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From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
Washington DC

Subj: SUBMISSION OF USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE) COMMAND
HISTORY FROM 1 JANUARY 2003 TO 31 DECEMBER 2003

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J. W. TAMMEN, JR.

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**USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE) COMMAND HISTORY
1 JANUARY 2003 TO 31 DECEMBER 2003**

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 (SUBASE) Bangor, Washington.

C. COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR J. W. Tammen, Jr., U.S. Navy

D. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: Submarine Base Bangor, Washington

E. MAJOR COMMAND AWARDS

- CSS-17 Communication "C"

PART II: CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. DATES OF MOVEMENTS / DEPLOYMENTS

Off-Crew 63	- 1 January 2003 to 02 April 2003
Refit 65	- 03 April 2003 to 02 May 2003
Patrol 64	- 03 May 2003 to 09 August 2003
Off-Crew 65	- 10 August 2003 to 30 October 2003
Combined Crew	- 31 October 2003 to 31 December 2003

B. EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Patrol 64

- Refresher Training (03-07 May 2003)
- Weapons Load (20-21 June 2003)
- Tactical Readiness Evaluation (23-25 June 2003)
- Port Visit Pearl Harbor, HI (26 June - 01 July 2003)
- CORTRAMID (28 July - 01 August 2003)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (08 August 2003)
- Turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) (09 August 2003)

PART III: NARRATIVE

The year began with USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (BLUE) completing Off-Crew 63.

Refit 65 began on 03 April 2003, with an exchange of command to the BLUE Crew. Throughout the rigorous four-week dry-docking refit period, numerous repairs, and maintenance work were conducted.

Patrol 64 began on 03 May 2003, with GEORGIA immediately beginning strategic operations. Upon release from this phase of duties, GEORGIA conducted routine underway training to prepare for the upcoming inspections and port visit to Hawaii.

GEORGIA conducted Midshipman orientation operational cruises from 28 July - 01 August 2003 from San Diego. Upon completion of Midshipman Ops the ship returned to port at Bangor, Washington on 08 August 2003.

Off-Crew 65 began on 10 August 2003, and lasted until 31 October 2003. 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.

On 11 August 2003, CDR Tammen relieved CDR Ratliff as the Commanding Officer of the combined crew.

On 01 November 2003, GEORGIA combined the Blue and Gold crews into one crew in preparation of the SSGN conversion. After the crew combination the ship commenced the off load of strategic assets, which continued through 31 December 2003.



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Refit 64	- 1 January 2003 to 23 January 2003
Patrol 63	- 24 January 2003 to 02 April 2003
Off-Crew 64	- 03 April 2003 to 09 August 2003
Refit 66	- 10 August 2003 to 09 September 2003
Patrol 65	- 10 September 2003 to 30 October 2003
Combined Crew	- 31 October 2003 to 31 December 2003

B. EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Patrol 63

- Refresher Training (27-30 January 2003)
- Weapons Load (03 March 2003)
- Tactical Readiness Evaluation (04-07 March 2003)
- Port Visit Pearl Harbor, HI (08-11 March 2003)
- Tactical Weapons Proficiency (01-02 April 2003)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (02 April 2003)
- Turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (BLUE) (04 April 2003)

Patrol 65

- Refresher Training (14-18 September 2003)
- Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination/Supply Management Inspection (28-29 October 2003)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (30 October 2003)

PART III: NARRATIVE

The year began with USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (GOLD) completing refit 64.

Patrol 63 began on 24 January 2003, with GEORGIA immediately beginning strategic operations. Upon release from this phase of duties, GEORGIA conducted routine underway training to prepare for the Tactical Readiness Examination, which was held prior to a port visit in Pearl Harbor. After the port visit the ship engaged in additional strategic operations and routine training. Upon completion of strategic operations the ship transited home.

Off-Crew 64 began on 03 April 2003, and lasted until 09 August 2003. 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 66 began on 10 August 2003, with an exchange of command to the GOLD Crew. Throughout the rigorous four-week dry-docking refit period, numerous repairs, and maintenance work was conducted.

Patrol 65 began on 10 September 2003, with GEORGIA immediately beginning strategic operations. Upon release from this phase of duties, GEORGIA conducted routine underway training until commencing additional strategic operations.

GEORGIA conducted an ORSE/SMI from 28-29 October 2003, then returned to port at Bangor, Washington on 30 October 2003.

On 01 November 2003, GEORGIA combined the Blue and Gold crews into one crew in preparation for the SSGN conversion. After the crew combination the ship commenced the offload of strategic assets, which continued through 31 December 2003.