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HISTORY FROM 1 JANUARY 2000 TO 31 DECEMBER 2000

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USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY
1 JANUARY 2000 TO 31 DECEMBER 2000

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 (CSS-17) 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:

Refit 54 - 1 January 2000 to 6 January 2000
Patrol 53 - 7 January 2000 to 23 March 2000
Off-Crew 54 - 24 March 2000 to 15 July 2000
Refit 56 - 16 July 2000 to 16 August 2000
Patrol 55 - 17 August to 24 October 2000
Off-Crew 56 - 25 October 2000 to 31 December 2000

B. EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS:

Patrol 53 - Coordinated Anti-Submarine Training (CAST)/
Beartrap Exercise (15 Jan 00)
- Coordinated Anti-Submarine Training (CAST)/
Electronic Mobile Acoustic Target Training
(15 Jan 00)
- Refresher Training (16 - 20 Jan 00)
- Voyage Repair (20 Jan 00)
- Helicopter Transfer (11 Feb 00)
- Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE)
(1 - 3 Mar 00)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (23 Mar 00)
Patrol 55 - Family Member Cruise (17 Aug 00)

- Refresher Training (21 - 24 Aug 00)
- Distinguished Visitors Cruise (11 Sep 00)
- SSN Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion (ARCI) Validation (12 - 13 Sep 00)
- Humanitarian Evacuation (14 Sep 00)
- Weapons Load (15 Sep 00)
- Tactical Weapons Proficiency (17 - 20 Sep 00)
- Strategic Readiness Evaluation (20 - 22 Sep 00)
- Naval Tactical Proficiency Inspection (26 - 27 Sep 00)
- Port Visit, Pearl Harbor, HI (28 Sep - 3 Oct 00)
- Tiger Cruise (11 - 13 Oct 00)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (13 Oct 00)
- Mini-Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO) (16 - 23 Oct 00)
- Turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (BLUE) (24 Oct 00)

C. MAJOR COMMAND AWARDS:

- CSS-17 Navigation "N"
- CSS-17 Strategic "S"
- CSS-17 Communications "C"

PART III: NARRATIVE

The year began with USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) completing Refit 54.

Patrol 53 began on 7 January 2000, with GEORGIA immediately beginning strategic operations. Upon release from this first phase of duties, GEORGIA conducted underway training.

On 15 January 2000, GEORGIA conducted Coordinated Anti-Submarine Training (CAST)/Beartrap Exercise and CAST/Electronic Mobile Acoustic Target Training. These anti-submarine training exercises were conducted in conjunction with a P-3 Orion aircraft, which dropped acoustic devices simulating a submerged target. GEORGIA then completed Refresher Training.

After a one-day voyage repair in port Bangor, GEORGIA proceeded on schedule to continue Patrol 53.

Upon release, from a second phase of strategic duties, GEORGIA conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) from 1 to 3 March 2000. Upon successful completion of the ORSE, GEORGIA returned to port, Bangor, Washington on 23 March 2000.

Patrol 53 ended with an exchange of command to the BLUE Crew on 25 March 2000.

Off-Crew 54 began on 27 March 2000, and lasted until 15 July 2000. While the submarine is underway, the off crew serves as support staff for the underway vessel and embarked crew and conducts intensive strategic, operational, and professional in-rate training.

Refit 56 began on 16 July 2000, with an exchange of command to the GOLD Crew. Throughout the rigorous four week refit period, numerous repairs, and maintenance work is conducted. VIP's and numerous groups visited GEORGIA while in port Bangor, Washington. Groups who were given tours include the following (number of attendees in parentheses):

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Karen Scott-Heath and Associates (4)
Beale Air Force Base (30)
River Walk Community (39)
Oil Lobbyist's (19)
First Baptist Church (31)
Korvan Industries (30)
Edmonds Chamber of Commerce (35)
Lewis Country Home School (35)
Covenant Fellowship Church (35)
Fleet Marine Force (25)
Young Marines (40)

On 17 August 2000 GEORGIA conducted a one day, Family Member Cruise, before departing out of the Puget Sound for Patrol 55. Immediately after Refresher Training, GEORGIA conducted strategic operations.

Upon release from operational duties, GEORGIA conducted a Distinguished Visitor Cruise with members of the U.S. Strategic Consultation Committee.

In mid September 2000, GEORGIA conducted a series of exercises including, an Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion exercise with an SSN, an unexpected, underway humanitarian transfer off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii, and a Weapons Load at Ford Island, Hawaii.

On 17 September 2000, GEORGIA participated in an intensive inspection phase, which included a Tactical Weapons Proficiency, Strategic Readiness Evaluation, and Naval Tactical Proficiency Inspection. The superior results of these inspections validated

GEORGIA as a leader in Strategic and Tactical performance, as evidenced by the fact GEORGIA currently holds the CSS-17 Strategic "S", Navigation "N", and Communications "C".

A well deserved, quality of life swim call was conducted on 23 September 2000, followed by a port call, to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on 28 September to 3 October 2000. GEORGIA then conducted the long transit back home.

A two day Tiger Cruise was conducted before mooring in Bangor, Washington on 13 October 2000. After conducting a mini-Demonstration and Shakedown Operation, Patrol 55 ended with an exchange of command to the BLUE Crew on 24 October 2000.

Offcrew 56 commenced on 30 October 2000 and continued through the end of 2000.