



“To Honor Those Who Serve, Past, Present, and Future”.
“The USSVI Submariner’s Creed”

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



OUR ORGANIZATION

OUR FOUNDERS

OUR BROTHERHOOD

Our Mission
 The organization will engage in various projects that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyles we enjoy today.

Scheduled Meetings
 Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at:
Mimi’s Café
10945 Parkside Drive,
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
 Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
 Meeting @ 1900

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November & December 2023

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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))



Qualified MM2 (SS)
USS M. G. VALLEJO (SSBN-658)



BASE SECRETARY
Robert (Bob) Childs



Qualified MMC (SS)
USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571)
 November 1967
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
 (SSBN 600 - Blue Crew) July 1970



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)



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



**NEWSLETTER EDITOR &
 BASE PHOTOGRAPHER**
Bruce Eltzroth ET1(SU)
 Staff Instructor - S1W, IDAHO
USS SCULPIN (SSN-590)



Bruce is an Associate
 Member of Smoky Mountain
 Submarine Base



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

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - 2023

Meetings and Happenings

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Mimi's Café in the Turkey Creek shopping area.
 10945 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934
Dinner @ 1800,
Meeting @ 1900



New and/or prospective Members and their families are welcome to join us!



New Members:
 None This Time,



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- December 7: Pearl Harbor Day
 - December 7: Hanukkah
 - December 21: Subvet Meeting
 - December 21: Winter Solstice
 - December 25: Christmas Day
 - December 31: New Year Eve
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- January 1: New Year Begins
 - January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - January 18: Subvet Meeting
 - January 22: Lunar New Year
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December 2023

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

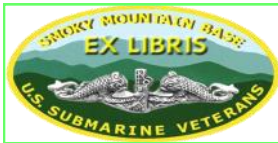
SMB Library Books, DVD's and Magazines

Lee Chappell EM1-SS

Base Librarian

Lee has agreed to bring several books to our monthly meetings. There are over 100 books in our library - check some out!

Lee has also agreed to become our Base Parliamentarian.



If you haven't already gotten your "SUBMARINE VETERANS" license plate, they are available at your local County Clerks office. Be sure to take a copy of your DD-214 when you apply. Also they cost a few bucks extra.



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INFORMATION FOR
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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, in Knoxville, TN on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1800.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

NEW PO BOX FOR NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

The PO Box has officially changed. Any mail sent to the old PO Box will be returned to sender. Please use the new address below.

PO Box 49030, Baltimore, MD 21297-4930

Download the new application here: <https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/APPLICATION-FOR-MEMBERSHIP.pdf>

TRANSFER REQUEST FORMS

On May 9, 2023, transfer requests were halted due to convention protocol. We are happy to report that all transfer requests received, have been processed. Transferred members will receive their membership cards in the coming weeks.

Contact Membership:

Phone: (800) 882-1316, Option 3
E-mail: VVAmembership@vva.org
Fax: (301) 585-3019



We desperately need more members in USSVI. We are not alone either. EVERY organization out there is in decline. The American Legion, VFW, AMVETS etc. etc. ALL are having trouble getting new or younger members. It is puzzling why. So, my request to you all is to put your thinking cap on and see if you can think of something that we can do or something new we CAN do to get new or younger members. Is there some way to find and attract new members? After all, we aren't the goat locker, the goats meet once a month at the "Field House". We are submariners and we are brothers, the fouled anchor and rank or rate have no importance to us here. The ONLY thing that matters are those dolphins we earned.
Thom Peschke (SMB Vice Commander)



**BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT
MARLIN E. HELMS, JR. MM1-(SS)**



December 9th we will be at Just1More Bar and Grill for the Army Navy game. We will be there with the float at 1:00 or 2:00, kickoff is at 3:00. December 16 we will be marching in the Christmas parade In Oliver Springs. We will stage at 5:00 in Arrowhead Park or the High School parking lot. Likely the parking lot but they will direct us when we arrive. Parade steps off at 6:00. Dues are due local and national (unless you are a life member). In accordance with our bylaws we establish a nominating committee for annual elections. We will need volunteers. Fraternaly, Marlin Helms , Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans Base Commander



**BASE VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT
THOM PESCHKE (MMCM) - (SS)**



Not available at this time.– Family Matters.



