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**USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) COMMAND HISTORY 1991**

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. **MISSION STATEMENT.** USS LOUISVILLE's mission is to provide a formidable platform which can operate independently or in support of a carrier battle group to protect the interests of the United States and its allies. Tactical employment roles include Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare, Intelligence and Warning and Special Forces Warfare - all can be accomplished while remaining submerged and undetected.

2. **HISTORY STATEMENT.** The USS LOUISVILLE is the thirty-fifth LOS ANGELES class submarine to enter the submarine fleet. USS LOUISVILLE was constructed by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. USS LOUISVILLE is named for the city of Louisville, Kentucky and is the fourth United States Ship to bear this name. Major milestones in the new construction period of the ship were as follows:

Keel Laid	-	16 September 1984
Launched	-	14 December 1985
Commissioned	-	08 November 1986

The ship's sponsor is Mrs. Betty Ann McKee, wife of retired Admiral Kinnaird R. McKee, former Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion.

3. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.** The USS LOUISVILLE is one of the units assigned to Commander Submarine Group FIVE under the responsibility of Commander Submarine Squadron ELEVEN at Naval Submarine Base, San Diego, California. On board, the Commanding Officer is assisted in carrying out the ship's mission by the Executive Officer, four Department Heads, eight Division Officers and a crew of 130.

4. **NAME OF COMMANDING OFFICER/DATE ASSUMED COMMAND.** Commander David A. Gove, U.S. Navy/23 September 1991.

5. **HOME PORT OF SHIP.** USS LOUISVILLE is currently home ported in San Diego, California.

# USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) COMMAND HISTORY 1991

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NARRATIVE</u>
1 JAN	Operation Desert Shield	Enroute WESTPAC, Operation Desert Shield
17 JAN	Operation Desert Storm	Entered Red Sea, Commencement of hostilities (Gulf War)
19 JAN	Operation Desert Storm	At 0930 hrs, launched historic, first-ever, submerged cruise missile strike against Iraqi targets from Red Sea
13 FEB	Operation Desert Storm	Arrived Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas
14 FEB - 25 FEB	Operation Desert Storm	Wartime upkeep w/USS PROTEUS
25 FEB	Operation Desert Storm	Underway to return to war zone
28 FEB	WESTPAC	Gulf War cease fire
7 MAR - 12 MAR	WESTPAC	Port visit, Perth, Australia
25 MAR - 28 MAR	WESTPAC	Port visit, Subic Bay, Philippines
3 APR - 14 APR	WESTPAC	Upkeep SRF Subic Bay, Philippines
28 APR	End of Deployment	Returned to home port, San Diego, California
29 APR - 21 MAY	Inport	Post deployment stand down
22 MAY - 19 JUN	Upkeep	Post deployment upkeep w/USS DIXON (AS-37)
17 - 18 JUN		
20 - 26 JUN	Weekly Operations	Local submarine operations (Southern California Operating Area)
27 - 29 JUL	ORSE	Conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)

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29 JUL - 3 AUG	Port Visit	Port visit, Pearl Harbor, Oahu
4 - 16 AUG	PCO OPS	Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Operations (Hawaiian Operations Area)
16 - 19 AUG	Port Visit	Port visit, Lahaina, Maui
3 SEP	In port	Returned to home port, San Diego, California
4 - 6 SEP	SMI	Successfully completed a Supply Management Inspection (SMI)
23 SEP	COC	Change of Command (CDR David A. Gove relieved CDR Frank W. Stewart)
23 SEP - 21 OCT	Upkeep	Upkeep/Battery change out and drydocking w/USS ARCO (ARDM-5)
11 - 13 DEC	ORSE	Conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)
14 - 31 DEC	In port	Holiday stand down