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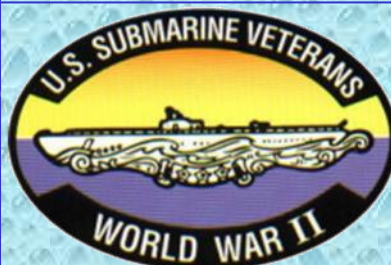
USSVI - SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, TN

"To Honor Those Who Serve, Past, Present, and Future".
"The USSVI Submariner's 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. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the **United States of America and its Constitution.**



OUR ORGANIZATION



OUR FOUNDERS



OUR BROTHERHOOD

Our Mission

The organization will engage in various projects 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 lifestyles we enjoy today.

Scheduled Meetings

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at:

MIMI'S CAFE

**10945 Parkside Drive,
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE OFFICERS



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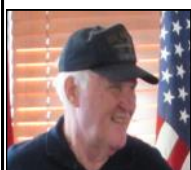
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Qualified EM1(SS)



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BASE SECRETARY



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USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
(SSBN 600 - Blue Crew) July 1970



BASE TREASURER
JIM ROCK



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Smoky Mountain Base Committees



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in 1975



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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, USSVI

Meetings, Greetings, Gatherings & Other Stuff

July & August - 2024

SMB Meetings and Happenings

Scheduled Meetings:

Smoky Mountain Base meets at Mimi's Cafe in the Turkey Creek shopping area.



Smoky Mountain Submarine Base monthly meetings are currently being held at:
Mimi's Cafe 10945 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN

Current New Members:

Arthur Jones - ET-1 (SS) Qual Boat - Simon Bolivar (SSN 641)
Rickey Low, Qual Boat - Batfish 1972
Damen Schumacher USS Tucson - SSN 770, 1995
Steve Hady, USS Francis Scott Key 1991

August 4 - US Coast Guard 234th Birthday
August 14 - VJ-Day (1945)
August 15 - SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs)
August 19 - thru 24 - USSVI Convention
August 25 - U.S. National Parks Anniversary

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September 2 - Labor Day
September 11 - Patriot's Day
September 17 - Constitution Day
September 18 - USAF 77th Birthday
September 19 - SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs)
September 22 - Autumnal Equinox

August 2024

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September 2024

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

SMB Library Books, DVD's and Magazines
A new SMB Base Librarian is needed if anyone is willing to take the position.
 Our library has several items to read available.
 There are over 100 books in our library -
 check some out!
 (See Marlin for selections)

FUN STUFF

DID YOU KNOW THAT

**THERE ARE MORE AIRPLANES
 IN THE OCEANS, THAN
 SUBMARINES IN THE SKY?**

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 BY FORMER SMB BASE
 VICE-COMMANDER
 Thomas Peschke MMCM (SS)**



**VETERANS
 INFORMATION FOR
 SMOKY MOUNTAIN
 BASE MEMBERS**



The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1078 meets at **The Fellowship Church** located at 3550 Pleasant Ridge Road, Knoxville, TN on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1800 hrs.

THE VETERAN'S CREED

- 1 — I am an American Veteran
- 2 — I proudly served my country
- 3 — I live the values I learned in the military
- 4 — I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans
- 5 — I maintain my physical and mental discipline
- 6 — I continue to lead and improve
- 7 — I make a difference
- 8 — I honor and remember my fallen comrades

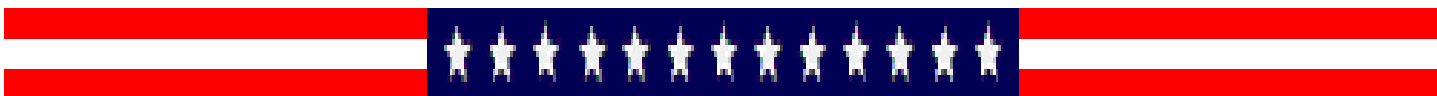
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THE SUBMARINER

God created a divine creature and this he called a Submariner. And these Submariners whom God had created in his own image were to be of the deep and to them he gave a white woolly jumper, he also gave them black steel messengers of death to roam the depths of the sea waging war against the forces of Satan and evil. He gave them hotel rooms when they were weary from doing Gods will. He gave them subsistence so that they might entertain the ladies on Saturday nights and impress the hell out of the creatures called Skimmers. And at the end of the 8th day God looked down upon the earth and saw all was good but still God was not happy because in the course of his labors he had forgotten one thing, he did not have a Submariners white woolly jumper but he thought about it and finally satisfied himself knowing that not just anybody can be a SUBMARINER.