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



Veterans information and Librarian information are located on page 4. Information about the October and November SMB meetings is located on page 11. This issue of the SMB Newsletter also contains an article about SMB's participation in the 2023 Clinton, TN Veterans Day Parade on page 11, and also the Knoxville, TN Veterans Day parade on page 12. The Sunshine Lady's Information Form is located on page 12.



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



Andy indicated that we will most likely have a picnic again either in the summer or fall of 2024 at the Concord Marina when/if it is available!



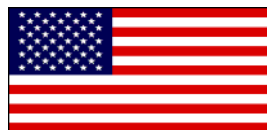
STOREKEEPER'S REPORT - DICK MITCHELL, ET1(SS)



We currently have the Several Items on hand for sale:
Dick Mitchell reported that he had purchased various items for sale and ordered the 2023 USSVI calendars which are on hand now. He also encouraged the crew members to purchase items. Dick will bring several items to each monthly meeting for purchase.



SMB TREASURER'S REPORT—JIM ROCK, MM1 (SS)



As of November 1st, we had a balance of \$2,115.35
As of December 1st, we still have a balance of \$2,132.54





Secretary's Report and Meeting Agenda For November 2023



Secretary, Bob Childs



Smoky Mountain Base Meeting Agenda

Date: November 16, 2023 Time/Location: 1900 hrs, at Mimi's Café, Parkside Drive, Knoxville TN 37934

Presiding: Marlin Helms, Base Commander

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 1920 hrs

Invocation: David Pope, Base Chaplain, presented the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Marlin Helms, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the USSVI Creed.

USSVI 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." In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine force. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy.

Secretary Bob Childs and COB Terry McBride led Tolling of the Bell for lost boats of November.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Rock (See Page 5)

Correspondence/Discussion – None Reported

Guest Speaker, Historian ay Smith, presented a history of the Manhattan Project.

Member Introductions: Terry McBride (COB) hosted member introductions.

Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes – Bob Childs read the August minutes - Motion to approve accepted.

Committee Reports:

- **Newsletter - Bruce Eltzroth** (See Page 5).
- **Library - Lee Chapell** (See Page 4)
- **Storekeeper – Dick Mitchell** (See Page 5).
- **Membership – Thom Peschke - Not present**
- **Scouting - Marlin Helms - Still waiting to hear about the Honor Court.**
- **Web Master – Marlin Helms / Stuart McGlasson - No changes.**
- **Social Committees – Andy Armbrust** (See Page 5).
- **Sunshine Lady - Shirley Corderos -** (See Page 12)



New Business, - Christmas Parade in Oliver Springs will be on Saturday December 16, 2023. Step-off @ 6 PM.

Army/Navy game at Just One More Bar, 9355 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, December 9. Kickoff at 1500.

Good of the Order - 50/50 Drawing - \$65.00

Next Meeting: - 1900 hrs, Thursday, December 21, 2023 - Mimi's Café, 0945 Parkside Dr. Knoxville, TN - 37934

(Next SMB Board meeting to be discussed.) Old Business. NA

Motion to adjourn: - Approved. The boat was "surfaced" by Base Commander Marlin Helms. Cob Surfaced the Boat.



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

Pre WW-II Photos and write-ups
Courtesy of Wikipedia.

USS F-1 (SS-20) December 17, 1917 19 Men Lost



On 17 December 1917, while maneuvering in exercises off Point Loma, San Diego, California, USS F-1 and USS F-3 collided, the former sinking in ten seconds, her port side torn open forward of the engine room. Nineteen of her men were lost; the remaining five were rescued by the submarines with which she was operating.

USS S-4 (SS-109) December 17, 1927 40 Men Lost



On December 17, 1927, the submarine USS S-4 sank after being struck by a Coast Guard destroyer. The boat survived the accident, bottoming in 102 feet of water, but weather thwarted efforts to raise the submarine, which was then the only means of saving survivors. The death of all 40 crew members drove Charles "Swede" Momsen (Right photo) to invent the Momsen lung, a wearable escape device. S-4 was salvaged at Boston Navy Yard (Left photo) in 1928 and remained in service until it was stricken in 1936.



WW-II Lost Boats

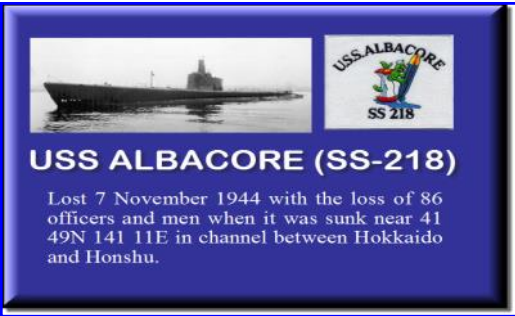


Lost Boats of November

USS Albacore SS-218 - November 7, 1944

86 Men Lost

On October 24, 1944, the **ALBACORE**, captained by Lieutenant Commander Hugh R. Rimmer, left Pearl Harbor for her eleventh and final war patrol. On October 28, 1944, she stopped at Midway Island to top off her fuel tanks. She then headed for her assigned patrol area northeast of Honshu and southeast of Hokkaido. After leaving Midway, she was never heard from again. Based on a review of Japanese records recovered after the war, it was learned that on November 7, 1944, near the geographic coordinates 41° 49' 0.000" N, 141° 11' 0.000" E, the **ALBACORE** struck a mine very close to the shore off southeastern Hokkaido. The underwater explosion was witnessed by the Japanese auxiliary minesweeper Fukuei Maru No. 7, which was conducting an antisubmarine sweep in the area. On December 21, 1944, the **ALBACORE** was listed as lost in action; the official announcement was made on March 27, 1945.



SS-218- BattleStars

Lieutenant
Commander
H.R. Rimmer

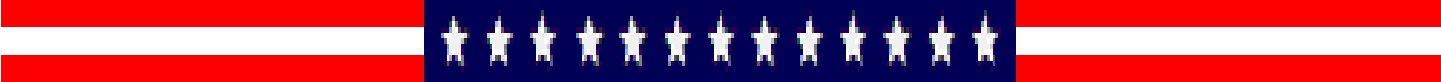
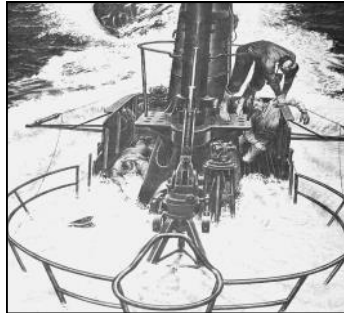
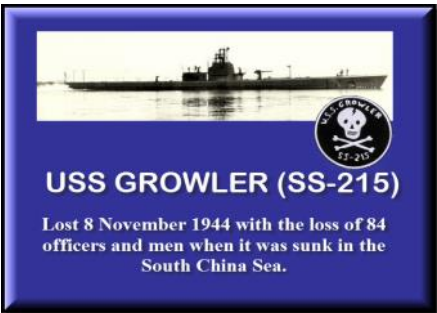


USS Growler SS-215 - November 8, 1944

85 Men Lost

On October 20, 1944, a wolf pack headed by the **GROWLER'S** captain, Commander Thomas "Ben" Oakley, with **USS HAKE (SS-256)** and **USS HARDHEAD (SS-365)**, departed Fremantle. Their destination was west of the Philippine islands where they would operate as a coordinated search and attack group. This departure would mark the beginning of the **GROWLER'S** eleventh and final war patrol. On November 8, 1944, the wolf pack prepared to close a convoy to attack it. The **HAKE** and the **HARDHEAD** were on the opposite side of the convoy from the **GROWLER**. The order to begin attacking the convoy was the last communication ever received from the **GROWLER**. The two other submarines heard what sounded like a torpedo explosion and then a series of depth charges on the **GROWLER'S** side of the convoy. The **HARDHEAD** lined up and sank a 5,300-ton tanker. She was depth-charged heavily by the convoy's escorts. The **HAKE** saw the tanker sink, but was forced to evade and go deep because of the escorts, who kept her on the bottom for sixteen hours, dropping 150 depth charges. After the barrage was over later that night, they attempted to contact the **GROWLER** without success. All additional efforts to contact the **GROWLER** over the next three days also proved futile. She was listed as lost in action.

SS-215-Battle Stars



WW-II Lost Boats



Lost Boats of November

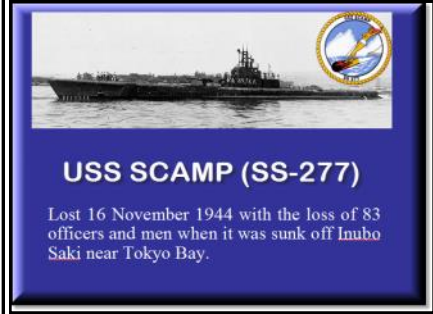
USS Scamp SS-277 November 16, 1944



SS-277
Battle Stars

83 Men Lost

On October 16, 1944, the **SCAMP**, captained by Commander John Hollingsworth, departed Pearl Harbor for her eighth and final war patrol. On October 20, 1944, she refueled at Midway Island then proceeded to her assigned patrol area near the Bonin Islands. On November 9, 1944, she acknowledged receipt of a radio message ordering her to move to an area off Tokyo Bay. At that time she reported her position to be about 150 miles north of the Bonin Islands, with all twenty-four torpedoes aboard and 77,000 gallons of fuel remaining. The **SCAMP** was never heard from again. On December 21, 1944, she was reported as presumed lost on war patrol in enemy waters. The **SCAMP** was struck from the Navy list on April 28, 1945.



USS SCAMP (SS-277)

Lost 16 November 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men when it was sunk off Inubo Saki near Tokyo Bay.

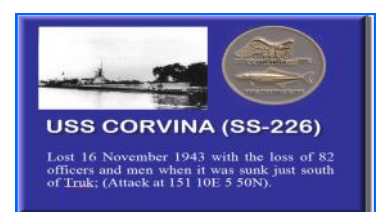


USS Corvina SS-226 November 16, 1943

82 Men Lost

On November 4, 1943, the **CORVINA**, captained by Commander Roderick S. Rooney, left Pearl Harbor for her first and final war patrol. She had been ordered to patrol near the Japanese stronghold at Truk Atoll. In particular, she was ordered to be on the lookout for a sortie of Japanese warships, which could possibly endanger the forthcoming American invasion of the Gilbert Islands. On November 6, 1943, the **CORVINA** topped off her fuel tanks at Johnston Island and then headed for her assigned patrol area. The **CORVINA** assumed her station south of Truk together with sister submarines **USS Blackfish (SS-221)** and **USS Drum (SS-228)**. Lieutenant Commander William Kinsella, **BLACKFISH'S** executive officer, recalled the key events as follows: *"We were south of Truk with **DRUM** and **CORVINA** when we got a Ultra stating that a Japanese submarine was coming through the area. We were supposed to rendezvous with **DRUM** and **CORVINA**. Just after sunset we got into position where this Japanese submarine was supposed to pop up and sure enough, just at sunset, while we were submerged, it surfaced just to the south of us, not more than 5,000 yards away. It was starting to get dark, and we really could not see through the periscope well enough to ascertain that it was a Japanese submarine. Remembering that **DRUM** and **CORVINA** were in the vicinity we elected not to shoot....As it turned out, we later established contact with **DRUM** and determined it was not him. It was Japanese. We never did see **CORVINA** again....The Jap sub got her."*

Japanese records examined after the war indicated that the IJN submarine I-176 fired three torpedoes at a surfaced American submarine south of Truk Atoll on November 16, 1943. The torpedoes hit the submarine "causing a great explosion sound." The **CORVINA** thus became the only American submarine to be sunk by a Japanese submarine during the war. Ironically, she was the victim of the submarine she was sent to sink.



