



THE DECK LOG

USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE
DECEMBER 2022



USSVI Creed

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



The US Navy has a tradition that no submarine is ever considered lost at sea. Subs that don't return, including 52 lost during WWII, are considered "still on patrol." Every year at Christmas sailors manning communications hubs send holiday greetings to those listed as still on patrol.



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FACEBOOK PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/ussvicentraltexas/>

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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.

The original design for the U.S. Submarine Force insignia approved in 1924 by Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Acting Secretary of the Navy, is still in use today.



2021
Rick Mitchell
Bill Scott

2017 Tom
Williams

2010, 2014,
2017, 2020

2020 Base

2020
Bob Steinmann,
Hubert Jackson

2012, 2013, 2016,
2018, 2019, 2020,
2021, 2022

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>



<http://www.ussvi.org/base/CentralTexas.asp>



<http://www.csp.navy.mil/>



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<http://www.va.gov/>



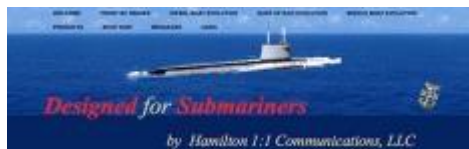
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<http://isausa.org/>



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<http://www.dfas.mil/>



<http://www.usmilitaryforum.com/forums/>
<https://www.silent-service-challenge-coins.com/>



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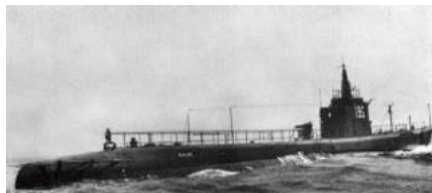
SILENT RUNNING - DECEMBER

"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 Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on Dec 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol, but her exact location and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 5 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack. The destruction of the Navy Yard made repairs impossible, and Sealion was ordered destroyed. All salvagable equipment was taken off, depth charges were placed inside, and the explosives were set off to prevent her from being made useful to the enemy.



USS F1 / Carp (SS-20)

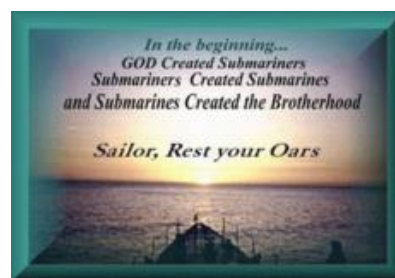
Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerel) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA. While maneuvering in exercises at sea, F-1 and F-3 collided, the former sinking in 10 seconds, her port side torn forward of the engine room. 19 of her men were lost, while 3 others were rescued by the submarines with whom she was operating.



USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and re-commissioned.

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 December Shipmates!

I'm not sure about you all but I can't believe we have almost sailed through another year. Christmas is right around the corner and before you know it, we will be toasting in 2023. In a few days we will be holding our annual base Christmas party on December 3rd and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. This year we will be at the Granger Cotton Country Club. We will hold a white elephant gift exchange for those interested in it, have a slide show of the events of the year and just have a good time. We will also announce our Sailor of the Year.

We had a great month of November with many different activities taking place. One of these being the Field of Honor in Georgetown. We were able to sponsor this event this year which helped bring in the Tunnels to Towers display and also helps provide support to various veterans' groups in the area. Additionally, we started this year flying a flag for each of our members on Eternal Patrol, a tradition I hope we continue. We had a small crew (Harry B., Gene H., and Shawn) march in the opening ceremony and volunteers helping throughout the week. I hope you all had the opportunity to get out and see this sometime during the week.

Veterans Day brought numerous ceremonies around the area along with some pretty exciting weather right at ceremony time. Many things were rained out but in Round Rock we were able to get in the 1st annual Veterans Day ceremony just before the rain really set in. The afternoon celebration was cancelled though. We had a good turnout there and actually met a couple of Submarine Veterans while there who are not members of our base.

I'm not sure how many of you were able to get out to various schools for their Veterans Day celebrations. Hopefully many of you were able to do so. I had the opportunity to talk to 7 different Air Force JROTC classes at Hutto High School this year. It was an exhausting day but very worth it. Many great questions and the kids enjoyed the slide show and presentation. I was able to share the battle flag Chuck Trahan recently donated to the base and discuss its meaning and the work our brothers did in WWII that directly led to our freedoms today. We also discussed basic submarine options and all the oldies but goodies like how do you breathe on a submarine, how do you go to the bathroom on a submarine and so on. It was a good day.

On Nov 9th, Shawn lead a group of us up to our first Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) presentation at Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Medical Center in Temple. The staff and kids all enjoyed our visit. We made a few honorary Submariners and I think a few smiles. Hats, Certificates, and coloring books were all handed out. Everyone was pleased with the visit, and we are in the process of planning another visit in the Spring sometime. Merry Christmas to each and every one of you!

At our base meeting we had the opportunity to welcome 2 new shipmates on board! There was Bryan Eaton who qualified on the USS Newport News, SSN-750 in 2012 and was a Nav ET. Brian now lives in Round Rock with his wife and son. We also welcomed Terry Moore who also lives in Round Rock, and he qualified in 1984 on the USS Drum, SSN-677. Welcome Aboard shipmates!

Thank You for everything each of you do!

Wishing every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEETING MINUTES – 16 NOVEMBER 2022

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Location: VFW Post 8587

Meeting opened at 19:01 by Rick Mitchell, Base Commander.

E-Board was present

October Minutes Approved

Sailing List: LOCAL 24 Total, NO Zoom Meeting

Binnacle List: Bill Bellinghausen
Hubert and Linda Jackson
John Roberts
Bob Steinmann
Carla Mitchell
Chuck Trahan's Sister and Son

Chuck Malone: Led the base in our opening Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Bill Scott

Tolling of the Boats – Rick Mitchell with Gene Hall Tolling the Bell

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Virgil Claycamp

Current Total Funds as of 1 Nov

\$32,228.00 as of 1 Nov 2022

General: \$28,397.95

Memorial: \$3,830.05

Storekeeper's Report: Virgil Claycamp

- 2023 Submariner Calendars are available for \$10 each
- The Base Challenge coins are available for \$10 for members.
- If you are looking for any specific patches, BC Patch is a good resource, see Virgil.

