

The Snorkel Exhaust

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, TN USSVI

**"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.

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May & June 2018**

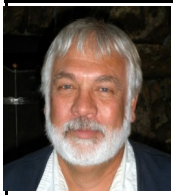
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Scheduled Meetings
Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at:
GOLDEN CORRAL
6612 CLINTON HIGHWAY,
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
Meeting @ 1900



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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE OFFICERS



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HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR**



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USS SPADEFISH (SSN-668)
Qualified MM1(SS)
USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN-663)



BASE VICE-COMMANDER
Ryan Smith, LCDR. USN (Ret.)



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USS PROVIDENCE (SSN-719)
Qualified LT(SS)
USS MARYLAND (SSBN-738)
Qualified LCDR(SS)
USS PITTSBURG (SSN-720)



BASE SECRETARY
Martin Wesley



Qualified QM2(SS)
USS CUBERA(SS-347)
in 1968



WEBSITE MASTER
Stewart McGlassen



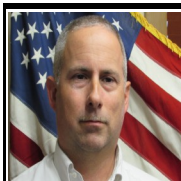
Qualified ET2 (SS) 1988
USS TENNESSEE (SSBN-734)



CHIEF OF THE BOAT
Terry McBride, EMC(SS) (Ret.)



Qualified EM3(SS)
USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN-624)
Qualified EM1(SS)
USS MARYLAND (SSBN-738)



BASE CHAPLIN
David Pope, EAWS

USS T. Roosevelt (CVN-71)
COMSUBGRU-9, FP DET 2

David is an Associate
Member of Smoky Mountain
Submarine Base



**BASE TREASURER &
STOREKEEPER**
Jim Burkholder



Qualified EM2(SS)
USS CARP (SS-338)



LIBRARIAN
Bill Smith



Qualified ETR3(SS) in 1963
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Qualified ETR2(SS) in 1965
USS JOHN C. CALHOUN (SSBN-630)



PROGRAM CHAIRMAN
Andy Armbrust



Qualified MM1(SS)
USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN-663)
in 1975



**NEWSLETTER EDITOR &
BASE PHOTOGRAPHER**
Bruce Eltzroth ET1(SU)
USS SCULPIN (SSN-590)

Bruce is an Associate
Member of Smoky Mountain
Submarine Base.





SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, USSVI
 Meetings, Greetings, Gatherings & Other Stuff

MAY & JUNE - 2018

Scheduled Meetings

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at:
Golden Corral
 6612 Clinton Hwy.
 Knoxville, Tennessee 37912



Meetings and Happenings



New Members:

Edward Sandifer (HT1-SS) - Qualified on USS PASADENA (SSN-752)

- June 1 - Newsletter Deadline
- June 6 - D-Day (1944)
- June 17 - Fathers Day
- June 21 - SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs) / First day of Summer



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- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 19 - SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs)
- July 21 - Neal Armstrong/Buzz Aldrin 1st Walk on the Moon
- July 27 - Korean War Armistice Day

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

2018 - SMB Election of Officers - Results:

Listed below are the results of the elections of our SMB Officers held at our monthly meeting on May 17, 2017:

Base Commander: **Marlin Helms**

Base Vice Commander: **Bob Childs**

Secretary: **Martin Wesley**

Treasurer: **Jim Rock**

SMB Library Books and Magazines

There are over 100 books in our library - check some out!

“Submarines of World War Two” by Erminio Bagnasco

“Submarines of World War Two” by John Ward

“The Terrible Hours” by Peter Maas

“Thunder Below!” by Admiral Eugene Fluckey

“Unrestricted Warfare” by James F DeRose

“US Nuclear Submarines: The Fast Attack” by Jim Christley

“US Submarines in World War II an Illustrated History”
by Larry Kimmett and Margaret Regis

“We interrupt this Broadcast (2 audio CDs included)”
by John Garner (CDs narrated by Bill Kurtis)

“The Navy” by W.J. Holland, Jr. RADM (Ret)

The Ad below is for the “Vest Lady”

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VETERANS INFORMATION FOR SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE MEMBERS

2018 VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



Soldiers Cross & Wreath



Missing Man Table

On March 29, 2018 the Vietnam Veterans of America held their Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial at Worlds Fair Park, Knoxville TN. This event celebrated the end of the Vietnam War and the return of the last of our fighting troops on March 29, 1973. It also honored the 58,318 men and women killed in action during that war (1291 of whom were from Tennessee).

The Vietnam Veterans Day was established by Presidential Proclamation and signed by President Nixon on February 26, 1974. It honors the more than 58,000 men and women who gave their lives and also those that honorably served their country in military service during that time.

