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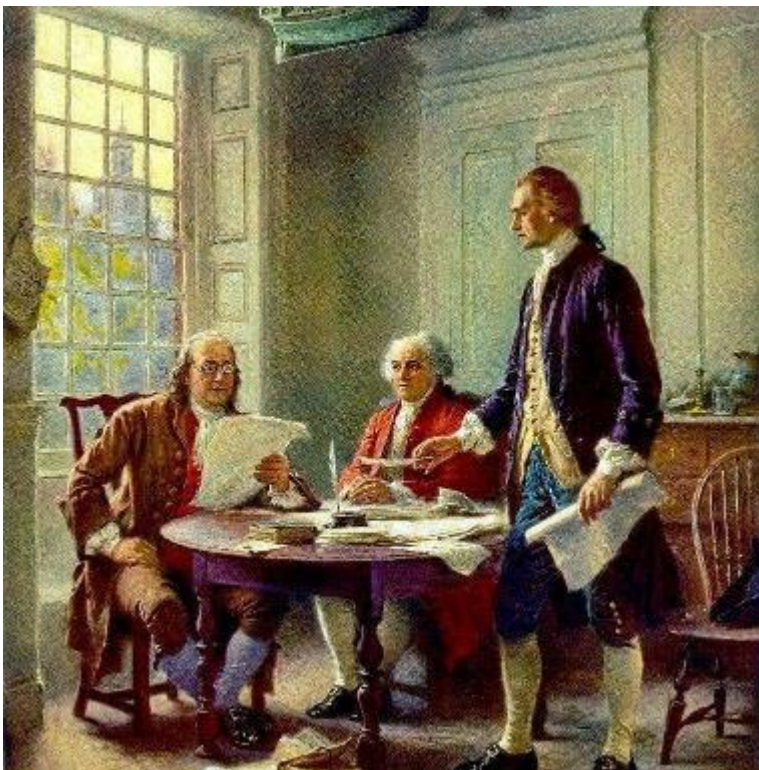
Section 1: To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Camaraderie

Section 2: In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for our mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

Perpetual Remembrance

Section 3: The organization engages in various projects and deeds that bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. USSVI also endeavors to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services United States submariners performed and how the sacrifices of lost shipmates made possible the freedom and lifestyle American enjoy today



*Enjoy your
Independence
Day,*

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BASE MEETINGS - Base meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at M/SGT Ben D Snowden VFW Post 8587, 1000 N College St, Georgetown, TX 78626. We hold a quarterly social in lieu of a Base Meeting in March, June, September and December.

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2017, 2020

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NATIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

A listing of Internet information addresses of the various organizations as places to obtain information on national items of interest. Shipmates, you are invited to add to the list (just let me know via email of any you use), so over time it would become more comprehensive.



<https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>



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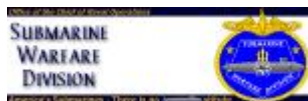
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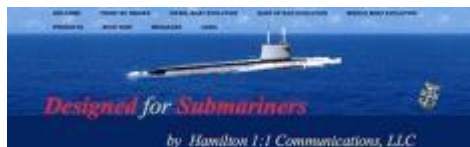
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SILENT RUNNING - JULY

"I can assure you that they went down fighting and that their brothers who survived them took a grim toll of our savage enemy to avenge their deaths." Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN



USS S-28 (SS 133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



USS Robalo (SS 273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.

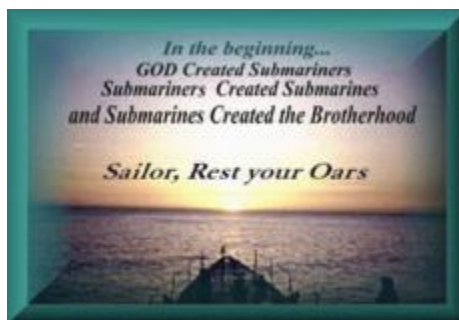


USS Grunion (SS 216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again.



We Remember - For those who gave their lives in the defense of our country - **We Remember**





USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE NEWS

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Happy July Shipmates!

Did you know that this month was originally called Quintilis as it was the 5th month of the year which included 5 months? But Julius Caesar when he created the Julian calendar, we now use added 2 more months one at the beginning and one at the end. Quintilis was then later renamed July in honor of Julius Caesar. August also was renamed to honor someone, any idea who? I think though like many of you that is not what comes to mind first when I think of July. I think Independence Day and Summer! July 4th is when our nation celebrates our independence from Britain. It is when the Declaration of Independence was ratified by the Congress in 1776. So there you have it, and now picnics, hotdogs and celebrations are abundant this month.