Memorial (Gene Hall): City of Round Rock will restart around Apr 2023. Calvin Story had also spoken to Round Rock and they indicated a Spring 2023 start.

Kaps 4 Kids (Shawn O'Shea) 9 November event held at McLain's Children's Hospital, Temple, TX Bob Steinmann, Harold Jackson, Harry Ullmann, Rick Mitchell and Shawn O'Shea were in attendance and were well received. They also made an Honorary Submariner of a young man while in the waiting area before their scheduled meeting. Looking forward to Feb 2023 for the next visit. Let Shawn know if you are interested.

Parade (Tom Sprague): The next event will be the Red Poppy Festival in Georgetown in Apr 2023.

Membership (Chuck Malone): 83 Current Members, 48 USSVI National Life, 41 Base Life, 40 Holland Club, 72 War Vets and 1 Associate Member. See Chuck if you don't have your Submarine Veteran Longevity Pin or need your 2023 sticker for your National Card or your 2023 card. Please pay your dues by 1 Dec 2022.

Birthdays 2022: 11/19 Tom Sprague, 12/3 Bill Brinkman, 12/4 Harry Boyer, 12/5 Fred Maynard, 12/9 Dick Witte, 12/11 Jack Odom, 12/15 David Miller, 12/16 Jim Boyles, 12/24 Shawn O'Shea, 12/28 Kyle Nix, 12/31 Ron Bennett and 1/2/2023 David Paulson.

December Christmas Party

Saturday, 3 December 2022 13:00, [Granger Cotton Country Club, Granger, TX](#)

There will be a set meal, rather than our prior Pot Luck. Coffee, Tea and water provided as well as a Cash bar. Pot Roast/Beef. Contact Rick Mitchell as soon as possible if you need or desire an alternate menu choice. If you'd like to participate in a 'White Elephant' gift exchange, please bring a gift of \$20 or less.

Cost will be \$10 per person (base will supplement the actual cost of about \$20)

Unfinished, Ongoing and Old Business

OLD Business:

Veterans Day Events

Field of Honor Participation 5-12 Nov 2022

We flew 8 Flags in Honor of our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

Round Rock Several of our Members participated in this 1st event in Round Rock.

Base Float (Rick Mitchell):

Jake Ferrigan, Dylan Gray and Mike Gauthier are working on the new base float.

Hull will be smooth and gloss paint this time - better presentation and easier to clean/maintain.

Working on various trailering ideas.

Annual Base Raffle:

The Annual Base Raffle was a success! \$8500 worth of tickets were sold with Net Proceeds of approximately \$5800 after expenses of \$2700. Bill Bellinghausen won the \$50 prize for selling the Winning Ticket.

Sailor of the Year: The following Shipmates were nominated: The Sailor of the Year will be announced at the 3 Dec 2022 Christmas Party. Carl Repp, Harry Boyer, Mike Gauthier, Virgil Claycamp and Frank Espinosa.

New Business:

Wreaths for Vets: Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony is happening 26 Nov 2022. Lets have some of us go up and participate. We have shipmates laying in rest in that cemetery.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle – \$35 of the \$70 was won by Fred Maynard. A Red Button Down Retired shirt donated by Don McGriff was won by Chuck Trahan and Gene Hall won a Navy T-Shirt.

Next Event – 3 Dec 2022 13:00 at Granger Cotton Country Club, Granger, TX, Christmas Party.

Sailing List

Base Members: Local at the VFW Post 8587 (24): Rick Mitchell, Don Atkins, Harry Boyer, Virgil Claycamp, Ed Carr, Jack Collins, Frank Espinosa, Mike Gauthier, Gene Hall, Colin King, Jeff Linder, Chuck Malone, Fred Maynard, Dale Messing, Shawn O’Shea, Bill Scott, Tom Sprague, Calvin Story, Chuck Trahan, Harry Ullmann, Walter Whittingslow, Frank Abernathy and Visitors Brian Eaton and Terry Moore who look like they’ll be joining our Base.

Meeting Adjourned by Rick Mitchell, 2000 hours

Minutes submitted by Frank Abernathy, Yeoman, 20Nov2022

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BASE TREASURER’S REPORT
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15 November 2022

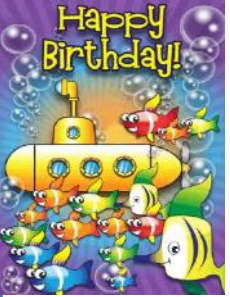
Financial Report for Period Ending 10/31/2022

Beginning Balance - 10/1/2022	\$27,044.58
RBFCU Checking (General Fund)	\$28,397.95
RBFCU Savings (Memorial Fund)	\$3,830.05
Cash to be deposited	\$00
Un-cleared Checks	\$00
Ending Balance - 10/31/2022	\$32,228.00

Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer

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DECEMBER 2022



Bill Brinkman - 3rd
 Harry Boyer - 4th
 Fred Maynard - 5th
 Ken Johnson - 9th
 Dick Witte - 9th
 John Odom - 11th
 David Miller - 15th
 James Bowles - 16th
 Shawn O'Shea - 24th
 Kyle Nix - 28th
 Ron Bennett - 31st
 Jerry King -

CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEMBERSHIP

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

Members listed in Central Texas Database	83
Regular Annual Members	25
National Life Members	48
Base Life Members	41
Holland Club Members	40
Associate Members	1
Dual Members	4
Prospective Members:	0
War Veterans	72
Members pending:	0

Submitted: Chuck Malone, Membership

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STOREKEEPER CORNER

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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.

They're here! Our new Base Challenge Coins are now available, and they only cost \$10! Thanks to Shelly Saxon at [\(SS\) Challenge Coins](#) for helping us with this project and Bill Scott for getting this done.

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.

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BINNACLE LIST

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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.

Bill Bellinghausen, John Roberts, Hubert and Linda Jackson, Carla Mitchell, Chuc Trahan's Sister and son.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

3 December 2022, Base Annual Christmas Party, Granger Cotton Country Club, Granger, TX, 1PM. Cost is \$10 per person; the base is picking up the rest. Your meal and desert is provided for along with Water, Tea, and Coffee. The meal is a beef entrée, if you want or need something different, please let Rick know, it can be arranged as needed. A cash bar will be open also.