The keynote speaker at this years celebration was Brig. Gen. Jim Mungenast (USAF Ret.). He spoke of the hardships endured by those brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to their country; and the need to honor them.

After the speech, the Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard presented the “Missing Man Table”; which was followed by the Presentation of the Soldiers Cross by Brad Heun and the laying of the Wreath by the Vietnam Veterans of Post 1078.



Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Mungenast

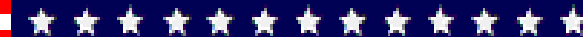


Vietnam War Posters



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.

Photos by Bruce Eltzroth



Base Commanders Report
Marlin E. Helms, Jr.



Shipmates the new float has been a success. The float is a great ambassador and recruitment tool for the base, with the low maintenance needed for it we can do more parades and events. There will be some cost in fuel and entry fees so we will need to work that into the base budget. We are considering the Gatlinburg Fourth of July parade, it is the first in the US and steps off at midnight. We would not need a lot of participation but any who are interested would be welcome. This year we will be inducting two new Holland Club members. Martin 'Wes' Wesley and Michael Wagoner will be inducted at our August meeting please put this on your calendar and attend if at all possible especially all of you current Holland Club members.

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

We elected our Smoky Mountain Base Officers this month. Official ballots were given to Base Commander Marlin Helms at the May 17th, 2018 meeting. He read the names that were nominated and votes were taken by acclamation with the results shown on page 4. This issue features the remainder of the story of the Vietnam Veterans Ceremony held on March 29th with more information and photos on page 4. Also on page 4 is a partial list of the books and video tapes of Navy related information that can be checked out from our Base Librarian - Bill Smith at (864) 256-7183. He will be happy to bring them to the next SMB meeting and deliver them to you.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—ANDY ARMBRUST

Our spring picnic will be on Saturday June 16 at the TVA Melton Hill Dam picnic pavilion #3. The picnic will start at noon and we will plan to eat at 1300. I will prepare pulled pork and provide buns, sauce, plates, eating utensils, cups, coffee, and iced tea and lemonade. Each family attending should bring a dish to pass. You may also want to bring a folding lawn chair.

The cost is \$15.00/couple or \$7.50/person.

Our space is handicapped accessible, has 6 large picnic tables and is close to restroom facilities (within 100 feet), It is close to public parking, and is a short walk to Melton Lake and its public swimming area. We have a covered area so we are good even if it rains.

Please note that TVA facilities do not allow alcoholic beverages. If you bring beer or other alcohol, keep cans and bottles out of sight in the cooler and drink from a plastic cup and there should not be any problems.

Please let me know if you plan to attend and how many people you will bring so I can be sure to fix enough food.

Directions to Melton Dam Picnic Area 3: Take I-40 to the first exit west of the I-40/I-75 Split (Exit 364 Lenoir City/Oak Ridge) Turn Right and go about 0.7 miles, Turn Right when you see the TVA Melton Hill Dam Sign, Follow the road, when you come to a fork stay left. Pavilion 3 is directly behind the new park office. Public parking is just beyond the office and restrooms.

Andy Armbrust, Social Committee Chairman (865) 300-3934 (Cell)



Treasurer / Storekeepers Report -
Jim Burkholder



Treasurer Report:

April 1st balance was \$1588.79
 As of May 31, we have a balance of \$1873.79.
 Activity during this reporting period is as follows:
 04/30/18 - Deposit of \$246.00
 04/30/18 - Bank Fee Debit \$15.00
 05/14/18 - Check #1223 - Debit of \$75.00 to the Web master for web services
 05/18/18 - Deposit of \$129.00

I will be turning over the responsibilities of Base Treasurer to Jim Rock ASAP, Good luck Jim.

Jim Burkholder- Treasurer

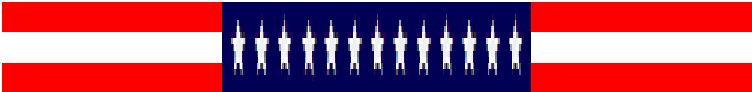
Storekeeper Report:

Items sold at May meeting: - **Sales are very slow, I sold one 2018 calendar and two patches for a total of \$20.00**

I have a large inventory of SMB and submarine memorabilia for sale.

See me at the end of our meeting to browse the inventory. If there is any item you would like to have that is not in the inventory just let me know and I will order it for you.

Jim Burkholder- Storekeeper





Secretary's Report - Martin Wesley



**Smoky Mountain Base
of the USSVI, Inc.
Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 17, 2018 - Time/Location: 1900 hrs, Golden Corral 6612 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville

Presiding: Marlin Helms, Base Commander

Meeting called to Order at 1905 hours.

