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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, TN



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE SERVICE VETERANS, INC.

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 **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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Scheduled Meetings
 Monthly meetings are scheduled for the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:
MIMI'S CAFÉ,
10945 PARKSIDE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
Meeting @ 1900
 (Guests are Invited)

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE OFFICERS



BASE COMMANDER
Marlin E. Helms, Jr.
 HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR



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



BASE VICE-COMMANDER
Thomas Peschke
 (MMCM (SS))



USS M. G. VALLEJO (SSBN-658)



BASE SECRETARY
Robert (Bob) Childs



Qualified MMC (SS)
USS Nautilus (SSN 571)
November 1967
USS Theodore Roosevelt



BASE TREASURER
JIM ROCK



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



Smoky Mountain Base Committees



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



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



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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 COMSUBGRU-9, FP DET. 2

David is an Associate
 Member of Smoky Mountain



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Bruce is an Associate
 Member of Smoky Mountain
 Submarine Base.





SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, USSVI
Meetings, Greetings, Gatherings & Calendar

MAY & JUNE - 2023

SMB Meetings and Happenings

Scheduled Meetings:

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month via Zoom and at MIMI'S CAFÉ, 10945 PARKSIDE DRIVE located in Turkey Creek, Knoxville, TN Dinner @ 1800 and Meeting @ 1900



New Members: None This Issue

Sunshine Lady – Shirley Corderos – If you have your Qual date, please notify me at the meeting.

- June 6 - D-Day (1944)
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 15 - SMB Meeting (1830 Hrs)
- June 18 - Fathers Day/
- June 21 - Summer Solstice

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- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 16 - First Nuclear bomb Test - Trinity, NM
- July 20 - SMB Meeting (1830 Hrs)

June 2023

July 2023

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

2023 - SMB Election of Officers:

Voting for our SMB Officers was confirmed at our base meeting on May 19, 2023 - the results are as follows:

<u>Base Commander:</u>	<u>Marlin Helms</u>
<u>Base Vice Commander:</u>	<u>Thomas Peschke</u>
<u>Secretary:</u>	<u>Bob Childs</u>
<u>Treasurer:</u>	<u>Jim Rock</u>

SMB Library Books and Magazines



SMB Library Books, DVD's and Magazines See Marlin Helms 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!



Tennessee State Discounted Fees and Taxes

- \$10 one-time fee for hunting and fishing license for eligible disabled veterans.
- Distinctive motorcycle and vehicle license plates; no fee for currently enlisted personnel.
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VETERANS
INFORMATION FOR
SMOKY MOUNTAIN
BASE MEMBERS



In Service to America

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



The Honor and Remember Flag has been designated as the official TN state symbol of remembrance to honor fallen military service members for their service.

For information on obtaining one refer to:
<http://www.honorandremember.org/the-flag/flag-presentation>.

Upcoming National USSVI Elections

Both Marlin Helms and Thomas Peschke have thrown their hats (or should I say Dixie Caps) in the ring for the position of District 5 Commander. Each of them have issued written statements as to their qualifications and desires for continued success for the district and also strengthening of the USSVI. This notice is not meant as an endorsement for either candidate, but it is a request for all Smoky Mountain Submarine Base members to consider each candidate separately and determine which one can lead the District best in the future.

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



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



Elections are done and the nominated slate of incumbents was elected : Marlin Helms-Base Commander, Thomas Peschke-Vice Commander, Bob Childs-Base Secretary, and Jim Rock-Treasurer. I am hoping the all the appointed officers are willing to continue in their positions. Technically we should be voting on appointed officers. We need a few more volunteers as well. I will address both at the next meeting. We still need a location and time for our annual Tolling of the Boats ceremony. The Ben Atchley Veterans home was successful last year but it was primarily for the residents and limited access to base members and visitors. (Continued on pg.16)

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 18th meeting and the results are listed on page 4 of this issue. Page 4 also has new information about the VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America) meeting location. Page 7 has three pertinent articles associated with Memorial Day. This issue contains an article on where to go to get several military discounts, and there is also a little humor on page 13. There are several photos and info on the May SMB meeting at Mimi's Café and a "Quilts of Honor" ceremony on page 14. Additionally, this issue has SMB's participation in the Music in the Mountains Parade at Pigeon Forge, TN. that once again featured Cal Ripken as Master of Ceremonies on page 15, and an article on a 3 submarine hat trick at the north pole.