We started early this year though as last month we held our regular June social at Berry Springs Park and had well over 50 in attendance. Gene and Cricket Hall did a great job getting thing going and we had a special cake decorated by Mike and Gwen Gauthier. The cake was to celebrate our 5 shipmates who our Holland Club Chairman, Don Atkins, inducted into the Holland Club. These 5 shipmates were: Ed Carr, Gene Hall, Don McGriff, David Miller, and Harry Boyer. I hope and believe everyone had a good time and the location was perfect considering the heat as it was well shaded, and we had a great breeze, and everyone was very comfortable. We also used this social as an opportunity to generate funds through donations by our base members and raised \$560 in cash and about \$150 of in kind donations. Thank you to everyone for your efforts, attendance, and generosity.

With the July 4th weekend coming up we have many opportunities to celebrate including a parade in Belton where members from 3 bases will be attending. There is also the Round Rock Parade where we have been invited again to view from the Longbranch Saloon, hosted by the Williamson County Blue Star Mothers. Another great opportunity is VFW Post 8587 where we meet is inviting everyone out to enjoy free hotdogs and hamburgers and this is probably the best spot in Georgetown to view the fireworks. I'm sure there are many other opportunities out there and hope that everyone gets out and can celebrate. Happy Independence Day!

Last thing I want to leave you with this month is as you all should know this is an election year for our National Officers and there is a by-law change also on the ballot. As in most years past the slate is running unopposed. This brings me to what I want to bring up, actually 2 things. #1 - Please take the few minutes it takes and take a look and vote, it shows your support, engagement and appreciation for their efforts or not as there is an opportunity to write in someone also. Additionally, there is a bylaw change. Read it and review the documents I sent you and make your vote. It does matter. #2 – Why is it so hard to get people to step up and take on positions of responsibility? I recently met with the other CD4 Base Commanders, and we discussed this also and we really don't have an answer. This is an issue throughout the organization both nationally and at the base level. I would love to hear your ideas if you have any on why this is the case. Maybe it's because you don't feel like it's worth your efforts and would rather be doing other things. I can give you the names of about 3800 of our brothers who probably feel the same although they don't have the chance to do so. Maybe you don't feel like you have something to add or are not qualified to do so. Well, I can assure you every one of you has something to add and as far as qualifications you have to start somewhere, and I will help you. Take on a role at the base level and you will soon learn more and be able to take on more. You'll also have the privilege of not only meeting but getting to better know some great people you would not have otherwise. Let me know your thoughts please.

Thanks for everything you all do!

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ETERNAL PATROL

USSVI Central Texas Base

We are sorry to report another of our crew has departed on his Eternal Patrol.



Charles J. Matula Jr. EM2(SS)
 March 15, 1941 - June 4, 2022
 SS-392 USS Sterlot 1960
 SSG-577 USS Growler 1960-63
 SS-348 USS Cusk 1963
 Sailor Rest Your Oars, we have the Watch.

Obituary for Charles Joseph Matula

<https://www.phillipsandlucy.com/obit.../Charles-Matula/...>

Charles Joseph Matula, Jr., 81, of Rockdale, formerly of Cameron, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at his home in Rockdale. A celebration of life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Phillips & Lucy Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Charles Joseph Matula, Jr., known by many as Mat or Charlie, was born on March 15, 1941 to Charles Joseph, Sr. and Lois Mary (Provasek) Matula in Cameron. He graduated from Yoe High School in Cameron before attending Tarrant County Jr. College. He proudly served in the United States Navy, while there he started his electrical career. He worked at Alcoa as an electrical supervisor for 34 years until his retirement on April 1, 2003. He then went on to own Matula Electrical for many years.