By: David Donnelly



BASE COMMANDERS REPORT



I am pleased to announce that William "Bill" Robinson will be our guest speaker at our August meeting. Bill was the longest held enlisted prisoner in North Vietnam. I heard him speak at the Oliver Springs DAV breakfast. He was very entertaining. I am hopeful that I will get Glen Jacobs to speak at a future meeting. I met him at the Navy Ball a few years ago, the flag placement at the Veterans cemetery in Knoxville, and most recently at the Fanboy convention here in Knoxville. He had a very long line for signatures with all the proceeds going to the East Tennessee Children's Hospital where he said I should contact his office. He had a very long line for signatures with all the proceeds going to the East Tennessee Children's Hospital where he said I should contact his office. Fraternally, Marlin Helms, Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans, Base Commander



BASE VICE-COMMANDERS REPORT – TERRY MCBRIDE EMC (SS) RET.



Greetings. Membership should be our focus. You all are ambassadors of the USSVI. Please wear your dolphins



NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT—BRUCE ELTZROTH - ET1 (SU)



This issue of the Snorkel contains photos and information from SMB's participation in the 2024, 4th of July parade in Lenoir City, TN on page 12. Page 13 includes input from **Shirley Corders** who is our "**SUNSHINE LADY**", and it also captures the SMB float in an unusual place. Details of the June and July SMB meetings at Mimi's are discussed on page 14. Page 15 includes a couple of articles courtesy of the Under Sea Museum and an ad for new members. And Page 16 has a copy of the USSVI Membership Application.



PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—ANDY ARMBRUST - MM1(SS)



We do not have any picnic plans for the immediate future. We are hopeful that we will be able to access the Yacht Club for another picnic in the Spring of 2025. The Yacht Club costs \$100 to rent and picnic attendance has been too small to justify a Fall picnic at the Club. If anyone has a suggestion for other venues including different city parks or private property with adequate facilities, we could have additional picnics without overspending.



STOREKEEPERS REPORT - DICK MITCHELL - ET1 (SS)

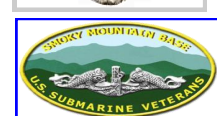


We currently have the following items on hand for sale:

2023 USSVI Calendars are still available, you can pick them up at the next meeting. The cost is \$8.00 at the meeting, but if mailed \$9.00 to cover postage. We also have Baseball caps w/SMB patch (White or Blue) - \$14.00. Straw Hat w/SMB patch - \$12.00. SMB Iron on Patches - \$7.00. SMB Logo Magnetic Car Plates - \$12.00. SMB Window Stickers - \$3.00. Smoky Mountain Base battery quartz wall Clocks - \$15.00. Smoky Mountain Base Clock \$18.00.



SMB TREASURERS REPORT - JIM ROCK MM1(SS)



On **June 17th**, we had a balance of **\$2,443.13**.
As of **August 1st**, we have a balance of **\$2,907.13**.





Smoky Mountain Base of USSVI - 1MC

Date: July 18, 2024



Meeting Agenda: Time/Location of meeting: 1900 hrs.,



Mimi's Café, 10945 Parkside Dr., Knoxville, TN 3793.

Call to Order.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the USSVI Creed was read. Followed by the Tolling of the Bell for Lost Boats of July (see below).

Member Introductions (new and previous) for members and guests were made. Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes for May and June were discussed, as well as the Treasurers Report for June,

Committee Reports:

- Newsletter- Bruce Eltzroth
- Library/Parliamentarian – Marlin Helms
- Storekeeper – Dick Mitchell
- Membership –Marlin Helms
- Scouting – Marlin Helms
- Webmaster- Marlin Helms
- Social Committees – Andy Armbrust
- Old business – Still looking for a place to have Tolling of the Boats ceremony.
- New Business/Good of the Order - N/A
- Next Meeting; 1900 hrs, Thursday, August 15,, 2024 at Mimi's Café, 10945 Parkside Drive, in Knoxville, TN.
- Phone Tree - Base Commander asked for input on phone tree. More
- Discussion at the next board meeting
- Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Accepted unanimously.



Dues Are Due - Dues and can be sent to our Treasurer - Jim Rock. 2005 Torbett Rd.

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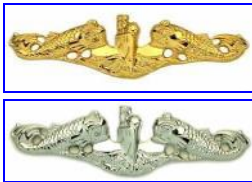
Tolling
Of The
Bells

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For Lost Boats of July

USS G-2 (SS-27) (TUNA) - 30 July 1919
 USS S-28 (SS-133) - 4 July 1944
 USS ROBALO (SS-273) - 26 July 1944
 USS GRUNION (SS-216) - 30 July 1942





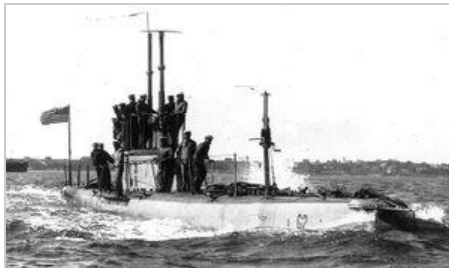
Lost Boats of July



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

G-2 (SS-27) (TUNA) - 30 July 1919

3 MEN LOST



G-2 was named **Tuna** when her keel was laid down on 20 October, 1909 by the Lake Torpedo Boat Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut, making her the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the tuna. During inspection by a six-man maintenance crew on 30 July, 1919, the boat suddenly flooded and sank at her moorings in Two Tree Channel near Niantic Bay. She went down in 81 feet of water, drowning three of the inspection crew. Too deep and too old to salvage, the submarine was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 11 September 1919.

(Info & photo from Wikipedia)

WW-II Lost Boats

USS S-28 (SS-133) - 4 July 1944

50 MEN LOST



On August 13, 1943, the **S-28** ended her sixth patrol at the submarine base at Massacre Bay on Attu Island. On September 8, 1943, she sailed from there for her seventh and last war patrol. On October 18, 1943, the **S-28** ended her last war patrol at Dutch Harbor before arriving at Pearl Harbor on November 16, 1943, for overhaul and use as a training vessel. On July 3, 1944, the **S-28**, captained by reservist Lieutenant Commander Jack G. Campbell, left the submarine base at Pearl Harbor to conduct training exercises with the Coast Guard cutter Reliance. On July 3 and 4, she acted as a target for Reliance's crew to help train them in American antisubmarine warfare techniques. During the late afternoon of **July 4, 1944**, all contact with the S-28 was suddenly lost. The **S-28** was awarded **one battle star** for her service in World War II.

USS ROBALO (SS-273) - 26 July 1944

84 MEN LOST



On June 22, 1944, the **Robalo**, captained by Lieutenant Commander Manning M. Kimmel, departed Fremantle to conduct her third and final war patrol. She had been ordered to patrol in the South China Sea in the vicinity of the Natuna Islands. The Operation Order for the **Robalo's** final patrol directed her to top off her fuel at Operation Potshot in Exmouth Gulf, and then proceed via Lombok Strait, Makassar Strait, Sibutu Passage, Balabac Strait, and south of Dangerous Ground to her assigned patrol station in the South China Sea. On **July 2, 1944**, Kimmel made a contact report stating **Robalo** had sighted a Fuso-class battleship with air cover and two destroyer escorts, just east of Borneo at 3°-29' N, 119°-26' E. However, he did not state whether or not he had attacked it. The contact report on **July 2, 1944**, was the last message ever received from the **USS Robalo** and when she did not return from patrol, she was reported as presumed lost. The **Robalo** earned **two battle stars** for her World War II service.

USS GRUNION (SS-216) - 30 July 1942

70 MEN LOST



On June 30, 1942, the **Grunion**, captained by Lieutenant Commander Mannert L. Abele, left Pearl Harbor for her first and final war patrol. The **Grunion** reached Midway Island and then headed for the Aleutian Islands. On July 15, 1942, she reported she had been attacked by a Japanese destroyer and had fired three torpedoes at it, which all missed. She later reported that she had sunk three destroyer-type vessels. Japanese reports examined after the war indicated she sank two patrol craft and damaged a third. On July 19, 1942, the **Grunion**, the **USS S-32 (SS-137)**, the **USS Triton (SS-201)**, and the **USS Tuna (SS-203)** were ordered to take positions in the approaches to Kiska harbor. The **Grunion's** last transmission was received **July 30, 1942** reporting heavy anti-submarine activity at the entrance to Kiska harbor, and that she had ten torpedoes remaining. On the same day, the **Grunion** was directed to return to Dutch Harbor. She was never heard from again. Air searches off Kiska were fruitless. On October 5, 1942, it was announced that she was assumed lost with all hands. The **Grunion** received **one battle star** for her World War II service.



Lost Boats of August



USS FLIER (SS-250) - 13 August 1944



80 MEN LOST

USS FLIER (SS-250) Sailed 2 August 1944, on her second war patrol, bound for the coast of Indochina via the Lombok Strait, Macassar Strait and Balabac Strait. At about 2200 on 12 August, while transiting Balabac Strait on the surface, she struck a naval mine. She sank in about a minute, but 13 officers and men were able to clamber out. Eight of them reached the beach of Mantangula Island after 15 hours in the water. Friendly natives guided them to a coast-watcher, who arranged for them to be picked up by submarine, and on the night of 30-31 August, they were taken on board by *Redfin*.

USS S-39 (SS-144) - 14 August 1942



NO MEN LOST

USS S-39 (SS-144) was lost on 14 August 1942 when it was destroyed after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island Louisiande Archipelago. All of the crew were rescued.

USS HARDER (SS-257) - 24 August 1944

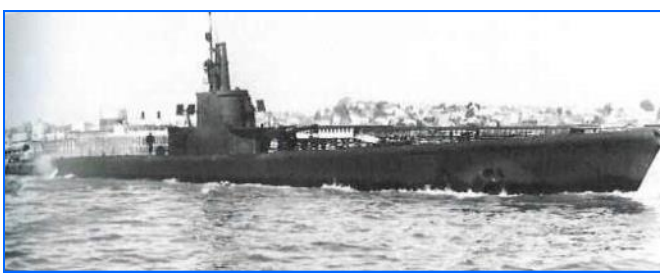
84 MEN LOST



On August 5, 1944, **USS HARDER**, captained by Commander Samuel D. Dealey, left Fremantle for her sixth and final war patrol. Commander Dealey had been chosen to lead a wolf pack made up of **HARDER**, **USS HAKE** (SS-256), and **USS HADDO** (SS-255). **HARDER** and **HAKE** left together. Lieutenant Commander Chester Nimitz's **HADDO** would leave three days later. The three boats would rendezvous off Subic Bay and hunt for enemy shipping south of Luzon Strait.

On the morning of 24 August 1944, two ships emerged from Dasol Bay - a mine-sweeper and the old Thai destroyer *Phra Ruang*. **HAKE** maneuvered to attack the destroyer, but broke off when it turned back into the bay. Meanwhile, the Japanese minesweeper continued out, pinging continually, and **HAKE** moved off to evade, as her Commanding Officer Frank Haylor, caught a last glimpse of **HARDER'S** periscope at 0647. At 0728, Haylor heard a string of 15 depth charge explosions in the distance; then nothing. **USS Harder** (SS-257) - Sank in Philippine Waters, 24 August 1944 after being depth charged by IJN Escort CD-22.

In the final analysis, Sam Dealey and **HARDER** had sunk 16 enemy ships, with total tonnage in excess of 55,000 - enough to put him among the top five US submarine skippers.





Lost Boats of August



USS BULLHEAD (SS-332) – 6 August 1945



84 MEN LOST

USS Bullhead (SS-332) On July 31, 1945, the *Bullhead*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Edward R. Holt, Jr., left Fremantle on her third and final war patrol. She had received orders to transit the Lombok Strait and patrol in the Java Sea with several other American and British submarines. On August 2, 1945, she kept a rendezvous with the Dutch submarine *Q 21* about 350 miles south of Lombok Strait and transferred mail to her. On August 6, 1945, the *Bullhead* reported that she had transited the Lombok Strait safely was on station in the Java Sea. She was never heard from again and was presumed lost with all hands.

