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By Submariners—For Submariners and Friends

USSVI Overall Newsletter of the Year—2020

Our Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and it's Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.

The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

Base Website (The Gertrude Check): See Page 6

Base Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bremerton-Base-USSVI/295687423906027

USSVI Website https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp

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Single digit midget – A person who is down to less than 10 days from getting back to port, exiting the Navy, etc.

The Editor's Desk

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- As you read through the Puget Soundings (PS), hover your "mouse" over links (and photos) for additional reading and, at times, videos and maps.
- Remember, I continually take articles and photos from members for possible use in the PS. Please understand, however, not all input may be used. By-lines are provided for submitted articles.
- Please ensure that you view/read the minutes for our meetings, especially if you were not able to attend; they provide more information regarding Base events and programs.
- The PS is one-fourth of how the Base keeps the membership informed of base functions; please also use the Gertrude Check (See p. 6), FB, and the Commander's emails to keep current.

Base Secretary—Base Minutes

October 2020
https://dolphindave.home.blog/2020/10/17/october-general-meeting/

September 2020
https://dolphindave.home.blog/2020/09/19/september-general-meeting/

August 2020
https://dolphindave.home.blog/2020/08/15/august-general-meeting/

www.wrroundup.com

Every boat had that "one" guy who needed this special patch on his poopy suit..

The Commander's Corner

And so here I sit, on Halloween, with sixty bags of candy prepared in hopes that the great COVID-19 fiasco of 2020 will allow kids to come and enjoy a few moments of fun and normalcy. I also know full well that if they don't, it's likely that my own blood sugar will take a big hit because there's no way that I can resist Reese's Peanut Butter Cups or fun sized Snickers bars.

It seems like the fun has been sucked out of everything these days. The dour faces on TV and sour headlines in newspapers seem to offer no real hope of ever "returning to normal," whatever the heck that means.

I wish that I had a crystal ball and could tell you with any degree of certainty when we will be meeting again. There was a time when I thought that the whole thing would end post-election, but now I am not so certain. While we are still planning for the Christmas Party to be the return to meetings, it remains an uncertainty and a hope more than a concrete absolute.

As we have said all along, we will follow the directives of the State of Washington and abide by those regulations.

On the plus side, we have been able to have several ZOOM meetings and "hang outs" over the past few weeks, and I feel like these have been very beneficial. we have had some really good discussions about the future and the need to grow our organization.

One of the things I have come to believe is that we need to be more "relatable" across the spectrum of submariners. Now... don't misunderstand me, we will always be about our Creed and recalling the sacrifices of our fallen shipmates. That must never change.

I think though, that there are ways to make ourselves more relatable to submariners of the newer generations, those who carry forward the legacy of the past. I believe that it was the USS Pogy that back in the 1980's that had a motto on their ships patch: "The Past is Prologue."

We belong to a unique and dedicated service that stands firmly on the proud past. But we also look forward to the future. Tomorrow is every bit as important as yesterday. Today's sailors are every bit as equal to the challenge as those who set the standard. We need to find a way to reflect both our glorious past, and the magnificent future.

Back in 1985, I was honored to visit the USS Bowfin out in Pearl Harbor. There were three of us who went on the trip, which was supposed to be a forty-five-minute tour through a World War II boat. The three of us, our Bull Ensign, a 1st Class and me (at the time a 2nd Class) spent about six hours on the boat. We examined everything, traced out systems and by the time we ready to leave, if we had any fuel, we could have taken her to sea.

Today's submarine sailors impress me that they too, understand the past and how it carries on into the future. They are as young as we all once were, and yet they have earned the right to wear the Dolphins. We need them in our number and we should be welcoming and excited to hear their stories and adventures as much as we love sharing ours.

Now, the Navy has seen fit to return to naming SSN's after our past as well. I think that we were all thrilled to hear that another USS Barb will sail the deep in the future. And it is that past which will once again be prologue. New adventures and stories will be written into the lore that it a part of all of us.

Let us not just encourage the future, let us embrace it as we have the past.

Dave Bowman—Base Commander

Base Historian—Vacant

WD04 Commander

Greetings!

Hope this finds you all doing well! In the past, we would meet for our monthly meeting on the third Saturday of the month. After the meeting, it was not uncommon for members to hang around and talk. Conversations could include sea stories, catching up with each other, jokes, just plain BSing, etc. Since we have not been able to meet in person, we have tried to come up with something to replace that, and it is what I call the Bremerton Base After-Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all our members to join us for the next After-Meeting. It is a Zoom meeting, with no real format. The meeting is scheduled for an hour, but the first two months we went longer. You are not required to be there any length of time. If you just want to log in to see who is there, say hello, and then leave, that is okay. There is a scheduled 1030 start time, but that is flexible. It will actually start at the completion of Commander Bowman's meeting. I plan on keeping the meeting open until at least 1130, so if you can't join right away, you can join when you can. This meeting is currently scheduled to occur on the third Saturday of each month until February 2021, and will be extended then, if needed. I have listed the log in information below. It is the same information for each month. All times are Pacific Time. Phone numbers are listed if you want to call in. If you don't have a video camera, you can still join us, we just won't be able to see you. If there are any questions, please feel free to get a hold of me, by phone or e-mail. Hope to see you soon!

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Pride Runs Deep

Topic: Bremerton Base After Meeting
Every month on the Third Sat, until Feb 20, 2021)
Nov 21, 2020 10:30 AM
Dec 19, 2020 10:30 AM
Jan 16, 2021 10:30 AM
Feb 20, 2021 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84457539439?pwd=Qlh4bVdCQmxQVTdrbUZTbmI2NmNHZz09

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kzd7uUvUU

"Scotland The Brave" mix by Scottish tribal band Clanadonia for St Andrews Day 2019 in Perth

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied with the kind "That Just Belongs"?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
There's quite a program schedule that I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it if you will come and help us out.
So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart,
Don't just be a member but take an active part.
Think this over, Member, you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

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Eternal Patrol

Editor's Note: Servicemember taken from USSVI.org
https://www.ussvi.org/Eternal_Base.asp?page=1

Gregory William Pelton , MMCM (SS) Eternal Patrol 7/18/2020. Qualified in submarines on the USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN-657) in 1980 and was a MMCM(SS) when he left the Navy. Also served on USS Queenfish (SSN 651), USS Los Ange-

Bremerton Base Float Replacement

The USSVI Bremerton Base Float replacement Committee consists of the following members:

Committee Chair: Steve Corcoran - Immediate Past Base Commander
Sam Swenson - Former Float Manager
Don Carpenter- Past Base Vice Commander
Guy Stitt- Base Life Member
Lee Berry- Base Life Member

WANTED! WANTED!

Bonefish Manager Sam Swenson needs a relief! Can you help out the Base?

Base Webmaster

I have downloaded and installed the Web Building Tool Frontpage on both my laptop and desktop at home. I have done some research on Frontpage and have found that Microsoft withdrew support for it in 2009 which makes it very vulnerable to cyber-attack. It's successor, Sharepoint can only be used on a Sharepoint server and it has not been serviced since 2013 (some of you still associated with the Navy may be familiar with Sharepoint as it is widely used on Navy servers).

With that said, I do not feel comfortable using this platform as our web page developer due to its vulnerabilities. I am currently looking at Inmotion which provides full support including a website builder and Auto wordpress install at an affordable price. I will have more information on this in the next week.

In addition to that, we will have the ability to create domain based email for personal or business use (yes, we can have our own subvet email for personal and/or business use), the number of email accounts are based on the package we get.

Once I have the full terms of the plan, I will send the information to the E-Board for discussion and consideration.