On March 15, 1970, he married Judith Hicks in Ft. Worth. He enjoyed deer hunting, working on the farm, and raising cattle. He enjoyed traveling and lived in Japan and Hawaii. He was a member of the American Legion and the United States Submarine Veterans.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles, Sr. and Lois Matula; a sister, Helen Moore; and adorable yorkies, Jaycee and Spankey.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Judith Matula of Rockdale; children Charles Todd Matula, Carolyn Matula, Lisa Kosub and husband Kevin, and Hunter Fox Matula; grandchildren, Dustin Kelie and Car-eyn Denney; sister, Rose Mary Monderia of Temple; precious yorkie, Bentley; and granddog, Bindi.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Charles Joseph Matula please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

BASE TREASURER'S REPORT

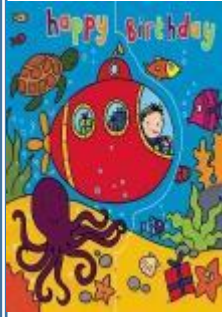
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Financial Report for Period Ending 5/31/2022

Beginning Balance - 5/1/2022	\$28,738.63
RBFCU Checking (General Fund)	\$24,913.04
RBFCU Savings (Memorial Fund)	\$3,827.15
Cash to deposit	\$71.00
Ending Balance	\$28,811.19

Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer

JULY 2022



Rick Mitchell - 8th
 Joe Kruppa - 9th
 James Gee - 12th
 Chuck Trahan - 16th
 Carl Scott - 23rd
 Don McGriff - 24th

CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEMBERSHIP

Report presented to Base Commander w/copy to the Yeoman.

Members listed in Central Texas Database	81
Regular Annual Members	23
National Life Members	48
Base Life Members	40
Holland Club Members	41
Associate Members	1
Dual Members	4
Prospective Members:	0
War Veterans	69
Members pending:	0

Submitted: Chuck Malone, Membership

STOREKEEPER CORNER

The Central Texas Base (CTB) Supply Store is open for business. The Supply Store can obtain most of the items you need for memorabilia, your vest, gifts for others, etc. You can order them from the Storekeeper at a meeting or online at vclaycamp@yahoo.com. CTB can often get items at a lower than normal price, so you save money. The SK can search the net to find out-of-the-ordinary items, for all branches of the service. When requesting a ship's patch, tell the SK which coast you served on board, as the patches are often different for each coast.

The Base E-board is working on a way to inform you of the SK items in stock and prices and a way for to you purchase them either at the in-person meetings, or via an online email system to the SK for in-stock items.

BINNACLE LIST

We ask Lord, in your Son's Name, that you be with our Brother's and Sister's who are sick and ask that you hold them in your arms and heal them so that they might again join us around our table. In your Son's name, We pray, Amen.

Continued prayers for Bob Steinmann recovering from fractured hip.

Continued prayers for Walt Whittingslow for back issues.

Prayers for Mike Gauthier.

Please keep us informed of any person who should be listed. These are the people that we know about, so please e-mail any E-Board member if you know of any member or his family that might be in crisis. Also please keep the Base Chaplain, Shipmate Bob Steinmann informed as well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise promulgated, the Base Monthly meetings will be held in-person and/or a combination of in-person and Zoom meetings.

4 July 2022, 4th of July parade, Belton, TX with Brazos Valley Base. Also the Round Rock Long Branch Saloon will also have seating for Round Rock's event in the event you cannot make it to the Belton Parade.

20 July 2022, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting. In-person and Zoom.

17 August 2022, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting. In-person and Zoom.

24 - 27 August 2022, USSVI National Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY.

17 September 2022, Base Quarterly Social, Details TBD.

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I have been staying in touch with the Children’s hospitals. Due to the Coronavirus they have canceled all volunteer visits until further notice. I am checking with them monthly to reschedule as soon as it is safe to do so for the children and our volunteers. Any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 702-682-9170. Stay safe and be well. Thanks for all your support.

Shipmate Shawn O’Shea, Chair, Kap(SS)4Kid(SS)

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

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Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement. Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons. Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference. It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

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The previous Undersea Warfare News weekly news bulletin email articles have been discontinued.

I have been saving articles of interest posted on Google News website and at for publishing in The Deck Log. Some of the following articles were downloaded from “The Broadcast, Official Newsletter of Commander Submarine Force www.sublant.usff.navy.mil. All other articles are supported by the appropriate URL for the articles.”

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An exclusive look inside where nuclear subs are born

To craft submarines that withstand the crushing deep, New England shipbuilders must become masters of steel.

See this link for the full story: [How nuclear subs are built | Popular Science \(popsci.com\)](https://www.popsci.com/how-nuclear-submarines-are-built/)

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Russia's Submarine Fleet In The Pacific Should Make The Navy Sweat

<https://www.19fortyfive.com/2022/05/submarines-russia-pacific-expansion/>

By [Wesley Culp](#), Published, May 23, 2022



Russian Borei-class ballistic missile submarine.

