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 ORGANIZ "The USSVI Submariner's Creed"

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



OUR ORGANIZATION

OUR FOUNDERS

OUR BROTHERHOOD

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

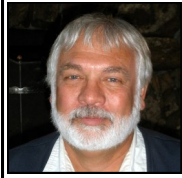
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 Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at:
Mimi's Café
10945 Parkside Drive,
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
 Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
 Meeting @ 1900

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JIM ROCK



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



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SMB STOREKEEPER
Dick Mitchell



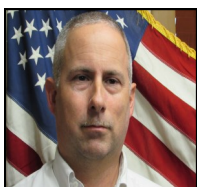
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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, USSVI
Meetings, Greetings, Gatherings & Other Stuff

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER - 2023

Meetings and Happenings

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

New Members:
 None this Period



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- October 9 - Columbus Day
- October 12 - USS HOLLAND (SS-1) Commissioned - 1900
- October 13 - US Navy Established - 1775
- October 19- SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs)
- October 24 - United Nations Day
- October 25 - Yom Kippur
- October 27 - Navy Day
- October 31 - Halloween

- November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 7 - Election Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 13 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day
- November 17 - SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs)
- November 23 - Thanksgiving
- December 1 - Next Newsletter Deadline

October 2023

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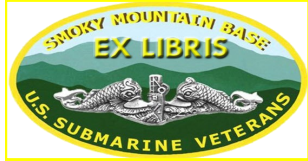
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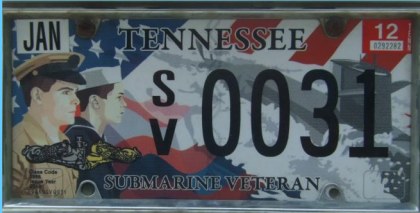
SMB Library Books, DVD's and Magazines
Base Librarian: Lee Chappell EM1 (SS)
USS Guard fish (SSN 612)
 There are over 100 books in our library - check some out!



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.



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.




Shutdown Would Not Affect VA Medical Care and Most Benefits, Secretary Says

As reported September 22 by Patricia Kime for Military.com, medical care and burials at its cemeteries would continue at the Department of Veterans Affairs in the event of a government shutdown, as would benefits such as disability compensation, pensions, education, and housing assistance. But the department would still feel the effects of federal closures, with workers furloughed and some offices shuttered, VA Secretary Denis McDonough said during a press conference. Still, because of advanced appropriations the VA receives each year from Congress, he said much of the department will continue operating.

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[Frank Hood here. Vice Commander, Marblehead Base.](#)

Most sub vets would agree that civilians have no idea what we went through, what we endured. To increase understanding, my brother and I have written a book about day-to-day life aboard a US Navy submarine. Fellow sub vets would enjoy reading it, because the book's details will take them back to their days on the boat, and the funny stories add spice. It is written in language that civilians will understand, so once a vet has read it, he can pass it on to his children, so they can understand what he went through.

The Title of the book is: "Poopie Suits and Cowboy Boots - Tales of a Submarine Officer During the Height of the Cold War"

We have designated that all proceeds go to the USSVI Scholarship Fund - to help kids and grandkids of our Brothers of the Phin.

Would you let your membership know about the book? Put a reference to it in your Base Newsletter? Here is the easy way to order it. Go to Blurb.com or Amazon.com and type in "Poopie suits" near the search spyglass. There are 3 options: e-book, a soft back or hard cover version. The Amazon version even allows the reader to adjust font size to make it easier to read. There is also a version for the Mac or I-phone at iBooks.com. Shipmates can read the first 115 pages of the book for free on the Blurb e-Book option page. Thank you for mentioning this to your membership.

[Straight Board, Frank Hood](#)



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



Functions coming up are the Knoxville Veterans Day parade, the Army Navy game at Just1More Bar and Grill, and possibly a Christmas parade at a location to me determined. We may be able to do our tolling and have a book signing at the Oak Ridge High School. I provided information to Ryan Nichols the Naval Science Instructor and Jr NROTC leader. May have Ryan as a guest speaker in the near future. You may remember he came out to speak about the Jr NROTC attending the Pearl Harbor Day parade in Hawaii. Next year they are marching in the D-Day parade in Normandy. Ray Smith the Oak Ridge historian had to cancel speaking in October but will be at our November meeting. Fraternaly Marlin Helms,
Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans Base Commander



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



I am sorry that I haven't been active for a few months at the local level. I will present the notes from the Tucson Convention at the next meeting. I am sorry that you didn't get a chance to be there yourselves. It was beautiful country shared with great shipmates. We were greatly saddened by the passing of our USSVI photographer, Bob Bisonette, he will be greatly missed and was a wonderful and fun shipmate. That being said, I will share some pictures of the convention at our next meeting.
Your brother of the Pin, Thom.



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



This issue of the SMB Newsletter contains information on SMB's August events and the picnic at Concord Marina, on page 12. Recent Submarine rescue advancements are discussed on page 13 along with the Sunshine Lady form. Guest speakers at the September meeting and Newsletter criteria are discussed on page 14. Page 15 is a submittal provided by Thomas Peschke from the National Submarine League (NSL). Page 16 is an up to date USSVI Application Form.