Bob Childs presented the Invocation.

The Base Commander led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of The USSVI Creed.

Terry McBride and Marlin Helms led the tolling of the bell for lost boats.

"Tolling of the Bell":

USS O-9 (SS-70) - 20 June 1941 - 34 MEN LOST; USS SQUALUS (SS-192) - 23 May 1939 - 26 Men Lost;

USS LAGARTO (SS-371) - 4 May 1945 - 88 MEN LOST; USS HERRING (SS-233) - 1 June 1944 - 84 MEN LOST;

USS GOLET (SS-361) - June 14, 1944 - 82 Men Lost; USS R-12 (SS-89) - 18 June 1943 - 42 MEN LOST;

USS BONEFISH (SS-223) - 18 June 1945 - 85 MEN LOST;

USS S-27 (SS-132) - 19 June 1942 - No MEN LOST;

USS SCORPION (SSN-589) - 27 May 1968 - 99 MEN LOST.

Members and guests were asked to sign in and introduce themselves.

Meeting Minutes – Presented by Base Secretary

Treasurer's Report – Given by Jim Burkholder - \$1744.79 in the treasury

Correspondence/Discussion –

Committee Reports –

Newsletter– Bruce Eltzroth discussed next newsletter deadline is June 1, 2018.

Library – Bill Smith

Storekeeper – Jim Burkholder - "Stuff for sale"

Membership – Same/no change.

Social Committees – Picnic June 16 at TVA Melton Hill Dam picnic pavilion # 3 (start time Noon) set to eat @1300. See Andy's email for more details

Web Site – Stewart McGlasson - A meeting was held on 3/17/2018 in Oak Ridge, TN to discuss this. Progress was made and the website is in operation now.

Old Business-New Business /Good of the Order-

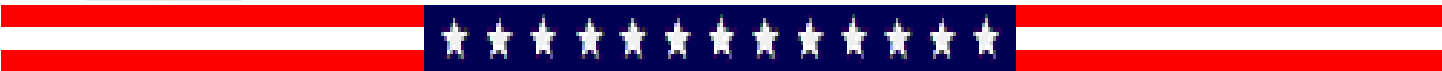
Planned for this year's Secret City Festival on June 8/9 with more to come from Marlin.

Base elections were held and the new Base Commander is Marlin Helms; Vise Base Commander is Bob Childs; Base Treasurer is Jim Rock; Base Secretary is Martin Wesley and C.O.B. is Terry McBride.

The Base is planning on being in the 4th of July parade in Gatlinburg, more to come later from Marlin.

Next Meeting; **1900 hrs, Thursday, June 21, 2018** at: Golden Corral 6612 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville, TN.

Motion to adjourn - Motion approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 1955 hours.





Lost Boats of May



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

USS SQUALUS (SS-192) - 23 May 1939

Photo # 15-N-10828 USS Squalus fitting out at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, 3 October 1938



26 MEN LOST

The USS SQUALUS sank during a test dive off Portsmouth New Hampshire on 23 May 1939. 26 men drowned, 33 were rescued using a McCann rescue chamber. Squalus was raised on 13 September 1939, and recommissioned as the SAILFISH. It was subsequently sold for scrap in June of 1948.

(Also see Pg. 11 for additional salvage operation information.)

USS O-9 (SS-70) - 20 June 1941



34 MEN LOST

Lost on 20 June 1941 when it floundered and sank during deep submergence testing off the Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth New Hampshire. It was later located by side scan sonar in September, 1997.

WW-II Lost Boats

USS LAGARTO (SS-371) - 4 May 1945

Photo # NH 79734 USS Lagarto underway, circa late 1944



88 MEN LOST

On April 12, 1945, with Commander Frank D. Latta on the bridge, Lagarto departed the submarine base at Subic Bay for her second and final war patrol. She had been ordered to patrol in the South China Sea. In late April she was directed to move to the outer part of the Gulf of Siam, where she would team up with USS Baya (SS-318) to conduct a coordinated patrol. On May 2, 1945, once on station in their new area, Baya sent Lagarto a contact report on a convoy consisting of one tanker, one auxiliary, and two destroyers. Lagarto later reported being in contact with the convoy, and began positioning for an attack with Baya. Later that night Baya reported she had attempted an attack on the convoy, but was driven off by gunfire from the enemy escorts. Early on the morning of May 3, 1945, Lagarto and Baya met to discuss attack plans. A strategy was agreed upon, and the submarines continued the convoy chase. The two submarines exchanged contact reports during the day. Baya attempted a midnight attack, but was again driven off by the alert IJN escorts. On May 4, 1945, Baya tried to contact Lagarto, but received no reply. Lagarto was never heard from again. The Lagarto received one battle star for her World War II service.