Russia's Pacific Fleet is reportedly slated to receive three new submarines in 2022. According to [Russian state media](#), the [Borei-class ballistic missile submarine](#) Knyaz Oleg, the [Yasen-M-class nuclear submarine](#) Novosibirsk, and the diesel-electric attack submarine Magadan is slated to join the Pacific Fleet's submarine contingent.

A lot of responsibility

The Pacific Fleet has the largest area of responsibility of any of Russia's fleets, encompassing the entirety of the Pacific and Indian Oceans and an eastern portion of the Russian Arctic. In the lead-up to Russia's war in Ukraine, the Pacific Fleet's cruiser *Varyag* and destroyer *Admiral Tributs*, as well as the supply ship *Boris Botuma*, were [dispatched](#) to the Eastern Mediterranean to support Russian operations there. However, the Russian Pacific Fleet's involvement in Moscow's invasion of Ukraine has been relatively limited. The fleet did apparently lend logistical help in moving equipment from Russia's far-flung Kuril Islands to the Russian mainland for transport to Ukraine.

The Russian Pacific Fleet is smaller than its Soviet predecessor. But it has grown in recent years, and it brings together a mix of modern and legacy Soviet ships. As of April 2022, the fleet officially [includes](#) 53 surface warships and 23 submarines, including the three set to join this year. While the *Knyaz Oleg*, *Novosibirsk*, and *Magadan* have already been assigned, they have not necessarily traveled to the Pacific Fleet's home base or its area of responsibility yet.

While Russia's most recent [Maritime Doctrine](#) places a high emphasis on the Pacific Fleet's ability to defensively secure Russian interests in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, the additional deployment of Borei and Yasen-M ships appears to raise questions about those doctrinal aims. After all, these ships can take the fight to distant enemies by serving as nuclear-ballistic and cruise-missile submarines.

The new submarine additions

The *Knyaz Oleg* is a nuclear-powered, ballistic-missile [Borei-A-class](#) submarine. The Borei-A class is an iteration of the standard Borei class. They are larger and more advanced than their predecessors. Built by Sevmash in Severodvinsk, the *Knyaz Oleg* is the fifth Borei-A submarine to be produced. The submarine

is powered by an OK-650 nuclear reactor. It is designed to carry 16 Bulava submarine-launched ballistic missiles and has six torpedo tubes capable of carrying RPK-2 Vyuga anti-submarine missiles. Potentially hinting at a future service life of covering Russia's eastern Arctic zone of responsibility, the *Knyaz Oleg* has been conducting a series of training exercises on the use of its Bulava missiles, as well as the firing of torpedoes to break holes in Arctic ice for the submarine's emersion.

Accepted into the Russian Navy simultaneously with the *Knyaz Oleg* at a December 2021 ceremony virtually attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Yasen-M-class *Novosibirsk* is another nuclear-powered submarine. Equipped with a KTP-6 monoblock reactor, the *Novosibirsk* and its Yasen-M sisters are some of the quietest vessels in Russian service today, and they can carry a combination of Kalibr ground attack missiles and Zircon or Oniks anti-ship missiles. Unlike the Borei-A-class submarines, the *Novosibirsk* is a guided-missile submarine. The two classes of submarine would play different roles in a hypothetical conflict.

Despite not being nuclear-powered like the *Novosibirsk* or the *Knyaz Oleg*, the *Magadan* is designed to fulfill a similar role. The *Magadan* is an example of the Project 636.3 Kilo class of attack submarines, and it was commissioned into the Russian Navy in October 2021 as the third of six such submarines ordered for the Pacific Fleet. As a Project 636.3 class, the *Magadan* is powered by a diesel electric system and can carry Kalibr ground attack and anti-ship missiles, as well as a variety of Strela and Igla air-defense missiles. Kilos such as the *Magadan* are also believed to be some of the quietest diesel-electric submarines in the world.

As Russia continues to deliver submarines to its Pacific Fleet, the command will likely continue to rely on a variety of nimbler vessels as part of its expansive mission of securing Russian interests in the Pacific, Indian, and Arctic Oceans.

