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Subj: USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999
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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 William J. Gieri, 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 1999

01 Jan - 02 Feb	Inport, Groton, CT
02 Feb - 05 Feb	Underway, Sea Trials
05 Feb - 19 Feb	Inport, Groton, CT
19 Feb - 25 Feb	Underway, Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Work up
25 Feb - 02 Mar	Inport, Groton, CT
02 Mar - 06 Mar	Underway, POM Certification
06 Mar - 16 Mar	Inport, Groton, CT
16 Mar - 27 May	Underway, North Atlantic Deployment
27 May - 02 Jun	Inport, Zeebrugge, Belgium - Liberty Port
02 Jun - 04 Jun	Underway, Transit to Plymouth, England
04 Jun - 17 Jun	Inport, Plymouth, England - Working Port
17 Jun - 20 Jun	Underway, Transit to Faslane, Scotland
20 Jun - 24 Jun	Inport, Faslane, Scotland - Working Port
24 Jun - 30 Jun	Underway, Sound Trials
30 Jun - 03 Jul	Inport, Faslane, Scotland - Working Port
03 Jul - 12 Jul	Underway, Transit to Haakonsvern, Norway
12 Jul - 16 Jul	Haakonsvern, Norway - Liberty Port
16 Jul - 16 Sep	Underway, North Atlantic Deployment
16 Sep - 18 Oct	Post-Deployment Stand Down
18 Oct - 09 Nov	Inport, Groton, CT

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03 Dec - 31 Dec	Drydocked, ARDM-1 OAKRIDGE - Selected Restricted Availability (SRA)
09 Nov - 18 Nov	Underway, BQQ-10 Sonar (ARCI Phase 2 Testing)
18 Nov - 03 Dec	Inport, Groton, CT

3. Narrative

a. AUGUSTA began 1999 while making final preparations for the ship's seventh deployment, the longest in AUGUSTA's history. The ship and her crew were away from homeport for 184 consecutive days.

b. AUGUSTA successfully completed a six month North Atlantic Deployment twice surpassing the longest continually submerged period of time in ship's history. Prior to this deployment, AUGUSTA had remained submerged for 37 days during her 1995 deployment. During 1999's North Atlantic Deployment, AUGUSTA remained submerged for one period of 59 days and another period of 70 days.

c. The ability of the crew to operate the ship for extended periods without logistical support was challenged by at sea repairs to various propulsion plant components, as well as repairs to the sonar suite. Despite several material problems, the ship was able to support all required taskings due to the extensive preparations and the outstanding technical abilities of the crew. The crew earned the Arctic Service Ribbon, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. Additionally, the Navigation/Operations Department received the Commander Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE 1999 Red and Green "N" for excellence in Navigation.

d. After a well deserved post-deployment stand down, AUGUSTA's sonar suite was upgraded by the installation of Phase 2 of the AN/BQQ-10 sonar system. AUGUSTA once again is at the forefront of innovation in submarine sonar technology.

e. The ship brought in the year 2000 while in the midst of an extensive Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). Combining the outstanding and untiring conjunctive efforts of ship's force, Naval Submarine Support Facility New London, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and various other outside activities, a modern warship was, once again, well on her way to being ready for mission taskings.


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