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From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729)
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Subj: SUBMISSION OF USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729) COMMAND HISTORY
FROM 1 JANUARY 2004 TO 31 DECEMBER 2004

Ref: (a) OPNAVISNT 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Ship's Change of Command Pamphlet
(2) New SSGN GEORGIA Logo

1. Per reference (a), USS GEORGIA's (SSGN 729) calendar year 2005 command history is submitted, including enclosures (1) and (2).

2. USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729) is an OHIO Class nuclear powered submarine, which was homeported at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Silverdale, Washington until June 2004. During 2004, SSGN 729 became the fourth submarine in the fleet to convert from an SSBN to SSGN. Her primary mission this year was to prove the concept of operations for the future SSGN platform and generate lessons learned for employment with a joint task force.

3. List of senior personnel assigned:

a. Commanding Officer:

(1) Commander John Tammen (January 2004 - December 2004)

(2) Commander Rodney Hutton (December 2004 - Present)

b. Executive Officer:

(1) Commander Erik Burian (January 2004 - July 2004)

(2) Lieutenant Commander Scott Seal (July 2004 - Present)

c. Engineer Officer - Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED]

d. Navigation/Operations Officer - Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED]

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e. Weapons Officer:

(1) Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] (January 2004 -
October 2004)

(2) Lieutenant [REDACTED] (October 2004 - Present)

f. Supply Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED] (January 2004 -
Present)

g. Chief of the Boat - Command Master Chief (Submarines)
Bob Kryzdzinski (January 2004 - December 2004)

4. Chronological list of major ship's employment during
calendar year 2004:

a. 1 January through 27 January - Completed Strategic
Weapons Offload in preparations for SSGN Conversion.

b. 28 January through 28 March - 100-day Refit and INSURV
preparation on Submarine Base Bangor, Silverdale Washington.

c. April - New SSGN GEORGIA logo created by ET2(SS) Hrabe
created and approved.

d. May - USS GEORGIA conducted INSURV.

e. 23 June - USS GEORGIA departs Bangor, Washington after
20 years of service and begins six-month deployment to validate
SSGN proof of concept of operations and change of homeport to
Norfolk, VA.

f. 30 June - Conducted SSGN 28-day equipment install in San
Diego in preparation for the SILENT HAMMER Experiment.

g. July through early August - SSGN proof of operations
concept of operations included close-in littoral surveillance.

h. 19 August - GEORGIA crew recognized by the San Diego
Padres for their outstanding community service with the
Volunteer San Diego program.

i. August through September - Final SILENT HAMMER equipment
install in San Diego.

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j. September - The SILENT HAMMER Experiment. USS GEORGIA embarked over 200 personnel for two weeks and conducted special operations near San Clemente Island.

k. October - Leaves San Diego en route Atlantic Ocean and transits through the Panama Canal.

l. November - USS GEORGIA returns to the state of Georgia for the first time in 20 years and celebrates Veterans Day in Kings Bay.

m. November - Assist in Sea Trials of the PCU JIMMY CARTER.


n. November - USS GEORGIA arrives in Norfolk.

o. 29 November - 12 December - Conducted Operation Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) works-ups and the ORSE.

p. 20 December - Change of Command. CDR John Tammen is relieved by CDR Rodney Hutton.

5. USS GEORGIA has a crew of 23 Officers, 23 Chief Petty Officers and 194 enlisted members E6 and below.

6. USS GEORGIA's major community assistance program was sponsorship of Partnership in Excellence through Cooperative Education (PECE) at Vinland Elementary School, Silverdale, Washington. Crewmembers volunteered more than 100 off-duty hours during the five month period there. Additionally, USS GEORGIA Sailors also worked over 700 hours for Volunteer San Diego, an organization that provided relief to victims of the San Diego wildfires.



R. HUTTON