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



Andy Armbrust reported that we had a fall social picnic at the Concord Yacht Club on August 19th, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Food was served at 12:00 PM. Alcohol is allowed at the club (BYOB). Andy provided the pulled pork, lemonade and tea. Everyone else brought a dish to share. Cost was \$5.00 per person. The pass code for the gate was included in his email.



STOREKEEPER'S 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.



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



As of August 17th, we had a balance of \$2322.89
As of September 21st, our bank balance was: \$1115.29.





Secretary's Report/Meeting Agenda Marlin Helms - MMI(SS)



Smoky Mountain Base of USSVI, Inc. Meeting Agenda

Date: September 21, 2023 Time 1900 hours/Location: Mimi's Café, Knoxville TN

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 1900 hrs

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



Secretary Bob Childs led Tolling of the Bell for lost boats of September with the COB - Terry McBride.

"Tolling of the Bells (September & October)"

USS S-5 (SS-110), September 1,2,3, 1920 - No Loss of Life
USS S-51 (SS-162), September 25, 1925 - 32 Men Lost
USS Cisco (SS-290), September 28, 1943 - 76 Men Lost
USS Grayling (SS-209), September 30, 1943 - 76 Men Lost
USS O-5 (SS-66), - October 29, 1923 - 3 Men Lost

USS Seawolf (SS-197) – 3 October 1944 - 102 Men Lost
USS Dorado (SS-248) - 12 October 1943 - 78 Men Lost
USS Escobar (SS-294) - 17 October 1944 - 82 Men Lost
USS Shark (SS-314) - 24 October 1944 - 90 Men Lost
USS Darter (SS-227) - 24 October 1944 - No Men Lost
USS Tang (SS-306) - 25 October 1944 - 80 Men Lost

Pledge of Allegiance: Marlin Helms, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Childs read 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".

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

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

Treasurer's Report – Jim Rock (See Page 5) **Correspondence/Discussion – None Reported**

Committee Reports:

- **Newsletter - Bruce Eitzroth** Working on next addition, (The deadline for each issue is the 20th of each odd month.)
- **Library/Parliamentarian - Lee Chappell** - Books are available, check some out!
- **Storekeeper – Dick Mitchell** - not present (See Page 5 for info on items available.)
- **Membership – Thom Peschke** N/A (personal business).
- **Scouting - Marlin Helms** - An Honor Court for Eagle Scout will be conducted in Oneida TN sometime in the fall. Our base will make the presentation.
- **Social Committees – Andy Armbrust** (See Page 5)
- **Web Master – Marlin Helms / Stuart McGlasson** - No changes.
- **Sunshine Lady** - Tell me if someone is in need or has an event. (also see page 13 for additional information).

Old Business – Still looking to have a tolling of the boats ceremony somewhere,

New Business, Good of the Order - Marlin working on Holland Club nominees. Guest Speakers (see page 14).
The 50/50 drawing - netted \$47.00

Next Meeting: - 1900 hrs, Thursday, October 21, 2023 at Mimi's Café, 10945 Parkside Dr., Knoxville, TN - 37934.

Motion to adjourn: - **Approved & Seconded.** The boat was "surfaced" by Chief of the Boat, Terry McBride.



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

Pre WW-II Photos and write-ups
(courtesy of Wikipedia.)

USS S-5 (SS-110) September 1, 2, and 3, 1920 No loss of life



S-5 (SS-110) was a "Government-type" S Class Submarine of the United States Navy. Her keel was laid down on 4 December 1917 by the Portsmouth Navy Yard – Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 10 November 1919, sponsored by Mrs. Glenn S. Burrell, and was commissioned on 6 March 1920 by Lieutenant Commander Charles M. Cooke, Jr. She accidentally foundered and started to sink during full-power trials (10 months after launch) on 1 September 1920, but due to actions by her crew and the crews of other ships, the entire crew was rescued and no lives were lost. She was partially refloated on September 2, and then was lost when she sank again while under tow on 3 September 1920.

USS S-51 (SS-162) September 25, 1925 33 Men Lost



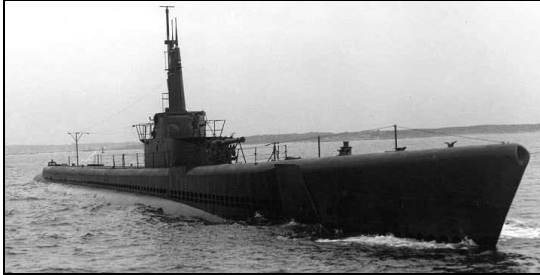
On the night of 25 September 1925, *S-51* was operating on the surface near Block Island, with her running lights on. Merchant steamer *City of Rome* spotted the submarine's red sidelight and realized that they were on collision courses. She turned and backed her engines, but it was too late. Twenty-two minutes after first spotting the submarine's masthead light, the steamer rammed her. Only three of the 36 men in the submarine were able to abandon ship before she sank.



