



# THE DECK LOG

## USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE

### JUNE 2023



#### *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*



USS Connecticut

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2021  
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2017 Tom  
Williams

2010, 2014,  
2017, 2020

2020 Base

2020  
Bob Steinmann,  
Hubert Jackson

2012, 2013, 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>



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<http://www.navytimes.com/>



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<http://www.submarinesailor.com>



<http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS-NPC/Pages/default.aspx>



<http://isausa.org/>



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



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[Naval History and Heritage Command](http://www.history.navy.mil/)

## ***SILENT RUNNING - JUNE***

*"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 Herring (SS 233)**

Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol, conducting a surface attack. Spotted by a shore battery and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.



### **USS R-12 (SS 89)**

Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



### **USS Golet (SS 361)**

Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



### **USS Bonefish (SS 223)**

Lost on June 19, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



### **USS S-27 (SS 132)**

Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



### **USS O-9 (SS 70)**

Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH. O-9 submerged at 0738 to conduct deep submergence tests, the sub did not surface thereafter but was crushed by the pressure of the water 402 feet below.



### **USS Runner (SS 275)**

Lost between June 26 and July 4th with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. The boat's last known ship sunk was on June 26th, so she probably hit the mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

**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*



Shipmates,

It's been busy around here and I look forward to the times I can slow down a little and spend some time with my fellow Subvets and families of which we did 2 times this month. Once at our monthly meeting at the Georgetown VFW. Good to see many of you there. And then again in Taylor where we were invited to conduct our Tolling during the City of Taylors Memorial Day celebration which turned out to be a great event. Many in Taylor saw and heard a little about our history and shipmates that they never knew before.

These 2 events make me think a lot about our organization and its past, present, and future. Primarily a fraternal organization, we exist to provide a way for each other to socialize and gather. From this we hope to find opportunities to help educate the public and help promote the Submarine Service and ultimately "Perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives while performing their duties while serving in the US Submarine Service. You all did that this month for sure. I received a lot of feedback from people in Taylor who knew nothing of the Submarine Service, or our organization and they were extremely impressed and said they had never attended a ceremony like this before and how it affected them and gave them a better appreciation for the sacrifices made by not only our Brothers in the Submarine Force but by all who have given everything serving our country. Let's all try to continue to tell our history in everything we do throughout the year. It's important and needs to be told.

This month we have 2 events coming up. Our social on June 17<sup>th</sup> that is still TBD as far as where and when. I have received no input from anyone on this yet. Will get something worked out soon though. We also have our baseball game on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Attendance so far is around 40ish, but we have room for more. I know the cost is a little more than a basic ticket, but the seating area, free parking and food all make up much of the difference. Let ME or Virgil know soon if you want to go.

In July we will be back participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Round Rock. The Brazos Valley Base has asked if they can join us with their float and of course I said yes so it looks to be setting up for another large gathering of Subvets. Please make plans to join us for this. There is a lot going on in Round Rock following the parade so you and your friends and family can make a day of it.

The last thing I want to leave you with is an appeal for your input. Input on what we do or do not do. Things you like, want to change or do differently. We have a large base and a great level of participation but need more input on what and how we do things. It has been nice to see a few folks contribute some new things such as Eric Heter giving history presentations at our meeting and in this month's newsletter you should see an article by Bryan Eaton on internet security. I also have received some ideas from Jack Odom on adding a "SHORT" Sea story portion to our meeting which I think we will give a try. Maybe incorporate it with another thing I'd like to do highlighting a Shipmate of the Month where we just have individuals share a little more about themselves. Other bases do this and it is received well. Of course, this will require your willingness to participate. Let me know your thoughts and ideas. We are always open to making things better and new ideas.

I thank each one of you for your efforts big or small in keeping our base and organization strong. I also thank you all for your camaraderie and friendship. Means a lot to me. I hope to you too.

All the best,

Rick Mitchell - 512-639-0035 - [rmitch2@yahoo.com](mailto:rmitch2@yahoo.com)



**USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** 17 May 2023 - **Location:** VFW Post 8587

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

**E-Board was present** with the exception of the Vice Commander

**Minutes from April Meeting were approved.**

**Sailing List: LOCAL 22**

**Binnacle List:** John Roberts, Chuck Trahan

**Bob Steinmann:** Led the base in our opening Prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Hubert Jackson

**Tolling of the Boats – May** Jack Collins-Reading and Gene Hall-Tolling the Bell

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Virgil Claycamp

Current Total Funds as of 1 May 2023

1 Apr 2023 \$39,566.11

General: \$23,795.61

Memorial: \$4,156.24

Uncleared Checks \$60.00

In Line with the Budget

1 May 2023 \$27,951.85

**Storekeeper's Report:** Virgil Claycamp. Nothing new to report.

**Memorial (Gene Hall):** As of 23 March 2023, Round Rock Parks Dept has entered into a 16 month contract with Patin Construction. The Memorial area should be completed within 1 year. CTB is looking for a professional service to refurbish the MK-14 Torpedo.

**Kaps 4 Kids (Shawn O'Shea):** The next event will be on 11 Jul 2023 at Dell Children's Hospital. Sam Amato will be leading this visit and is looking for up to 4 others to join him.

