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USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729 COMMAND HISTORY)

During patrol five USS GEORGIA was involved in an accident with the tugboat that was conducting a personnel transfer off the coast of the Midway Islands. Two of the tugboat's crewmembers perished but the rest of the crew was pulled to safety by the Blue Crew personnel topside.

USS GEORGIA returned the survivors to Hawaii and underwent emergency repair for minor damage sustained. None of the USS GEORGIA's crewmembers were hurt in the mishap.

The Blue Crew then proceeded to Guam where it conducted a Tactical Readiness Examination in which it received a grade of above average.

On May 1, 1986, Captain T. W. TURNER and Gold Crew relieved Captain L. J. Kramer and Blue Crew and commenced a forward site, nine-day, one crew refit with the assistance of the submarine tender USS PROTEUS AS-19, loading stores and food the "old way". Upon successful completion of this intense refit, the Gold Crew deployed on patrol six.

In June, the USS GEORGIA pulled into Hawaii to conduct local operations which included a Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE), a Torpedo Certification Proficiency (TCP), a Security Exercise, and a MK 48 Service Weapons Test. The Gold Crew received an overall grade of average in the TRE and was recertified in the TCP.

The Gold Crew departed Hawaii at the end of June and transited back to Bangor, Washington where it finished the patrol with a grade of average on its Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

Captain L. J. Kramer and the Blue Crew relieved Captain T. W. Turner and the Gold Crew on July 29, 1986. It completed its refit and deployed on patrol seven.

Upon completion of patrol seven, Captain Turner and the Gold Crew relieved Captain Kramer and the Blue Crew and commenced its refit. The refit was completed and the Gold Crew departed on patrol eight.

During patrol eight the Gold Crew held the world's first underwater halfmarathon. The run was held in the missile compartment and took 236 laps to make up the 13.1 mile run.

The Gold Crew earned a grade of outstanding in all areas in its Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI). It was also inspected in a Supply Management Inspection and Tactical Readiness Examination in which it received grades of satisfactory and average respectively.





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Command History for 1986 USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) BLUE CREW

(C) The Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew on 26 January 1986 and began making preparations for a unique mission: the first Trident Western Pacific Strategic Deterent Patrol. The ship departed for patrol 5 on 18 February, and pulled into Guam, M.I. on 1 May, after steaming 14,600 in 81 days, representing the longest ever Pacific Strategic Deterent Patrol. During the patrol the ship was honored with a visit by CINCPACFLT, ADM Ace Lyons while in Pearl Harbor, Hi and by COMSUBPAC, RADM James N. Darby. At the end of patrol 5, the Blue Crew successfully completed a Tactical Readines Evaluation, a Communications Readiness Examination and a Navigation Evaluation.

(C) Another highlight of patrol 5 was the submarine qualification of two junior officers allowing the ship to continue to fly the Gold Dolphin Flag.

(U) The ships seventh refit was highlighted by the successful completion of a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection, which maintained the crew's certification to handle nuclear weapons.

(C) USS Georgia Departed on Patrtol 7 on 29 August 1986 and conducted patrol. At the end of the patrol the Blue Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE).

(U) The final part of 1986 was spent in off-ship training in preparation for the crew's next patrol. A high point of 1986 came when the crew was awarded the Squadron 17 "DC" for demonstrating excellence in the area of Submarine Damage Control.



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