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Typhoon-Class: Why Russia Built The Largest Submarine Ever

<https://www.19fortyfive.com/2022/06/typhoon-class-why-russia-built-the-largest-submarine-ever/>

By [Christian Orr](#), Published 6/24/2022



The Typhoon-Class, a Short History – Fans of *The Hunt for Red October*, whether the [original bestselling novel](#) by the late great Tom Clancy (R.I.P.) and/or the [blockbuster film adaptation](#) starring the late great Oscar

winner [Sir Sean Connery](#) (*R.I.P. again*) are bound to be at least somewhat familiar with the massive Soviet-designed “Typhoon”-class killer submarine. The Typhoon-class boat also figures prominently in a [lesser-known Clancy novel](#), *SSN* – co-authored with Martin Greenberg back in 2000 – wherein Mr. Clancy harped upon how difficult it would be to sink this particular make of Russian sub due to its double pressure hulls [built of titanium](#). However, as fact-filled as Tom Clancy’s novels are, they’re still fiction, so now let’s take a deeper dive (yes, bad submarine pun intended) into the real facts and history of this submerged behemoth.

Typhoon-Class: The Soviets’ Whale Shark

The Soviets officially designated this ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) as Project 941 *Akula* (“Shark”), “Typhoon-Class” is the NATO codename. To make matters semantically more confusing – especially for submarine movie buffs – NATO for its part applied “Akula” as a codename for the different Soviet submarine class, the [Project 971 Shchuka-B](#) (“Pike”) nuclear hunter-killer submarine (SSN); just for clarification, it’s this latter type of “Akula” submarine that duels with the fictitious crew of the USS *Alabama* ([SSBN-731](#)) in the 1995 movie [Crimson Tide](#) starring Academy Award winners Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington. For additional differentiation, the Typhoon-Class is the older of the two classes, first built in 1976 whilst the “Pike” was first built in 1983.

Project 941 was designed as the successor to the [Delta-class submarines](#) (Project 667B series consisting of four variants). A total of six Typhoons were built between 1976 and 1989, with a seventh specimen planned but eventually canceled. It ended up as the [largest submarine class ever built](#), tipping the proverbial scales at 48,000 tons worth of displacement. The submarine class is nearly two football fields in length at 174.9 meters (574 feet), the better to house its 160-man crew while staying submerged for up to 120 days at a time. The huge boats could plow through the water at a speed of 12-16 knots on the surface and 25-27 knots whilst submerged.

Weapons payload was impressive too: four 533mm (21-inch) torpedoes fore and two 650mm (26-inch) torpedoes aft, and most significantly, a capacity of 20 [RSM-52](#) submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs). The Typhoons were built in response to the U.S. [Ohio-class guided-missile submarines \(SSGN\)](#), which weighed in at a mere 19,000-ton displacement. This greater than 2:1 size disparity is explained by my 19FortyFive [colleague Caleb Larson](#):

“According to the U.S. Naval Institute, this massive disparity in size between the American and Soviet/Russian missiles is due to the differences in [plastics](#) industry maturity, which in the United States, was able to create both plastic children’s toys, as well as important binders for solid-fuel missile components.”

Party Privileges?

Submarine duty is not for the faint of heart or the claustrophobic, as any submariner worth [his/her salt](#) knows. For American submariners, one of the big incentives in place to at least partially mitigate this hardship is what is reported to be the [best chow in the U.S. Navy](#). But the Soviet Typhoon/*Akula* took incentives and amenities to a whole ‘nother level, downright shocking for the military of a country that prided itself on supposed proletarian egalitarianism (not counting the “Do as we say, not as we do” Party privileges of the [USSR’s elitist nomenklatura](#) of course): not only a gym but a swimming pool and [even a sauna](#)! Mind you, the pools are only 2 meters (6.5 feet) deep and preclude diving and swimming laps, but eh, beggars can’t be choosers, especially when the host boat is submerged at the max depth of 500 meters.

The Typhoon-Class Headed for Retirement?

Alas, for aspiring present-day Russian submariners, the opportunities to enjoy these extra underwater perks are becoming few and fewer. Only one Typhoon/*Akula* remains on active service, that being the [Dmitriy Donskoy](#) (named for a 14th-century Prince of Moscow), with two more on laid-up status and three decommissioned altogether. Since 2008, these mechanical sea monsters have been getting slowly but steadily replaced by the [Borei-class subs](#).

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Commander, Submarine Forces

<https://www.sublant.usff.navy.mil/>

June 22, 2022

#OTD in 1963, the nuclear-powered submarines USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628), USS Daniel Boone (SSBN 629), USS Flasher (SSN 613), and USS John Calhoun (SSBN 630) are all launched in one day, emphasizing the Navy's accelerated nuclear-submarine construction program.



(In this photo, launching of USS Daniel Boone (SSBN-629), 22 June 1963.)

June 18, 2022

#OTD in 1983, USS Florida (SSGN 728) is commissioned at Electric Boat Division, Groton, Conn. The Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, is the first submarine to be named after the 27th state, but the sixth vessel in the Navy.