USS CORVINA (SS-226)

Lost 16 November 1943 with the loss of 82 officers and men when it was sunk just south of Truk; (Attack at 151 10E 5 50N).





Lost Boats of November



USS Sculpin SS-191 November 19, 1943

63 Men Lost


On November 5, 1943, the **SCULPIN** departed Pearl Harbor for her ninth and final war patrol. She had been ordered to patrol north of the Japanese stronghold at Truk Atoll and to attack Japanese forces sortieing from Truk's northern passage during the Gilbert Islands campaign (Operation Galvanic). On November 7, 1943, she topped off her fuel tanks at Johnston Island, and then headed for her assigned patrol area with the **SCULPIN'S** new captain, Commander Fred Connaway, at the helm.

At the direction of Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Captain John P. Cromwell was aboard the **SCULPIN** to coordinate wolf pack operations, as necessary. If activated by Cromwell, the pack would consist of either the **SCULPIN** and the **USS SEARAVEN (SS-196)** or the **SCULPIN** and the **USS APOGON (SS-308)**. Cromwell possessed extensive knowledge of the Operation Galvanic plans and of the Ultra intelligence system. Lockwood had cautioned him not to disclose any information about Operation Galvanic to the **SCULPIN'S** crew to eliminate the possibility of it being extracted from them by the Japanese.


On November 19, 1943, while making a surface end-around run to attack a Japanese convoy, the **SCULPIN** was detected by the IJN destroyer Yamagumo and fatally damaged by depth charges. Due to the heavy damages she was forced to surface and fight the Yamagumo with her deck guns. It was a one-sided engagement. The ensuing gun battle killed Commander Connaway, his executive officer, and the gunnery officer, and inflicted additional damage to the **SCULPIN**. Command of the **SCULPIN** passed to the remaining senior officer, who ordered the boat scuttled and abandoned. After most of the surviving crewmen had escaped, the **SCULPIN** was deliberately flooded with *Captain Cromwell* and eleven other men still aboard, some dead and others there by choice. Cromwell chose to go down with the boat to prevent the enemy from obtaining the secret information he possessed. For this action, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Forty-two of the **SCULPIN'S** crew members were picked up by the Yamagumo. One badly wounded sailor was thrown back in the sea by the Japanese. Two groups of crewmen were embarked on separate aircraft carriers returning to Japan. One group had twenty-one crewmen, and the other twenty. One of them, the escort carrier Chuyo, which was carrying the group with twenty-one crewmen, was sunk by the **USS SAILFISH (SS-192)** and twenty of the American prisoners perished. The one survivor was able to grab hold of a ladder on the side of a passing Japanese destroyer and haul himself aboard it. He was eventually sent to the Ashio copper mines. On December 5, 1943, the other twenty survivors arrived at Ofuna, Japan and were also eventually detailed to the Ashio copper mines for the duration of the war.




USS SCULPIN (SS-191)



CDR E. CONNAWAY, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER



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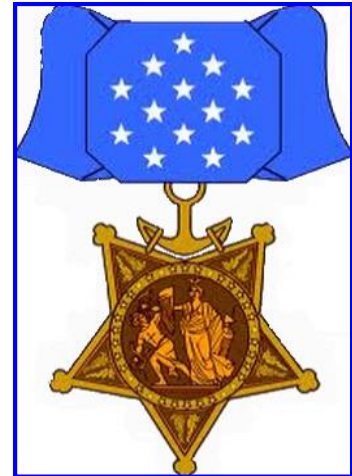