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



The Subvet spring picnic will be held sometime in June 2023.. It will be held at the Concord Yacht Club located at 11600 S. Northshore Drive; Knoxville, TN when there is an opening. The Yacht Club is an all weather climate controlled facility with a patio that overlooks Lake Loudon. The cost will be \$5.00/person. Andy will prepare smoked pulled pork and also provide buns, BBQ sauce, plates, plastic ware, cups, coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. Each family attending should bring a covered dish to pass around. Alcoholic beverages are allowed, so folks may bring their favorite adult beverages.



STOREKEEPERS REPORT - DICK MITCHELL ET1(SS)



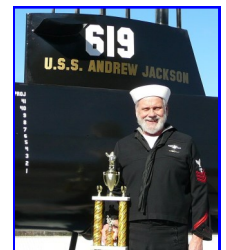
We currently have the following items on hand for sale:

The 2023 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 or birthday 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.

(Remember, all purchases go to support your Smoky Mt. Base)



SMB TREASURERS REPORT - JIM ROCK MM1(SS)



Treasurers Report:

On **April 21st**, we had a balance of **\$2,016.14**

As of **May 31st**, we have a balance of **2,265.74**





SMB Meeting Minutes

By - Bob Childs (SMB Base Secretary)



Presiding: Marlin Helms, Base Commander

Date: May 18, 2023

Meeting called to Order by Marlin Helms at 1904 hours. David Pope presented the Invocation. The Base Commander led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Thom Peschke read the USSVI Creed. Secretary Bob Childs and Terry McBride 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 SOUALUS (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 – April 20, 2023 minutes were read by Bob Childs & were approved

Treasurer’s Report – \$2265.74 in the treasury.

Correspondence/Discussion – None



Smoky Mountain Base Committees:

- **Newsletter**- Bruce Eltzroth currently working on the June 1 issue of the newsletter. Base member inputs are always needed.
- **Library** – Marlin Helms - Still looking for a Librarian.
- **Storekeeper** – Dick Mitchell—Good stuff, buy some.
- **Membership** – Marlin Helms - Thom Peschke – If you see anyone with Dolphins, talk to them.
- **Scouting** - Marlin Helms - Eagle Scouts will schedule an event in the fall for presentation of awards.
- **Webmaster** – Stuart McGlasson/Marlin Helms - Work continues.
- **Social Committees** - Andy Armbrust indicated that there will be a picnic on the second or third Saturday at the Concord Yacht Club.
- **Old business** – The annual election of officers was conducted by Bruce Eltzroth and Marlin Helms. A motion was made and approved to conduct the election by acclamation for those on the slate.
- **New Business** - COB, Terry McBride, passed out samples of Base membership information cards. He discussed the use of cards to attract new members. / COB, Terry McBride, passed out samples of SMB Base membership information cards. He discussed the use of cards to attract new members. A motion was made and approved to buy the cards.
- **Good of the order** - Vice Commander, Thom Peschke, mentioned that he was running for District Commander and would appreciate our support . He also talked about acquiring a torpedo to add to our collection of memorabilia. Base Commander, Marlin Helms, said a location for the annual Tolling of the Bell was ongoing.
- **COB, Terry McBride and Chaplain, David Pope conducted the 50/50 drawing** with a total of \$61.00 that was collected.
- **Next Meeting**; 1900 hrs, Thur. June 15, 202 at Mimi’s Café, 10945 Parkside Drive in Knoxville, TN.
- **Motion to adjourn:** was made and seconded at 19:59 hrs. **Motion was accepted unanimously.**
- **The boat was surfaced** by Base COB, Terry McBride, at 20:00 hrs.

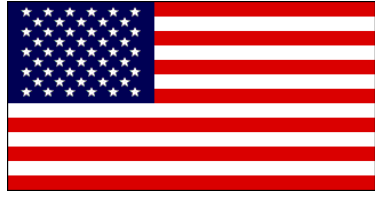
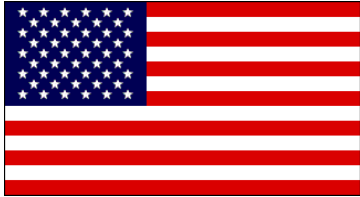




MEMORIAL DAY 2023



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN ON MEMORIAL DAY



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The Bells** ★
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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 have died in service to the United States.