Lost Boats of June



USS HERRING (SS-233) - 1 June 1944



84 MEN LOST

The *Herring's* career is unique because she served in two theaters during World War II. Her first four war patrols were in the Atlantic. On July 26, 1943, the *Herring* arrived at New London from the United Kingdom, pursuant to her transfer from ComSubLant to ComSubPac. She left New London for the Panama Canal on August 9, 1943, arriving at Hunter's Point naval dry-docks for an overhaul on September 1, 1943. She departed San Francisco on October 29, 1943, and arrived at Pearl Harbor on November 2, 1943. The *Herring* completed her sixth and seventh war patrols out of Pearl Harbor between November 1943 and May 1944. On May 16, 1944, the *Herring*, captained by Lieutenant Commander David Zabriskie, Jr., departed Pearl Harbor on her eighth and final war patrol. On May 21, 1944, she topped off her fuel at Midway Island, and then headed for her assigned patrol area in the Kurile Islands. On May 31, 1944, she kept a rendezvous with the USS *Barb* (SS-220) to coordinate patrol strategy. This would prove to be the last contact anyone would have with the *Herring*. A few hours after parting ways, the *Barb* detected and began approaching an enemy convoy. Then she heard a distant depth-charge barrage and assumed the *Herring* had attacked the same convoy and was being counterattacked. Later, the *Barb* fished an enemy sailor out of the water who said the *Herring* had sunk an escort vessel (the frigate *Ishigaki*) from the convoy the *Barb* was tracking. The *Barb* eventually tracked, torpedoed, and sank two of the fleeing vessels - the *Koto Maru*, a small freighter, and the *Madras Maru*, a passenger-cargo man. The *Herring* had destroyed the third merchant, the freighter *Hokuyo Maru*.

The *Herring* failed to acknowledge receipt of orders dispatched to the *Barb* and her by ComSubPac on June 4, 1944, directing them to stay clear of a restricted area during the Marianas Campaign. The details of her loss did not become known until after Japan's surrender. Japanese reports obtained after the war revealed that the *Herring* was sunk on June 1, 1944, two kilometers south of Point Tagan on Matsuwa To Island in the Kuriles, after sinking two merchant ships at anchor close to shore at Matsuwa To with torpedoes at 0742 hours. The report stated the surfaced submarine appeared to have been damaged from running aground off Cape Tagan. In a counterattack made at 0756 hours, shore batteries scored two direct hits on the *Herring's* conning tower, and the gallant submarine went down with all hands. The Japanese report stated the sinking brought bubbles and foam to the surface; later a fifteen-mile long heavy oil slick covered the surface. The *Herring* was the only U.S. submarine to be sunk by a shore battery during the war.

The *Herring* received five battle stars for her service in World War II.





Lost Boats of June



USS GOLET (SS-361) - June 14, 1944



82 MEN LOST

The Manitowoc-built *Golet*, captained by Lieutenant Commander James S. Clark, left Midway Island on May 28, 1944, on her second and final war patrol.

The *Golet* was probably depth charged and sunk on June 14, 1944, off the northeastern coast of Honshu, at the geographic position 41° 4' 0.000" N, 141° 30' 0.000" E, by Japanese naval aircraft, a patrol boat, and an auxiliary submarine chaser. The *Golet* had unsuccessfully attacked a cargo vessel on that date. The enemy air and surface units then pursued the *Golet* to an area northeast of Hakuoto Lighthouse. In late 1942 the Japanese armed merchant cruiser *Bangkok Maru* had laid a field of 200 Type 93 mines in that area. On June 18, 1944, the patrol boat discovered an oil slick two kilometers long and 100 meters wide there. For the next nine hours the surface vessels and the aircraft dropped depth charges on that spot. More oil continued to rise to the surface. The enemy concluded they had attacked and sunk a submarine previously damaged by a mine.

USS R-12 (SS-89) - 18 June 1943



42 MEN LOST

Only two United States submarines were lost in the Atlantic during World War II, both in 1943: *R-12* and *USS Dorado* (SS-248).

On June 12, 1943, *R-12*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Edward E. Shelby, got underway from Key West, Florida to conduct a torpedo practice approach. As she completed preparations to dive, her forward battery compartment began to flood. The sea began rushing in and *R-12* sank within fifteen seconds in 600 feet of water. Two officers and three enlisted men, who were on the bridge, were the only survivors. The men lost included four U. S. Navy officers, thirty-six U. S. Navy enlisted men, and two Brazilian observers. It was the opinion of a Court of Inquiry that the exact cause for the loss of *R-12* was unknown, but was probably due to rapid flooding of the forward part of the ship through a torpedo tube.