In the interim, please use the **Bremerton Base Facebook** https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bremerton-Base-USSVI/295687423906027 and Base Commander **emails** to stay up-to-date with the Base.

Just another day in the Nucleonics Lab

I was a Sailor Once

I liked standing on the bridge wing at sunrise with salt spray in my face and clean ocean winds whipping in from the four quarters of the globe I liked the sounds of the Navy - the piercing trill of the boatswains pipe, the syncopated clangor of the ship's bell on the quarterdeck, harsh, and the strong language and laughter of sailors at work.

I liked Navy vessels -- plodding fleet auxiliaries and amphibs, sleek submarines and steady solid aircraft carriers.

I liked the proud names of Navy ships: Midway, Lexington, Saratoga, Coral Sea, Antietam, Valley Forge - - memorials of great battles won and tribulations overcome.

I liked the lean angular names of Navy "tin-cans" and escorts, mementos of heroes who went before us.

And the others - - San Jose, San Diego, Los Angeles, St. Paul, Chicago, Oklahoma City, named for our cities.

I liked the tempo of a Navy band.

I liked liberty call and the spicy scent of a foreign port.

I even liked the never ending paperwork and all hands working parties as my ship filled herself with the multitude of supplies, both mundane and to cut ties to the land and carry out her mission anywhere on the globe where there was water to float her.

I liked sailors, officers and enlisted men from all parts of the land, farms of the Midwest, small towns of New England, from the big cities, the mountains and the prairies, from all walks of life. I trusted and depended on them as they trusted and depended on me -- for professional competence, for comradeship, for strength and courage. In a word, they were "shipmates"; then and forever.

I liked the surge of adventure in my heart, when the word was passed: "Now Hear This" "Now station the special sea and anchor detail - all hands to quarters for leaving port," and I liked the infectious thrill of sighting home again, with the waving hands of welcome from family and friends waiting pier side The work was hard and dangerous; the going rough at times; the parting from loved ones painful, but the companionship of robust Navy laughter, the "all for one and one for all" philosophy of the sea was ever present.

I liked the fierce and dangerous activity on the flight deck of aircraft carriers, earlier named for battles won but sadly now named for politicians. Enterprise, Independence, Boxer, Princeton and oh so many more, some lost in battle, and sadly many scrapped.

I liked the names of the aircraft and helicopters; Skyraider, Intruder, Sea King, Phantom, Skyhawk, Demon, Skywarrior, Corsair, and many more that bring to mind offensive and defensive orders of battle.

I liked the excitement of an alongside replenishment as my ship slid in alongside the oilier and the cry of "Standby to receive shotlines" prefaced the hard work of rigging spanwires and fuel hoses echoed across the narrow gap of water between the ships and welcomed the mail and fresh milk, fruit and vegetables that sometimes accompanied the fuel.

I liked the serenity of the sea after a day of hard ship's work, as flying fish flitted across the wave tops and sunset gave way to night.

I liked the feel of the Navy in darkness - the masthead and range lights, the red and green navigation lights and stern light, the pulsating phosphorescence of radar repeaters - they cut through the dusk and joined with the mirror of stars overhead. And I liked drifting off to sleep lulled by the myriad noises large and small that told me that my ship was alive and well, and that my shipmates on watch would keep me safe.

I liked quiet mid-watches with the aroma of strong coffee -- the lifeblood of the Navy permeating everywhere.

And I liked hectic watches when the exacting minuet of haze-gray shapes racing at flank speed kept all hands on a razor edge of alertness.

I liked the sudden electricity of "General quarters, general quarters, all hands man your battle stations," followed by the hurried clamor of running feet on ladders and the resounding thump of watertight doors as the ship transformed herself in a few brief seconds from a peaceful workplace to a weapon of war -- ready for anything.

And I liked the sight of space-age equipment manned by youngsters clad in dungarees and sound-powered phones that their grandfathers would still recognize .

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I was a Sailor Once

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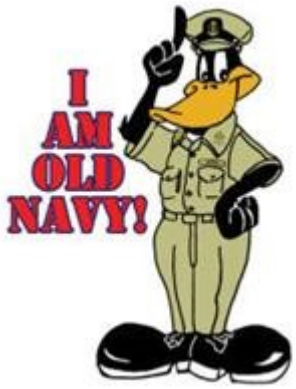
I liked the traditions of the Navy and the men and now women who made them. I liked the proud names of Navy heroes: Halsey, Nimitz, Perry, Farragut, John Paul Jones and Burke.

A sailor could find much in the Navy: comrades-in-arms, pride in self and country, mastery of the seaman's trade. An adolescent could find adulthood.

In years to come, when sailors are home from the sea, we still remember with fondness and respect the ocean in all its moods - the impossible shimmering mirror calm and the storm-tossed green water surging over the bow. And then there will come again a faint whiff of stack gas, a faint echo of engine and rudder orders, a vision of the bright bunting of signal flags snapping at the yardarm, a refrain of hearty laughter in the wardroom and chief's quarters and mess decks.



Gone ashore for good we grow humble about our Navy days, when the seas were a part of us and a new port of call was ever over the horizon.

Remembering this, WE stand taller and say, " I WAS A SAILOR ONCE."

Silent Service S01 E08: Tigrone Sets a Record

Base Birthdays

October

Atkins Edwin F.
Whitlow Bobby R
Becker Richard W.
Hicks Kenneth L.
Hansford John O
Smith Donald M.
Robinson Tommy L.
Landerman David Nelson
Finotti Joseph M
Phillipy Keith
Sheehan Kevin P.
Gibbs Jr. Charles E.
Chwaszczewski Richard S.
Gross Craig A.
Williamson Michael J.
Schonauer Ken O
Mead William O.
DeMott James E.
Leach Nathaniel

November

Smith, Jr. James P.
Borgmann Frederick W.
Ehinger Donald M.
Van Doren James E
Standish Allen J.
Caretti Louis S.
Swenson Jr Samuel
Norris Hoyt N.
McGaughey Philip Douglas
Williams William E
Wattenbarger Martin
Amtower Jon P.
Henson Earl O.
Brown Gale Bradley
Longman William F
Moore Eugene M.
Goodman James W
Marfut Michael D.
PerkinsJohn F.
Friend Michael

December

Windell Marion Almond
Barrett Conrad C
Kundracik Robert
Peters Victor Lee
Gray Myron P
Soriano Edwin G
Sweet Donald B.
Clear John W
BasslerDelourse A.
Haney Douglas
Maes, Sr Paul P.
Ritter John V.
McVeyDale
Grissom Zaquavius

We used to play this game in the Acey Deucey club and the Chiefs club.

Dead bug was yelled by someone and the last guy that got on the floor without his hands and legs up like a “dead bug” had to buy the next round.

Got pretty drunk playing that game.

Cheers, Dutch

BOAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Boat Sponsorship Program (BSP) is to make the active duty submarine force members aware of USSVI and provide them with information about our activities through sponsorship of the *American Submariner* to the various Submarine related organizations. Bremerton Base and the following individuals are sponsors for the designated boats/installations. Check your copy of the *American Submariner* to sign up for the program.

USSVI Bremerton Base
USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730) Blue/Gold
USS Louisiana (SSBN 743) blue/Gold
Submarine Base Bangor

Michael Sharp
USS San Francisco (SSN 711)
USS Oregon (SSN 793
Oregon State NROTC

Joseph Finotti
USS Massachusetts (SSN 798)

Blood Donation Program

Bloodworks Northwest

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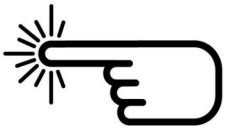
https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/Default.aspx



Whole Blood and Apheresis Donation Hours
· Monday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
· Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
· Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
· Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
· Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Call now for your donation appointment, 800-398-7888 for whole blood and 800-266-4033 for apheresis.