(Story & Photo courtesy of the Undersea Museum)

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

In May, we honor the many contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) to the nation. Sailors of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage have served in the U.S. Navy since the early 1800s. During World War II, substantial numbers of Asian Americans enlisted in the military, even as Japanese Americans were barred from service and interned by the United States government following the attack on Pearl Harbor. President Truman's 1948 Executive Order desegregating the military and passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 improved opportunities for AAPI service members in the second half of the 20th century. Today more than 43,000 individuals of Asian American or Pacific Islander descent serve on active duty, in the Naval Reserve, or in civil service positions.

Learn more about the exemplary service of AAPI Sailors.
(Story & photos courtesy of the Undersea Museum)

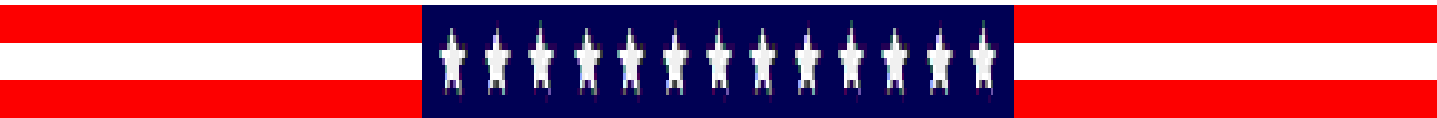


On the right are: Diving officer - Commander Hung Cao, (left) Submarine officer - Lt. Sohnhwa Lee, and Navy SEAL - Lt. Commander Jonny Kim .



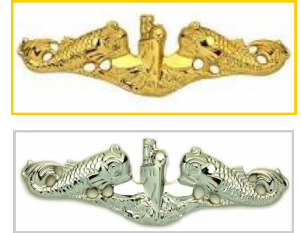
The significance of the USSVI's ceremony of "Tolling of the Bell for the Lost Boats"

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."





Lost Boats of May



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

USS SQUALUS (SS-192) - 23 May 1939



Photo # 15-N-10833 USS Squalus being out at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, 5 October 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 of 1997.



WW-II Lost Boats

USS LAGARTO (SS-371) - 4 May 1945



Photo # NH 79774 USS Lagarto underway, circa later 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



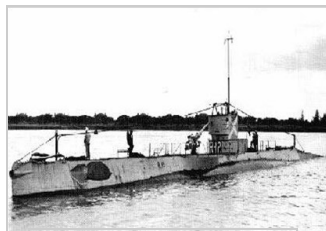
82 MEN LOST

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 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 PBV 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



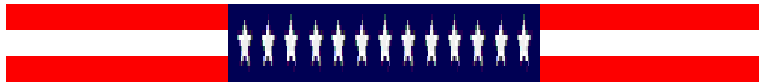
The USS *SCORPION* (SSN-589) sank May 22, 1968 in more than 10,000 feet of water about 400 miles southwest of the Azores. Its loss was not ascertainable; the most probable cause was inadvertent activation of torpedo battery resulting in a possible "hot run" of a torpedo and detonation off the Azores.

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.

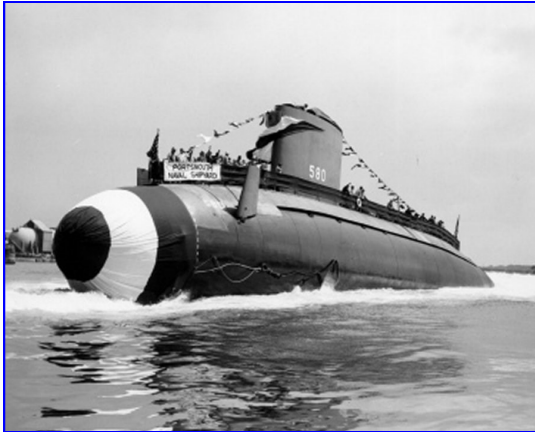
(Photo by Bruce Eltzroth)





POST WW-II Lost Boats (cont.)

