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COMMAND HISTORY OF USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) FOR 1985

USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) began 1985 completing her Pre-Overhaul Testing for the upcoming shipyard period which would mark the close of her first operating cycle. From 22 to 25 January MEMPHIS sailed from Norfolk, Virginia in support of USS PHOENIX (SSN 702) pre-overseas movement work up. After a brief upkeep MEMPHIS proceeded to Andros Island, Bahamas on 4 February while conducting her annual Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) including the firing of six exercise MK-48 torpedoes. Following the TRE MEMPHIS made a 5 day port call at Cape Canaveral, Florida during which time many crew members were able to visit the nations space center as well as Disney World and Epcot Center.

MEMPHIS arrived back at Norfolk on 15 February to further prepare for entering the shipyard, and remained at Norfolk until 11 March. During the remainder of March MEMPHIS spent 2 short periods at sea, performing a burial at sea on 19 March for a departed submarine service member. On 22 March MEMPHIS was back at Pier 23 to complete final preparations for overhaul.

On 1 April 1985 MEMPHIS became the second 688 class submarine to enter regular overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. She is undergoing an upgrading of her weapons systems to state-of-the-art technology; including the latest modification of the AN/BQQ-5C sonar system and new CCS MK-1 fire control system allowing use of the tomahawk cruise missile. She is also receiving minor modifications to her S6G reactor plant.

On 01 October 1985 MEMPHIS and her crew were honored by the presentation of its second Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC). Captain Thomas A. MEINIKE, Commander Submarine Squadron 8, visited the shipyard and presented the award on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy in recognition of the ship's outstanding performance during a deployment in 1984.

MEMPHIS remained in Norfolk Naval Shipyard throughout the remainder of 1985.