USS BONEFISH (SS-223) - 18 June 1945



85 MEN LOST

Japanese records reviewed after the war revealed that the 5,488-ton cargo ship *Konzan Maru* was torpedoed and sunk in Toyama Wan on June 19, 1945, and that an ensuing severe counterattack by Japanese escorts brought debris and a major oil slick to the water's surface. The *BONEFISH* was sunk in this action. She went down fighting with all hands.

At 0615, *BONEFISH* torpedoes KONZAN MARU at 37-13N, 137-18E. The Japanese 31st Escort Division is alerted immediately and CD-63, OKINAWA (F) and CD-207 arrive at the scene of sinking. OKINAWA makes sonar contact with a submerged submarine and drops a series of depth charges set to a depth of 295 to 390 feet. Next, CD-63 and CD-207 attack. CD-158 is also dispatched to the same location. After another attack, the sonar contact is lost. Pieces of cork and oil are sighted at 37-18N, 137-55E. *USS BONEFISH* is lost with all 85 hands. The *BONEFISH* earned Navy Unit Commendations for her first, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth war patrols, and seven battle stars for her World War II service.



Lost Boats of June



USS S-27 (SS-132) - 19 June 1942



NO MEN LOST

On June 12, 1942, the **S-27** departed Dutch Harbor for her first and final war patrol with Lieutenant Herbert L. Jukes in command. She had been ordered to reconnoiter Constantine Harbor at Amchitka Island and to patrol the Kuluk Bay area at Adak Island. On June 16, 1942, she was told to deploy to Kiska Island. On June 18, 1942, she reconnoitered Constantine Harbor finding no signs of enemy activity. She then headed for Kiska Island as ordered. When **S-27** surfaced that night to re-charge her batteries, heavy fog caused her to drift five miles from her estimated position. On June 19, 1942, she grounded on rocks off St. Makarius Point on Amchitka Island. All attempts to right the boat were unsuccessful. The entire crew was safely transferred to Constantine Harbor on the 20th, and a camp was established using the buildings and heating equipment that had survived a Japanese bombing. The entire crew was eventually rescued by PBY aircraft. All equipment, classified material, and guns aboard **S-27** were destroyed. Only the submarine's flooded hull remained.

POST WW-II Lost Boats

USS SCORPION (SSN-589) - 27 May 1968

99 MEN LOST



The USS *SCORPION* sank May 27, 1968 in more than 10,000 feet of water about 400 miles southwest of the Azores. Its loss was not ascertainable; the most probable cause was inadvertent activation of torpedo battery resulting in a possible "hot run" torpedo detonation off the Azores.

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA. from a Mediterranean deployment. Shortly after midnight of 22 May 1968, she indicated her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Her last transmission ended at 0302. Later information has determined the time of the hull Collapse as: 1842 UDT on 22 May, 1968 at a depth of 1525 fathoms.



