



USS Augusta (SSN 710)

Commander Naval Submarine Forces
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CDR Mike A. Haumer Commanding Officer

Commander Mike A. Haumer, a native of Streamwood, Illinois, graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering in May 1985.

Following completion of Nuclear Power Training, he reported aboard USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE) in February 1987. Onboard GEORGIA,

he served as Reactor Controls Assistant, Damage Control Assistant and Strategic Missile Officer, completing six strategic deterrent patrols. From 1990 to 1992, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California earning a Master of Science Degree in Management Science.

From July 1992 to May 1994, Commander Haumer served as Navigator and Operations Officer onboard USS BOISE (SSN 764). His next tour was Radiological Controls Officer on USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS 36) from July 1994 to May 1996. From May 1996 to March 1998, he served as Assistant Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Representative in Northwood, England.

In July 1998, he reported aboard USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720) as Executive Officer, completing a Mediterranean and Arabian Sea deployment. In March 2000, he reported to the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team at Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Commander Haumer's awards include the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), and the Battle Efficiency ribbon.

USS Augusta (SSN 710) is the fifth ship of the fleet to bear her name Augusta, and the first to be named for the capital of Maine. Others include a 14 gun brigantine commissioned in 1799, which saw action in the turn of the century "Quasi-War" with France; a side wheel steamer which participated in the Union forces capture of Port Royal, South Carolina in 1861; a motor patrol boat used for maritime patrol of the U.S. coast in World War I; and heavy cruiser CA-31, commissioned in 1931 and built specifically as a command ship. USS Augusta (CA-31) served as the flagship of the Asiatic Fleet in the 1930's at one time commanded by then Captain (and future Fleet Admiral) Chester Nimitz. She also served as General Omar Bradley's flagship as he commanded the joint forces of the Normandy invasion in 1944, and her famous Admiral's Cabin was the meeting place for the Atlantic Charter conferences while embarking President Truman to Potsdam in 1945.

The present day USS Augusta (SSN 710) continues its historic tradition. In single digit temperatures, and with a stiff wind off the Thames River, she was launched on 21 January 1984, 30 years to the day after another famous launching from Electric Boat Shipyard, that of the first nuclear powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571). She apparently thrives on cold weather, as she was commissioned a year later on 19 January 1985, in her "home" state at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, in a driving snowstorm. She returned to Kittery in 1992 for her first Depot Modernization Period (DMP), which was completed in October, 1993.

Attached to Commander, Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, homported in Groton, CT, USS Augusta is a formidable adversary. The 30th Los Angeles (SSN 688) Class submarine delivered to the fleet, her mission is to search for and destroy hostile surface ships and submarines, conduct cruise missile strikes against shore targets, provide early warning for deployed friendly forces, and support special forces operations. Carrying detection, communications, navigation, and computerized weapons systems of the most advanced design, she can cruise silently for months, ever ready to carry out her mission. Her operations today will impact the submarine force of the future, as she is uniquely fitted with the advanced design AN/BQG-f Wide Aperture Array Sonar System, the test bed for a similar system being installed on the next generation Seawolf (SSN 21) attack submarine class.

Facts and Figures

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; General Dynamics Electric Boat Division
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36.8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes