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The USSVI Submariners Purpose and Creed:
"To honor those who serve, past, present and future."

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

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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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Scheduled Meetings

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:
FAMOUS DAVE'S BBQ,
CEDAR BLUFF
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
Meeting @ 1900
(Guests are Invited)



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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
Robert (Bob) Childs



Qualified MMC (SS)
USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571)
 November 1967
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT



BASE SECRETARY
Martin Wesley



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



BASE TREASURER
JIM ROCK - (TEMPORARY)



Qualified MM1 (SS)
USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN 619)



Smoky Mountain Base Committees



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



Qualified EM3(SS)
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 Qualified EM1(SS)
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PROGRAM CHAIRMAN
Andy Armbrust



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



SMB STOREKEEPER
Dick Mitchell



Qualified ET1(SS)
USS CONGER (SS/AGSS-477)



WEBSITE MASTER
Stuart McGlassen



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



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

MAY & JUNE - 2021

SMB Meetings and Happenings

Scheduled Meetings:

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the **3rd Thursday** of each month via **Zoom** and/or at the **Famous Dave's BBQ** located in

Knoxville, TN
Dinner @ 1800
Meeting @ 1900



Smoky Mountain Submarine Base has a new location to hold our monthly meetings: **Famous Dave's BBQ** at 208 Advantage Place, off of Cedar Bluff in Knoxville has been chosen to hold our meetings until further notice.



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New Members:
(None This Issue)

- June 6 - D-Day (1944)**
- June 14 - Flag Day**
- June 17 - SMB Meeting (1830 Hrs)**
- June 20 - Fathers Day/Summer Solstice**
- June 21 - First Day of Summer**

- July 4 - Independence Day**
- July 15 - SMB Meeting (1830 Hrs)**

June 2021

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July 2021

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

2021 - SMB Election of Officers:

Nominations of our SMB Officers were tabulated at our meeting on May 20, 2021 - results are as follows:

Base Commander: [Marlin Helms](#)

Base Vice Commander: [Bob Childs](#)

Secretary: [Martin Wesley](#)

Treasurer: [Jim Rock \(Temporarily\)](#)

SMB Library Books and Magazines



SMB Library Books, DVD's and Magazines Ed Sandifer -ENS(SS) Base Librarian

Ed has several books and other items available for viewing. There are over 100 books and videos in our library - check with Marlin!



Final Notice:

This years United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. 2021 National Convention - is going to be held in Orlando, FL, on August 30 thru September 4. For more information, contact: Richard (Ozzie) Osen-towski at: (734) 671-3439.



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BASE MEMBERS



In Service to America

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.

Corona Virus Update

The CDC has issued a suspension of mask requirements for COVID-19

Effective on May 10, 2021, the CDC stated that it is no longer required for people to wear face (Nose & mouth) masks. This only applies to those who have received all required inoculations associated with the virus. This means that both Pfizer or Maderna shots, or a single J&J shot are required.

Definitions (Cont.)

R&R - Rest and Rehabilitation.

Rank and File - The generic man in ranks. Comes from the terms for a military formation, where a rank is a row (crosswise) and a file is a column (lengthwise) within the formation.

Rat Guard - Circular or conical metal plates attached to a ship's mooring lines to prevent rats getting aboard (or getting off). Also a metaphor for a deodorant (Right Guard).

Redass - Official flap about something of little consequence. A pain in the butt. "Man, that gender sensitivity training was a real redass."

Rig for Angles and Dangles -- Submarine usage: to prepare for sharp, swift dives, ascents, and turns, or to practice same.

Rig For Red - In submarines, to ensure all interior lighting is red and of low intensity so as to preserve night vision.

The Ad on the right is for the "Vest Lady"



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BASE COMMANDERS REPORT MARLIN E. HELMS, JR. - MM1 (SS)



The Carolina Ale House has not worked out, as people return to pre-COVID behavior the lack of isolation makes the noise level unacceptable. We will now meet at Famous Dave's BBQ. Famous Dave's has a separate room just off of the bar area able to accommodate 45 people. It is located at 208 Advantage Place, Knoxville, TN. (Just off of I-40, south on Cedar Bluff) I am told that the food is good by several people. **(EDITOR'S NOTE: The BBQ is great!)**

The 2021 election is lacking a Treasurer; the current one has withdrawn for personal reasons. If you are interested please let me know.

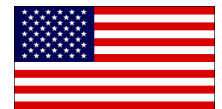
The Secret City Festival will be held on September 24th and 25th this year, but has not announced the bands for Friday and Saturday night, I will let everyone know as soon as they do. We are ready for the Tolling of the Boats and I expect we will have the same setup and booth location as last time.

I have submitted the application for the Gatlinburg midnight 4th of July parade. We are working on a date in September for a base picnic and Holland Club inductions.

Fraternally, Marlin Helms -
Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans, Base Commander.



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



SMB has confirmed the nominations of Base Officers at our May 20th meeting and the results are listed on page 4 of this issue. This issue contains photos of world wide submarine dolphins that were taken on my visit to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, WI a couple of years ago. Page 15 also has photos from the April SMB meeting at Carolina Ale House and a brief write-up. I donated 3 Submarine related books to the base library, 2 of them not previously in it - ask Marlin about them if you are interested.



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



Andy has indicated that there is a possibility of having this years annual picnic at Melton Hill Dam in September, possibly along with our Holland Club inductions for this year. (Specific date and time to be determined.)

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

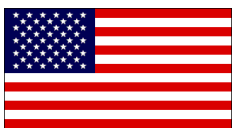


STOREKEEPERS REPORT - DICK MITCHELL ET1 (SS)



We currently have the following items on hand for sale:

The 2021 USSVI Calendars are still available, you can pick them up at the next meeting. Cost \$8.00 at the meeting, but if mailed \$9.00 to cover postage. They could make a nice Christmas present. 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.
(All purchases go to support your Smoky Mt. Base)



SMB TREASURERS REPORT - JIM ROCK MM1 (SS)



Treasurers Report: Jim Rock

On **April 30th**, we had a balance of **\$1,447.71**.
As of **May 31st**, we have a balance of **\$1,463.00**





SMB Meeting Minutes

By - Martin Wesley (SMB Base Secretary)



Presiding: Marlin Helms, Base Commander

Date: May 20, 2021

Meeting called to Order at 1912 hours.

David Pope presented the Invocation.

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

Bob Childs and David Pope led the tolling of the bell for the lost boats of May.

“Tolling of the Bell for May and June”:

USS BARBEL (SS-580) - 1 May 1989 - 2 Men Lost;
USS LAGARTO (SS-371) - 3 May 1945 - 88 Men Lost;
USS SQUALUS (SS-192) - 23 May 1939 - 26 Men Lost;
USS SCORPION (SSN-589) - 27 May 1968 - 99 Men Lost;
USS RUNNER (SS-275) - 28 May 1943 - 78 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 O-9 (SS-70) - 20 June 1941 - 34 Men Lost.

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

Meeting Minutes – None

Treasurer’s Report – \$1463 in the treasury.

Correspondence/Discussion – None

Committees –

- **Newsletter**- Bruce Eltzroth currently working on the next issue of the newsletter.
- **Library** – no report.
- **Storekeeper** – Dick Mitchell - not present.
- **Membership** – Marlin Helms - 43 members.
- **Scouting** - Thom Peschke - not present.
- **Webmaster** – Stuart McGlasson/Marlin Helms modified web page to reflect that we will be meeting at Famous Dave’s BBQ house in Knoxville.
- **Social Committees** - Andy Armbrust indicated that there may be a picnic in September at the Melton Hill Dam area, possibly with the Holland Club inductions.

Old business –

- None

New Business -

- **Voted on Base Officers** - Base Commander: Marlin Helms, Base Vice Commander: Bob Childs, Base Secretary: Martin Wesley, Base Treasurer: None (Jim Rock will continue until another treasurer can be appointed).
- The Gatlinburg 4th of July parade is a go - with more to come from Marlin.
- 13 members were present, plus one zoom member, and one visitor.
- **Next Meeting**; 1900 hrs, Thur. June 18, 2021 at Famous Dave’s BBQ house in Knoxville, TN.
- Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Accepted unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 1955 hours.



















World's Lost Boats - 2000 - 2021



Below is a comparison of the world's lost boats and/or crew and their countries of origin from the year 2000 to 2021.

