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Subj: SUBMISSION OF USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY
FROM 04 JANUARY 1999 TO 15 AUGUST 1999

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Encl: (1) USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY FROM 04
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1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


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PART I: COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

A. MISSION: USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) is the fourth in the TRIDENT class of submarines designed to remain at sea for long periods, remaining undetected, and launch ballistic missiles as ordered by the National Command Authority. Capable of carrying 24 Trident I Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, it is designed and manned to remain on deterrent patrols of up to 90 days duration. Having a complement of 15 officers and 150 enlisted personnel, it has some of the highest trained professionals in the U.S. Navy.

B. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) is operationally controlled by Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen based at Submarine Base Bangor, Washington.

C. COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR D. T. Norris, U.S. Navy

D. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: Submarine Base Bangor, Washington

PART II: CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. DATES OF MOVEMENTS/DEPLOYMENTS:

Off-Crew 50 - 04 January 1999 to 25 April 1999.

Refit 52 - 26 April 1999 to 25 May 1999.

Patrol 51 - 28 May 1999 to 15 August 1999.

B. EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS:

Patrol 51 - Refresher Training (28 May - 01 Jun 99)
- Port Visit, San Diego, CA (09 - 11 Jul 99)
- CORTRAMID Operations (12 - 15 Jul 99)
- Tactical Weapons Proficiency (20 - 21 Jul 99)
- Tactical Readiness Evaluation (22 - 23 Jul 99)
- Port Visit, San Diego, CA (24 - 25 Jul 99)
- CORTRAMID Operations (26 - 29 Jul 99)
- Port Visit, San Diego, CA (30 Jul - 01 Aug 99)
- CORTRAMID Operations (02 - 05 Aug 99)
- VIP Cruise (12 Aug 99)
- Moor SUBBASE Bangor, WA (12 Aug 99)
- Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection/ Augmenting Navy
Technical Proficiency Inspection (13 - 14 Aug 99)
- Turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (Blue)
(15 Aug 99)

C. MAJOR COMMAND AWARDS: None.

PART III: NARRATIVE

Off-Crew 50 began with the turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (Blue) Crew on 03 January 1999. Immediately following the turnover, preparations were made for a 26 March 1999 Change of Command ceremony.

After one year and ten months as Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (Gold), CAPT James M. Shelton, USN was relieved by CDR David T. Norris, USN. Training during the remainder of Off-Crew 50 was conducted in preparation for Patrol 51.

Refit 52/Patrol 51 commenced with the exchange of command from the Blue Crew on 26 April 1999. Throughout the rigorous, four-week refit period, numerous groups visited GEORGIA while in port Bangor, Washington. Groups toured were as follows (attendees in parentheses):

ADM Bridge(Ret) and VIPs (25)
CSS-17 VIPs (3)
U.S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, WA (7)
Boy Scout Troop #533 (25)
Silverdale, WA Community Group (35)
Toledo, WA High School Students (35)
U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplains (12)
Port Angeles, WA High School JNROTC (35)
1999 Foreign Naval Attaché Spring Tour (44)

On 28 May 1999, GEORGIA completed Refit 52 and was underway from Submarine Base Bangor for Patrol 51 to conduct Refresher Training. In addition, eight Midshipmen conducting their First and Second Class cruises, would be embarked from 26 May to 09 July 1999. Upon completion of Refresher Training, GEORGIA proceeded to the alert operational areas. Upon release from strategic duties, GEORGIA commenced the first of three weeks of CORTRAMID Operations out of San Diego, CA. Throughout this period, weekly CORTRAMID operations involved the embarking and debarking of approximately 60 to 70 Third Class Midshipmen conducting their introductory tours of the submarine community.

In the midst of CORTRAMID Operations, USS GEORGIA completed an intensive inspection phase to include a Tactical Weapons Proficiency and Tactical Readiness Evaluation. Conducted during the week of 20 to 23 July 1999, the outstanding results of these inspections labeled GEORGIA as a COMSUBPAC Tactical Readiness Evaluation "Top-Performer."

Three San Diego port visits were interspersed throughout the month of July allowing for maximum liberty and rest for the crew.