July 2022

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#OTD in 1952, the keel of the USS Nautilus (SSN 571), the world's first operational nuclear-powered submarine, was laid by President Harry S. Truman during a ceremony in Groton, Connecticut.

The ceremony served as a marker of the new advancements in technology and the ushering in of what would become the Nuclear Navy.

During the ceremony, President Truman remarked, "I know that all Americans will join me in this. For we are a peaceful people, not a warlike people. We want peace and we work hard for peace. This is a great day for us, a day to celebrate—not because we are starting a new ship for war, but because we are making a great advance in use of atomic energy for peace. We want atomic power to be a boon to all men everywhere, not an instrument for their destruction. Today, we stand on the threshold of a new age of power."



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NEWS-01: USSVI VSO news for June, 2022

Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI VSO on 6/2/2022

Shipmates,

This Federal Program Now Makes Many Active-Duty, Vets and Survivors Eligible for Free or Discounted Internet

https://www.military.com/benefits/federal-program-military-veterans-free-or-discounted-internet.html?ESRC=mr_220509.nl

VA Disqualifies Vets from Caregiver Program Despite Promised Pause amid Review

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/04/va-disqualifies-vets-caregiver-program-despite-promised-pause-amid-review.html?ESRC=mr_220509.nl

Troops Can Now Ship Gun Safes Without It Counting Against PCS Weight Allowances

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/05/troops-can-now-ship-gun-safes-without-it-counting-against-pcs-weight-allowances.html?ESRC=mr_220509.nl

VA Gives Vets More Response Time Because of Mail Delays

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/12/01/va-gives-vets-more-response-time-because-of-mail-delays.html?ESRC=mr_220509.nl

Tricare Dental Premiums See Slight Increase for 2022 Plan Year

https://www.military.com/benefits/tricare/dental/tricare-dental-plan-benefits-and-coverage.html?ESRC=mr_220509.nl

Thousands of Smartphones Purchased by VA Went Unused

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/05/thousands-of-smartphones-purchased-va-went-unused.html?ESRC=mr_220509.nl

Hundreds of Sailors Being Moved Off Carrier After Surge of Suicides, Captain Tells Crew

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/04/29/hundreds-of-sailors-being-moved-off-carrier-after-surge-of-suicides-captain-tells-crew.html?ESRC=navy-a_220504.nl

VA Adds 9 Respiratory Cancers to List of Conditions Related to Post-9/11 Burn Pit Exposure

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/04/26/va-adds-9-respiratory-cancers-list-of-conditions-related-post-9-11-burn-pit-exposure.html?ESRC=navy-a_220504.nl

Nine new cancers added to the presumed service-connected list related to particulate matter

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/102843/nine-new-cancers-added-to-the-presumed-service-connected-list-related-to-particulate-matter/>

VA Pension Available for Low-Income Veterans and Survivors

https://www.military.com/benefits/va-pension-available-low-income-veterans-and-survivors.html?ESRC=mr_220516.nl

Junior Sailors Scrambling for a Place to Live After the Navy Shuttles Its Barracks at Key West

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/13/junior-sailors-scrambling-place-live-after-navy-shuttles-its-barracks-key-west.html?ESRC=mr_220516.nl

Vital Computer System Has Gone Down More Than 50 Times Since Launching in Washington, VA Confirms

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/09/vital-computer-system-has-gone-down-more-50-times-launching-washington-va-confirms.html?ESRC=mr_220516.nl

Military Throwing Cash at Recruiting Crisis as Troops Head for the Exits

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/13/bigger-bonuses-pentagons-top-weapon-combat-recruiting-crisis-troops-head-exits.html?ESRC=mr_220516.nl

Medical Forces Could Be Shorthanded During War Due to Planned Cuts, Milley Says

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/11/medical-forces-could-be-shorthanded-during-war-due-planned-cuts-milley-says.html?ESRC=mr_220516.nl

'Accumulation of Errors and Omissions' Led to Connecticut Crash, Navy Concludes

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/24/accumulation-of-errors-and-omissions-led-connecticut-crash-navy-concludes.html?ESRC=navy-a_220525.nl

The Top 10 Worst and Best States for Military Veterans and Retirees

https://www.military.com/military-transition/retirees/10-best-places-for-military-retirees.html?ESRC=navy-a_220525.nl

