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**COMMAND HISTORY OF USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705)
FOR 1986**

The USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705) began 1986 with a standown/upkeep period following the deployment of Fall 1985. Following this, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI transited to the Atlantic Underwater Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEK) range where she performed to the highest standards, scoring a perfect six hits out of six shots in a MK 48 anti-submarine exercise scenario as well as successfully launching a Tomahawk anti-ship missile simulator scored as a hit. During this trip, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI made a four day port call in Port Everglades, FL.

On 7 March 1986, Commander Stephen I. Johnson relieved as Commanding Officer. Following two weeks of Type Training and Independent Ship's Exercises, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE), where she distinguished herself by receiving the highest possible grade of "Excellent" from the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. This grade was given to only three ships in the Atlantic Fleet this year. Also during March, the ship was awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal for the Fall 1985 deployment.

In April 1986, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI participated in FLEETEX 2-86 in which she demonstrated the effectiveness of the submarine force in anti-surface warfare by twice successfully attacking the USS FORRESTAL battle group and performing a successful warshot Harpoon missile firing. This exercise demonstrated the viability of Over-the-Horizon (OTH) targeting for submarine launched attacks.

Near the end of the underway period, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI responded to tasking by higher authority. As part of a rapid response effort on short notice, the ship pulled into Norfolk, Virginia, loaded for extended independent operations and deployed to the Mediterranean Sea for a three month period. This rapid response exercise successfully tested the ability of the submarine force and the CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI and crew to respond to an emergent operational requirement. Less than two weeks after tasking, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI was serving as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea. During this deployment CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI made port calls in La Maddalena, Italy and Toulon, France.

The ship returned from deployment to its homeport on July 25, 1986 for a six week standown/upkeep period. During this inport period the Meritorious Unit Citation for outstanding performance from April 1984 through October 1985 was awarded to the ship.

In September the ship departed for a training cruise to the Gulf of Mexico. Following a four day stopover in Norfolk, the ship proceeded to Pensacola, Florida, earning the distinction of being the first nuclear powered submarine to visit the "Home of Naval Aviation." Immediately prior to mooring in Pensacola, a one day

submarine familiarization cruise was conducted for the Chief of Naval Education and Training, VADM Thunman, and sixteen other Navy and local dignitaries, including the Mayor of Pensacola. Upon returning to port, the crew enjoyed four days of Pensacola's beaches and night life, and provided tours for over one thousand guests in the Pensacola area.

Shortly after leaving Pensacola, the ship received the news that she had won her third consecutive Battle Efficiency "E," her fourth consecutive Engineering Red "E," her fourth consecutive Damage Control "DC," and her second consecutive Medical Department Yellow "M" awards as the top performing submarine in Submarine Squadron TWO for fiscal year 1986.

The ship then visited her namesake city, Corpus Christi, Texas in conjunction with the state of Texas' sesquicentennial celebration. Over four thousand people lined the ship channel to welcome "their" submarine home to the "Sparkling City by the Sea." Over ten thousand people toured the ship during five days of general visiting. Sixteen of the crewmembers' wives flew down from Connecticut to enjoy the six days of South Texas liberty. The ship conducted a Tactical Readiness Exam (TRE) on the transit back to Groton, for which she received a grade of Above Average.

Upon returning to port, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI began a major upkeep period during which she was outfitted to shoot the MK 48 Advanced Capability (ADCAP) Torpedo. At the completion of this upkeep, the crew successfully passed a two day Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection, earning grades of "Outstanding" or "Excellent" in 10 of 13 areas graded. In December the ship departed Groton for Port Canaveral, Florida, for load out with ADCAP exercise weapons. Following the most successful set of test firings of the ADCAP Torpedo in the history of its development program at the AUTEK range, the ship returned to homeport for Christmas standdown.