August—October Whole Blood Donations
Rose Pittman
David Pittman

Editor's Note: Report Blood Donations to the PS Editor for inclusion in the next Puget Soundings.

Sea Story - usually starts with "this is a no sh*tter..." or "this one time in (*insert foreign port*)..."It is up to the listener of the story to decide of it is true or not...kind of like these slang terms.

Shaft seals - A mythological creature that lives in shaft alley.

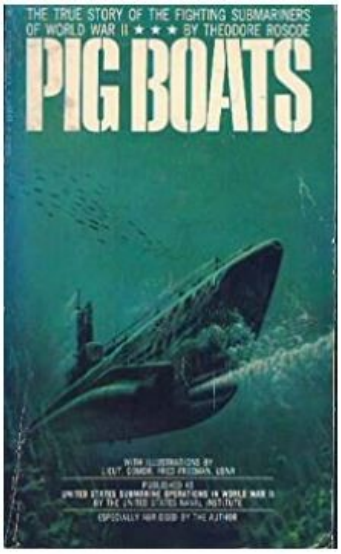
Screwed, blued, and tattooed – Old Navy term meant to describe what sailors did on shore leave or liberty. Screwed – get laid, Blued = get drunk, and Tattooed = get a tattoo.

Veteran Voice: Submarine Veterans

USS Queenfish WWII - Interview with WWII Veteran Robert Dickinson

Robert Dickinson was a gunnersmate 3rd class in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the original crew of the USS Queenfish (SS-393).

Book Reviews by Dutch Kaiser



Pig Boats
By Theodore Roscoe

A history of submarine activity during WW2. Mr. Roscoe is well known as an expert concerning history of Submarine Warfare.

The book is an authorized account dedicated to the valiant submariners of the U.S. Navy
who lost their lives in World War II.

This book covers the actions of Fleet Admiral Nimitz and Admiral Lockwood, one of
God's true noblemen. Admiral Lockwood did not surround himself with "yes" men.
If any member of his staff disagreed with his decisions, he expected that staff officer to tell him so, and why. Just the kind of man you would want in charge during war time!

At the end of this history of the Submarine warfare in the Pacific during WW2 there are
tables that record the history of:

SUBMARINES LOST in World War II

Leading Individual SUBMARINE SCORES (Top 25)

Japanese Merchant Marine Ship Losses in World War II

If one wants to learn about the Submarine history of the Boat patrols and their efforts toward victory during WW II this book along with Clay Blair's "Silent Victory" are certainly recommended.

https://isbnsearch.org/isbn/0553130404
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_Roscoe

Cheers, Dutch

T'was the Night Before Christmas Submarine Style

T'was the night before Christmas, and what no-one could see,
The men with the dolphins were under the sea.
Most of the crew was flat on their backs,
Snoring and dreaming all snug in their racks.

Those men on watch were making their rounds,
Some manning the planes or listening for sounds.
Back in maneuvering or down in the room,
They all hoped the oncoming watch would come soon.

I'd finished some PM's whose time was now due,
And hoped for some sleep, even an hour or two.
Against better judgment I took a short stroll,
And found myself wandering into control.

The Nav had the Conn, the COW was in place,
The COB had the Dive and a scowl on his face.
The helm and the planes were relaxed but aware,
The QM and ET were discussing a dare.

To comply with the orders the Nav told the Dive,
To bring the boat up with minimum rise.
The orders were given and soon they were there,
At periscope depth with a scope in the air.

The QM confirmed our position with care,
The broadcast was copied, we brought in some air.
The Nav on the scope let out a small cry,
He shook his head twice and rubbed at his eyes.

He looked once again to find what it was,
That interrupted his sweep and caused him to pause.
Try as he might there was nothing to see,
So down went the scope and us to the deep.

I asked what it was that caused his dismay,
He sheepishly said, "I'm embarrassed to say."
It could have been Northern Lights or a cloud,
Or a meteorite he wondered aloud.

But to tell you the truth I guess I must say,
Whatever it was it looked like a sleigh.
And though it passed quickly and never was clear,
I almost believe it was pulled by reindeer.

We laughed and teased him and I got up to go,
When our moment was broken by "Conn, Radio."
They told us a message was just coming in,
We looked at the depth gauge and started to grin.

"Radio, Conn, I feel safe to say,
Your attempt at a joke is too long delayed.
If it had been sooner it might have been neat,
But I doubt we're receiving at four-hundred feet."

"Conn, Radio, you can come down and see,
We're not playing games to any degree."
I headed aft with nothing better to do,
Surprised by the fact it was still coming through.

It stopped and was sent to control to be read,
The Nav read it slowly and scratched at his head.
Then again he began but this time aloud,
To those that now waited, a curious crowd.

"To you Denizens of the Deep and men of the sea,
Who risk your life daily so others stay free.
I rarely have seen you on this, my big night,
For far too often you are hidden from sight.

But purely by luck I saw you tonight,
As your scope coaxed the plankton to glow in the night.
And lucky for me I've finally won,
The chance to say thanks for all you have done.

I know that you miss your families at home,
And sometimes you feel as if you're alone.
But trust what I say and I'll do what's right,
I'll take something special to your families tonight.

Along with the gifts I'll take to your kin,
I'll visit their dreams and leave word within.
They'll hear of your love, and how you miss them,
I'll tell them that soon you'll be home again.

It might not be much I know that is true,
To thank you for all the things that you do.
But I'll do what I can, while you do what's right,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

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All the Best and stay safe, Wayne Standerfer, National Commander.

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Welcome new Central Region Base

The Central Region and District One welcomes the Sculpin Base to USSVI. Congratulations to the new Base Commander E Dale "Moe" Moses, originally from the Carolina Piedmont Base, and his Members for forming the new Sculpin Base. The base is located in Ozawkie, Kansas. Welcome Aboard.

Tom Williams USSVI CRD

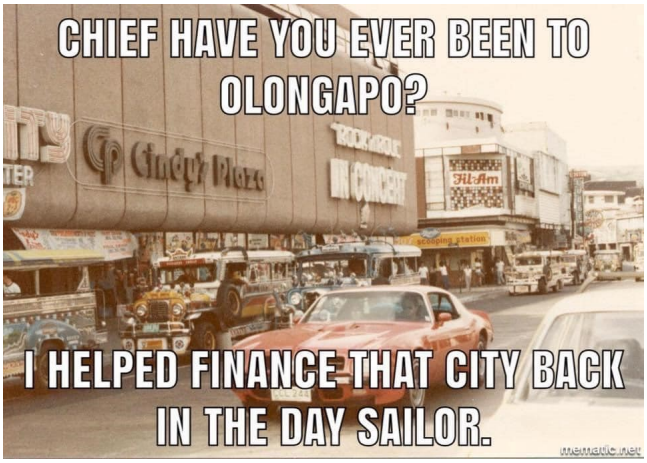
8 September 2020

2020 Nat. Election results posted on website

The 2020 National Election Results are available on the USSVI web site. There are two (2) documents"2020_National_Election_Results_Officers_and_C&B_Changes.pdf" and "2020_National_Election_Results_by_Regions_Districts_and_Bases.pdf."
They are on the USSVI web site at ussvi.org>Documents>Elections

The voting statistics are by Regions, Districts and Bases. Please note: there is a discrepancy between the membership numbers in the Region and District reports and those in the Bases report. This is because those reports calculate membership differently. The number on the Bases report reflects the actual number of members who voted.
We believe that the Region and District reports include members who are dual members of one or more Bases. It was built into the software when the voting module was designed. We will address this issue in the design and build the new USSVI web site.
Congratulations to the Candidates. Thank you to all the members who voted.