Lost Boats of September



LOSS OF USS CISCO (SS-290) - SEPTEMBER 28, 1943 - 76 Men Lost

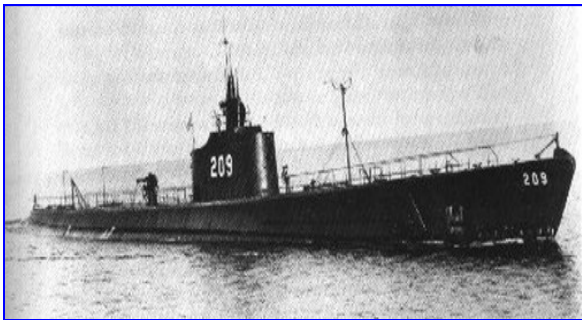


On September 18, 1943, the *Cisco*, captained by Commander James W. Coe, departed Port Darwin for her first and final war patrol. After a return to that base the same day for repairs to her hydraulic system, she got underway again on September 20, 1943, and headed for her assigned patrol area in the South China Sea between Luzon Island and the coast of French Indochina. She was never heard from again.

Japanese records reviewed after the war documented an antisubmarine attack made on **September 28, 1943**, at coordinates 9°- 47' N, 121°- 44' E, slightly north and east of *Cisco's* expected position on that date. The report of the attack stated; "Found a sub trailing oil, commenced bombing...the oil continued to gush out even on tenth of October." The *Cisco* was the only U. S. submarine operating in the area at that time. The *Capelin* (SS-289) and the *Cisco* (SS-290) were consecutive products of the Portsmouth Navy Yard. The *Capelin* had sailed from Darwin on November 17, 1943, and disappeared sometime after December 2, 1943. The next ship off the same production line was the **USS Crevalle (SS-291)**. Significant construction problems that could have been fatal were found by one of her officers before she was launched. The problems related to weaknesses in two vent pipes that could have caused the *Crevalle* to sink if she was depth-charged. The crews of other boats from this same shipyard production series began to wonder if construction flaws had played a role in the losses of both the *USS Capelin* and the *USS Cisco*.



LOSS OF USS GRAYLING (SS-209) - Between Aug. 27 and Sept,30, 1943 - 76 Men Lost

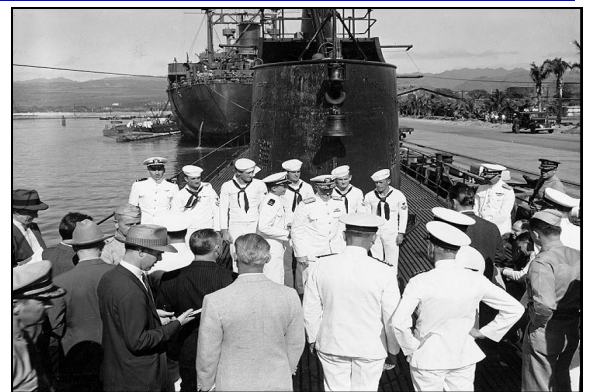


On July 30, 1943, the *USS Grayling*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Brinker, departed Fremantle for her eighth and final war patrol. On August 19, 1943, Brinker reported damaging a 6,000-ton freighter near Balikpapan. The next day he reported sinking a small tanker of the *Taki Maru* type in the Sibutu Passage with the *Grayling's* deck gun and taking one prisoner. This was the last report received directly from the *Grayling*. The circumstances of the *Grayling's* loss remain a mystery. All that can be said with certitude is that the *Grayling* disappeared sometime after she sank the *Meizan Maru*, on August 27, 1943. On September 30, 1943, the *Grayling* was listed as lost in action with all 76 officers and men. *Grayling* was awarded six battle stars for her service during World War II.



An Interesting Side Note:

Following the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, **Admiral Chester Nimitz**, was selected as the new Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet. He made the submarine base at Pearl Harbor his temporary headquarters and was sworn in as CINCPAC on the deck of the **USS Grayling**, which he chose as his flagship. The first and only time that a submarine was the "flagship" of the entire Pacific Fleet.





Lost Boats of October



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

USS O-5 (SS-66) - 3 Men Lost
Lost October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when accidentally rammed while entering Lemon Bay, Canal Zone and sunk by SS Ababgarez off the Panama Canal.



WW-II Lost Boats

USS SEAWOLF (SS-197) – 3 OCTOBER 1944 - 102 MEN LOST



Lost on **Oct 3, 1944** with the loss of **102 officers and men** when she was sunk just north of Morotai by **USS Richard M. Rowell DE-403**, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, the commanding officer of the **Rowell** mistook **Seawolf** for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. **Seawolf** ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk. On June 1944 she departed Pearl Harbor on an intelligence gathering mission to the Palau Islands, which would be invaded by U.S. forces a few months later. She then went on to Fremantle, from which she made a trip to Tawitawi to recover an agent. **Seawolf** left Brisbane on her fifteenth patrol in September, assigned to take U.S. Army agents and supplies to Samar, in the Philippines. While en route, breakdowns in communications caused U.S. anti-submarine forces to mistake her for Japanese. On 3 October 1944, after being forced to dive by an air attack by a US warplane, **Seawolf** was depth charged and sunk by the **Richard M. Rowell (DE-403)**. **All her crew and passengers, 102 men, were lost with her.** This grand old lady was at Cavite Submarine Base P.I. when war broke out on Dec7th (Dec 8th across the international date line). She and her sisters were on the front line from day one of the Pacific war and she did not deserve the tragic fate that fell upon her. **“Friendly Fire?” “Friends Don’t Shoot At Friends!”**