Postwar analysis of enemy records indicated that the *Bullhead* was ambushed by a Japanese Army plane off Bali on August 6, 1945, at 0835 hours. The pilot of a Mitsubishi Ki-51 "Sonia" dropped two sixty-kilogram bombs on the submarine. The pilot claimed two direct hits and said he saw oil and bubbles coming from the area where the submarine had submerged. The *Bullhead* was the last U. S. submarine lost during World War II. The attack happened at coordinates 8° 20' S, 115° 42' E, which is very close to the Bali coast. The *Bullhead* received two battle stars for her World War II service.

USS Pompano (SS-181) – 28 August 1943



74 MEN LOST

On August 20, 1943, the *USS Pompano*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Willis M. Thomas, left Midway Island on her seventh and last war patrol. Thomas was ordered to patrol the north-east coast of Honshu from August 29 until sunset on September 27, 1944.

The last report from the *Pompano* was on September 9, 1944, when she reported that she had attacked and damaged the *Nanking Maru*.

One possibility is that she fell victim to a newly laid mine field. Another possibility is that Japanese records obtained after the war indicate that Japanese air and naval units attacked a submarine on September 17, 1943, in the Tsugaru Strait, at bearing 320 from and only two miles off Cape Shiryazaki. Japanese ASW forces made three attacks with depth charges. Following the last one the target stopped and the oil slick was seen to be spreading. After each attack the oil slick grew larger. It was concluded that a enemy submarine was probably resting on the seabed in an area at bearing 318 from and about three miles off the Shiryazaki Lighthouse. The attackers believed the submarine had lost motive power. Attempts to locate the target using the fathometer and sonar were unsuccessful. More depth charges were dropped and more gushing oil was seen. Oil kept gushing out from that location during the entire day.

The *Pompano* did not return to Midway Island on the scheduled date, nor did she respond to numerous radio transmissions. *Pompano* was awarded seven battle stars for her service in World War II.

POST WW-II Lost Boats

USS COCHINO (SS-345) and USS TUSK (SS-436) – 26 August 1949



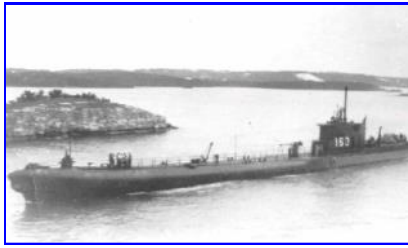
1 MAN LOST from Cochino and 6 MEN LOST from Tusk

USS Cochino (SS-345) was lost on 26-Aug-1949 when it sank in the Norwegian Sea after a fire, one crewman from Cochino and 6 crewmen of the **USS TUSK (SS-426)** were lost overboard due to the heavy seas while rescuing the **USS COCHINO's** crew.

(Left photo is Cochino, Right is Tusk)



Lost Boats of August



USS Bass (SF-5) (SS-164) - 17 August 1942

26 MEN LOST

USS Bass (SF-5/SS-164), a *Barracuda*-class submarine and one of the "V-boats", was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the bass. Her keel was laid at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. She was launched as **V-2 (SF-5)** on 27 December, 1924. *Bass* was designed to meet the fleet submarine requirement of 21 knots (39 km/h) surface speed for operating with contemporary battleships.

Inter-War Period

V-2 was assigned to Submarine Division 20 (SubDiv 20) and cruised along the Atlantic coast and in the Caribbean Sea until November 1927, when the Division sailed for San Diego, California, arriving on 3 December 1927. *V-2* operated with the fleet on the West Coast, in the Hawaiian Islands, and in the Caribbean Sea until December 1932. During this period her 5 inch (127 mm)/51 caliber deck gun was replaced by a 3 inch (76 mm)/50 caliber weapon.

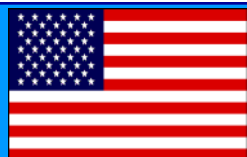
Renamed *Bass* on 9 March 1931, she was assigned to SubDiv 12 in April. On 1 July, her hull classification symbol was changed from **SF-5** to **SS-164**. On 2 January 1933, she was assigned to Rotating Reserve SubDiv 15, San Diego. *Bass* rejoined the fleet again in July and cruised along the West Coast, in the Canal Zone, and in the Hawaiian Islands until January 1937. She then departed the West Coast and arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 18 February, 1937, where she went out of commission in reserve on 9 June.

