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COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization. The ship's mission is to remain submerged and undetected and serve as a strategic deterrent. The ship's parent command is Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 and the ship is homeported at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington. Two crews alternate manning on approximately 105 day cycles. When not manning the ship, the "off-crew" is under the administrative command of Commander, Submarine Group NINE.

2. Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	January FLORIDA is underway on Patrol 36 under the command of CAPT K. M. Trautman, USN.
12-14	January Conducted unscheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
15	January FLORIDA moored at Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Bangor, WA. Completed the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. Commenced Mini-Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO) in accordance with COMSUBRON 17 Directives.
20	January FLORIDA departed NSB Bangor for Mini-DASO.
26	January FLORIDA moored NSB Bangor for follow on Mini-DASO.
27	January FLORIDA departed NSB Bangor for follow on Mini-DASO.
31	January FLORIDA moored NSB Bangor for follow on Mini-DASO.
02	February FLORIDA successfully completed Mini-DASO.
03	February FLORIDA departed NSB Bangor for Patrol 36 with RADM R.A. Riddell, Commander, Submarine Group NINE aboard.
06	February FLORIDA participated in Encounterex.
07	February Disembarked RADM R.A. Riddell, Commander, Submarine Group NINE, continued on Patrol 36.
16	February Commenced Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and Supply Management Inspection (SMI).
18	February FLORIDA moored NSB Bangor, completed NTPI and SMI. Completed Patrol 36.

Enclosure (1)

21	February	BLUE Crew relieved GOLD Crew. Commenced Refit 37.
21	March	FLORIDA departed NSB Bangor for post-refit sea trials.
22	March	FLORIDA moored at NSB Bangor. The Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy visited the FLORIDA.
23	March	FLORIDA departed NSB Bangor for VIP Cruise. Visitors disembarked. FLORIDA continued on Patrol 37.
19	May	FLORIDA moored NAVAIRSTA Alameda, CA.
24	May	FLORIDA departed Alameda for VIP cruise. Visitors disembarked. FLORIDA continued on Patrol 37.
31-02	May/June	FLORIDA conducted an ORSE and a Logistics Readiness Examination (LRE).
03	June	FLORIDA moored NSB Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 37.
05	June	GOLD Crew relieved BLUE Crew. Commenced Refit 38.
05	July	FLORIDA conducted post-refit sea trials.
07	July	FLORIDA departed NSB Bangor for Patrol 38.
23-24	August	FLORIDA conducted VIP tour for military legislative assistants to members of the House Armed Services Committee.
25	August	FLORIDA moored NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, HI.
30	August	FLORIDA departed NAVSTA Pearl Harbor to conduct a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and Tactical Weapons Proficiency Inspection (TWP). Embarked RADM Barr, Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet.
01	September	Disembarked RADM Barr, Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet.
02	September	FLORIDA moored NAVSTA Pearl Harbor. Completed the TRE and TWP.
06	September	FLORIDA departed Pearl Harbor. Continued Patrol 38.

16 September FLORIDA moored NSB Bangor. Completed Patrol 38.

18 September BLUE Crew relieved GOLD Crew. Commenced Refit 39.

28 September Commodore Jorge Arancibia, Commander in Chief, Submarine Force, Chile visited FLORIDA.

04 October The Honorable Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General visited FLORIDA.

05-06 October FLORIDA conducted a short notice NTPI.

17 October FLORIDA conducted post-refit sea trials.

18 October FLORIDA conducted a Family Cruise.

20 October FLORIDA departed NSB Bangor and conducted a VIP cruise. Visitors disembarked. FLORIDA continued on Patrol 39.

24 October FLORIDA provided CAST services for PATWING 10.

11 November FLORIDA participated in Kiloex.

14 November FLORIDA moored NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, HI.

15-17 November FLORIDA departed NAVSTA Pearl Harbor and conducted a TRE and TWP.

18 November FLORIDA moored NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, HI. FLORIDA departed NAVSTA Pearl Harbor and continued on Patrol 39.

30 November Captain Robert G. Speer relieved Captain Kurt M. Trautman as Commanding Officer USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) (GOLD) at NSB Bangor, Bangor, Washington.

23 December FLORIDA moored NSB Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 39.

3. Narrative. 1994 was an exceptionally eventful year for FLORIDA. In January, the GOLD crew conducted an unscheduled ORSE, achieving a grade of Above Average. From late January to early February, FLORIDA conducted a Mini-DASO (Demonstration and ShakeDown Operation) incorporating both BLUE and GOLD crew personnel, with both crews conducting simulated missile launches in local operating areas. After completing the Mini-DASO, the ship

departed Bangor with RADM Riddell, Commander, Submarine Group NINE, embarked for a short at sea Encounterex with another Pacific Fleet submarine. On completion of the Encounterex, FLORIDA conducted a highly unusual personnel transfer during which the ship circumvented Protection Island becoming the first Trident to do so. Upon completion of Patrol 36, FLORIDA conducted an at sea NTPI and SMI. FLORIDA returned to NSB Bangor having received an Excellent on both inspections.

In March, the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable John H. Dalton, visited FLORIDA just prior to her departure on Patrol 37. Departing shortly thereafter, FLORIDA conducted a Group NINE sponsored VIP cruise and then continued on Patrol 37. During a port call at NAVAIRSTA Alameda, FLORIDA conducted a VIP cruise sponsored by Submarine Group FIVE, RADM Gustafson. Prior to returning to NSB Bangor the BLUE crew completed an ORSE and LRE with grades of Above Average.

A distinguished visitor cruise for the military legislative assistants to the House Armed Services Committee was conducted during the GOLD crew's August port call to Pearl Harbor. Embarking RADM Barr, Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet FLORIDA proceeded to sea in a simulated wartime situation. RADM Barr, disembarked off Kuai upon completion of the first day of the simulated war. FLORIDA conducted a port call in Pearl Harbor for crew morale in early September and then returned to NSB Bangor.

During Refit 39, the Commander in Chief of the Chilean Submarine Force, Commodore Jorge Arancibia, and the Postmaster General, the Honorable Marvin Runyon, visited FLORIDA. FLORIDA conducted a Short Notice NTPI two weeks into Refit 39, receiving a grade of Above Average. Due to an early completion of the refit, FLORIDA was able to host a Family Cruise and a VIP cruise sponsored by Group NINE in addition to post-refit sea trials. In November, following a brief stop in Pearl Harbor, FLORIDA conducted a TRE and a TWP proceeding from port under war-like conditions. FLORIDA received Above Average grades on these examinations. In an unprecedented change to an operational schedule, FLORIDA returned early to port arriving at NSB Bangor just before Christmas.

FLORIDA's outstanding performance during 1994 was recognized by the receipt of the following awards:

a. BLUE and GOLD Crew: 1994 Submarine Squadron 17 Battle Efficiency "E";

b. BLUE Crew: 1994 Submarine Squadron 17 Engineering Red "E";

c. BLUE Crew: 1994 Submarine Squadron 17 Strategic Operations "S";

d. BLUE Crew: 1994 Submarine Squadron 17 Navigation Excellence "N";

e. BLUE Crew: 1994 Navy League TRIDENT Submarine Outstanding Performance Award;

f. BLUE Crew: 1994 CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award;

g. BLUE and GOLD Crew: 1994 Personal Excellence through Cooperative Education (PECE) Partnership of the Year (Afloat).