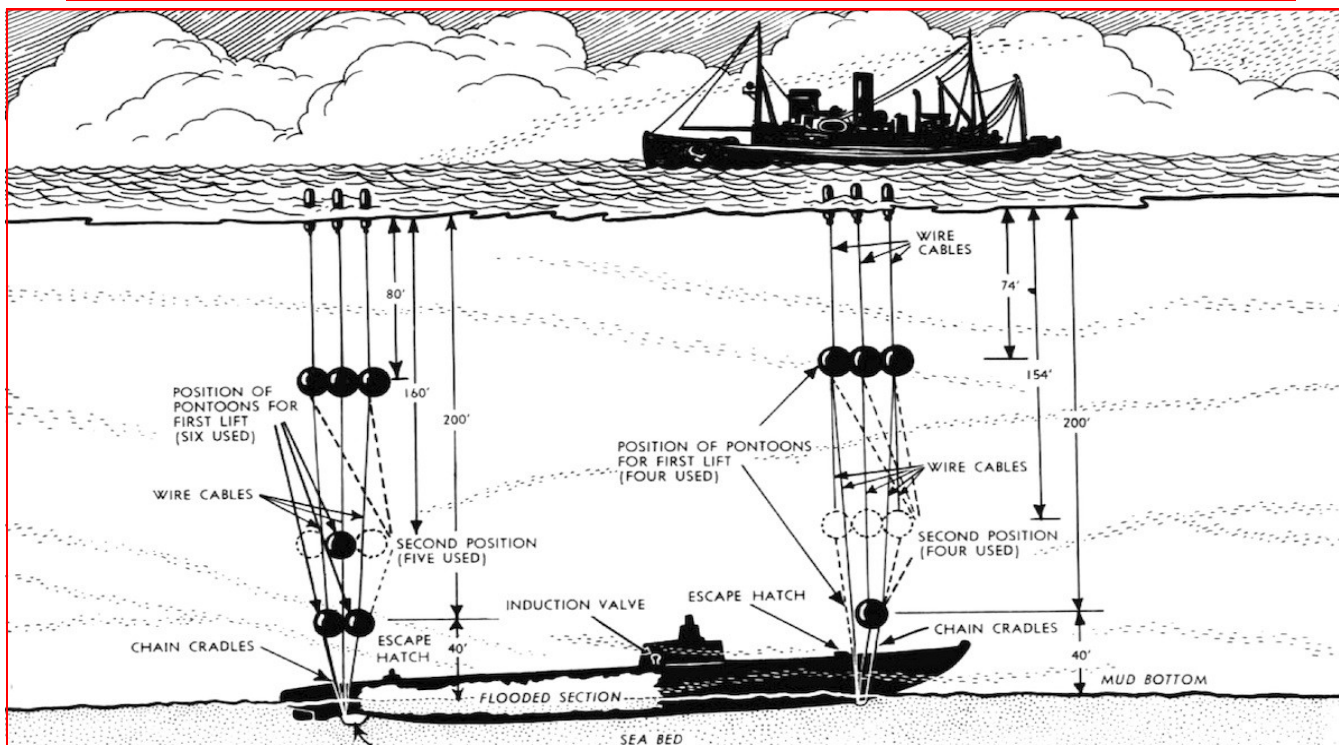
At right - USS Scorpion information presented at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, Washington.





Salvaging of the Squalus

Below is an artist's rendition of the salvaging of the Squalus in 1939.



On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors using a McCann rescue chamber. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of the crew survived after they had spent the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.

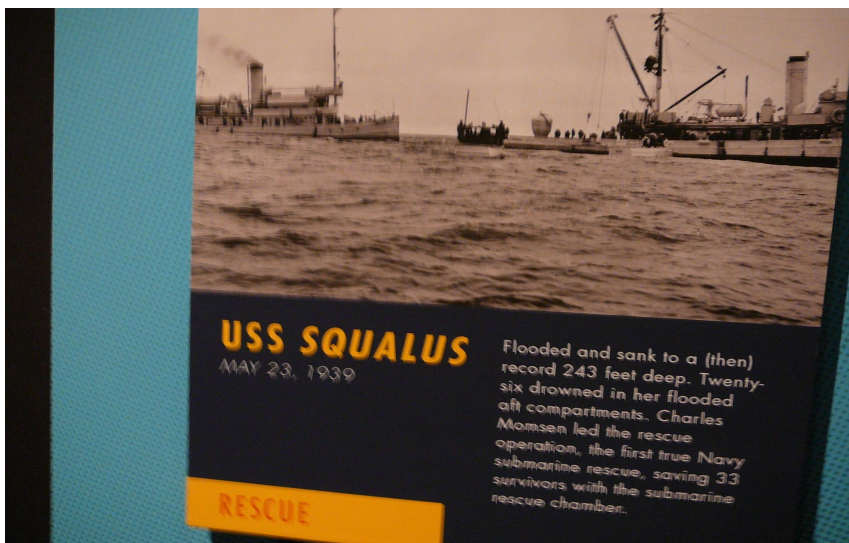


Photo and plaque of the raising of the Squalus by the USS Falcon (ASR-2) and several other vessels. (Photo by Bruce Eltzroth) (From the Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport Washington.)





Music in the Mountains Spring Parade



The Music in the Mountains Spring Parade, (formerly the Dolly Parton Music City Parade) was held in Pigeon Forge Tennessee on May 4th, 2018. The Smoky Mountain Base Submarine Veterans and the U.S.S. Andrew Jackson (SSBN 619) submarine float were part of it. Not only did Charlie Weller, the SMB's WWII veteran, along with his wife Betty take part in the parade, but "Uncle Sam" (David L. Salyers) rode on the float with the rest of the crew (photo below). The parade lasted over one and a half hours and covered almost two miles. Fortunately, the weather was good. Following the parade, almost everyone in the group met at Calhoun's for dinner. However, for some unknown reason, the food took much longer to be served than it did to seat us!