Two of the 52 United States Submarines lost in World War II were believed to have been sunk by what is euphemistically called “Friendly Fire”. Ironically both losses came during the month of October. The **USS DORADO SS-248** was lost with all hands on October 12, 1943, in the Caribbean and the **USS SEAWOLF SS-197** was lost on October 3, 1944 western Pacific. Both appear to have been the victims of over zealous military personnel who were either ignorant of the precautions put in place to protect United States submarines transiting “friendly waters” or they chose to ignore those precautions. Either way, a boat was lost and submariners died at the hands of their fellow Americans. The circumstances of the loss of the **USS SEAWOLF** are particular in several ways that you might find enlightening. Here’s the description of her sinking from the website; http://www.subsowespac.org/world_war_ii_submarines/uss_seawolf_ss_197.shtml.

On September 21, 1944, captained by Lieutenant Commander Albert M. Bontier, the **Seawolf** left Brisbane on her fifteenth and final war patrol. She arrived at the Manus Island submarine base on September 29, 1944, where she embarked a seventeen-man army reconnaissance party and ten tons of supplies. After topping off her fuel, she sailed the same day to land them on Samar Island in the Philippines, north of General Douglas MacArthur’s planned invasion site on Leyte Island.

On October 3, 1944, at 0756 hours, the **Seawolf** exchanged recognition signals by radar with the **USS Narwhal (SS-167)**. Both boats were in a safety lane in which American surface forces were prohibited from attacking any submarine unless it was positively identified as an enemy. At 0807 hours, 35 miles east of Morotai Island, the commanding officer of the Japanese submarine RO-41 fired his last four torpedoes at two American escort carriers, the **USS St. Lo (CVE-63)** and the **USS Fanshaw Bay (CVE-70)**. The torpedoes missed both escort carriers. However, the destroyer escort **USS Shelton (DE-407)**, while turning to evade one of the oncoming torpedoes, was hit on the starboard screw by a second torpedo, which caused severe damage and flooding. The destroyer escort **USS Rowell (DE-403)** came alongside and removed the crew, after counterattacking the RO-41 unsuccessfully with depth charges. The **Shelton** was taken under tow, but eventually capsized and sank. Three hours later, one of the **St. Lo’s** aircraft sighted a submarine in the safety lane and dropped two bombs and dye marked its position as the boat submerged. The destroyer escort **USS Rowell (DE-403)** got to the scene and detected the submarine on sonar. The sonar operator reported his equipment was receiving signals consisting of long dots and dashes from the submarine. The **Rowell’s** commander dismissed these as an attempt to jam his sonar and pressed on with firing Mark 10 “hedgehog” projector mortars. Captain of the **USS ROWELL** thought that the sub was “trying to jam his sonar” and pressed the attack! Following a second barrage of twenty-four projectiles, the **Rowell** reported, “Three explosions heard. Two large boils [bubbles] observed off port beam. Debris observed in the boils.” Four submarines were in the safety lane at the time of these events. Urgent calls from the surface forces to the submarines to report their positions brought responses from three of them, but there was only silence from the **Seawolf**.

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Lost Boats of October



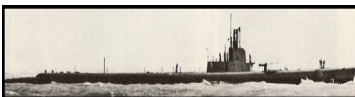
(SEAWOLF—continued) At that point it became obvious that the submarine the *Rowell* had sunk was the *Seawolf* and not the RO-41. Note that the *USS Rowell's* sonar operator reported that the submarine that they were attacking was using its sonar to send a Morse Code recognition signal. On **October 5, 1944**, an inquiry into the incident was held at Manus Island. It was found that the *Rowell* had sunk the *Seawolf*. The *Rowell's* captain, **Lieutenant Commander Harry A. Barnard, Jr.**, (USNA Class of 1936), was **censured** for making insufficient efforts to identify his target, for dismissing the sound signals, and for attacking the *Seawolf*. Here's what Captain Edward L. (Ned) Beach, (of Run Silent, Run Deep fame), had to say about the sinking of **SEAWOLF**; Captain Beach wrote that the *Seawolf* tragedy was due to **"...a lack of the rudiments of common sense."** He also penned the following poignant visualization of the *Seawolf's* final moments: "And so, alone and friendless, unable to defend herself, frantically striving to make her identity known to her attacker, the old *Wolf* came to the end of the trail. Who can know what terror her crew must have tasted, when it became plain to them that the American destroyer escort above them, specially built and trained to sink German submarines, was determined to sink them also? Who can appreciate their desperation when they realized that the genius of their own countrymen had, by a monstrous miscast of the dice, been pitted against them? And who can visualize the hopeless, futile, unutterable bitterness of the final disaster, when, combined with the shock of the frame-smashing depth charges, came the rapier-like punch of the hedgehogs, piercing *Seawolf's* stout old hull, starting the hydrant flow of black sea water, and ending forever all hopes of seeing sunlight again." To add insult to injury, the Navy awarded the *Rowell's* skipper with the **Legion of Merit** for his actions but changed the date from Oct. 3rd to Oct. 24th, (ironically the same date that **DARTER, SHARK** and **TANG** were lost).