Deal for Sweeping Toxic Exposure Bill Reached in Senate

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/18/deal-sweeping-toxic-exposure-bill-reached-senate.html?ESRC=navy-a_220525.nl

Despite Housing Troubles Plaguing Sailors, Navy Determined to Spend Money on Shipyards

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/18/despite-housing-troubles-plaguing-sailors-navy-determined-spend-money-shipyards.html?ESRC=navy-a_220525.nl

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https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/13/bigger-bonuses-pentagons-top-weapon-combat-recruiting-crisis-troops-head-exits.html?ESRC=navy-a_220518.nl

Researchers Think They've Found the Cause of Gulf War Illness

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/17/researchers-think-theyve-found-cause-of-gulf-war-illness.html?ESRC=navy->

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Culture Shift Needed to Combat Patient Safety Failures at VA, Watchdog Says

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/12/culture-shift-needed-combat-patient-safety-failures-va-watchdog-says.html?ESRC=navy-a_220518.nl

Researchers Think They've Found the Cause of Gulf War Illness

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/17/researchers-think-theyve-found-cause-of-gulf-war-illness.html?ESRC=mr_220523.nl

Veterans to Get Improved Access to Mammograms Through Bills Headed to Biden's Desk

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/05/19/veterans-get-improved-access-mammograms-through-bills-headed-bidens-desk>.

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USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-022

NEWS-01: Website Bulletin

Submitted by: Tim Carlisle on 6/14/2022

Shipmates,

Good Afternoon USSVI - here is the latest regarding the website.

Here is the link to the new old (reconstructed) website <http://ussubvets.org/home.asp>. Your user name and password should be the same if not, use forgot password.

Any update through the Tools Menu need to be completed on this new site, or they won't be in the database. The old website ussvi.org will be shut down on June 30th. Do not make any entries on this website.

1. If you find a bug, fill out this bug report - like any implementation, we will try to fix any issues - and are grateful for your help. Gerry Smith, our webmaster for this site, may reach out to you to test the fix. His email for bug fixes is ussvi@e911systems.com
2. This reconstructed website is where our National Elections voting will take place. If you have questions, please contact me at ussviwebsitequestions@gmail.com. I monitor the email and am happy to answer your questions. Talk to you next month!

Pride Runs Deep,

Thank You,

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USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-023

NEWS-01: Voting in the 2022 USSVI National Election instructions

Submitted by: Tom Conlon, USSVI Election Master on 6/20/2022

Shipmates,

2022 USSVI NATIONAL ELECTION BEGINS

Voting in the 2022 USSVI National Election will begin at 00:00:01 AM, June 24, 2022. Voting will continue until 2359, August 15, 2022.

Online voting is via the newly reconstituted USSVI website (www.ussubvets.org). When voting begins, the "Vote in Election" button will be available. When you click on the button, you will get to the USSVI National Ballot. Once there, cast your ballot accordingly. There is also space to write in a candidate of your choice.

When you vote, you do so from your primary Base. The Regional Director vote reflects the location of your primary Base. This may be different from the location of your residence. You can only vote for the Regional

Director who represents the location of your primary Base.

There is one (1) Proposed Bylaws change. Vote "YES" or "NO" on the proposed change.

Candidate's Statements and the text of the Proposed Amendment are in the current issue of The American Submariner.

As always, you may vote by paper ballot. I must receive any paper ballots no later than August 10, 2022. This will allow me to count any "last minute" ballots. I will discard any ballots I receive after August 15th.

Mail-in Ballot to:

Tom Conlon,
USSVI Election Master
8 Davis Avenue
Harrison, NJ 07029

You must complete your own ballot. We do not allow "proxy voting."

Base Commanders: You may print a supply of paper ballots and distribute them at a Base meeting. However, each member must complete their own ballot. You may collect the ballots and send them to me as a package. I must also receive that package no later than August 10th.

You may also bring a suitable computer to a Base meeting and members may vote using that computer. Again, each member must cast their own online ballot.

My goal is for as many members as possible to vote in our election. Remember: Your vote is your "voice" in our organization's operation.

Tom Conlon
USSVI National Election Master



USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-024

NEWS-01: National Election Voting

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, NC on 6/24/2022

Shipmates,

REMINDER! REMINDER!

THE 2022 USSVI NATIONAL ELECTION IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN.

Shipmates,

As with some previous elections, all nine national officer positions only have one candidate plus a place for un write-ins. But we are asking to please show your interest, support for our organization, and appreciation for the time and energy these shipmates devote to USSVI by participating in the election. cast your vote.