18 January 2023, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting. In-person and Zoom.

15 February 2023, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting. In-person and Zoom.

18 March 2023, Central Texas Base Quarterly Social, Details TBD

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KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)
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Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Medical Center – Temple, is opening up for outside visitors and events like Kap(SS)4Kid(SS).

An event was held On 9 November there. Bob Steinmann, Harold Jackson, Harry Ullmann, Rick Mitchell and Shawn O'Shea were in attendance and were well received. They also made an Honorary Submariner of a young man while in the waiting area before their scheduled meeting. Looking forward to Feb 2023 for the next visit. Let Shawn know if you are interested.

Anyone interested in joining the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) team, and want to volunteer to get on the roster to attend one of our events, please contact me at 702-682-9170 or soshea77@outlook.com.

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



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
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Books of the Bible

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu. Keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the book in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spacers in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in the paragraph waiting to be found. (Editor) The answers can be found at the back of the newsletter.

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Christmas Party Update

Rick Mitchell, Nov 27, 2022, 8:46 PM

Shipmates,

Hope everyone had a Great Thanksgiving Holiday! Our Christmas Party will be next weekend on Saturday December 3rd. This is our last planned event for 2022. I'm looking forward to closing out the year with you all with some good food, good fun and sharing a few memories. I'll be giving the final head count to Jamie for the number of dinners tomorrow which as I currently have, is 73, with 4 maybes (maybe's could really help me out by giving me a yes or no). Thank you to everyone who got your \$10 payment in already. The rest of

you please remember to bring it by at the Party next Saturday.

- There will be a door prize or 2
- There will be a chance to buy raffle tickets for special handmade keepsake photo album by Linda Jackson.
- We will announce our Sailor of the Year for 2022
- We will have an optional White Elephant Gift Exchange, if you want to participate (Its fun!) bring a gift each or as a couple (value \$20 +/-)



(Editor) Missed getting this in the November edition, my apologies.

USSVI-CTB and Two Other Veteran Service Organizations of Georgetown Host a successful Blood Drive

The event was led by U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. Central Texas Base and hosted by VFW Post 8587 and assisted by American Legion Post 174. Frank Espinosa, Jr., once again served as Blood Drive Coordinator for all three organizations – he is a life member in all three organizations.

By the end of the 6-hour event held October 22, 2022, 40 donors had checked in to make their donation. A total of 28 pints were collected at the event. Additionally, the organizations were given credit for collecting an additional 7 pints since the last Blood Drive held in March 2022.

Donations received will be distributed by "We Are Blood" to over 41 hospitals and medical centers throughout the surrounding 10 counties of Central Texas.

The USSVI-CTB wishes to thank all donors who contributed to this worthy cause.



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

Photo # 1 - Main entrance to blood drive event held at VFW Post 8587, Georgetown

Photo #3 - Mobile trailer used by "We Are Blood" to fully load with equipment and supplies to support a typical blood drive event

Photo #3 - "We Are Blood" employees unload equipment and supplies from their mobile trailer

CALLING ALL SUBMARINERS!

Come join us in San Antonio, TX April 13-16, 2023 for the 3rd Annual Lone Star Subvet Round-Up!

A gathering for all Submariners and their families and
celebrating the Submarine Force's 123rd Birthday



Friday Evening Welcome Aboard Party

- Elvis Performance
- Snacks
- Submarine Movie
- Cash Bar

Saturday Banquet

- Cash Bar
- Plated Meal
- Guest Speaker

Tolling of the Boats Ceremony
at the ALAMO on the Plaza
Saturday Morning 1100 HRS!

- Guest Speaker
- Special Performance by Ms. Donna Jackson
- Its going to be Special, Don't Miss It!



Many other events planned
through out the weekend!
PLAN NOW to Come see your old
Shipmates and meet some new
ones!

Rooms for \$159/night @ The Menger Hotel
(requires 2 night stay)

[Click Here for Room Reservations](#)
Room Block closes 7 March, 2022

Camping is available a many
nearby campground including
numerous military bases

Many Great Door Prizes
throughout the weekend!

For more information
call 512-639-0035



Any Profits go to the
USSVI Charitable
Foundation

We want to thank everyone for your continued support by maintaining your membership with USSVI and the Central Texas Base!

Please Don't Abandon Ship Now - It's wet and cold out there!

Dues can be paid to our Treasurer Virgil Claycamp by cash check or CC. 1 year Base and National is \$40. Many Multi Year options available also. 2023 and beyond dues are DUE NOW! Any questions please contact:

Virgil (Treasurer) 512-632-4852
Chuck (Membership) 512-694-5294



SUBMARINE NEWS

The following articles of interest as posted on Google News websites and articles downloaded from "The Broadcast," Official Newsletter of Commander Submarine Force www.sublant.usff.navy.mil and Commander Submarine Force Pacific [Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet \(navy.mil\)](http://Commander.Submarine.Force.U.S.Pacific.Fleet(navy.mil)) for publishing in The Deck Log. All articles are supported by the appropriate URL for the articles.

As North Korea flexes its military muscles, some of South Korea's best submarines may be sidelined

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/north-korea-flexes-military-muscles-214700261.html>

Michael Peck, November 3, 2022



South Korean navy Son Won-il-class submarine ROKS Shin Dol-seok during the US-led Rim of the Pacific exercise in July. US Navy/MCS3 Aleksandr Freutel

Nine of South Korea's submarines have defects that could sideline them for extended periods.

The issue comes to light as North Korea launches scores of missiles in shows of force to its neighbors.

While the defects are serious, the issue may not change the strategic balance on the peninsula.

As North Korea launches massive salvos of missiles in a bid to intimidate South Korea, the South Korean submarine fleet has been partly crippled by mechanical defects.

All nine of South Korea's [Son Won-il-class](#) diesel-electric submarines — a Korean-built version of [Germany's Type 214 sub](#) — are suffering from defective engines, according to Shin Won-sik, a legislator in South Korea's National Assembly and a member of the conservative People Power Party.