Serious At-Sea Submarine Accidents, 2000 - 2021



2021	 Indonesia		KRI Nanggala (402) Indonesian Navy, April 21, 2021 Sub sunk. Cause to be determined. 53 crew aboard
2019	 Russia		'Losharik' (AS-31) Russian Navy, July 1, 2019 Sub damaged. Serious fire in battery compartment. 14 crew lost
2017	 Argentina		ARA San Juan (S-42) Argentinean Navy, November 15, 2017 Sub sunk. Cause to be determined. 44 crew lost
2016	 North Korea		Yono Class submarine North Korean Navy, March, 2013 Sub sunk. Cause to be determined. ~8 crew lost
2008	 Russia		Nerpa (K-152) Russian Navy, November 8, 2008 Sub damaged. Gas leak. 20 crew lost
2003	 China		Changcheng 361 Chinese Navy (PLAN), April 2003 Sub damaged. Carbon Monoxide. 70 crew lost
2000	 Russia		Kursk (K-141) Russian Navy, August 12, 2000 Sub sunk. Explosion in torpedo room. 118 crew lost

The significance of the USSVI's ceremony of "Tolling of the Bell for the Boats"

We honor our fallen brother submariners who lost their lives in war and peacetime. It is fundamental to our creed as members of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.**, which is: *"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country."* (See the following pages for details about May/June lost boats)





Lost Boats of May



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

USS SQUALUS (SS-192) - 23 May 1939



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. 12 for additional salvage operation information.)

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



34 MEN LOST

USS O-9 was 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



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

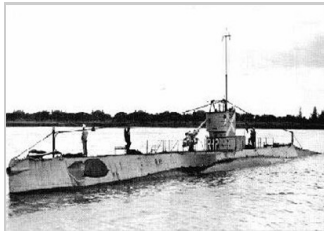


82 MEN LOST

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 2-27 (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) - 22 May 1968

99 MEN LOST



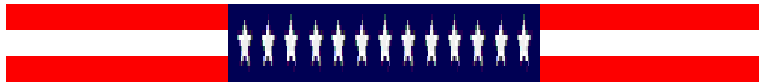
The USS *SCORPION* (SSN-589) sank May 22, 1968 in more than 10,000 feet of water about 400 miles southwest of the Azores. Its loss was not ascertainable; the most probable cause was inadvertent activation of torpedo battery resulting in a possible "hot run" of a torpedo and detonation off the Azores.

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 on that date. 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.
(Photo by Bruce Eltzroth)





POST WW-II Lost Boats (cont.)

USS BARBEL (SS-580) - 1 May 1989



2 MEN LOST



On 1 May 1989, while operating off Kyūshū, Japan, three submariners were washed overboard by heavy waves. One sailor was rescued; the two others drowned. Due to extensive damage to the boat from flooding during the incident, the decision was made to decommission the *Barbel*.



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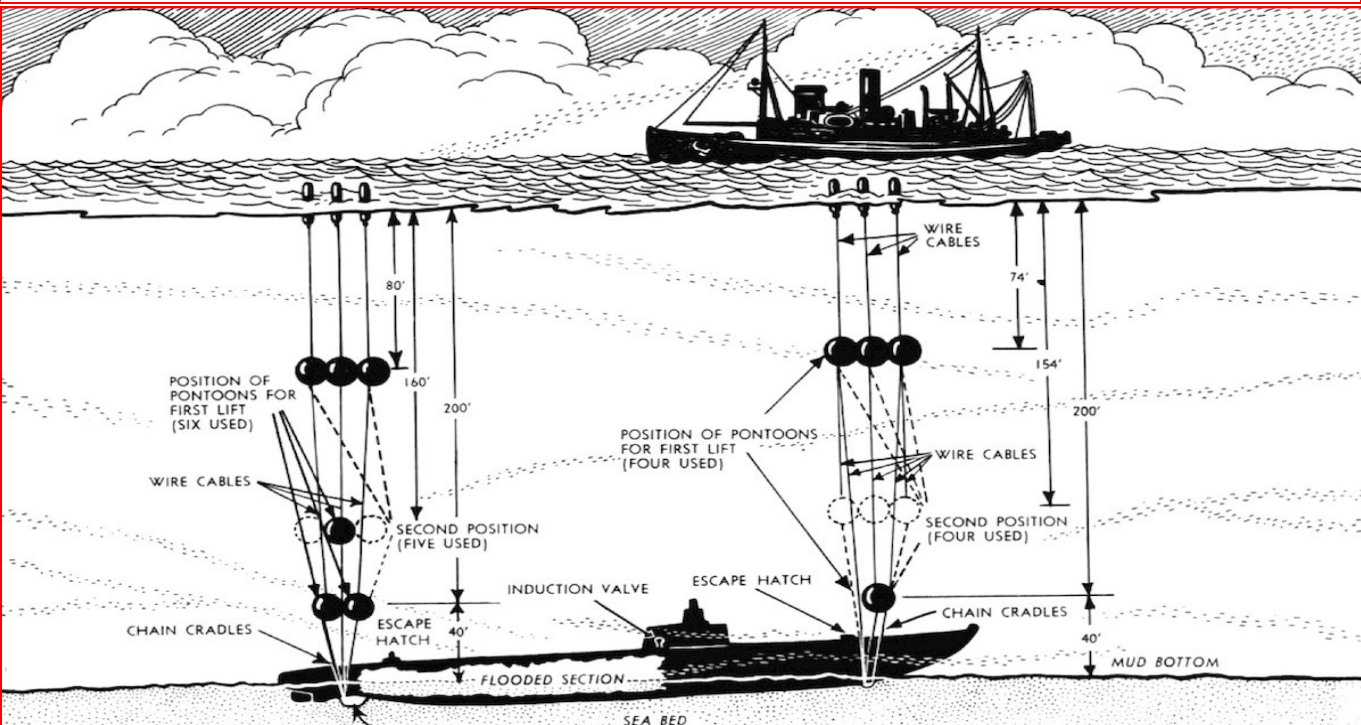