Online Voting via the newly reconstructed USSVI website

Go to and log-in to the USSVI website www.ussubvets.org/home.asp . Your User ID and Password will be the same as previously used on the old website.

If you have forgotten your password, click on the red "Get Password" button, fill-in the questioner and it will be sent to you by e-mail if your e-mail address is correct on your profile page.

A green voting button is located third from the top of the left side menu.

Click this button, fill-in, and submit your ballot.

Don't forget PA-2022-1 at the bottom of the ballot.

All the Best,
Wayne Standerfer
USSVI NC

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USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-025

NEWS-01: American Submariner magazine now on line

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, NC on 6/28/2022

Shipmates,

The ability to upload copies of our American Submariner Magazine to the newly reconstituted website is still somewhat challenging and continues as a work in progress.

As a temporary workaround, the just released American Submariner third quarter issue has been made available on Google Drive.

Please click on or copy and paste the following link into your web browser which will open this current edition for your viewing.

<https://tinyurl.com/yvewdrfi>

This link is for USSVI Members in good standing only. It is not to be shared with anyone outside of our organization.

All the Best and please take care,
Wayne Standerfer
USSVI National Commander

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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW Everything???

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
- A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "MT".
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewables Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

There, now you know everything!

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Middle Aged Humor

Ravindra Reddy · April 22 2022 ·

This is too good not to share. I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself. He sent me the following:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
 4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
 5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
 6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
 7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down. Just say "Thank You."
 8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
 9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
 10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.
 11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
 12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
 13. I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.
 14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!
- I decided to share this for all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age?



63 and pregnant

A woman went to the emergency room, where she was seen by a young new doctor. After about 3 minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant.

She burst out of the room and ran down the corridor screaming.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was; after listening to her story, he calmed her down and sat her in another room.

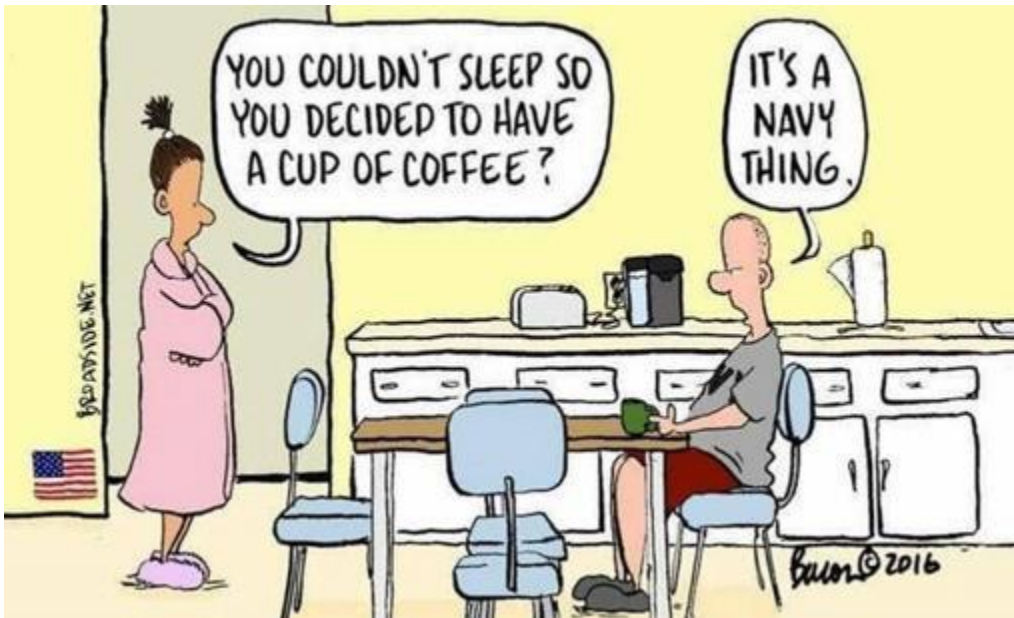
Then the doctor marched down the hallway to the first doctor's room.

"Whats wrong with you?" he demanded. This woman is 63 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?!!!"

The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said:

"Does she still have the hiccups?"

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Religious Humor

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Most Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember its God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Don't ignore this message.. This is your only warning

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SHIPMATES IN ACTION



USSVI Central Texas Base Social - 18 June 2022

Had a Great turnout and good time Saturday at Berry Springs Park And Preserve . Many shipmates, family and friends gathered for some good food and watch 5 of our shipmates be inducted into the Holland Club.







