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## MISSION OF COMMAND

USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) is a Los Angeles Class Fast Attack Submarine assigned to Submarine Squadron THREE located at the Naval Submarine Base, Point Loma, California. USS HOUSTON is capable of being an integral member of Naval Expeditionary Forces and Battle Groups as well as being capable of forward area independent submarine operations. Her mission is to provide the National Command Authority and (Joint) Task Group Commanders with:

- Early, accurate knowledge of the battlefield on which power can be projected.
- Sea based force capable of deterring regional aggression or nuclear attack.
- Covert striking power against critical targets ashore.
- Capabilities to enable the establishment of expeditionary forces on land.
- The maritime strength to destroy enemy naval forces and to interdict seaborne commerce.

## USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) COMMAND HISTORY 1994

During the calendar year 1994, USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) was homeported in San Diego, California. The HOUSTON maintained a high level of operational readiness, and ended a deployment to the Western Pacific on 21 December 1994.

### 1. **COMMAND ORGANIZATION:**

COMMANDING OFFICER	CDR M. R. LENCI, USN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
JAN-NOV	LCDR W. S. GRAY IV, USN
NOV-DEC	LCDR W. A. MEEKS JR, USN
CHIEF OF THE BOAT	TMCM(SS) A. L. DE SIMONE, USN

### 2. **IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND:**

JAN-DEC	COMSUBRON THREE	CAPT M. E. FEELEY, USN
JUL-DEC	COMSUBGRU SEVEN	CAPT G. E. VOELKER, USN
	(OPERATIONAL COMMANDER)	

### 3. **COMMAND HISTORY:**

a. January. HOUSTON completed a three month SRA. This was the largest SRA work package ever completed outside a shipyard.

b. February. HOUSTON conducted MK-48 ADCAP and MK-50 torpedo testing in Nanoose, British Columbia, Canada. HOUSTON conducted sound trails at the Southeast Alaska Acoustic Facility near Ketchikan, Alaska. Houston then visited Esquimalt, British Columbia and transitted to San Diego.

c. March. HOUSTON conducted local operations and successfully completed a Tactical Weapons Proficiency and an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

d. April. HOUSTON conducted a Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) upkeep. HOUSTON also successfully completed a Sonar Groom, an Explosive Safety Review, and a Supply Management Inspection.

e. May. HOUSTON conducted local operations in preparation for WESTPAC. Additionally, HOUSTON successfully completed a Medical Readiness Inspection, a 3-M Inspection, a Diesel Inspection, and an extensive Sonar Electrical Calibration. HOUSTON conducted a Dependent's Cruise on 21 May 1994.

f. June. HOUSTON deployed to the Western Pacific on 21 June 1994.

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g. July/August. HOUSTON visited Yokosuka, Japan and underwent a maintenance period alongside USS HOLLAND in Guam.

h. September. HOUSTON visited Yokosuka, Japan and conducted independent operations.

i. October. HOUSTON conducted independent operations.

j. November. HOUSTON visited Yokosuka and Okinawa. HOUSTON also conducted a Reconnaissance Exercise with a Marine Reconnaissance Detachment.

k. December. HOUSTON successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination at Pearl Harbor. HOUSTON conducted a Tiger Cruise from Pearl Harbor, HI to San Diego, CA and returned from deployment.