Haddo Base Submarine Veterans (from Cleveland, TN) also took part in this parade with their Submarine float the U.S.S. Haddo (SSN 604).



L to R: John Augustine, Gary Davis, Jim Rock, Charlie Weller, Bruce Eltzroth, Jim Burkholder, and Dick Mitchell.



Photos by Bruce Eltzroth, Dick Mitchell and John Augustine



Charlie Weller multi-tasking in his car.

Charlie Weller, "Uncle Sam" and Gary Davis preparing to start the parade (Great Uniforms).



Haddo Base float (SSN 604)



John Augustine driving the lead truck for the float.



Gary Davis and Dick Mitchell carrying the SMB banner.



Although the crowds were good, SMB members who had been there before said it wasn't as crowded as it had been in the past when Dolly Parton was the Grand Marshall.



THE U.S. NAVY WANTS MORE FEMALES ON SUBMARINES

SMB Newsletter Editor: Bruce A. Eltzroth (ET1-SU)



The US Navy is making a plea to increase the number of females in the Submarine service. One of the earliest women to qualify on submarines, Eowyn Pedicini, made a guest appearance at our Smoky Mountain Base meeting in April to discuss some of the pitfalls and also some of the humorous situations that she encountered while qualifying on her first boat - the USS LOUISIANA (SSBN-743). She is currently stationed at Oak Ridge, TN.



LT(SS) Eowyn Pedicini addressing the SMB membership at our monthly meeting on April 19th.

(Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)

The Navy's silent service is making some noise about wanting more female enlisted sailors to earn their dolphins and serve aboard submarines, according to the chief of naval personnel. Vice Adm. Robert Burke extended the deadline for female enlisted sailors to convert to the submarine force. Applications are now being accepted through 1 JUN, 2018 and selections from this round of applications will be part of the initial female integration of USS Georgia (SSGN-729) or to fill openings on previously integrated submarines. The Navy is aggressively promoting itself as a career choice for women, and pushing out messaging detailing the multitude of jobs available to female sailors, Burke said last week while testifying before the House Armed Services military personnel subcommittee. "We're really trying to highlight the situations that women can see themselves in," Burke said during the hearing.

Currently, 18 submarine crews include female officers, and four of these crews have female enlisted sailors. By the end of 2024, the Navy will have 21 crews with female officers, and 14 of these crews will include female enlisted sailors, Cmdr. Sarah Self-Kyler, a SUBLANT spokeswoman, told USNI News on 18 APR. The Navy rescinded its males only on submarines policy in 2010. Not everyone agrees with the Navy's continuing effort to integrate women into submarine service. After the deadline extension was announced last week, several online commentators posted derogatory comments to the Commander, Submarine Forces Facebook page. "So glad I am retired and not involved with this social engineering experiment," one commenter posted. In response, the command posted, "Integrating women aboard submarines is not a social engineering experiment and it is not something new. Women have been serving aboard submarines in other nations since 1995. The U.S. Submarine Force requires the best and the brightest America has, regardless of gender. Glad you are enjoying retirement."

Vice Adm. Joe Tofalo, the commander of Submarine Forces, didn't actually type the responses to Facebook, but approved the messaging posted on his behalf, Self-Kyler told USNI News. "We feel it's important to be a part of the conversation with our followers," Self-Kyler said. "When we feel our policy is not understood, we do our best to inform our readers using our most current policy and perspective on the topic." The submarine service is extending the application deadline because there was some concern the original announcement did not provide enough time for everyone interested to apply. The submarine force has received a good response so far from interested female sailors, Self-Kyler said.

For ranks E-6 and below, submarine career fields open for conversion include: Yeoman Submarine (YNS), Culinary Specialist Submarine (CSS), Logistics Specialist Submarine (LSS), Sonar Technician Submarine (STS), Fire Control Technician (FT), Electronics Technician Submarine Navigation (ETV), Electronics Technician Submarine Communications (ETR), Information Systems Technician Submarines (ITS), Machinist's Mate Weapons (MMW), and Machinist's Mate Auxiliary (MMA), according to the Navy. "It's an operational imperative for the Navy to increase our numbers of women so we are frankly targeting them in our recruiting efforts and our messaging because that's where the talent is," Burke said during the hearing. "Our new ad campaigns prominently feature women. Our most recent one, has a female submariner earning her dolphin."

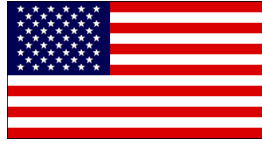
[Source: USNI | Ben Werner | April 18, 2018 ++]



Russian Submarine Spotted in U.S. waters.