According to a report submitted to the assembly by Shin, defects were found in the inverter module cables on seven of the Son Won-il class subs. The other two had "functional" defects in the inverter modules themselves, according to [Naval News](#).

The modules, made by German firm Siemens, are "a critical component" of a sub's propulsion system, with 12 installed on each submarine, Naval News said.

Also troubling is that the affected subs were sent on patrol without the root problem being identified — and without the necessary repairs.

That has led to problems at sea, including a January 2021 incident when the inverter modules on the third ship of the class, ROKS An Jung-geun, failed suddenly in the middle of the East Sea, requiring the sub to be towed to port.

Is this a defect with the inverter module or was it the result of poor ROKN maintenance? The fact that the cables are a part of the module, which was built by Siemens, suggests it may be a manufacturing issue, though there could be other causes. Shin said it was "[most probably](#)" caused by depolymerization of the outer coating on the cables' rather than structural defects.

Either way, this is bad news for what should be one of Asia's most potent submarine fleets.

South Korea has 19 diesel-electric subs, including nine Chang Bogo-class boats, which are based on Germany's Type 209, that are armed with torpedoes (some have Harpoon anti-ship missiles), as well as nine Son Won-il boats armed with Hae Sung III land-attack cruise missiles.

Seoul also has a single Type 214 variant [armed with ballistic missiles](#) and equipped with [air-independent propulsion](#), which allows the boat to remain submerged for long periods without needing to surface and recharge its batteries.

South Korea's sub woes come as North Korea continues to issue threats over joint US-South Korean military exercises that Pyongyang claims are a rehearsal for an invasion.

Pyongyang has hinted that it might [unleash nuclear weapons](#) and fired scores of missiles into the waters around the Korean Peninsula, including [23 ballistic missiles](#) on Wednesday alone.

Serious problem, limited impact

For deterring a North Korean regime that is perpetually rattling the nuclear saber, land and air power are the strongest components of South Korea's well-equipped, 500,000-strong active-duty military and the nearly 29,000 US troops in the country.

Aircraft in particular would be key to destroying North Korean nuclear sites, artillery emplacements, and even decapitation strikes against the North's leaders.

But as North Korea learned when [US Marines landed at Incheon](#) in September 1950, the long coastlines of the Korean peninsula mean naval power should not be underestimated.

Superior US and South Korean [naval capabilities](#) — perhaps assisted by Japanese forces — allow for amphibious landings, special-forces raids, blockades, and shore bombardment.

Equally important, South Korean subs [armed with ballistic and cruise missiles](#) silently lurking off the peninsula means that the South would retain a retaliatory capability even if the North launched a devastating surprise attack.

"The fact that these subs are an important part of South Korean deterrence is reflected in the ROK Navy's decision to keep them operational while executing a maintenance plan that limits the number under simultaneous repair," said John Bradford, a maritime security expert at the S Rajaratnam School of International Re-

lations in Singapore, referring to South Korea's official name, the Republic of Korea.

"The ROK Navy's overwhelming conventional advantage in the maritime space is why North Korea focuses on asymmetric capabilities [such as special forces](#)," Bradford told Insider.

While South Korea's submarine problem is troubling, it doesn't really change the strategic balance between North and South, according to Cynthia Cook, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Cook called the technical problems on Seoul's Type 214 subs "a particular concern" because it has been difficult to find the root cause, "which is the first step toward a lasting fix."

"However, due to the size of the ROK submarine force, and the fact that it is made up of three classes of operational submarines, the impact across the whole force should not fundamentally change the ROK's security situation," Cook told Insider.

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Lockheed Martin received \$581.2 million to produce Trident II D5 ballistic missiles for nuclear warheads

By: Maksim Panasovskyi , 11/04/2022

<https://gagadget.com/en/weapons/184727-lockheed-martin-received-5812-million-to-produce-trident-ii-d5-ballistic-missiles-for-nuclear-warheads/>



American defense company Lockheed Martin will produce Trident II D5 ballistic missiles for the U.S. Navy.

Here's What We Know

Lockheed Martin has been awarded a \$581.2 billion contract. The missiles are to be launched from submarines. In addition, the company must integrate ballistic missiles for use on next-generation submarines of the two allied nations.

Work under the signed agreement will be carried out at Lockheed Martin plants in different parts of the United States. In this case, the total value of the contract may increase to \$ 1.2 billion. The deadline - September 2027.

Flashback

The Trident II D5 is a fourth-generation three-stage missile developed at the end of the 20th century. It is considered one of the best nuclear missiles in the world, designed to be launched from nuclear-powered submarines like [the USS Rhode Island](#), which recently arrived in the Mediterranean Sea.

As of 2018, more than half of the United States' nuclear arsenal and all of Britain's nuclear warheads were deployed on the Trident II D5. The ballistic missile carriers are Ohio-class submarines in the United States and Vanguard in Great Britain.



First Woman to Serve as a Submarine XO Reports for Duty

[DVIDS - News - First Woman to Serve as a Submarine XO Reports for Duty \(dvidshub.net\)](https://dvidshub.net)

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Lt. Cmdr. Amber Cowan, the executive officer of the gold crew of the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Kentucky (SSBN 737), from Colorado Springs, Colorado, poses for a portrait at Deterrent Park onboard Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor, November 18, 2022. Cowan is the first woman to serve as the executive officer of a U.S. Navy submarine. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Brian G. Reynolds)

Story by [Petty Officer 2nd Class Molly Crawford, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet](#) Photo By [Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Reynolds](#) | 221118-N-ED185-1034 NAVAL BASE KITSAP – BANGOR, Wash. (Nov. 18, 2022)

“It’s 2022 and women are still doing the ‘first’ of things?” is how Lt. Cmdr. Amber Cowan started her conversation in the Public Affairs office at Submarine Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The submarine officer stopped by for an interview between classes while completing the Submarine Command Course in Pearl Harbor. The Colorado Springs, Colo. native has two grandfathers who served in the U.S. Air Force, and she attended the University of Washington on a scholarship from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, her head full of dreams of becoming an aviator. Her eyesight kept her grounded, but then the opportunity to be among the first women to serve aboard submarines opened up. It was everything she was looking for, and she’s never looked back.