Regards, Tom Conlon, Elections Master



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"Cake and c*ck and we're outta cake." – A humorous comeback by Mess Specialist when asked what is for chow when it is clearly posted in the Plan of the Day. Usually used when serving bratwurst, kielbasa, hot dogs, etc.

Suggestions for the ex-submariner that misses "the good old days on the boat"

1. Buy bunk beds (3 high type) and convert the narrowest hallway in your home into a bedroom.
2. Just for fun, rig 700 PSI air to the bottom of all toilets. Hold a lottery to determine who gets to control the air valves.
3. Knock a glass of water out of someone's hand and yell 'SPILL'. Shout at them the entire time they clean it up, tell them how worthless they are, and then do it again.
4. Give your wife more free time. All the ironing goes under the mattress.
5. Ask for 'permission to enter' whenever you go into the kitchen.
6. At night, replace all light bulbs in the living room with red bulbs.
7. Buy all food in cases and line the floor with them.
8. Replace all doorways with windows so that you have to step up AND duck to go through them.

More in the next issue of the PS!

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Donations to the USSVI Charitable Foundation Brotherhood Fund 2017 to 2020 = $4,250.00

Donations to the USSVI Charitable Foundation Submarine Museum Fund = $250.00 (USS Batfish restoration fund)

John D. "Bud" Hawk Post 109 Silverdale, WA

https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost109SilverdaleWa

Monthly meeting—7:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at All Star Lanes in Silverdale. Questions? Send an email to drpittman@wavecable.com

USS John Warner (SSN 785)

Type, class: Attack Submarine, nuclear propulsion - SSN; Virginia class (Block III)
Builder: Huntington Ingalls Industries - Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia, USA

STATUS:
Awarded: December 22, 2008
Laid down: March 16, 2013
Launched: September 6, 2014
Commissioned: August 1, 2015
IN SERVICE
Homeport: Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
Namesake: John William Warner (1927-) - former SECNAV and five-term Senator of Virginia
Ships Motto: LEGATI AD DEFENDENDAM LIBERTATEM (ambassadors to defend freedom)
Technical Data: see: INFO > Virginia class Attack Submarine - SSN

http://www.seaforces.org/usnships/ssn/SSN-785-USS-John-Warner.htm
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Virginia Class Fast Attack Submarines

http://www.seaforces.org/usnships/ssn/Virginia-class.htm
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Builders:
General Dynamics Electric Boat, Groton, Connecticut, USA
Huntington Ingalls Industries Newport News Shipbuilding, Virginia, USA

Displacement: 7800 tons (7925 metric tons)
Length: 114,8 meters (377 feet)
Beam: 10,36 meters (34 ft)
Speed: 25+ knots (46+ km/h)
Complement: 135
Propulsion: 1 x General Electric S9G nuclear reactor / 30MW delivering 40000 shp / **1** shaft / **1** low-noise pump jet propulsor

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Armament:

Block I&II:
4 x 21" (533mm) torpedo tubes for Mk-48 ADCAP torpedoes or mines
1 x Mk-45 Vertical Launching System / VLS (12 cells) for UGM-109 Tomahawk cruise missiles or UGM-84 Harpoon SSM

Block III & IV:
4 x 21" (533mm) torpedo tubes for Mk-48 ADCAP torpedoes or mines
2 x Virginia Payload Tubes / VPT (6 cells, each) for UGM-109 Tomahawk cruise missiles or UGM-84 Harpoon SSM

The Virginia class is built through an industrial arrangement designed to keep both General Dynamics Electric Boat and HII Newport News Shipbuilding (the only two U.S. shipyards capable of building nuclear-powered vessels) in the submarine-building business. Under the present arrangement, the Newport News facility builds the stern, habitability, and machinery spaces, torpedo room, sail, and bow, while Electric Boat builds the engine room and control room. The facilities alternate work on the reactor plant as well as the final assembly, test, outfit, and delivery.

The Virginia class incorporates several innovations not found in previous US submarine classes:

Unified Modular Masts:
For the first time in history the design of the eight masts in Virginia class has been unified in a Universal Modular Mast (UMM) program led by L3 KEO (previously Kollmorgen): shared components have been maximized and some design choices are also shared between different masts. The first UMM was first installed on USS Memphis, a Los Angeles-class submarine. The UMM is an integrated system for housing, erecting, and supporting submarine mast-mounted antennas and sensors.
The UMMs are:
• Snorkel mast
• Two photonic masts
• Two (tactical) communication masts
• One or two high-data-rate satellite communication (SATCOM) masts, built by Raytheon, enabling communication at Super High Frequency (for downlink) and Extremely High Frequency (for uplink) range
• Radar mast (carrying AN/BPS-16 surface search and navigation radar)
• Electronic warfare mast (AN/BLQ-10 Electronic Support Measures) used to detect, analyze, and identify both radar and communication signals from ships, aircraft, submarines, and land-based transmitters

Photonics masts:
The Virginia class is the first to utilize photonic sensors instead of a traditional periscope: the class is equipped with high-resolution cameras, along with light-intensification and infrared sensors, an infrared laser rangefinder, and an integrated Electronic Support Measures (ESM) array. Two redundant sets of these sensors are mounted on two AN/BVS-1 photonics masts located outside the pressure hull. Signals from the masts' sensors are transmitted through optical fiber data lines through signal processors to the control center. Visual feeds from the masts are displayed on liquid-crystal display interfaces in the command center.

The design of earlier optical periscopes required them to penetrate the pressure hull, reducing the structural integrity of the pressure hull as well as increasing the risk of flooding, and also required the submarine's control room to be located directly below the sail/fin. Implementation of photonics masts (which do not penetrate the pressure hull) enabled the submarine control room to be relocated to a position inside the pressure hull which is not necessarily directly below the sail.

The current photonics masts have a visual appearance so different from the ordinary periscopes that when the submarine is detected, it can be distinctly identified as a Virginia-class vessel. As a result, current photonic masts will be replaced with Low-Profile Photonics Masts (LPPM) which resemble traditional submarine periscopes more closely.

In the future, a non-rotational Affordable Modular Panoramic Photonics Mast may be fitted, enabling the submarine to obtain a simultaneous 360° view of the sea surface.

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Propulsor:

In contrast to a traditional bladed propeller, the Virginia class uses pump-jet propulsors (built by BAE Systems), originally developed for the Royal Navy's Swiftsure-class submarines. The propulsor significantly reduces the risks of cavitation, and allows quieter operation.

Improved sonar systems:

Sonar arrays aboard Virginia-class submarines have an "Open System Architecture" (OSA) which enables rapid insertion of new hardware and software as they become available. Hardware upgrades (dubbed Technology Insertions) are usually carried out every four years, while software updates (dubbed Advanced Processor Builds) are carried out every two years. Virginia-class submarines feature several types of sonar arrays.

• BQQ-10 bow-mounted spherical active/passive sonar array (Large Aperture Bow (LAB) sonar array from SSN-784 onwards)
• A wide aperture lightweight fiber optic sonar array, consisting of three flat panels mounted low along either side of the hull
• Two high frequency active sonars mounted in the sail and bow. The chin-mounted (below the bow) and sail-mounted high frequency sonars supplement the (spherical/LAB) main sonar array, enabling safer operations in coastal waters, enhancing under-ice navigation, and improving anti-submarine warfare performance.
• Low-Cost Conformal Array (LCCA) high frequency sonar, mounted on both sides of the submarine's sail. Provides coverage above and behind the submarine.