USS BARBEL (SS-580) - 1 May 1989



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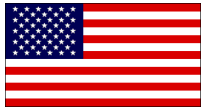


Tolling Of
The Bell



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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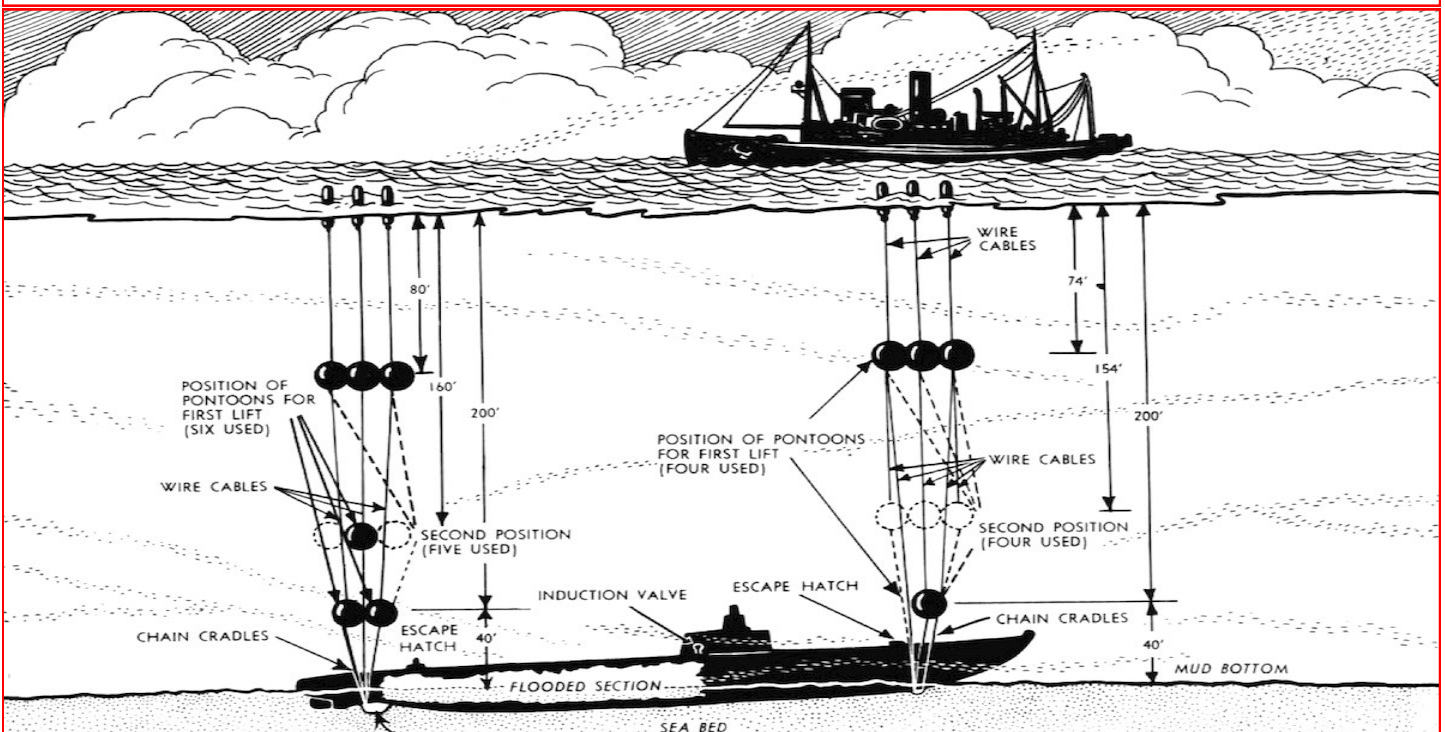
Salvaging of the Squalus

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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.



DEFINITIONS FOR THE MONTH

(Author: Lt. Col. M. S. Eltzroth USAF)



Handy Engineering Conversions

Eskimo Pie: Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter.

Won ton: 2000 pounds of Chinese soup.

1 microscope: 1 millionth of a mouthwash.

1 bananao second: Time between slipping on a banana peel and smacking the pavement.

1 billigram: Weight an evangelist carries with God.