Upon completion of the CORTRAMID Operations, GEORGIA commenced a transit back to SUBBASE Bangor, WA. Following the transit, on 12 August, GEORGIA conducted a VIP cruise and moored SUBBASE Bangor, WA that afternoon.

On 13-14 August 1999, a Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection and an Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection were successfully completed while inport Bangor, WA.

Patrol 51 ended with an exchange of command to the Blue Crew on 15 August 1999.



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Encl: (1) Ship's Photograph
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography
(3) Ship's Pamphlet
(4) 3 ½ inch disc (formatted for use with Windows 98)

1. Per reference (a), USS GEORGIA's calendar year 1999 command history is submitted, including enclosures (1) through (3).

2. USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) is an OHIO (726) class nuclear powered submarine which serves as an undersea Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launching platform, homeported at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Silverdale, Washington. Her primary mission is providing a strategic deterrent to promote regional stability, deter aggression and coercion on a daily basis, thereby reducing conflicts and threats to world-wide peace.

3. List of senior personnel assigned:

- a. Commanding Officer - Commander Richard Hass Moyer.
- b. Executive Officer - Lieutenant Commander Kevin Gerard Mooney.
- c. Engineer Officer - Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED].
- d. Navigation/Operations Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED].
- e. Weapons Officer - Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED].
- f. Supply Officer - Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED].
- g. Chief of the Boat - Electronics Technician Master Chief (Submarines) William Richard Peterson.
- h. Engineering Department Master Chief (formerly Engineering Department Enlisted Advisor) - Electrician's Mate Chief (Submarines) [REDACTED].

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4. Combatant command authority (COCOM) of USS GEORGIA is exercised by Commander in Chief, U. S. Strategic Command. Operational Control (OPCON) is delegated to his functional component, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, commanding USS GEORGIA (CTU 134.0.3) as Commander Task Force 134.

a. While conducting alert operations USS GEORGIA's (CTU 134.0.3) Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) is Rear Admiral Albert H. Konetzni, Jr., Commander Task Force 134.

b. During non-alert periods USS GEORGIA's ISIC is Commander Submarine Squadron 17, Captain Michael R. Oliver.

5. Chronological list of major ship's employment during calendar year 1999:

a. 1 January - Completed Off-Ship Training Period.

b. 3 January through 27 January - Conducted Combined-Crew Refit 51.

c. 2 February - Commenced Patrol 50.

d. 2 through 6 February - Conducted Refresher Training.

e. 5 April through 8 April - Conducted Commander Submarine Squadron 17 Technical Assist.

f. 19 April through 21 April - Conducted Operational Reactors Safeguard Examination.

g. 21 April through 23 April - Conducted Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection.

h. 23 April - Moor Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington. Complete Patrol 50.

i. 25 April through 27 May - Conducted Combined-Crew Refit 52.

j. 27 May - Commenced Off-Ship Training Period.

k. 11 August - Completed Off-Ship Training Period.

l. 15 August through 20 September - Conducted Combined-Crew Refit 53.

m. 22 September - Commenced Patrol 52.

n. 22 through 26 September - Conducted Refresher Training.

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o. 25 October - Moor Naval Submarine Base, Point Loma, San Diego, California.

p. 26 October through 27 October - Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency in the San Diego, California local operating areas.

q. 28 through 29 October - Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation in the San Diego, California local operating areas.

r. 5 November - Moor Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington.

s. 5 November through 10 November - Conducted Voyage Repairs.

t. 10 November - Underway, continue Patrol 52.

u. 29 November through 30 November - Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.

v. 30 November through 2 December - Conducted Tiger Cruise in Bangor, Washington local operating areas.

w. 2 December - Embarked VIPs and Dependents.

x. 2 December - Moor Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington. Completed Patrol 52.

z. 9 December through 31 December - Conducted Combined-Crew Refit 53.

6. USS GEORGIA has a crew of 16 officers, 20 chief petty officers and 128 enlisted members E6 and below.

7. USS GEORGIA's major community assistance program is sponsorship of Partnership in Excellence through Cooperative Education (PECE) at Vinland Elementary School, Silverdale, Washington. Crewmembers volunteer more than 100 off-duty hours during each off-ship training period.


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