Virginia-class submarines are also equipped with a low frequency towed sonar array and a high frequency towed sonar array.
• TB-16 or TB-34 fat line tactical towed sonar array
• TB-29 or TB-33 thin line long-range search towed sonar array

Rescue equipment:

• SEIE MK11 suit(s) - enable ascent from a sunken submarine (maximum ascent depth 600 feet)
• lithium hydroxide canisters that remove carbon dioxide from the submarine's atmosphere
• Submarine Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (SEPIRB)

Virginia Payload Module:

The Block III submarines have two multipurpose Virginia Payload Tubes (VPT) replacing the dozen single purpose cruise missile launch tubes.

The Block V submarines built from 2019 onward will have an additional Virginia Payload Module (VPM) mid-body section, increasing their overall length. The VPM will add four more VPTs of the same diameter and greater height, located on the centerline, carrying up to seven Tomahawk missiles apiece, that would replace some of the capabilities lost when the SSGN conversion Ohio-class submarines are retired from the fleet. Initially eight payload tubes/silos were planned but this was later rejected in favour of 4 tubes installed in a 70-foot long module between the operations compartment and the propulsion spaces.

The VPM could potentially carry (non-nuclear) medium-range ballistic missiles. Adding the VPM would increase the cost of each submarine by $500 million (2012 prices). This additional cost would be offset by reducing the total submarine force by four boats. More recent reports state that as a cost reduction measure the VPM would carry only Tomahawk SLCM and possibly unmanned undersea vehicles (UUV) with the new price tag now estimated at $360-380 million per boat (in 2010 prices). The VPM launch tubes/silos will reportedly be similar in design to the ones planned for the Ohio class replacement. In July 2016 General Dynamics was awarded $19 million for VPM development. In February 2017 General Dynamics was awarded $126 million for long lead time construction of Block V submarines equipped with VPM.

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Other improved equipment:
• Optical fiber fly-by-wire Ship Control System replaces electro-hydraulic systems for control surface actuation.
• Command and control system module (CCSM) built by Lockheed Martin.
• The auxiliary generator is powered by a Caterpillar model 3512B V-12 marine diesel engine. This replaced the Fairbanks -Morse diesel engine, which would not fit in Virginia's auxiliary machinery room.
• Modernized version of the AN/BSY-1 integrated combat system designated AN/BYG-1 (previously designated CCS Mk2) and built by General Dynamics AIS (previously Raytheon). AN/BYG-1 integrates the submarine Tactical Control System (TCS) and Weapon Control System (WCS).
• USS California was the first Virginia-class submarine with the advanced electromagnetic signature reduction system built into it, but this system is being retrofitted into the other submarines of the class.
• Integral 9-man lock-out chamber.

Block I:
Modular construction techniques were incorporated during construction. Earlier submarines (e.g., Los Angeles-class SSNs) were built by assembling the pressure hull and then installing the equipment via cavities in the pressure hull. This required extensive construction activities within the narrow confines of the pressure hull which was time-consuming and dangerous. Modular construction was implemented in an effort to overcome these problems and make the construction process more efficient. Modular construction techniques incorporated during construction include constructing large segments of equipment outside the hull. These segments (dubbed rafts) are then inserted into a hull section (a large segment of the pressure hull). The integrated raft and hull section form a module which, when joined with other modules, forms a Virginia-class submarine. Block I boats were built in 10 modules with each submarine requiring roughly 7 years (84 months) to build.

Block II:
Block II boats were built in four sections rather than ten sections, saving about $300 million per boat. Block II boats (excluding SSN-778) were also built under a multi-year procurement agreement as opposed to a block-buy contract in Block I, enabling savings in the range of $400 million ($80 million per boat). As a result of improvements in the construction process, New Hampshire was 500 million USD cheaper, required 3.7 million fewer labor hours to build (25% less) thus shortening the construction period by 15 months (20% less) compared to Virginia.

Block III:
SSN-784 through approximately SSN-791 are planned to make up the Third Block or "Flight" and began construction in 2009. Block III subs feature a revised bow with a Large Aperture Bow (LAB) sonar array, as well as technology from Ohio-class SSGNs (2 VLS tubes each containing 6 missiles). The horseshoe-shaped LAB sonar array replaces the spherical main sonar array which has been used on all U.S. Navy SSNs since 1960. The LAB sonar array is water-backed - as opposed to earlier sonar arrays which were air-backed - and consists of a passive array and a medium-frequency active array. Compared to earlier Virginia-class submarines about 40% of the bow has been redesigned.

South Dakota (SSN-790) will be equipped with a new propulsor, possibly the Hybrid Multi-Material Rotor (HMMR), developed by Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). The Hybrid Multi-Material Rotor program is an attempt to improve the design and manufacturing process of submarine propellers with an aim of reducing the cost and weight of the propeller/rotor as well as improving overall acoustic performance.

Block IV:
In 2013 execution of a 10-submarine contract was put in doubt by Budget sequestration in 2013. The most costly shipbuilding contract in history was awarded on 28 April 2014 as prime contractor General Dynamics Electric Boat took on a $17.6 billion contract for ten Block IV Virginia-class attack submarines. The main improvement over the Block III is the reduction of major maintenance periods from four to three, increasing each ship's total lifetime deployments by one.

The long-lead-time materials contract for SSN-792 was awarded on 17 April 2012, with SSN-793 and SSN-794 following on 28 December 2012. the U.S. Navy has awarded General Dynamics Electric Boat a $208.6 million contract modification for the second fiscal year (FY) 14 Virginia-class submarine, SSN-793, and two FY 15 submarines, SSN-794 and SSN-795. With this modification, the overall contract is worth $595 million. Block IV will consist of 10 submarines.

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USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on 7 Oct 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her fifth war patrol. After attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner, and survived the war.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-s-44-155.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-s-44-155-loss.html

USS WAHOO (SS-238)

Lost on 11 Oct 1943 with the loss of 79 men near La Pérouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR Dudley "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her seventh war patrol. Wahoo was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks fifth in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-wahoo-238.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-wahoo-238-loss.htm

USS DORADO (SS-248)

Lost on 12 Oct 1943 with the loss of 78 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, Dorado had departed New London, CT and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or by a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-dorado-248.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-dorado-248-loss.htm

USS ESCOLAR (SS-294)

Lost on 17 Oct 1944 with the loss of 82 men. Escolar was on her first war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-escolar-294.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-escolar-294-loss.html

USS SHARK II (SS-314)

Lost on 24 Oct 1944 with the loss of 90 men when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her third war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1800 U.S. POW's on board.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-shark-314.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-shark-314-loss.html

USS DARTER (SS-227)

Lost on 24 Oct 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack position on a battleship.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-darter-227.htm

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USS TANG (SS-306)

Lost on 25 Oct 1944 with the lost of 80 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her fifth war patrol. Tang ranks second in the number of ships sunk and fourth in tonnage, and was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR O'Kane, and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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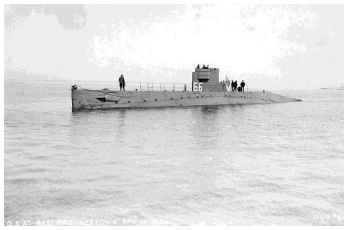

USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on 29 October 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Ababgarez off the Panama Canal. TM2(SS) Henry Berault received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-o-5-66.htm

USS ALBACORE (SS-218)

Lost on 7-Nov-1944, with the loss of 86 crew, when it was sunk in the channel between Hokkaido and Honshu.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-albacore-218.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-albacore-218-loss.htm

USS GROWLER (SS-215)

Lost on 8-Nov-1944, with the loss of 84 crew, when it was sunk in South China Sea.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-growler-215.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-growler-215-loss.html

USS CORVINA (SS-226)

Lost on 16-Nov-1943, with the loss of 82 crew, when it was sunk just south of Truk by a Japanese submarine.