USS S-44 (SS-155) - 7 OCTOBER 1943 - 56 MEN LOST



On September 26, 1943, the *S-44*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Frank E. Brown, departed Attu Island to begin her fifth and final war patrol in the Kurile Islands area. She was not heard from again. The precise details of how she was sunk became known after two of her crew members were repatriated by the Allies at the end of the war from a Japanese prisoner of war camp. On the night of October 7, 1943, the *S-44* mistakenly identified a radar contact as a Japanese merchant ship. It was actually the 860-ton IGN *Shimushu*-class escort ship *Ishigaki*, armed with three .45-caliber guns and four 25mm anti-aircraft guns. The *S-44* approached the vessel on the surface, firing at it with her deck gun. *Ishigaki* commenced firing at *S-44* with its guns. *S-44* was critically damaged and began sinking. The order was given to abandon ship. Only two crew members were picked up by *Ishigaki* even though many others were in the forty-degree water struggling to survive. The two crew men picked up by *Ishigaki* were taken to the Japanese naval base at Paramushiro Island. Later they were transferred to the Naval Interrogation Camp at Ofuna. The two submariners spent the last year of World War II working in the Ashio copper mines.

USS WAHOO (SS-238) - 11 OCTOBER 1943 - 79 MEN LOST



Lost on **Oct. 11, 1943** with the loss of **79 men** near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, **LCDR "Mush" Morton**, *Wahoo* was on her 7th war patrol. *WAHOO* had won a *Presidential Unit Citation* and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. On 9 September, *Wahoo* again departed Pearl. She topped off with fuel at Midway and left there on 13 September heading for the dangerous but important Japan Sea. Shortly afterwards, *USS SAWFISH (SS-276)* left Midway and also headed for this area. *WAHOO* was to pass through Etorofu Strait, in the Kurile Islands, and La Perouse Strait, between Hokkaido and Karafuto, and enter the Japan Sea about 20 September. She was to head south and remain below 43 degrees north after 23 September, and below 40 degrees north after 26 September. *SAWFISH* was to follow *WAHOO*, entering the Sea of Japan about 23 September and patrolling the area north of *WAHOO*. *WAHOO* was reported missing and presumed lost on 9 November 1943.

Dudley "Mush" Morton (1907-1943), was commander of *USS WAHOO SS-238* during its third through seventh patrols. Morton and *Wahoo* disappeared in 1943 during a patrol near La Perouse Strait. A native of Owensboro, Kentucky, **Morton** graduated from the Naval Academy in 1930. There he received the nickname "Mushmouth", after a character in the cartoon strip "Moon Mullins" whose large square jaw and prominent mouth resembled Morton's. The nickname was shortened to **"Mush"**, by which he was known for much of his life. Promoted to Commander October 15, 1942, Morton took command of *Wahoo* on December 31, 1942, in Brisbane, Australia. Between January 26, 1943 and October 11, he carried out four offensive patrols, during which *Wahoo* was responsible for sinking 19 cargo and transport ships for a combined total of 55,000 tons.

Morton was given the highly dangerous assignment of penetrating the Sea of Japan. Commander Morton and *Wahoo* were reported missing in action in December, when his submarine was presumed lost.

After the war, it was determined from Japanese records that, on October 11, in the time frame in which the *Wahoo* was expected to exit through La Perouse Strait an antisubmarine aircraft found a surfaced submarine and attacked, dropping three depth charges.

Declared deceased on January 7, 1946, Morton had been awarded the [Navy Cross](#), three gold stars in lieu of a second, third, and fourth Navy Cross, and the [Army Distinguished Service Cross](#).





Lost Boats of October



USS DORADO (SS-248) - 12 OCTOBER 1943 - 78 MEN LOST



Lost on **October 12, 1943** with the **loss of 78 men** when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She did not arrive at Panama nor was she heard from at any time after sailing. She may have been sunk by a **U.S. patrol plane** that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or she may have been attacked by a German U-boat that was known to be in the area.

It was standard practice *in WWII* of imposing bombing restrictions within a "box" measuring *fifteen miles on each side of, fifty miles ahead and one hundred miles astern of the unescorted submarine's course while it was transiting through friendly waters.* A convoy was so routed as to pass through the bombing and attack restriction area surrounding **DORADO** on the evening of October 12, 1943. Commandant, NOB, Guantanamo assigned a patrol plane to furnish air coverage for the convoy on the evening of October 12th. It is possible the air crew received *faulty instructions* as to the location of the bombing and attack restriction area surrounding **DURADO** since at 8:49 PM, local time, the plane delivered a surprise attack of three depth charges on an *unidentified* submarine within **DURADO's** safety zone. About two hours later, the plane sighted another submarine with which it attempted to exchange recognition signals without success. This submarine fired upon the plane. A German submarine was known to be operating near the scene of these two contacts.

USS ESCOLAR (SS-294) - 17 OCTOBER 1944 - 82 MEN LOST



Lost on **Oct 17, 1944** with the **loss of 82 men.** **ESCOLAR** had her final training for combat at Pearl Harbor, from which she put out for her first war patrol September 18, 1944. After topping off fuel at Midway, she joined **CROAKER** (SS-246) and **PERCH** (SS-313) for a coordinated war patrol in the Yellow Sea which she directed. On 30 September, she engaged a small craft in a surface gun action, and reported to her sisters that she was undamaged, without mentioning what her gunfire had done to the enemy ship. Her last communication was with **PERCH** on October 17th; she was never heard from again.