World War II

Bass was recommissioned at Portsmouth, New Hampshire on 5 September, 1940, and assigned to SubDiv 9, Atlantic Fleet. From February–November 1941, she operated along the New England coast and made two trips to St. George, Bermuda. She arrived at Coco Solo, Canal Zone on 24 November and was on duty there when the Japanese launched their attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1942, *Bass* was attached to Submarine Squadron 3 (SubRon 3), SubDiv 31, Atlantic Fleet. From March–August. While based at Coco Solo, she made four war patrols in the Pacific, off Balboa, Panama. While at sea on 17 August, 1942, a fire broke out in the after battery room and quickly spread to the aft torpedo room and starboard main electric motor, resulting in the death of 26 enlisted men by asphyxiation. The following day, USS *ANTAEUS* (AS-21) arrived to assist the submarine and escorted her into the Gulf of Dulce, Costa Rica. Both then proceeded to Balboa.

Bass remained in the Canal Zone until **October 1942**, when she departed for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, arriving on 19 October. *Bass* was then overhauled at Philadelphia Navy Yard. At this time she was converted to a *cargo submarine* with the removal of her main engines, severely restricting her speed on the remaining auxiliary engines. *Bass* proceeded to New London, Connecticut where she conducted secret experiments off Block Island in December 1943. She was again in Philadelphia for repairs from January–March 1944. During the remainder of the year, she was attached to SubRon 1, Atlantic Fleet, and operated out of New London in the area between Long Island and Block Island. *Bass* was decommissioned at the Naval Submarine Base New London on 3 March, 1945 and expended as a target for the Mark 24 Fido "mine" (actually an acoustic homing torpedo) on 18 March, 1945.



Military Terminology And SMB NEWSLETTER INPUTS



COMPARATIVE MILITARY TERMS

NAVY / MARINES

ARMY

AIR FORCE

Head	Latrine	Powder Room
Mess Deck / Chow Hall	Mess Hall / Mess Tent	Dining Facility / Cafe
Rack	Bunk	Single Bed with Ruffle & Duvet
"Cookie"	Mess Cook	Contract Chef
Coffee / Mud	Cup of Joe	Vanilla Latte
Bug Juice	Kool Aid	Shirley Temple
Utilities	BDU's	Casual Wear
Seaman / Private	Private	Bobby or Jimmy
Chief / Gunny	Sergeant	Bob or Jim
Captain / Skipper	Colonel	Robert or James
Captain's Mast	Article 15	Time Out
Berthing / Barracks	Barracks	Apartment
Skivvies / U-Trap	Underwear	T-Shirt & Panties
Thrown in the Brig	Put in Confinement	Grounded
Zoom Bag	Flight Suit	Business Casual
Cover	Beret	Optional
Ship's Store / PX	PX	The Mall
TAD	TDY	PCS with Family
Cruise / Afloat	Deploy	Huh?
Ground Grabbers	Athletic Shoes	Flip-Flops
Boondockers	Jump Boots	Birkenstocks
Low Quarters	Low Quarters	Patent Leather Pumps
SEAL / Force Recon	Special Forces	Librarian
OOO-RAH!	HOOO-AAH!	Uh-Oh!
MRE	MRE	#3 with a Coke
Grinder	Drill Field	What?
Ge-Dunk	Snack Bar	Chucky Cheese
Midshipman	Cadet	Debutant
Hardcore	Strike	Way Too Serious



Staff Inputs to SMB Newsletters

(by: Bruce A. Eltzroth SMB Newsletter Editor)



Please provide inputs to the SMB newsletter to include pertinent information for our membership about your specific staff position to include discussion of – Who, When, Where, Why & What has transpired since your last input to the newsletter. This input can include photos if desired. Please note that **this information is required for the four (4) elected staff members. This information is needed by the 20th of each odd month** of the year (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec.) so that the newsletter can be provided in a timely manner to the entire membership on every odd month. This information can be provided to me via e-mail at beracin3@msn.com with the heading:

"SMB Newsletter Input for (the months in question)". (I need this heading because I don't have current updates of all of your e-mail addresses and I will always trash anything that I receive if I don't know who it is from.)