On November 12, Cowan became the executive officer (XO) of the Gold Crew of the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Kentucky (SSBN 737), making her the first woman to serve as XO of a U.S. Navy submarine.

Cowan was in the first cohort of women to serve aboard submarines. After graduating from the University of Washington in 2010, she received her first set of orders to attend Nuclear Power School in Goose Creek, South Carolina, the first of many schools required for submarine officers. The Nuclear Power School curriculum covered topics like math, physics, chemistry and nuclear reactor technology, and after completing Power School she attended Naval Prototype Training Unit and Submarine Officer Basic course. Then Cowan, along

with the rest of her classmates, reported to submarines across the Navy as division officers.

Cowan's first boat was the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Maine (SSBN 741) (Blue). Over the course of three years, which included three-and-a-half strategic deterrence patrols, she served as the Main Propulsion Assistant, Damage Control Assistant and Tactical Systems Officer.

"I started in the engine room, which is where we build our foundation," said Cowan. "It teaches officers to trust their enlisted counterparts and also have ownership of and in a watch team."

One of Cowan's favorite memories from her division officer tour is from a duty day, when she found herself making rounds at night as the Engineering Duty Officer and Ship's Duty Officer. Her ship was in dry dock at the time, and as she walked around and under the nearly 600-foot submarine she thought to herself, "I can't believe it is my job to be in charge of this!"

Following her time with Maine (Blue), she served as the Assistant Nuclear Programs Coordinator at Naval Service Training Command in Pensacola, Fla., and then attended the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course in Groton, Conn. in preparation to serve as a department head.

By May of 2017 Cowan was serving as the Engineering Officer aboard the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775). On Texas, she enjoyed seeing the difference in attack submarine missions compared to her previous experience aboard a ballistic missile submarine. Cowan observed that regardless of the platform, working as a team with the other Sailors on board was essential to mission success.

"A lot of submarining is communicating with others and understanding the people-to-people dynamic in a stressful environment," Cowan explained.

After Texas, Cowan served at Commander, U.S. Submarine Forces Pacific Fleet as the Force Radiological Controls Officer. When she was selected to serve as an XO, she began the Submarine Command Course at the Naval Submarine Training Center, Pacific.

While the mantle of being the first at something may weigh heavy at times, Cowan takes it all in stride and remembers the inspiring words of one of her grandfathers, who told her, "If anybody's going to do it, you gotta show 'em how to do it right."

Her passion for what she does is visible when she speaks. She talks about submarining as a verb, and fondly remembers the many 'we really just did that' moments she's shared with her shipmates underway. While some may relish shore duty, she's genuinely excited to be going back to a boat.

"I have missed being a part of a crew, and solving problems together as a team," said Cowan.

Cowan had this to say to anyone considering the silent service:

"I, we, need smart talented people like you. If you are good with team success, the submarine force is for you as well. It's going to challenge you in ways you won't find anywhere else on the planet."

As of November 2022, female Sailors are assigned to 28 operational submarine crews. Based on overall retention rates and high accession source interest, the Submarine Force plans to integrate 33 submarine crews by 2030.





“Fearless Freddie” Warder

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Posted by BC Rick Mitchell on Facebook, 11/21/22.

Each state was assigned one of the lost 52 boats from WWII as their memorial boat by the Submarine Veterans of WWII. New York and California were assigned 2. Texas was assigned USS Seawolf (SS-197). Seawolf was lost on Oct 3rd, 1944, on her 15th war patrol. Her 1st skipper was "Fearless Freddie" Warder. Here is a good movie on him and the early history of the Seawolf and her men. I hope you will find the time to watch sometime. We need to learn the history and be able to pass it on.

[\(124\) Fearless Freddie \(2017\) | Full Movie | Hugh Fordyce | Ann Warder Linn | Don Ulmer - YouTubeUSSVI Central Texas Base - Members Group](#)

Fearless Freddie was a man who saw his enemy as also his brother, offering aid to Japanese survivors of his attacks.

Rear Admiral Frederick Burdett Warder was known for both his bravery and his humility. Warder was Skipper of the USS Seawolf submarine during WWII. Then a Lieutenant Commander, Warder became known for his exploits during the battle of Corregidor in the Philippines in which the Seawolf sank several Japanese vessels and survived intense depth-charge attacks. For his efforts, the Commander was awarded the Navy Cross and ever after was known as “Fearless Freddie” (a nickname he disliked). A man who believed his enemy was also his brother, Warder ordered his crew to rescue enemy battle survivors from the sea even if they refused to come aboard. This documentary tells the story of Warder’s remarkable life.

Director: Andrew Linn Starring: Hugh Fordyce, Ann Warder Linn, Don Ulmer

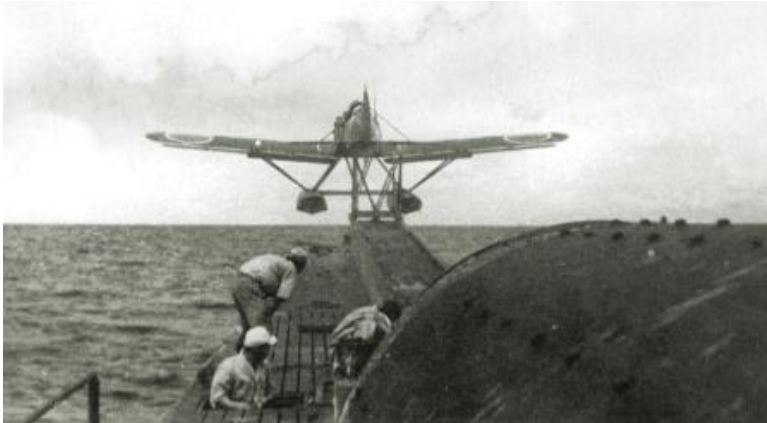


YOKOSUKA E14Y FLOATPLANE: JAPAN’S FOLDABLE SUBMARINE SCOUT

This was the only enemy airplane to bomb the American mainland during World War II.