Since Japanese records consulted after the war show no antisubmarine action at that time in the area where **ESCOLAR** is believed to have been, it is assumed that she struck a mine and sank with all hands.

USS SHARK (SS-314) - 24 OCTOBER 1944 - 90 MEN LOST



Lost on **Oct 24, 1944** with the loss of **90 men** when she was sunk near Hainan. On September 23, 1944, the **Shark**, captained by Commander Edward N. Blakely, left Pearl Harbor and proceeded to the submarine base at Saipan to rendezvous with the **USS Seadragon (SS-194)** and the **USS Blackfish (SS-221)**. On October 3, 1944, the three boats left Saipan to form a coordinated attack group under Blakely's command in the Luzon Strait. Their assigned area of operations was along the 20th parallel, covering an area about midway between Hainan Island and the western end of Bashi Channel. This departure marked the beginning of the **Shark's** third and final war patrol. On October 24, 1944, the **Shark** informed the **Seadragon** by radio that she was preparing to attack an old freighter. It was the last word ever received from Blakely. All further attempts to contact the **Shark** by radio failed. On November 27, 1944, she was reported as presumed lost. Japanese records reviewed after the war revealed that the **Shark** was probably lost on **October 24, 1944**, as a result of depth-charge attacks conducted by the IJN destroyers **Take** and **Harukaze** in Shark's vicinity. The attack occurred after Blakely had torpedoed and sunk the 6,886-ton enemy freighter **Arisan Maru**, in the same area. Blakely did not know the freighter was transporting 1,782 American prisoners of war from Manila to Japan. Only nine of the American prisoners survived the sinking. **October 24, 1944** would prove to be a black-letter day for the submarine force; in addition to the **Shark**, the **USS Tang (SS-306)** and the **USS Darter (SS-227)** were also lost on that day.

USS DARTER (SS-227) - 24 OCTOBER 1944 - NO MEN LOST



Lost on **Oct. 24, 1944**, without the loss of a single crewman. In the early morning of October 23, 1944, both **DARTER** and **DACE** contacted and tracked a large enemy force heading north through Palawan Passage en route to engage our forces in the battles for Leyte Gulf. They attacked while the enemy were unable to alter course appreciably and in brilliant pre-dawn submerged attacks, sank the heavy cruisers **ATAGO** and **MAYA**, and so severely damaged the heavy cruiser **TAKAO**, that she was useless for the rest of the war. During daylight, **DARTER** tried a submerged attack on **TAKAO**, which had been stopped, but was driven off by screening destroyers. Thus a night coordinated attack plan was drawn up by the two boats. Since she could not surface to take sights, **DARTER** was forced to navigate on a 24-hour-old dead reckoning plot. At 2200 **TAKAO** got underway, and **DARTER** began a surface attack. Detecting two radars sweeping, she decided to do an end around, and then make an attack at radar depth. At 0005 on October 24, 1944, **DARTER** grounded on Bombay Shoal, and making 17 knots at the time, rode up to a draft of nine feet forward. Efforts to get off the reef were unsuccessful, and a message was sent to **DACE** requesting assistance. **DACE** closed **DARTER** and, after confidential gear had been smashed and classified matter burned, the men of **DARTER** were transferred to **DACE**. This was all done before dawn, and there were no losses of **DARTER** personnel. **DARTER** was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her final patrol.



Lost Boats of October



USS TANG (SS-306) - 25 OCTOBER 1944 - 80 MEN LOST



Lost on **Oct 25, 1944** with the **loss of 80 men** in the Formosa Strait. **TANG** was on her 5th war patrol. She was a 1525-ton Balao class submarine, built at the Mare Island Navy Yard, California. Commissioned in October 1943, she deployed to Hawaii in December 1943 to begin an intense and eventful combat career under the leadership of

Commander Richard H. O'Kane.

TANG'S first war patrol, conducted in the central Pacific during January and February 1944, removed five ships from Japan's logistics system. A second patrol, into the Palau, resulted in no direct losses to the enemy, but was very important in another way. In three days of lifeguard duty during U.S. aircraft carrier raids on the Japanese base at Truk, **TANG** rescued 22 downed Navy aviators, a "score" of a positive sort that was unsurpassed until very late in the Pacific War.

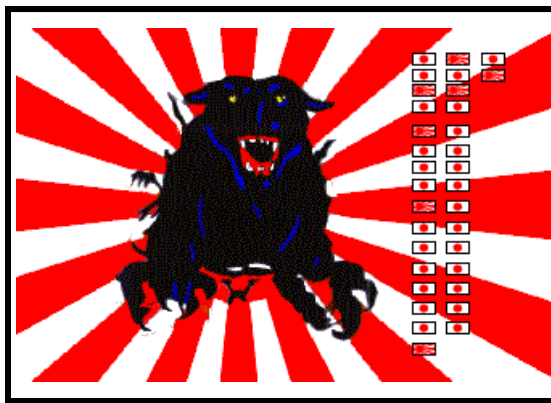
In June and July 1944, **TANG** made a very productive patrol into the East China Sea area, sinking ten ships in a series of daring attacks. The next war patrol, her fourth, was in Japanese home waters, where her torpedoes sank at least two more enemy ships during August. Late in September, **TANG** departed Pearl Harbor to begin her fifth patrol. Operating in the vicinity of the Formosa Strait, she struck a convoy on 10-11 October, sinking two ships. Other convoys were the targets of night surface attacks on the 23rd and 24th, producing five more sinking's. However, **TANG'S** last torpedo made a circular run that the submarine could not evade. She was hit aft and quickly sank in relatively shallow water off the China coast. Nine of her crew, including **Commander O'Kane**, survived the accident and were taken prisoner.

