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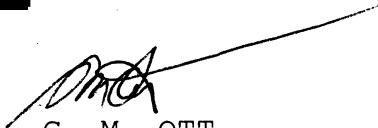
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Commanding Officer, USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728)
(5) Biography and Photograph of CDR G. M. OTT,
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USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728)
COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization USS FLORIDA (UIC: 35957). The ship's mission for 2004 was to support the Engineering Refueling Overhaul (ERO) and SSGN Conversion. The ship's parent command was Commander, Submarine Group TWO, and the ship was home ported at Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia. The ship is currently in Drydock 4 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY), Portsmouth, Virginia.

2. 2004 Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
01 - 05 Jan	Inport in Drydock 4 at NNSY, Portsmouth, VA. Crew returned to standing watch, operating a MWR sandwich mess and living aboard the living barge, YRBM 28. ERO and SSGN Conversion in progress. Integrated Logistics Overhaul (ILO) in progress, at St. Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, VA.
01 Jan	FLORIDA was awarded the 2003 COMLANTFLT Golden Anchor Award and the 2003 COMSUBRON SIX Damage Control "DC".
15 Jan	Commenced Refueuling Plant #1.
16 Jan	Completed R/O of Major Components.
08 Mar	Electric Boat (EB) Commenced SSGN Conversion.
16 Apr	Change of Command at Trophy Park, NNSY, Portsmouth, VA. CDR Gregory M. Ott relieved CDR David M. Duryea as Commanding Officer, USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728).
01 Aug	Commenced replacement of Ship's Main Battery.
11 Aug	Completed replacement of Ship's Main Battery.
14 Sep	Completed Refueling Plant #1.
25 Nov	Celebrated Thanksgiving in NNSY, Portsmouth, VA.
17 Dec - 03 Jan	Christmas Stand-down in NNSY, Portsmouth, VA.

3. Narrative

a. The start of 2004 found USS FLORIDA enjoying the holiday season inport in Drydock 4 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY), Portsmouth, VA. The crew was able to spend needed time with their families and returned to standing watch, operating a MWR sandwich mess and living aboard the living barge, YRBM 28. Progress towards the ERO and SSGN Conversion continued at NNSY. ILO continued, at St. Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, VA.

b. On 01 January FLORIDA was awarded the 2003 COMLANTFLT Golden Anchor Award and the 2003 COMSUBRON SIX Damage Control "DC".

c. On 15 January FLORIDA and NNSY commenced the refueling of the nuclear reactor.

d. On 08 March Electric Boat (EB) Commenced the SSGN Conversion.

e. On 16 April a change off command was held at Trophy Park, NNSY, Portsmouth, VA. CDR David M. Duryea was relieved by CDR Gregory M. Ott as Commanding Officer, USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728).

f. On 01 August FLORIDA and NNSY commenced replacement of the Ship's Main Battery.

g. On 11 August FLORIDA and NNSY completed replacement of the Ship's Main Battery.

h. On 14 September FLORIDA and NNSY completed the refueling of the nuclear reactor.

i. The holiday season soon arrived and FLORIDA celebrated Thanksgiving with their families and with a feast for the duty section in NNSY. The ship closed out 2004 in NNSY, Portsmouth, VA with Christmas Stand-down commencing on 17 December and the year ending with the ERO complete and the SSGN Conversion in full swing.