(Information provided by the Maritime Museum of San Diego)



One of a fleet of diesel electric submarines the Soviet Navy called “Project 641,” B-39 was commissioned in the early 1970s and served on active duty for more than 20 years. 300 feet in length and displacing more than 2000 tons, B-39 is among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. She was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the world’s oceans. B-39, assigned to the Soviet Pacific fleet, undoubtedly stalked many of the U.S. Navy’s ships home ported in San Diego. Now, less than 20 years after the collapse of the Berlin Wall signaled the end of the Cold War, she is berthed on San Diego Bay amidst her former adversaries.

Soviet Project 641 submarines, classified as “Foxtrot” by NATO, are essentially larger and more powerful versions of German World War II era U-boats. Low-tech but lethal, she carried 24 torpedoes while she was on patrol - some capable of delivering low-yield nuclear warheads. The B-39 carried a crew of 78 and could dive to a depth of 985 feet before threatening the integrity of her nickel steel pressure hull. The Soviet and then Russian Federation’s Navies deployed these submarines from the mid 1950s through the early 1990s. They played a part in many of the Cold War’s most tense moments including the Cuban Missile Crisis. (2 Photos below by: Maritime Museum of San Diego)



Above - B-39 at Maritime Museum of San Diego

John Augustine toured the B-39 in Seattle WA. (when it was on tour)

Early photo of the (B-39) Russian “Foxtrot”



This Russian (wind-up) clock was recently given to John Augustine by a friend in Portland, OR.

(Photo by John Augustine)





BOONDOGGLE OF THE MONTH

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A visit to the Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport Washington



OUTDOOR EXHIBITS
Discover submarines and subsmersibles! In front of the museum entrance and along the fence you'll find the sail of USS Sturgeon (SSN 637), Sealab end bell, Mystic (DSRV 1), and Trieste II (DSV 1).



PERMANENT EXHIBITS
Be on the lookout for fascinating artifacts in our permanent exhibits like the Howell torpedo in Torpedo Technology, or the Torpedo Data Computer in Silent Victory: Submersives of WWII.

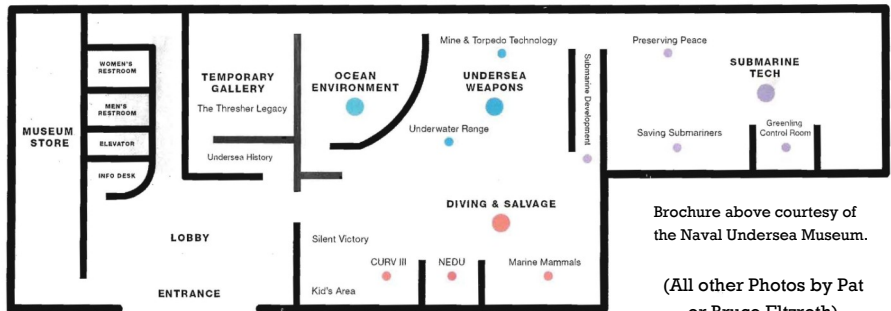


TEMPORARY EXHIBITS
See them before they're gone! *The Thresher Legacy*; *NEDU: Rising to the Challenge*; and *Marine Mammals: The Navy's Super Searchers* give a closer look at diving technology for every environment!



INTERACTIVES
From flip doors to touchscreens and videos to fly-wheels, hands-on elements are everywhere! There are even functional periscopes in the USS Greenling control room exhibit. Younger visitors may also want to check out the Kid's Area for books, puzzles, and wearable uniforms.

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In April, while my wife Pat and I were on vacation and sightseeing in the Seattle Washington area, we decided to take the ferry boat from Seattle to Bainbridge Island to see the sights there. After the very smooth ferry boat ride, we visited the Winslow Bainbridge Island Historical Museum (an excellent visit with ample local historic memorabilia). We spent almost two hours there, then headed west around Port Orchard Bay to the Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport, WA. It has been in existence since 1991 and has no entry fee. As we drove into the parking lot, we were amazed to see the Trieste and the Mystic DSRV's at the back of the lot (see photos at left). As you can see, the rain greeted us and was around most of the time we were there, but a little water didn't bother us. The Undersea museum was laid out in a way that would allow one to go in either of two directions and not miss a thing. It contains examples of Undersea Weapons, Diving Gear, Submarine displays (see photos below and brochure above) and even a gift shop which helps to support the existence of the museum. We obliged with multiple purchases. The docents at the museum were most helpful with literature and information that helped make this page possible.





USSVI APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular Life Associate

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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 Yr term: \$115.00; 3 Yr term: \$70.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$25.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$30.00;
Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00;

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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)

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