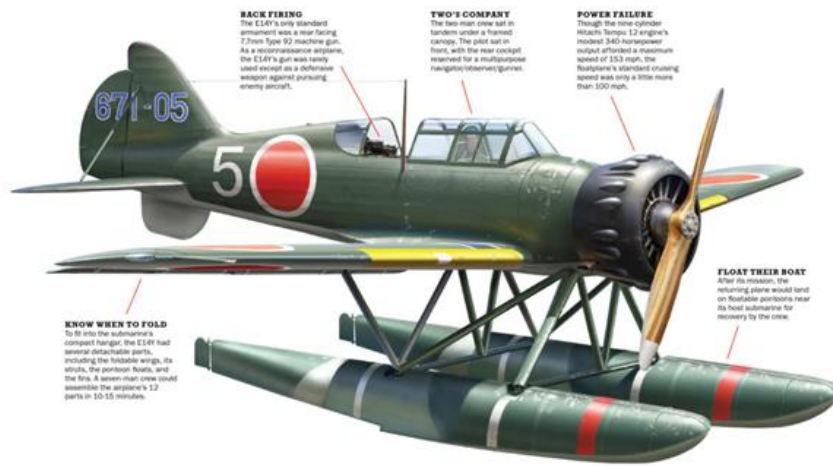
BY [LARRY PORGES](#) 11/17/2022

<https://www.historynet.com/yokosuka-e14y-floatplane-japans-foldable-submarine-scout/>



An E14Y launches off a Japanese Type B-1 submarine in the Pacific. After it was assembled and positioned, crewmen would catapult the float plane from a 66-foot inclined steel track positioned on the forward deck. (HistoryNet Archives)

Among the tools the Imperial Japanese Navy developed for its Type B-1 class of oversized cruiser submarines were small, stowable reconnaissance floatplanes to act as long-range eyes and ears. The Yokosuka E14Y was stored dismantled in watertight mini-hangars at the base of the Type B-1’s conning tower and, once assembled, launched from the front of the sub. The airplane’s slow speed made it an easy target if spotted by Allied ships or fighters, so its missions were usually conducted at night.



Yokosuka E14Y Floatplane (Jim Laurier)

The E14Y carried out recon flights over Pearl Harbor (nine days after the main attack), Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and the Aleutians, but its most famous mission was an expanded one on September 9, 1942, when IJN pilot Nobuo Fujita's E14Y became the only enemy aircraft to bomb the mainland U.S. during the war. Fujita dropped two 168-pound incendiary bombs into Oregon's Klamath Mountains in the hope it would ignite both a forest fire and widespread panic. It did neither.

The Japanese built 126 E14Ys from 1941-43. As the number of host subs in Japan's fleet dwindled through wartime attrition, so did the E14Y's opportunities.



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NEWS-01: USS Thresher 60th Annual Memorial Service

Submitted by: Kevin Galeaz on 11/27/2022

Shipmates,

You are invited to attend the 60th Annual USS Thresher Memorial Service that will be held on April 15, 2023 to honor the memories and SUBSAFE legacy of the 129 men lost aboard USS Thresher on April 10, 1963.

Please RSVP promptly via the following Google RSVP form no later than December 15, 2022. <https://forms.gle/WvU5jw57U37WRA4o7>

The number of RSVP's received will determine the location of the event that will be held at either the Kittery or Portsmouth High Schools.

Please forward the Google RSVP form link to all those who may want to join with us.

In addition, we will be providing a link for live stream broadcast from the facility for those who are unable to attend in person.

With respect,
 Kevin Galeaz, USSVI Thresher Base
 Chairman, Annual USS Thresher Memorial Services



To All Parents Who Need To Tell The Truth About Santa

Son: "Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?."

Dad: "Ok, I agree that your old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the "truth" is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So my question is: Are you sure you want to know?"

Brief pause...

Son: "Yes, I want to know"

Dad: "Ok, I'll tell you: Yes there is a Santa Claus"

Son: "Really?"

Dad: Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. And did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw that woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance. I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

Son: "Oh."

Dad: "So now that you know, you're part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most important, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

Help each other this Christmas 🌲 🎅 and...be kind ❤️ ❤️

When you understand

When the hatch closes over your head, the OOD says last man down and the COW says green board, you understand the meaning of adventure.

When the only thing between you and millions of gallons of seawater is a steel hull and some closed valves, you understand the meaning of courage.

When sonar calls out to the conn "high speed screws in the water" in hostile waters, you understand the meaning of fear.

When the messenger passes out the only family grams the satellite could catch and yours isn't one, you learn the meaning of loneliness.

When hissing water in the overhead turns from a slight annoyance to a terrifying rushing cascade bouncing off the hull and equipment, you understand the meaning of survival.

When you hear the quick sound that a curtain makes on your rack that indicates your watch is about to begin, you understand the meaning of irritation.

When you see a brother stand at attention while the Captain pins on the fish he worked so hard to earn, you

understand the meaning of pride.

