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From: Commanding Officer, USS AUGUSTA (SSN-710)
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Subj: USS AUGUSTA (SSN-710) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2003
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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 Los Angeles (SSN-688) class nuclear powered attack submarine assigned to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, and homeported in Groton, Connecticut. Commanded by CDR Mike Haumer, 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 2003

01 Jan - 14 Jan	Inport, Groton, CT
14 Jan - 17 Jan	Underway, Pre Overseas Movement work up
17 Jan - 04 Feb	Inport, Groton, CT
04 Feb - 07 Feb	Underway, Pre Overseas Movement Certification
07 Feb - 10 Feb	Inport, Groton, CT
10 Feb - 24 Feb	Underway, Deployed Overseas
24 Feb - 25 Feb	Inport, Souda Bay, Greece
25 Feb - 14 Apr	Underway, Deployed Overseas
14 Apr - 23 Apr	Inport, Souda Bay, Greece
23 Apr - 30 Apr	Underway, Deployed Overseas
30 Apr - 02 May	Inport, La Maddelena, Sardegna
02 May - 04 May	Underway, Deployed Overseas
04 May - 06 May	Inport, La Maddelena, Sardegna
06 May - 11 Jun	Underway, Deployed Overseas
11 Jun - 25 Jun	Inport, Plymouth, England
25 Jun - 04 Jul	Underway, Deployed Overseas
04 Jul - 07 Jul	Inport, Faslane, Scotland
07 Jul - 24 Jul	Underway, Deployed Overseas
24 Jul - 28 Jul	Inport, Haakonsvern, Norway

28 Jul - 11 Aug	Underway, Deployed Overseas
11 Aug - 22 Sep	Inport, Groton, CT
22 Sep - 17 Oct	Underway, Tactical Readiness Evaluation
17 Oct - 04 Nov	Inport, Groton, CT
04 Nov - 04 Nov	Underway, Transit to Electric Boat Shipyard
04 Nov - 31 Dec	Inport, Electric Boat, Groton, CT

3. Narrative

a. 2003 was an active year for the AUGUSTA. She successfully completed numerous missions vital to national security during a surge Mediterranean deployment supporting the war on terrorism. During the Mediterranean deployment the USS AUGUSTA took part in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, conducting strike operations in the Red Sea. AUGUSTA completed her 2003 deployment with operations in the North Atlantic as well as an end of deployment Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. The USS AUGUSTA later completed a Tactical Readiness evaluation prior to entering an interim drydock shipyard availability at Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, CT. Inport periods were busy with an aggressive training schedule, rigorous maintenance periods, and an extended drydock period. The ship and her crew were away from homeport for 213 days.

b. The ship was able to support all assigned missions due to the extensive preparations and the outstanding technical and tactical abilities of the crew. The ship and crew were awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service ribbon, and Arctic Service ribbon for the deployment. The ship was awarded the COMSUBDEVRON-12 Battle Efficiency award for the performance of the ship and crew for 2003 calendar year.

c. The ship completed the year in the midst of a shipyard availability.



Command Philosophy

USS AUGUSTA is a highly capable **warship**. Our entire reason for being is to win America's wars. The American people have entrusted us with the stewardship of this warship and preparing her to fight and win. Consequently, our entire focus is to make AUGUSTA the best warship it can be. To this end, we abide by the following principles:

We accomplish the mission. Our primary focus is to accomplish our assigned mission. Our training is geared toward being ready to complete any mission at any time.

We take care of our people. People are our most valuable resource. We treat each other with respect and dignity. We weigh the needs of our people with the requirements to accomplish our mission.

We are a team. This ship is too complex and our missions are too varied for any one person or small group to succeed alone. We value the opinions and contributions of all of our shipmates. If the "Emperor has no clothes," it is everyone's duty to tell him.

We are always improving. Our shipwide training is focused on continuously improving our ability to fight and win. As individuals, we never stop studying and working to improve our own personal level of knowledge and professional competence.

Our integrity is paramount. We admit our mistakes and learn from them. We do not lie to hide our problems. We seek out problems and fix them.

AUGUSTA is an amazing warship with unique capabilities. We can perform missions that cannot be done by anyone else. WE ARE ALWAYS READY!

M. A. HAUMER