Salvaging of the Squalus



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 in the after compartments drowned. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish subsequently sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of the Sculpin crew survived after they had spent the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.





A LITTLE HUMOR FOR THE MONTH

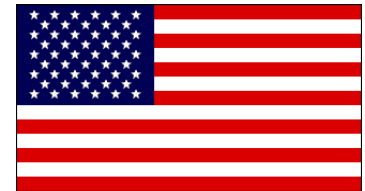
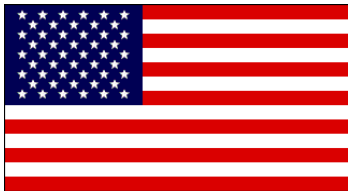
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1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those that live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them all.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN ON MEMORIAL DAY



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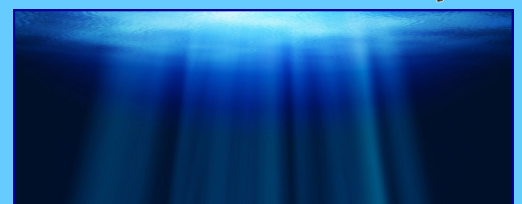


Memorial Day is an important observance that continues to be a day to honor and remember all military service members who died serving our country. Memorial Day began more than 150 years ago, when a group of Union veterans created "Declaration Day" as a day to place flowers on the graves of Civil War soldiers. The holiday became known as Memorial Day after World War II and has been held on the last Monday in May since 1971. This May 31, we invite you take a moment and remember the 1.2 million people who died in service to the United States.

(Story & Photo courtesy of the Undersea Museum)

In ocean wastes, no poppies below, no crosses stand in ordered row.
 There young hearts sleep...beneath the wave...the spirited, the good, the brave.
 But stars a constant vigil keep, for them who lie beneath the deep.
 'Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer, on certain spot and think - "He's there."
 But you can to the ocean go, and see whitecaps marching row on row.
 Know one for him will always ride, in and out...with every tide.
 And when your span of life has past, he'll meet you at the "Captains Mast".
 And they who mourn on distant shore, for sailors who'll come home no more,
 Can dry their tears and pray for these, who rest beneath the heaving seas...
 For stars that shine and winds that blow, and whitecaps marching row on row.
 And they can never lonely be, for when they lived...they chose the sea.