TANG was awarded two *Presidential Unit Citations* for her exploits, which officially recognized sinking's of 24 Japanese ships, totaling nearly 94,000 tons. Among U.S. Pacific War submarines, she thus had the **second highest score** in terms of numbers and the **fourth largest** based on tonnage calculations. **Commander Richard (Dick) O'Kane** and **TANG** are forever linked in the annals of the Silent Service. His skill and daring made him and **TANG** the highest scoring United States submarine in World War II.



The striking and distinctive battle flag of the **USS Tang** shows a black panther ripping through the center of the Japanese rising sun naval ensign.

Tang was among the most successful of World War II submarines, destroying 24 Japanese ships displacing a total of 93,824 tons in a career of less than two years. Her third war patrol, in the summer of 1944, was one of the most devastating of the war, for which her commanding officer, Commander Richard O'Kane, won the **Medal of Honor**. **Tang** was sunk on **October 24, 1944**, when one of her own torpedoes malfunctioned and circled back on her. In the course of only four war patrols, **Tang** won two of the highly coveted [Presidential Unit Citations](#).

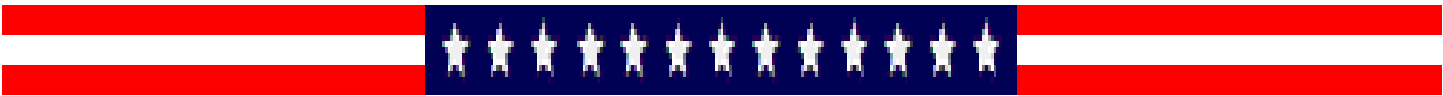


Richard Hetherington "Dick" O'Kane
Feb. 2, 1911 - Feb. 16, 1994



Rear Admiral **Richard Hetherington "Dick" O'Kane** was a United States Navy submarine commander in World War II, who received the Medal of Honor for his service on the **Tang**. He also served on the **Wahoo**, as executive officer and approach officer. He participated in more successful attacks on Japanese shipping than any other submarine officer during the war.

Richard (Dick) O'Kane and **TANG** live in legend in the annals of the **Silent Service**. His skill and daring made him and **TANG** the highest scoring United States submarine in World War II.





SMB's August 2023 Events

(Stories by Marlin Helms)



Marlin indicated that he and Thomas Peschke attended the Redstone Base (Central District 5) meeting to listen to Lt. Col. Ed Yeilding discuss the SR-71 Blackbird, since he was the last Pilot to fly it. Col Yeilding shared information on the operation and performance of that incredible aircraft. Also August 8th, 2023 was the 23rd Anniversary of the raising of the Hunley (The first significant submersible of the Confederate States of America).



SMB's August 2023 Picnic at Concord Yacht Club

(Photos & story by Bruce Eltzroth)



The Smoky Mountain Base Fall Picnic took place at the Concord Marina in Knoxville TN again this year. The turnout this year was a little less than that from last year. Even so, the participants enjoyed the pulled pork BBQ provided by Andy Armbrust and the sides and vittles that each family brought to accompany it. (Photo 1) shows the marina, and (photos 2 & 3) show the osprey nests near it. There were local canoers on the lake shown in photos (4 & 5). (Photo 6) shows the vittles that accompanied the pulled pork BBQ. (Photos 7 thru 11) capture the SMB members that attended and the layout of the dining area. (Photo 12) shows Bob & Linda Childs on the right with Dick Loves significant other Bonnie (on the left) who provided access to the Yacht Club.

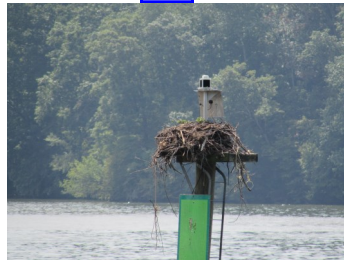
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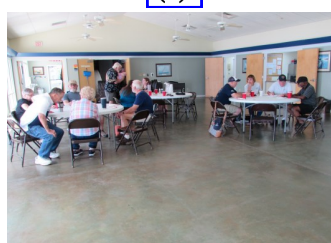
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How does the Navy rescue survivors of a submarine sinking?

(Story and photo Courtesy of The Undersea Museum)

SUBMARINE RESCUE DIVING AND RECOMPRESSION SYSTEM

Since 2008, they use a 24-foot-long remotely operated rescue module named Falcon, seen here. Falcon is the main component of the Navy's Submarine Rescue Diving and Recompression System, which entered service 15 years ago this month on September 30, 2008. Falcon replaced the former rescue system, deep submergence rescue vehicles Mystic (DSRV 1) and Avalon (DSRV 2), which provided submarine rescue ability from 1970 to 2008.