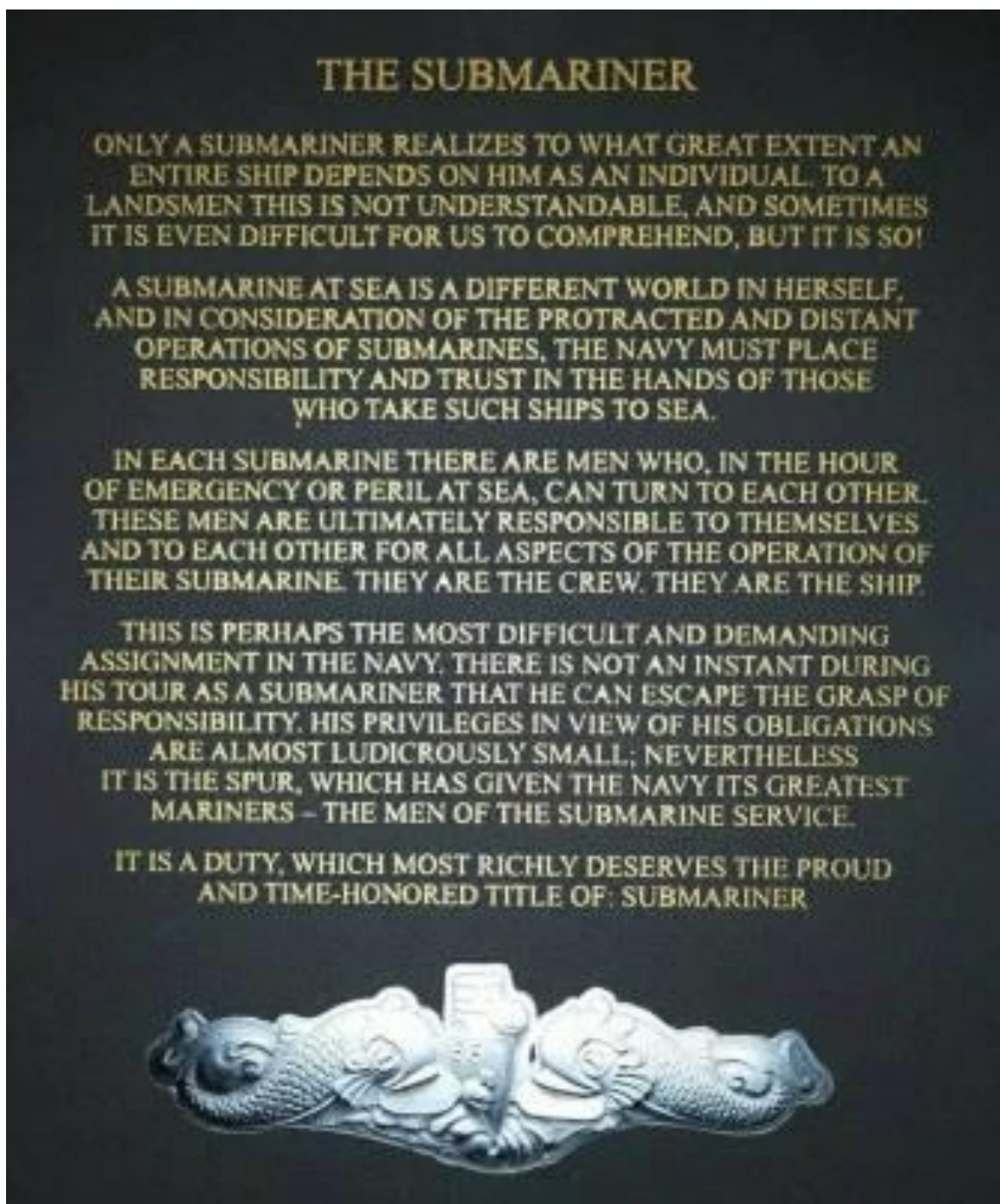
When you retire and they pipe you over the side for the very last time, you learn the meaning of great sadness.

When your eyes grow dim and your strength ebbs with age, you understand the meaning of envy every time you see a submarine getting underway.

When a shipmate from a time so long ago passes on and people say so many things they wish they had said before they departed, you understand regret.

Since posting this in 2014, it has been shared close to 9700 times. It is an original post I wrote to remember a shipmate that I was not able to say goodbye to in person. The alternative name for the post is "The Submariner's Lament". You can find the whole story on my blog: www.theleansubmariner.com.

Bob MacPherson, Chief Warrant Officer, USN (retired) Submariner.





So I saw an old dude with a fishing rod outside my local bar fishing in a puddle. He looked so cold! I said to him: "Come in for a drink and get warm". As we sipped our double whiskeys, I thought I would humour him. I asked him: "How many have you caught today?" He replied: "You are the 8th"!

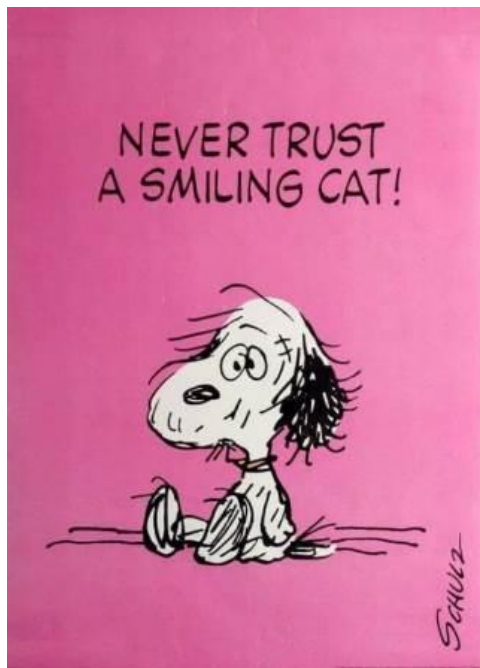
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Dad Jokes

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You Have to love Henry

Mildred, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several members did not approve of her extracurricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Henry, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Henry and several others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

Henry, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Henry quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house..walked home..and left it there all night.

You gotta love Henry...

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Private Business

I was in Walmart using the restroom and just as I closed my stall door, a voice from the next stall said, "Hi! How are you?" Embarrassed... I said, "I'm all right!!" The voice said, "So what are you up to?" I said, "Ummm... Just trying to handle a little private business over here!" Then I hear, "Can I come over?" Annoyed... I said "Excuse me?!?!" Then the voice said, "Listen, I will have to call you back, there's an idiot in the next stall answering all my questions!"

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Books of the Bible Answers

(bold text)

This is a most **remarkable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu. Keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**. **Elaine** Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. **Some** people, however, will

soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the book in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel Humana** humbly puts it, the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight. **Those** able to find all of them will hear **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spacers in the middle are **normal**. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking **somewhere** in the paragraph waiting to be found.