In Waters Deep
Poem by Eileen Mahoney



Submitted by Marlin Helms

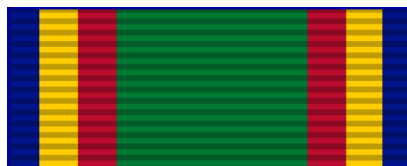


LOOKING BACK...61 years ago this month, USS Triton Circumnavigates the Globe

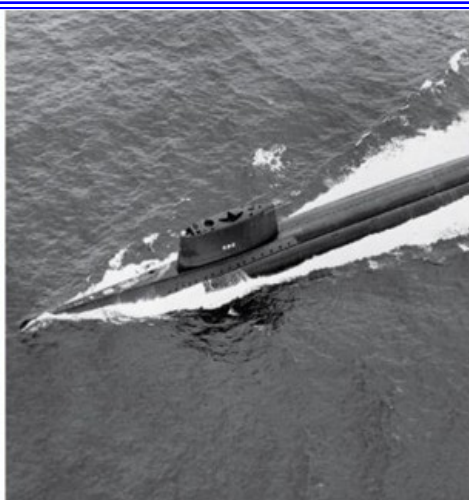
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On May 10, 1960, the radar picket submarine **USS Triton (SSRN 586)** surfaced after completing the first submerged voyage around the world. The sub traveled underwater for more than 36,000 nautical miles during the journey! *Triton* was a unique ship: at the time, she was the largest submarine ever built, the only ship in her class, and the only American submarine to ever have *two* nuclear reactors. Her submerged trip around the Earth demonstrated the endurance and speed capabilities of nuclear submarines less than six years after the introduction of nuclear propulsion. The impressive feat earned *Triton* a Presidential Unit Citation (below LEFT) and her commanding officer, Captain Edward "Ned" Beach, a Legion of Merit award (below RIGHT).



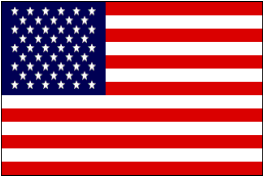
Below: Left: Commemorative circumnavigation booklet, *Center:* USS Triton at sea, *Below: Right:* Captain Ned Beach at Triton's periscope.



TRITON put to sea on her shakedown cruise on 15 February 1960, bound for the South Atlantic. She arrived in the middle Atlantic off St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks on 24 February to commence a history-making voyage. Having remained submerged since her departure from the east coast, **TRITON** continued on south towards Cape Horn, rounded the tip of South America and headed west across the Pacific. After transiting the Philippine and Indonesian archipelagoes and crossing the Indian Ocean, she rounded the Cape of Good Hope and arrived off the St. Peter and Paul Rocks on 10 April - 60 days and 21 hours after departing the mid-ocean landmark. Only once did her sail break the surface of the sea, when she transferred a sick sailor to heavy cruiser - **MACON (CA 132)** off Montevideo, Uruguay, on 5 March. Triton arrived back at Groton on the 10th of May 1960, having completed the very first submerged circumnavigation of the earth.

(This story & above Ribbons courtesy of Wikipedia)

**The U.S. Naval Undersea Museum reopened to the public on Monday, May 24!
Operating hours are 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday and Wednesday-Friday.**



World Wide Submarine Dolphin Collection at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum In Manitowoc, Wisconsin

(Photos and narrative by Bruce Eltzroth)



History of the "Dolphins"

On June 13, 1923, Captain Ernest J. King, Commander Submarine Division Three, suggested to the Secretary of the Navy that a distinguishing Bureau of Navigation spend the next several months soliciting designs from several sources for a badge. A Philadelphia firm submitted two concepts. These concepts were merged into a single design showing a bow view of a submarine flanked by dolphins in a horizontal position with submarine's bow planes. This design was adopted in 1924. Acting Secretary of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. authorized the "dolphins" badge. The design symbolizes a calm sea and the mythical dolphins that are the traditional attendants of Poseidon, Greek god of the sea.



As other countries began creating or revising the design of their submarine pins, many based their designs on the United States dolphins badge. Approximately 33 countries have incorporated dolphins in their submarine qualification badges. Today's dolphins depict a modern conning tower in place of a diesel submarine bow.

This collection of Submarine Dolphins was in a part of the museum in Manitowoc Wisconsin that I visited, while staying with relatives in the area. I was impressed by the number of foreign dolphins in the collection shown below! Each of the individual countries are listed under each set of dolphins (except Russia which has its own case).

International Submariners Memorial

In 1970, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum acquired the U.S.S. COBIA and the historic World War II submarine was dedicated as an International Submariners Memorial. The purpose of the Memorial is to commemorate those who have served aboard submarines throughout the world, and the men and women who built those submarines.

The submariner insignia pins in this exhibit are from all countries participating in the International Submariners Memorial and other world navies that have had submarines. After World War II, some of those navies acquired GATO class submarines, like the U.S.S. COBIA, from the U.S. Navy and operated them into the late 1960s.

The Collection was donated by Dr. Carl Kobelt and Roland Soucy.



SMB APRIL MEETING AT CAROLINA ALE HOUSE



SMB's April 2021 meeting at the Carolina Ale House was held on April 15, and there were 22 attendees. An attempt at a remote ZOOM meeting that was designed to include those members that were still sequestering from COVID-19, failed due to lack of a good connection at the Ale House. That issue should be remedied by the next meeting.

Story and all photos above by Bruce Eltzroth.
Right photo by Jim Rock.





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 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;

Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Consult the local base for those figures.

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. _____

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

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

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

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