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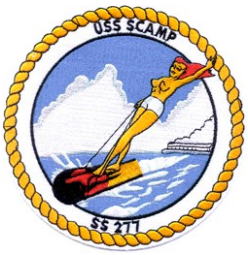

USS SCAMP (SS-277)

Probably lost on 16-Nov-1944, with the loss of 83 crew, when it was sunk off Inubo Saki near Tokyo Bay.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-scamp-277.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-scamp-277-loss.htm

USS SCULPIN (SS-191)

Lost on 19-Nov-1943, with the loss of 43 crew, when it was scuttled after taking severe damage north of Groluk Island near Truk. 41 crew were taken prisoner, only 21 survived the war.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-sculpin-191.htm

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USS CAPELIN (SS-289)

Lost on or after 1-Dec-1943, with the loss of 76 crew, when it was sunk off Celebes, possibly off Kaoe Bay; Halmahera or in Molukka Passage. No reports were made from boat after it left Darwin around 17-Nov-1943. Potential loss date spread given as 23-Nov-1943 to 9-Dec- 1943.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-capelin-289.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-capelin-289-loss.html

USS SEALION (SS-195)

Lost on 10-Dec-1941 when it was scuttled in Manila Bay after damage at Cavite. Bombed on 10 December 1941 with the loss of four crew. Damage was sufficient to preclude removal to home waters when Philippines were surrendered. First American submarine lost during World War II. Portions of wreckage remained in place until late 1950's when it was sold for scrapping.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-sealion-195.htm

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-sealion-195-loss.htm

USS F-1 [ex-Carp] (SS-20)

Lost on 17-Dec-1917, with the loss of 19 crew, when it was sunk after collision with USS F-3 off San Clemente, CA.

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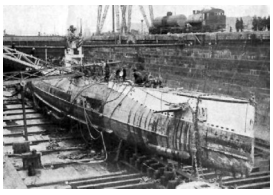

USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on 17-Dec-1927, with the loss of 40 crew, when it was sunk after ramming by USCG Paulding. Hull raised and used for study in submarine escape.

http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-s-4-109.htm

Lester Theodore Eklund

Rank/Rate: Fire Controlman, Third Class

Service Number: 608 30 17

Birth Date: October 30, 1921

From: Frewsburg, New York

Decorations: Purple Heart

Submarine: USS Capelin (SS-289)

Loss Date: December 2, 1943

Location: Off Celebes possibly off Kaoe Bay

Circumstances: Lost at sea, cause unknown

Photos and information courtesy of Dan Langhans, son of Lester's cousin. Additional information courtesy of Paul W. Wittmer.

USS Capelin (SS 289)

Compiled by Paul W. Wittmer and Charles R. Hinman, originally from: U.S. Submarine Losses World War II, NAVPERS 15,784, 1949 ISSUE

Returning from her first war patrol after only 17 days out, CAPELIN (Cdr. E. E. Marshall) came into Darwin on 16 November 1943 with a defective conning tower hatch mechanism, excessively noisy bow planes, and a defective radar tube. These flaws were corrected to the satisfaction of the Commanding Officer, and the ship then departed for her second patrol on 17 November. Her area was in the Molucca and Celebes Seas, and she was to pay particular attention to Kaoe Bay, Moratai Strait, Davao Gulf and trade routes in the vicinity of Siaoe, Sangi, Talaud and Sarangani Islands. She was to leave her area at dark 6 December.

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Nothing was positively heard from CAPELIN after her departure. However BONEFISH reported having seen a U. S. submarine at 1° 14'N, 123° 50'E on 2 December 1943. *[Editor's note: According to Clay Blair in* Silent Victory*, the vessel was positively identified as Capelin. Bonefish sent her a message by sonar and received an acknowledgement.]* This position is in the area assigned to CAPELIN at this time. An attempt to reach CAPELIN by radio, on 9 December 1943, elicited no response.

On 23 November an American submarine was attacked off Kaoe Bay, Halmahera, 1° 34'N, 123° 07'E. However the Japanese state that this attack was broken off, and the evidence of contact was rather thin. The only positive statement which can be made is that CAPELIN was lost in the Celebes Sea, or in Molucca Passage or the Molucca Sea, in December 1943. Enemy minefields are now known to have been placed in various positions along the north coast of Celebes in CAPELIN's area, and she may have been lost because of a mine explosion. In her 17 day first patrol, CAPELIN sank two Japanese medium freighters for 7,400 tons of merchant shipping. This first patrol was conducted among the islands immediately west of New Guinea.

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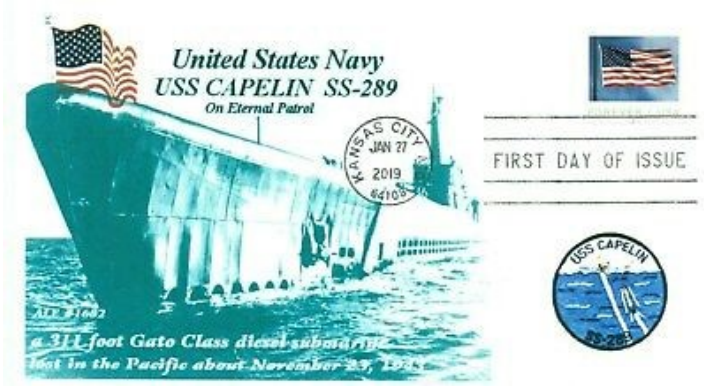

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TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

Editor's Note: Imagine being a 22 year-old 3rd class Fire Controlman, who just celebrated his birthday on October 30th and now you are somewhere in the Celebes Sea, or in Molucca Passage, or the Molucca Sea—places you had not heard of just a few years prior. **Lester Theodore Eklund** was just that man—one of 76 on the USS Capelin who perished in December 1943. We tend to remember the boats, but do we remember the men, their faces, and the loved ones left behind?

USS Sunfish (SSN 649)

Launched: 14 October 1966 - USS Sunfish (SSN-649), a Sturgeon-class attack submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for the ocean sunfish (Mola mola), a marine species having a deep body truncated behind, and high dorsal and anal fins.

The contract to build Sunfish was awarded to the General Dynamics Quincy Shipbuilding Division in Quincy, Massachusetts, on 26 March 1963 and her keel was laid down there on 15 January 1965. She was launched on 14 October 1966, sponsored by Mrs. Robert C. Byrd, the wife of United States Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, and commissioned on 15 March 1969, with Commander Richard L. Thompson in command.

Sunfish's home port had been changed to Norfolk, Virginia, by 1996, when she made history: Early that year, after pulling away from the submarine tender USS Simon Lake (AS-33), Sunfish made her one thousandth dive. Commander Submarine Group 8, Rear Admiral Richard W. Mies, who had served on Sunfish from March 1970 to April 1973, was aboard to give the order to submerge for the history-making dive. On 4 March 1996, the U.S. Navy's Chief of Naval Information released this story:

USS Sunfish (SSN-649) recently reached a milestone few other submarines can claim. It made its 1,000th dive. "Many subs don't make it this far and are decommissioned before their 1,000th dive," said Commanding Officer CDR [Commander] E. Jackson Roeske. "This dive is not only a unique event, it also demonstrates the tremendous longevity and outstanding engineering capabilities of our submarine force."