LOST AT SEA, 19 NOVEMBER 1943

SCULPIN DEPARTED CANTIE UNDER THE BLANKET OF NIGHT ON 4 DECEMBER 1941 TO BEGIN HER FIRST PATROL. DURING HER HEROIC TWO-YEAR CAREER, SCULPIN EARNED EIGHT BATTLE STARS. RENOWNED FOR HER FEARLESS DETERMINATION, SHE WAS CREDITED WITH DESTROYING OR CRIPPING OVER 10,000 TONS OF ENEMY SHIPPING. ON 5 NOVEMBER 1943, SCULPIN SET SAIL ON HER NINTH AND FINAL WAR PATROL WITH CAPTAIN JOHN P. CROMWELL, COMMANDER OF SUBMARINE DIVISION 42, ABOARD HER TO DIRECT A SPECIAL "WOLF PACK" OPERATION. ENROUTE, SCULPIN ENCOUNTERED A LARGE JAPANESE CONVOY AND DROVE HER ONLY TO BE HORRIBLY WOUNDED WHEN AN ENEMY DESTROYER DROPPED 18 DEADLY DEPTH CHARGES. SCULPIN'S SKIPPER, COMMANDER CONNAWAY, GAVE THE ORDER TO ABANDON SHIP. AS SCULPIN SURFACED, HER TENACIOUS CREWMEN RACED TO MAN THEIR DECK GUNS AND FOUGHT A FINAL FURIOUS BATTLE. THE DESTROYER FOUND HER RANGE AND A SHELL HIT SCULPIN'S CONNING TOWER, FATALLY INJURING COMMANDER CONNAWAY AND TWO OTHER OFFICERS. CAPTAIN CROMWELL WAS FULLY BREDED ON FENDING WAR STRATEGIES AND UNWILLING TO RISK DIVULGING THIS SENSITIVE INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY. HE CHOSE TO REMAIN ON BOARD SCULPIN AS THE GRAY LADY SLEPT BENEATH THE WAVES ONE LAST TIME. CAPTAIN CROMWELL WAS AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR HIS STEELING ACT. TWENTY-TWO OF SCULPIN'S CREW SURVIVED AS PRISONERS OF WAR, BUT IT WAS THE FINAL ACTION FOR 63 OF HER VALIANT MEN.

ON ETERNAL PATROL

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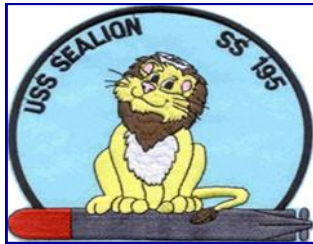
Lost Boats of December



USS Sealion - SS-195 December 10, 1941

4 Men Lost

At the outbreak of the Pacific war on December 7, 1941, the **SEALION**, captained by Lieutenant Commander Richard G. Voge, had been deployed to the Far East and was at the Cavite Navy Yard near Manila undergoing an overhaul. On December 10, 1941, Japanese aircraft attacked that facility. The **SEALION** was struck by two bombs dropped by Japanese naval Mitsubishi bombers of the First Air Corps, 21st Air Flotilla, 11th Air Fleet, flying from Tainan, Formosa. The bombs caused extensive internal and external damage and left the **SEALION** with about forty percent of her main deck underwater and with a fifteen degree list to starboard. She was destroyed on December 25, 1941 by exploding three depth charges within the submarine to prevent possible use by the enemy. Four of her crewmembers were killed during the attack. The **SEALION** thus became the first American submarine lost in World War II.