A Knot-furlong: Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour.

1 lite year: 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer because it's less filling.

1 Rod Sterling: 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone .

1 semicolon: Half of a large intestine.

1 kilohurtz: 1000 aches.

1 hoarsepower: Basic unit of laryngitis.

A straight line: shortest distance between two jokes.

453.6 graham crackers: 1 pound cake.

1 megaphone: 1 million microphones.

2 megacycles: 1 million bicycles.



NO I CAN'T DO SNAPCHAT
OR TIKTOK BUT I CAN WRITE
IN CURSIVE, DO MATH
WITHOUT A CALCULATOR
AND TELL TIME ON A
CLOCK WITH HANDS.

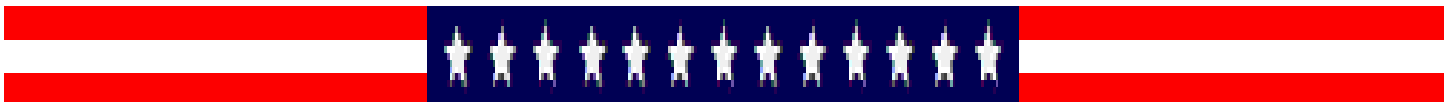


Photo: Erick McCarthy



A visit to the Eisenhower Home & Museum in Kansas several years ago, resulted in me finding a plaque commemorating the first nuclear powered submarine - the USS Nautilus in 1954.

(Photos & Story By Bruce Eltzroth)





May 2023 SMB Meeting & Voting



The May 2023 Smoky Mountain Base meeting was again held at Mimi's Café in Knoxville, TN. This meeting included voting for officers of the Smoky Mountain Submarine Base. The results of which were: **Base Commander - Marlin Helms; Base Vice Commander - Thomas Peschke; Secretary - Bob Childs; and Treasurer - Jim Rock.** In another matter, Thom Peschke indicated that he was going to run for USSVI District Commander of Central District 5. This announcement brought forth several comments from the SMB participants about his running in opposition to Marlin Helms who indicated that he too was running for re-election as District 5 Commander. This meeting was well attended by SMB members.

(Photos below and story by Bruce Eltzroth)



In Service to America

Quilts of Valor - Foundation Awards

(Photos below by John Augustine and Pat Eltzroth and story by Bruce Eltzroth)



In Service to America

I attended a VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.) meeting with John Augustine and our wives on May 9th of this year. Immediately after completion of the pledge of allegiance, and opening statements by the commander, the VVA announced that they were going to present "Quilts of Valor" to several members who were present. Unbeknownst to me, I was to be one of the recipients of that honor - what a surprise!



From the Desk of National Commander Bill Andrea



Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Please take time to honor our men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military, protecting and preserving our freedoms. If able, attend one of the many Memorial Day Ceremonies celebrated throughout the country. Also, wear your hats and/or vests to show that we Submariners will never forget our shipmates that gave the supreme sacrifice.

Respectfully, Bill Andrea, NC





Music in the Mountains Parade In Pigeon Forge, TN

(Photos and story by Bruce Eltzroth)



Several Smoky Mountain Submarine Base members participated in the “Music in the Mountains Parade” in Pigeon Forge, TN on April 28, 2023. The turnout for the parade had the fewest floats and participants and viewers since the “Dolly Parton Music in the Mountains Parade” was changed to the new venue. (Photo 1) shows most of the participants of the SMB group in the parade - from left to right. They are: Marlin Helms (SMB Base Commander), Fred Baker, Thomas Peschke SMB Vice Commander, and his wife Stepheny, Rick Turner, Jim Rock and Shirley Corders and Bruce Eltzroth. Absent from this photo, but also participating, were Terry McBride and Lorie Helms who are both included in photos 11 & 12. Our Submarine float, the USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) was used in the parade (Photos 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5). (Photo 6 shows Lorie Helms driving her and Marlin's decorated car in the parade behind the float. (Photo 7) depicts (L to R) SMB members Rick Turner and Terry McBride carrying the SMB banner. (Photos 9, & 10) give us a view of the very sparse participation of viewers at the parade. (Photos 11 & 12) show most of the group having a late dinner at Calhoun's “Ribs House” in Pigeon Forge following the parade.