Sunfish was decommissioned on 31 March 1997 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register the same day. her scrapping via the Nuclear-Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program at Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton, Washington was completed on 31 October 1997.

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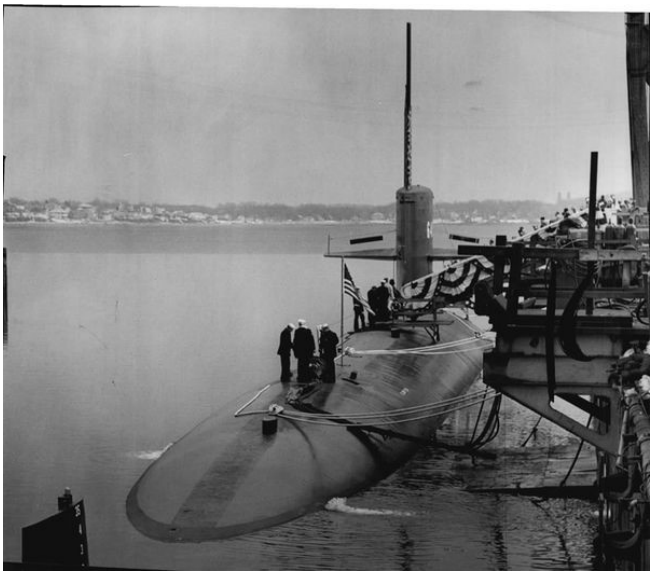
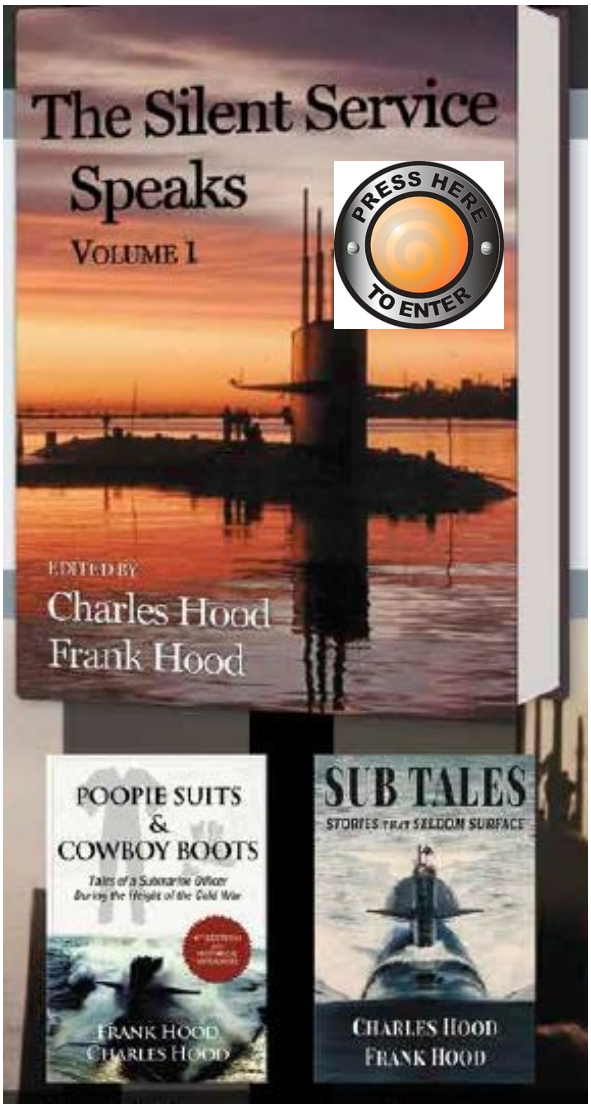


Editor's Note: For you "current" submariners—this is our history. For you "old" submariners—this is our story—we need to share it!



St. Mary's Submarine Museum

The St. Marys Submarine Museum is located in historic St. Marys, Georgia. It is the largest museum of its kind in the south, and the fifth largest in the country with nearly 5,000 square feet of space "jam-packed" with exhibits and displays on two floors. The museum is a great place to learn about the "silent service". We are dedicated to educating, preserving and sharing the rich history and legacy of the submarine force and all the men and women who have served and are currently serving our nation.

More than 99% of all WW II submarine combat war patrol reports are housed here, and files on nearly every submarine the United States has or has had in service as part of the collection. This is where history comes alive with a wide variety of pictures, paintings, models, artifacts and rare historical documents, some of which have not been made available to the general public.

While you are visiting the museum, and taking in the voluminous amount of exhibits, you can operate a real submarine Type 2 periscope (shown below) to view the beautiful St. Mary's waterfront and beyond.

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While you move through this website, you will want to read the bios of many who contributed their time and efforts to establish the museum and read the story how one man's personal collection of submarine paraphernalia, documentation, and artifacts came to St. Marys.

https://www.facebook.com/StMarysSubMuseum/
http://www.stmaryssubmuseum.com/

Submarine Memorials-Deterrent Park Brick Application

The Next Brick Installation will be in November 2020 by Phil Paugh, Ron Lewis and crew – engraved bricks may be purchased through USSVI Bremerton Base (for a $40 donation per brick. About 2500 engraved bricks have been installed since inception 20 years ago.

Are you looking for YOUR brick (s)?

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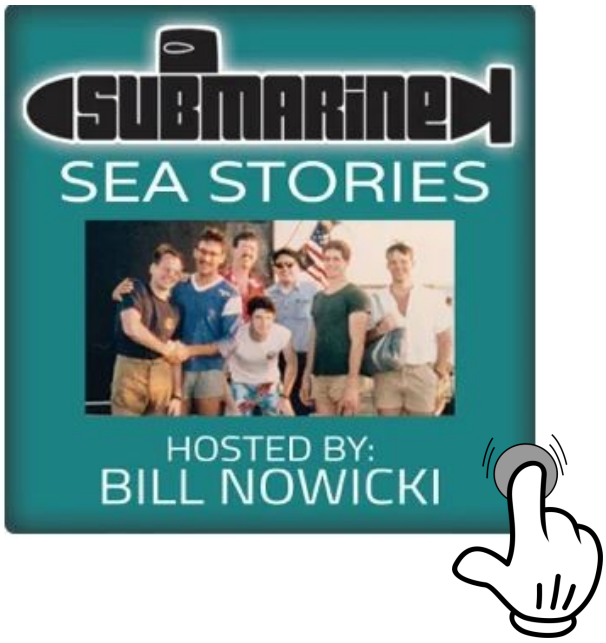

Bunk Bag - They were originally elongated bags, designed for horizontal passageway storage and hung from the tubular bunk frames on diesel boats. In later years they were hung inside racks and usually used for dirty clothes or to hide porn and patrol socks.

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History of Color-Coding of Jeepneys in Olongapo

In 1980, the transportation system of the city was as chaotic as that of Manila. Drivers of public utility vehicles drove their jeeps wherever they pleased. Hundreds of "colorum" vehicles plied the streets. Rampant overcharging and trip-cutting could not be curbed. Outlying barangays were poorly served.

American servicemen out on liberty were literally harassed into taking a jeepney for a "special trip". The driver would hound a sailor crying "Special Joe!", to the beach and fleece him with an exorbitant rate in dollars. Jeepneys carrying one or two sailors only would whiz by crowds of base workers or students eager for an early ride home. An unsuspecting sailor could be duped into paying more than twice the total fares normally charged to a full load of passengers.