USS Capelin - SS-288 December 9, 1943

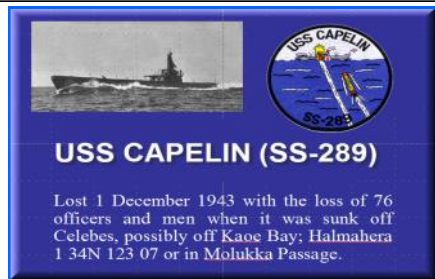
76 Men Lost

On October 30, 1943, the **CAPELIN**, captained by Commander Elliott E. Marshall, left Port Darwin on her first war patrol. She was on a special mission to pick up downed aviators from an Army B-24 that went down on Celebes. En route the special mission was canceled and Marshall was ordered to patrol in the Molucca, Flores, and Banda Seas instead. On November 11, 1943, the **CAPELIN** spotted a convoy northwest of Ambon Island. Marshall reported sinking two merchant vessels in this convoy. Two escorting destroyers attacked the **CAPELIN** with depth charges, but the submarine did not take any damage. The **CAPELIN** ended her first patrol at Darwin on November 16, 1943. After undergoing a refit and repairs to a defective conning tower hatch, bow plane, and a malfunctioning radar tube, she got underway for her second war patrol on November 17, 1943, in the same areas as her first patrol.

On December 1, 1943, Lieutenant Commander Walter Griffith, captain of the **USS Bowfin (SS-287)** was returning to Fremantle after a patrol off Indochina. He sighted the **USS Bonefish (SS-223)** and the **USS Capelin** in the Makassar Strait, and then continued on to Fremantle. Commander Thomas Hogan in the **BONEFISH** was busy tracking a convoy. Later Hogan wrote: "On December 2, we sighted **CAPELIN** ... heading west about 10 miles off the coast [of Celebes]. He was about 5 miles away and dove right away. By sonar I told him who I was, about the convoy, and named him by his nickname: 'Steam.' I told him that since he was in the area I was going to leave what was left of the convoy to him and would continue on to my patrol area. He receipted for the message by sonar. I left and did not see him again." The findings of fact for the investigation into the loss of the **CAPELIN** lists the **Bonefish's** geographic position as 1° 10' 0.000" N, 123° 49' 60.000" E, when Commander Hogan sighted the **CAPELIN** to seaward at a range of about five miles.



SS-289
1 Battle Star





SMB's October 2023 Meeting at Mimi's Café

(Story by Bruce Eltzroth)



This years October 2023 SMB monthly meeting at Mimi's Café was held without the presence of the SMB Newsletter Editor/Base Photographer.



2023 Clinton, TN Veterans Day Parade



Smoky Mountain Submarine Base Veterans Participate in the Clinton, TN Veterans Day Parade. Six SMB members participated in the parade that was held in Clinton Tennessee on November 11 (the day after the Knoxville parade) See page 12 for the full story about the Knoxville event.

(Story & Photos Courtesy of Marlin Helms)



November 2023 SMB Monthly Meeting at Mimi's Cafe

(Story & Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)



This month's SMB meeting included a guest speaker. Vietnam Veteran D. Ray Smith - City of Oak Ridge Official Historian, gave a presentation on the recent activities at the Y-12 facility. Some of which included one of the largest clean-ups of nuclear materials in the world. Oak ridge is one of 15 remaining cleanup sites in the U.S. It was one of the 92 original nuclear facilities that were part of the Manhattan Project that started in 1947.





2023 Knoxville, TN Veterans Day Parade



The Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans participated in a wet, soggy Veterans Day Parade in Knoxville, TN on Veterans Day, Friday November 10th. Photos 1,4,5,9 &10 show the float at various locations during the parade. Photos 2 and 3 show the trailers for the Clydesdales lined up next to us at the start of the parade. Photo 6 shows South Doyle High School's participation in the parade. Photos 7,& 8, show two of the vintage cars in the parade. Photo 11 shows the reviewing stand. Photo 12 shows the 9 SMB members at Calhoun's in Turkey Creek after the parade.



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THE SUNSHINE LADY FORM



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

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

Name: _____ DOB: (Month Only) _____
 Spouse/Significant Other: _____ DOB: (Month Only) _____
 Qualification Date: _____ (Month/Year) Anniversary Date: _____ (Month Only)
 Mailing Address: _____



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. To 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.

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(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: \$140.00; 3 Yr. term: \$85.00; 1 yr. term (Jan thru Sep) \$30.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr.): \$35.00;
Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$120.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$240; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$360.00; 46 thru 55 = \$500.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 600.00;

Smoky Mountain Base dues are \$15 per year (\$10 after August 1st).

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

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

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

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

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

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

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

Check here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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