Inport Groton, CT
23Jul-01Aug	Underway, Transit to Puerto Rico
01Aug-02Aug	Inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
02Aug-08Aug	Underway, COMPTUEX Battlegroup Support
08Aug-11Aug	Inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
11Aug-24Aug	Underway, Transit to Groton, CT
24Aug-19Oct	Inport Groton, CT
19Oct-23Oct	Underway, NBOA's
23Oct-16Nov	Inport Groton, CT
16Nov-23Nov	Underway, NBOA's
23Nov-01Dec	Inport Groton, CT
01Dec-10Dec	Underway, NBOA's
10Dec-31Dec	Inport Groton, CT for upkeep and drydocking

3. Narrative

a. 1998 began with testing a new sonar system, called Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion (ARCI). Designated the AN/BQQ-10 Sonar system, ARCI utilizes "commercial-off-the-shelf" hardware to make this system more versatile, space saving and easier to modernize with updated hardware and software.

b. USS AUGUSTA provided support during COMPTUEX 99-1 in August providing the USS ENTERPRISE Battlegroup with an evasive submerged target. Such training is invaluable to United States Undersea Warfare capabilities.

c. Twice during 1998 USS AUGUSTA was recognized for achievement beyond the call of duty:

1. The Secretary of the Navy recognized USS AUGUSTA with a Letter of Commendation for her role in preparation and implementation of the BQQ-5E/TB-29 towed array sonar system.

2. Commander Submarine Development Squadron 12 awarded AUGUSTA the 1998 Deck Seamanship "D" of Excellence.

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d. A new era in AUGUSTA history began on 9 March 1998 as Commander William J. Gieri relieved Commander James J. Colgary as the seventh Commanding Officer of USS AUGUSTA.


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