Prior to 1982, hundreds of jeepneys without franchise or with expired franchise plied the streets. This was due to the moratorium on the granting of franchises imposed by the Bureau of Transportation. Many of these illegal or "colorum" jeepneys came from neighboring towns and from the provinces of Zambales, Bataan, and Pampanga. Whenever these out of town drivers learned that a fleet of US Navy ships was in, they would rush to Olongapo and compete with jeepneys of local residents.

Local police were not beyond accepting tokens just to look the other way while the illegal made money at the expense of the legally franchised jeepneys. Crimes committed by jeepney drivers or their accomplices were difficult to trace.

To remedy the situation, Mayor Richard J. Gordon decided to implement a rationalized transport scheme. It centered around the legalization of all public utility jeepneys of residents to protect their business and exclude illegal vehicles. He instituted built-in measures that would make it easier for passengers to take rides, distribute PUJ service equitably, subject drivers to strict disciplinary code, and to facilitate the identification of the drivers and jeepneys.

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History of Color-Coding of Jeepneys in Olongapo

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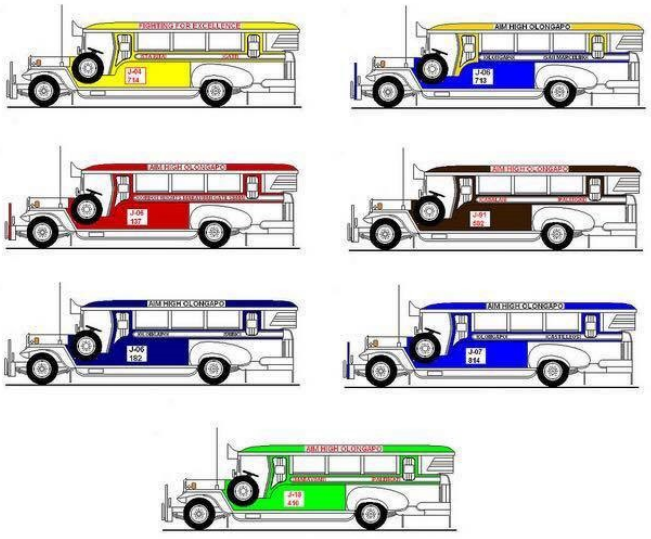
Upon instructions of the City Mayor, the City Planning and Development Staff coordinated with the then Ministry of Transportation and Communications to undertake preliminary steps such as : inventory of public utility jeepneys and tricycles; study of existing routes; transportation circulation plan; and route assignment as well as route measured capacity. The transportation study was undertaken with the assistance of BOT Transportation Analyst Mr. Danilo Brocka. It aimed to evolve a rational transportation system and traffic circulation plan which will offer realistic solutions to remedy pressing problems…



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Chasing the Bubble - A term when the Diving Officer can't seem to the the trim of the boat right and the "bubble" (much like the bubble in a leveling tool) is riding up and down wildly, thus the boat is see-sawing through the water.

Silent Service S01 E02: The Trout at Rainbow's End
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJMMomYt0tU

Rear Admiral Schools Senator in Submarine Capabilities
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k870cg2E4LM

"Sh*t in the tanks, air in the banks, I had it you got it" – A common abbreviated, unauthorized turnover from watch stander to another. Commonly used by a Chief of the Watch or Aux Forward.

Treasurer's and Base Membership Report—10/31/2020

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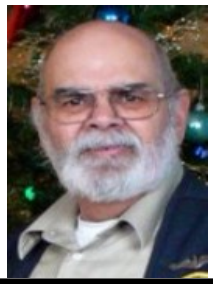
Reserve Fund: $31,377.59
Scholarship Fund: $20,557.96
General Fund: $17,173.14*
*Includes SK Checking Account + SK Cash
Net Worth: $69,108.69

Total Members: 254
Regular Annual Members: 29
USSVI Life Members: 201
Base Life Members: 194
Holland Club Members: 164
Regular Associate Members: 9
Life Associate Members: 6
Wartime Veterans: 239



AMERICAN SUBMARINER (USSVI) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All Qualified in Submarines from E2 to 4 Stars. Retired, short timer, or active duty - it makes no difference. If you are Qualified in Submarines we want you in United States Submarine Veterans. Inc.

We are United States Submarine Sailors! We were, and are, members of the elite fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES. Included are submariners from the very early boats: S, R or earlier; WWII boats; post-war GUPPY boats and FBM and Fast Attack Submariners.

Welcome Aboard

Recruit a shipmate today!

If you are an active duty qualified submariner—click the link and join.

DUES FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONEL ARE COMPLIMENTARY FOR THE FIRST YEAR

Angles and Dangles – The time when the submarine is making radical depth changes. Usually done during sea trials and pre-deployment underway period to ensure everything is stowed for sea properly.

Base Storekeeper

Ralph (pictured on the right) welcomes our Assistant Storekeeper—Bear Stiffey—he can be reached at jstiffeyssn648@yahoo.com. Bear can create vests and hats, etc.—some examples are shown below.

Contact the Base Storekeeper for ordering while the Gertrude Check is being reconstructed.
If I don't have it, I will get IT !

Bumf*ck, Egypt - A bad duty station or bad place in general.

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Please share the Puget Soundings with another Submariner

Bremerton Base Calendar (Including Soup Down Luncheons)

All E-Board and Monthly Meetings are held at the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) 521 National Ave, Bremerton 360.373.2296 unless otherwise noted. https://frabranch29.com/ Bangor SK Visit are at Trident Training Facility Bangor .

⇒ **All E-Board and General Membership Meetings will be Virtual Meetings until the Covid-19 Restrictions are lifted. Stay tuned via Facebook and Email for updates.**

⇒ **Bi-Monthly SK Sale – Trident Training Facility Bangor are cancelled until the Covid-19 Restrictions are lifted.**

- Nov 21 (1000) General Membership Meeting
- Nov 21 (follows the GM Meeting) WD04 District Commander's ZOOM Sea Story Session
- Dec 05 (0900) E-Board
- Stay tuned (via FB and Email) for information regarding the Annual Christmas Party!
- TBA: WD04 District Commander's ZOOM Sea Story Session
- Jan 02 (0900) E-Board
- Jan 16 (1000) General Membership Meeting
- Jan 16 (follows the GM Meeting) WD04 District Commander's ZOOM Sea Story Session
- Feb 06 (0900) E-Board
- Feb 20 (1000) General Membership Meeting - Stay tuned (via FB and Email) for information regarding the Annual Breakfast Meeting, which will supersede this meeting.

We are going to play this by ear—the Soup Downs will recommence upon the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions.
Parade & Soup Down Chair: John Gardner
jgardner@donobi.net

All luncheons are from 11:30 to 13:00 unless otherwise noted.

- Round Table Pizza 3276 NW Plaza Rd #101, Silverdale 360.698.4040
- Spiro's Pizza and Pasta 3201 NW Bucklin Hill Rd Silverdale 360.698.4100
- Fiesta Mexican Restaurant 9447 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale 360.698.1557
- Los Cabos 4120 Wheaton Way, Bremerton 360.373.1320
- Skippers Fish and Chowder 10725 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale360.516.6265
- Fujiyama Steak House 9989 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale 360.352.9888()
- Azteca 2936 Bucklin Hill Rd. Silverdale 360.698.2200
- Brother Don's 4200 Kitsap Way, Bremerton 360.377.8442
- Oak Table Café 3290 NW Mt Vintage Way, Silverdale 360.204.5198
- Fujiyama Steak House 9989 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale 360.352.9888()
- All Star Lanes 10710 Silverdale Way, Silverdale 360.692.5760
- Horse and Cow 536 4th St, Bremerton 360.627.9843
- Olive Garden 3204 NW Randall Way, Silverdale 360.613.0207