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| 1. Acts | 11. Job | 21. Nahum |
| 2. Amos | 12. Joel | 22. Numbers |
| 3. Chronicles | 13. John | 23. Peter |
| 4. Daniel | 14. Judges | 24. Philemon |
| 5. Esther | 15. Kings | 25. Revelation |
| 6. Exodus | 16. Lamentations | 26. Romans |
| 7. Genesis | 17. Luke | 27. Ruth |
| 8. Hebrews | 18. Malachi | 28. Samuel |
| 9. Hosea | 19. Mark | 29. Timothy |
| 10. James | 20. Matthew | 30. Titus |



MORE SHIPMATES IN ACTION

Field of Honor, Georgetown, TX

FB posts 11/7/2022 - [Rick Mitchell](#)

Yesterday at the Field of Honor in Georgetown we had a few volunteers march in the parade of colors. You should ask them about their experience. The announcer went off script when he saw the Sub Vets and started explaining to the crowd about the exploits of the Submarine service and how many lives were saved due to them. We also listened to a speaker discuss how their close friend's son decided to enlist and wanted to be a Submariner. A great opening ceremony. Thank You Harry Boyer, Shawn O'Shea and Gene Hall for stepping up for this. We had a couple other shipmates out there supporting elsewhere also, Frank Jr Espinosa and Dick Witte. Hope everyone gets out to seeing this display. Our shipmates on EP have their flags on the G row.





11/18/22

Last week at the [Georgetown Texas Field of Honor](#) . Of the 1600 flags posted out on the field to honor Veterans and 1st Responders both living and passed, 8 of them were in memory of our shipmates who have went on their Eternal Patrol. In this group of men, we have a Baptist Preacher, Pilot, Roofing Contractor, Book Store Owner, law enforcement officers, Fathers, Husbands, and more. But all of them have a common bond that always brings me back to Bobby Reeds saying "No Matter where you travel, when you meet a guy who's been, there's an instant kind of friendship, cause we're Brothers of the Pin"



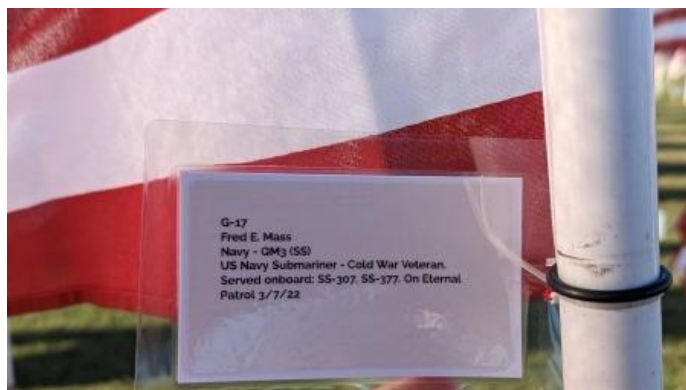
G-16
William "Bill" R. Strawser
Navy - RM2 (SS)
US Navy Submariner - Cold War Veteran.
Served onboard: SSN-456, SSN-437. On
Eternal Patrol 2/21/22



G-15
Charles Joseph Maltula Jr. 2022
Navy - EM2 (SS)
US Navy Submariner - Cold War Veteran.
Served onboard: SS-392, SS-377, SS-348. On
Eternal Patrol 6/4/22



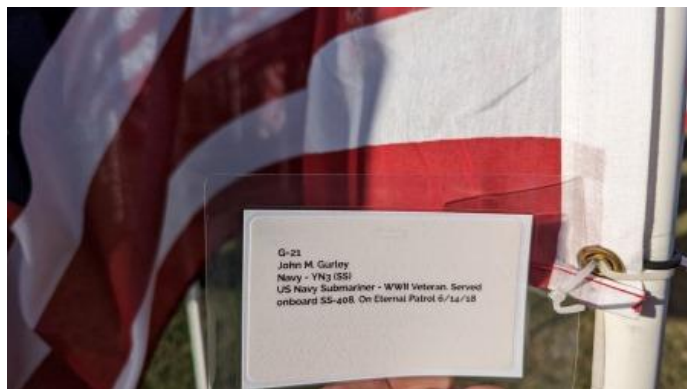
G-20
Daniel J. Stim 2022
Navy - CSC (SS)
US Navy Submariner - Cold War Veteran.
Served on: SS-338, SS-448, SSN-448, SSN-438, SSN-437. On
Eternal Patrol 10/11/19



G-17
Fred E. Mass
Navy - GM3 (SS)
US Navy Submariner - Cold War Veteran.
Served onboard: SS-307, SS-377. On
Eternal Patrol 3/7/22



G-28
Jarry Schmidt
Navy - ET3 (SS)
US Navy Submariner - Cold War Veteran.
Served onboard: SS-404, SSN-038, SS-508,
SS-418. On Eternal Patrol 10/31/21



G-23
John M. Gurley
Navy - YN3 (SS)
US Navy Submariner - WWII Veteran. Served
onboard SS-408. On Eternal Patrol 6/14/18



11/10/2022

Stopped by the Tunnels to Towers exhibit today while visiting the [Georgetown Texas Field of Honor](#). Talked to a couple of FDNY firefighters about that day. Recommend anyone who can get out to visit to do so soon before they leave this weekend.



Round Rock Veteran's Day Ceremony

11/11/22

From Shipmate W Jack Collins at the Round Rock, Yonder's Point, TX Veterans Day ceremony. Linda hid behind me when the picture was taken

Overcast skies and a menacing cold front couldn't stop a great Veterans Day ceremony from happening yesterday at Yonder's Point in Old Settler's Park. We had quite a few CTB shipmates show up and heard from Round Rock Mayor Craig Morten and US Army Futures Command Sargent Major Brian Hester speak. Stony Point NJROTC provided colors. Thank You letters from area students were handed out to veterans along with poppies by [VFW Post 9078](#) . Many veterans also received patriotic themed quilts. Thanks to [ShareTheWill Foundation](#) , [Texas Fallen Project, Inc](#) , [The American Legion](#), [George Johns Post 447](#) and all the others who stepped up to help this 1st ceremony take place. And of course, THANK YOU to the community who came out to support and thank our veterans! Looking forward to next year's event already!





[USSVI Central Texas Base](#) is at [Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery](#).

Visiting our Friend and Shipmate Larry Walts today. Laying wreaths on all veteran's graves here. 13000+ graves this year.

Heart of Texas Shipmate and [USSVI Central Texas Base](#) Shipmates join together with many during the [Wreaths for Vets](#) to honor our veterans there by placing a wreath on every one of the 13000+ graves at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery.





This is what Christmas is all about.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

From your newsletter Editor

Bill Scott