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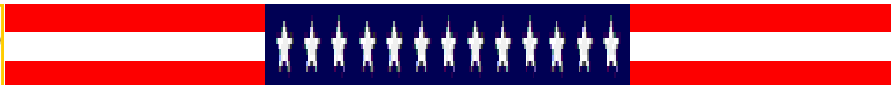
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Looking back on a submarine hat trick - On May 6, 1986, three nuclear submarines surfaced simultaneously under the ice at the North Pole for the first time ever. They were: USS *Ray* (SS-653), USS *Hawkbill* (SSN-666), and USS *Archerfish* (SSN-678) and were participating in ICEX 86, a U.S. Navy exercise designed to train men and submarines in the demanding Arctic environment. As *Sturgeon*-class submarines, all three were well-equipped for the icy mission. The fairwater planes mounted to the sails of *Sturgeon* class submarines could rotate 90 degrees to break through thin ice. In this photo, USS *Ray* (left) still has its planes rotated vertically from surfacing.

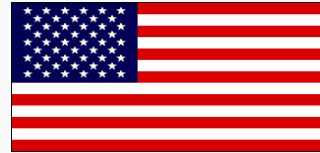


BASE COMMANDERS REPORT (CONTINUED)
MARLIN E. HELMS, JR. - MM1 (SS)

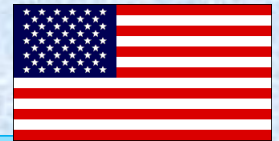


Now that Officer elections are over, I am required to nominate other members of the board, hoping the past members will continue in their positions. I have fallen down on the job as I should have gotten a vote of approval of my choices in the past. We could use some new appointments as I am filling in for many of them. You can serve in more than one role. Appointed officers are voting members of the Board of Directors. These are the current and hopefully next appointments:

- COB- Terry McBride
- Chaplain- Dave Pope
- Program Chair (picnics)- Andy Armbrust
- Storekeeper- Dick Mitchell
- Newsletter Editor- Bruce Eltzroth
- Base Photographer- Bruce Eltzroth
- Web Master-Stuart McGlasson
- Librarian- Marlin Helms
- Holland Club Chair- Marlin Helms
- Scouting Chair- Marlin Helms
- Sunshine Lady- Shirley Corders
- Parliamentarian- Vacant



BASE VICE-COMMANDERS REPORT
THOMAS PESCHKE - MMCM (SS)



There is a port of no return, Where ships may ride at anchor for a little space. And then, some starless night, the cable slips, Leaving an eddy at the mooring place . . . Gulls, veer no longer. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore.

Sailor, Rest Your Oar

When your final dive is made, and your battery's running low,
 You'll know there lies a boat for you many fathoms here below,
 With your annunciators jammed on full and your depth gauge needles bent,
 Your accumulator's dry of oil and your air banks all are spent,
 It's then you get to wonderin', "is my life's boat rigged for dive?"
 Your guessing drill commences, "am i dead or still alive?"
 You pace the flooded decks with scorn and curse the flaws of man.
 Into realms of rex you've stepped, and here you'll make your stand.
 To live your life, as sailors must, at the bottom of the sea.
 There's one you'll have to reckon-that one, my friend, is thee.
 Will your conscience do you justice when the final muster's in?
 Did you lead the kind of life you should in every port you've been?
 The answers to these questions and many, many more,
 Are locked in the hearts of sailormen from Cannes to Singapore.
 So, when your day for mast rolls 'round. the choice is up to you,
 Sailor chart your course of life right now. chart it straight and true.
 Now's the time to flood your tanks and trim up 'fore and aft.
 It's a trifle late when the klaxon sounds to square away your craft.
 Your final billet lies below, on "old ocean's" floor.
 So, be ready when that last word's passed.

Sailor rest your oar!



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 member and my sponsor is indicated below.

- I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Year)
(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 _____ (Year)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ Address: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Nat'l 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

National 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 (\$ 10.00 after Aug. 1st)

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

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Assoc 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 if your Military Service falls within any of 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 August 2, 1990 to date.
- Check 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 the same as your home address)

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

Upon completion, please deliver to: Marlin Helms at the monthly meeting (on the third Thursday of each month) or, mail to:
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