This submittal can be in either: Word, Excel, Adobe Acrobat or your e-mail format as desired.

Respectfully, Bruce Eltzroth, SMB Newsletter Editor



2024 4th of July Parade - Lenoir City, TN

(Story by Bruce Eltzroth & Photos by Marlin Helms or Shirley Corders)



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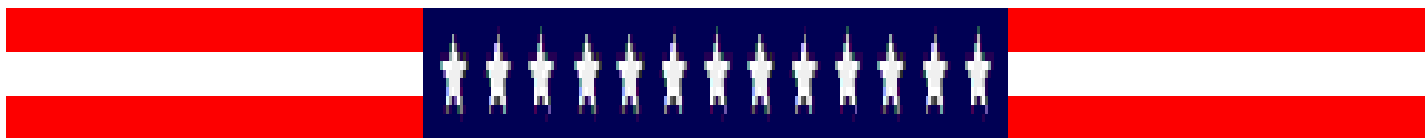


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The Smoky Mountain Submarine Base Veterans once again participated in this years 4th of July Parade in Lenoir City, TN. The Lenoir City Parade was again held in the sweltering summer heat of East Tennessee. In spite of that, the local turnout was very good. The first eight photos above show the preparation of the SMB float and several accompanying SMB decorated vehicles prior to leaving the staging area. The ninth photo shows the staging area for the floats and other participants prior to the start of the parade. The tenth photo is a young man on a motor bike, with a "Cure Dog" on his lap, progressing through the parade route. The eleventh photo shows the float along the main parade route in Lenoir City. The twelfth photo shows some of the parade viewers gathering candy along the route.





Smoky Mountain Base Float Spotted

(Story Submitted By Bruce Eltzroth)
(Photo below courtesy of Eric Eltzroth)



The Smoky Mountain Submarine Base's Submarine float was spotted in Meigs County Tennessee at a location other than its normal location. According to Jim Rock, the owner of the float, it has been parked in a fenced in area on a regular basis, due to the size of the float and the ability to more easily attach the tow truck that pulls the float to the various events that it participates in.



THE SUNSHINE LADY FORM

(Shirley Corders)

The following information is needed so we may celebrate the special days in your lives such as birthdays, anniversaries, and your qualification date. It would also be appreciated if you would let us know about health or major events in your life so we may offer support and encouragement in those times as well. Thank you to all who have already given their information, and we hope everyone else will send it as soon as possible to:

marlinhelms@gmail.com. Thank you so very much!



Please provide the following information so we may celebrate YOU & YOURS
(Please Print)



Name: _____

DOB: _____

(Month/Day)

Spouse/Significant Other: _____ DOB: _____

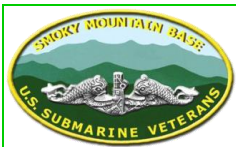
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Qualification Date: _____ (Month/Year) Anniversary Date: _____ (Month/Day)

Mailing Address: _____

THANK YOU!





June 2024 Monthly SMB Meeting at Mimi's Cafe in Knoxville, TN



The July meeting was chaired by Marlin Helms (SMB Base Commander) and was lightly attended. **(Photo 1)** below shows Marlin Helms preparing for the meeting. **(Photos 2 & 3)** indicate the light turnout. The 4th of July Parade will be held at Lenoir City, TN. A formal vote to confirm officers was held. New officers were confirmed.

(Story & Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)



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July 2024 Monthly SMB Meeting at Mimi's Cafe

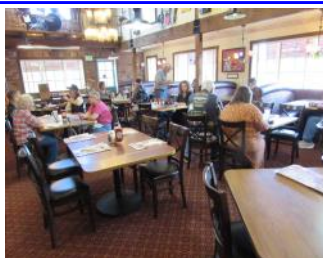
(Story & Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)



The July meeting was chaired by Marlin Helms (SMB Base Commander). One New Member signed up at this meeting. The turnout for this meeting was better than the last meeting (above). A Discussion about the 4th of July Parade that was held at Lenoir City, TN and the turnout for it was good. (See the photos and write-up on page 12 about that. Photos 1 through 4 below show the decent turnout for this meeting.