(Courtesy of The Undersea Museum)



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
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In Service to America



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) _____
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SMB September Meeting At Mimi's Café With Special Guest Speakers



Photo 1 below shows guest speakers Michael and Stephanie Trost preparing to make a presentation about their mission known as Frontline Gardens to the members of SMB at our September meeting. Their mission is designed to provide physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing to those heroes who served on the front lines of battlefields, and for law enforcement officers here or at home. The Trosts provide a raised or elevated garden bed at personal residences that comes with a custom therapy program designed to help those struggling with PTSD. Captain Michael J Trost served 32 years in the United States Army as an Infantryman, Civil Affairs Specialist and Airborne during tours in Mosul, Iraq and Afghanistan. He also had tours in India, Bangladesh, Korea and Thailand. He earned the Combat Infantry Badge, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He was wounded in 2012 and spent 2 years at Walter Reed Hospital and another 5 years of recovery. The Trosts have already built a garden for our member Stuart McGlassen. Mike claims that Stephanie is the driving force behind the production of the Frontline Gardens that they provide. If anyone is interested in receiving information concerning Frontline Gardens, please contact Stephanie Trost at www.frontlinegardens.org, or call (865)-206-2287. Photos 2, 3 and 4 below show the turnout for this SMB meeting.

(Story and photos by Bruce Eltzroth and pertinent info provided by Frontline Gardens)



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Newsletter of the year Judging Criteria

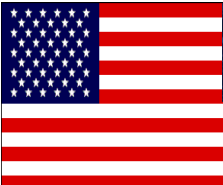
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SUBJECTIVE JUDGING CRITERIA

Many attempts have been made to make subjective judging fair by establishing objective criteria. Most were inappropriate as it still allowed subjective judgment. The following list is a collection of items that previous judges have considered to be appropriate factors when evaluating a Newsletter. It includes items that are suitable for measurement consideration. The list is presented for your evaluation and use in defining and developing your Newsletter entry. It is not expected that the winning Base Newsletter will meet all the elements listed below. It is felt that as many attributes as are possible, and appropriate, should be provided to permit some level of comparison to the other entries. Use the following list as a guideline for your entry. There is no weight associated with any of the items, but the more items included and evaluated allows for a more definitive selection.

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- **Information as to Next Meeting (Time, City, Meeting Site, Map, Food, Entertainment, Agenda, Calendar of Events, Base Activities, (outing, programs etc.).**
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- **Eternal Patrol/Tolling of the Boats.**
- **USSVI National, District and Regional News and Events**
- **Current Fleet News (Active Namesake Boat News) or Other Submarine Related News**
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- **Submarine Historical Information.**
- **Status of Base Projects.**
- **Articles supporting USSVI programs/Memorials/Ceremonies/Charitable Foundation, Constitution/Bylaws articles, etc.**
- **Humor (Military Jokes, Cartoons, Member Personal Sea Stories).**
- **Advertisers Listing and Base Supporter Recognition Newsletter of the Year Award selection is made by the Newsletter of the Year Award Committee under the leadership of the appointed Chair.**



PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMARINES TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE



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Fwd: NSL Update 27 September 2023

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CELEBRATE THE DISTINGUISHED SUBMARINERS

To be honored at the Annual Symposium and Industry Update

Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN (Ret) - 37 year Naval career, final assignment on active duty was as the Seventh Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the second ranking officer in the U.S. Military.

Vice Admiral Paul Sullivan, USN (Ret) - 31 year Naval career, primary consultant and senior advisor on AUKUS Submarine Safety, Acquisition, Design and Submarine Research and Development
The Distinguished Submariner is a submarine-qualified person, enlisted or officer, whose extraordinary lifetime achievements have contributed to the submarine force, the Navy, or the nation.

CELEBRATE THE DISTINGUISHED CIVILIAN

CAPT Carl Oosterman, USN (Ret) - 30 year Naval career, member of the Senior Executive Service to include the formation of a field office in the United Kingdom to improve the exchange of nuclear propulsion technology. The Distinguished Civilian has made a clearly identifiable contribution to the submarine program.

If you know someone who should be considered next year for the Distinguished Submariner or Distinguished Civilian awards, nomination information can be found at <https://www.navalsubleague.org/activities/awards/>

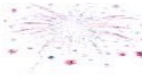
IF YOU'RE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



October 2-10 - San Francisco Fleet Week

CONGRATULATIONS!

On 9/20, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Director Kim Budil today announced that the 2023 John S. Foster, Jr. Medal is awarded to **ADM Richard W. Mies, USN (Ret)**.



ETERNAL PATROL

- YMCN (SS/SW/AW) Ted Vorce, USN (Ret) - 9/20/23
- CDR Robert L. Miller, USN (Ret) - 9/16/23
- MMCM (SS) Ralph Harris, USN (Ret) - 9/13/23
- CAPT John Allan Nuernberger, USN (Ret) - 9/12/23
- Lillian S. "Lil" Bohannon - 8/29/23
- LCDR Edward F. Martin III, USN (Ret) - 1/24/23

We provide names and dates when we learn of them, as a reminder to keep in touch with our friends and shipmates while we can.



Tim Oliver
CAPT Tim Oliver, USN, Ret.
Executive Director



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.

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