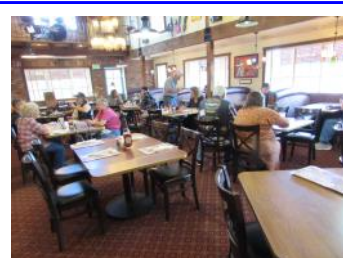
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USSVI HAPPENINGS USSVI - 2024 National Convention



The 2024 USSVI national convention will be held in Cleveland Ohio from August 17th, 2024 thru August 24th, 2024 .





Naval Undersea Museum Foundation

PO Box 408, Keyport, WA 98345



Normal Museum operating hours are from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM daily May through September. The museum is closed on Tuesdays October through April. The museum's no bag policy has been lifted, but will be enforced as security threat levels dictate.



U.S. Naval Undersea Museum, 1 Garnett Way, Keyport, WA **SUMMER STEAM**

Our weekly Summer STEAM program begins July 10! During each event, you can find education programming and activities inside the museum. Stop by any time between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Wednesdays to participate! The Puget Sound Navy Museum also offers STEAM-based activities on Fridays during their Set SAIL program beginning July 5. Summer STEAM and Set SAIL activities are different each week and provide an entry point for visitors to learn about the museum's artifacts and exhibits. Activities provide active learning and exploration, inspiring creative thinking and problem solving. Both programs are appropriate for K-12th grade learners. Wednesdays between 4th of July and Labor Day. Naval Undersea Museum, 1 Garnett Way, Keyport, WA SET SAIL Fridays between 4th of July and Labor Day 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Puget Sound Navy Museum, 251 First Street, Bremerton, WA Details on each Summer STEAM event can be found on our [Facebook](#) page or [website](#)!



What is the secret behind successful undersea operations? Hardworking, high-achieving Sailors and civilians from the Navy's undersea communities! Explore some of their stories in our new exhibit, Faces of the Deep, which rotates profiles every few weeks. From now through July 14, Faces of the Deep shares the stories of immigrants and first-generation Americans like Navy diver John Mihalowski. Born to Polish immigrants in 1911, Mihalowski enlisted in the Navy at age 16 and trained as a diver. While supporting rescue operations for the sunk submarine USS Squalus (SS 192) in 1939, Mihalowski transported survivors to safety at great personal risk, for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor. He would serve during World War II and commission as an officer before retiring in 1954 as a lieutenant commander .

US SUBMARINE VETERANS WANTED

The Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans Base (SMB) Chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) is looking for new members to be part of a growing service organization that holds various local events designed to enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow submariners and their families. We meet on the third Thursday of every month in the Knoxville area at 1800 hours for "social hour" and 1900 hours for our monthly meetings. We also participate in related memorials and holidays with our 1/10 scale Submarine float.





USSVI APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular ☐ Life ☐ Associate ☐

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 & its Constitution."

With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

☐ I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)

(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

☐ I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____ Tel: (_____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Your E-Mail Address _____ Base/Chapter Desired: _____

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____

Nat'l Dues: 5 Year term: \$140.00; 3 Year term: \$85.00; 1 year term (Jan thru Sep) \$30.00;

(Oct thru Dec adds the next year): \$35.00

Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$120.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$240; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$360.00; 46 thru 55 = \$500.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 600.00.

Smoky Mountain Base dues are \$15.00 per year (\$10.00 after August 1st)

How did you find USSVI? ☐ Friend, ☐ Boat Assn, ☐ Local Event/News, ☐ Internet, ☐ Other (_____)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member? (Mandatory for Associate Members) _____

Associate Applicant is: ☐ Veteran, ☐ Spouse of Veteran, ☐ Other (specify) _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ If other military service, What Branch? _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ Mil Retired (Y/N): _____ On Active Duty? (Y/N): _____

YR entered Mil Service: _____ YR left Mil Service _____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

☐ Check here if your Military Service falls within these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946, June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7, 1975; and from Aug 2, 1990 to date.

☐ Check here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

2. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

3. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

4. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

5. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ Relationship: _____ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Daughter, Parent, Other)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel: _____

(Leave this address line blank if it is the same as your home address)

Applicants on active duty are requested to provide a permanent home address.

Upon completion, give this form, including your National and Base membership DUES to Marlin Helms, Smoky Mountain Base Commander, at 732 Old Hen Road, Oliver Springs TN 37840. Phone # (865)387-5625.