**Parade (Tom Sprague):** The Red Poppy Festival in Georgetown on 29 Apr 2023 had approximately 10 base members attending. The next event will be the 4 July 2023 parade in Round Rock and more information will follow. We will have a Trailer only, the float will not be ready for this one.

**Membership (Chuck Malone):** 83 Current Members, 51 USSVI National Life, 41 Base Life and 40 Holland Club Members.

**Birthdays 2023:** May. 5/1 Dale Messing, 5/13 Michael Goulding and 5/17 Frank Abernathy, 5/18 Frank Espinosa, 5/28 Mike Gauthier, 5/30 Harry Ullman and 5/30 Terry Moore.

**Unfinished, Ongoing and Old Business**

**OLD Business:**

**Memorial Day Tolling**

29 May 2023, 1000 hrs at Taylor, Texas with City Support. Will be at Memorial Park which has a large covered area in the event of rain. Murphy Park Pavilion, 1600 Veterans Drive, Taylor, TX.

The Guest Speaker will be MMCM(SS) Duane Ariola, Taylor City Council Member, American Legion Vice Commander. Retired in 2005 and is a Taylor High School Alumni. Harry Ullman will sing the National Anthem and we hope to have Sam Amato playing TAPS.

**Honor Flight:** Virgil Claycamp asks that you see him if you have questions about Honor Flights to our Me-

morials at Washington, DC. Everyone who has gone, has considered it to have been a Great Experience.

### **NEW Business:**

#### **2023 National Convention**

August 28 thru Sep 3 at Tucson, AZ. The event hotel is the Hilton El Conquistador with rooms at \$99/night.

In support of the convention the Central Texas Base will place a full page ad in the program guide for \$315. This was agreed upon after discussion at the April Meeting.

Currently Bill Scott, Weldon Koenig and Joe Kruppa are registered.

#### **June Base Social**

17 Jun 2023 at 1200 Location is still NOT Firmed up. Rick will be checking into reserving a Pavilion at San Gabriel Berry Springs Park.

This is our annual Fund Raiser. Base will provide the meal, you provide a donation. There will be a door prize.

#### **Round Rock Express 23 Jun 2023 Ball Game Gathering**

We'll have the 'Party Porch' which is in the shade; 40 minimum and 70 Max participants.

There will be free burgers and hot dogs, free Pepsi products, 2 free beers each.

There are 20 free parking passes, Rick will workout who gets these, hopefully car pooling.

Parking is \$15~20 dollars; Disabled Veterans Park Free. Fireworks Friday!

Cost is \$50/head for the CTB member and one more, additional at \$60/head.

Chuck Trahan is the Point of Contact for this event. Please let him know soon if you intend on participating.

**Frank Espinosa** asked if we'd like to do another Blood Drive at the VFW Post. After discussion, Gene Hall placed a motion to have a Blood Drive, Virgil Claycamp seconded the motion and it was carried by the members present. Frank Espinosa will work out the details of the Blood Drive for a Saturday in October and will follow up with that information.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **28 May 2023 at 1300**

**Fred Maynard** invites us to the **Ben Hur Shrine Temple** at 7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin. Call Fred at 512-422-0452 for more information.

**Roy Silva's** son has graduated from college and was Commissioned as Ensign Silva in April. He will be on the USS Halsey (DDG-97), as a Surface Warfare Officer.

**Bob Steinmann** has a good number of printed articles from World War II and Submarines if anyone would like them. These are from his personal Museum. Contact Bob if interested.

**50/50 Raffle** – \$50 of \$100 was won by Tom Sprague.

**Next Events** – 29 May 2023 Taylor Texas Tolling of the Boats

17 Jun 2023 Base Social

23 Jun Baseball Game Round Rock Express

**Next Meeting** – 19 Jul 2023 VFW Post 8587 LOCAL and ZOOM per Jan 2023 Meeting.

### **Sailing List**

#### **Base Members and Visitors:**

**Local at the VFW Post 8587 (22):** Frank Abernathy, Don Atkins, Harry Boyer, Bill Brinkman, Ed Carr, Virgil Claycamp, Jack Collins, Bryan Eaton, Frank Espinosa, Gene Hall Hubert Jackson, Jeff Lindner, Chuck Malone, Dale Messing, Rick Mitchell, John Odom, Bill Scott, Roy Silva, Tom Sprague, Bob Steinmann, Calvin Story and Harry Ullmann.

Meeting Adjourned by Rick Mitchell, ~2005 hours

Minutes submitted by Frank Abernathy, Yeoman, 25 May 2023

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## *DUTY SECTION TRAINING – PHISHING*

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As technology becomes more ingrained in our daily lives, it's good to be aware of threats to your electronic livelihood. The most common tactic used by attackers is what's known as "phishing".

What is "phishing"? The title is much like what is actually occurring, an attacker will send out thousands of unsolicited emails to addresses in the hopes that they'll get a bite and catch something that may provide either what they're looking for or will allow them to inch closer to their target.

There are many methods an attacker may attempt depending on what they're using or what hurdles they may be trying to get around. For example, you might think your inbox is safe because you have a Spam filter configured but this isn't always the case. A Spam filter will mostly block "spoofed" emails, or emails you've told it to block. A "spoofed" email is like if someone were to put on someone else's uniform and then attempt to get on the boat. (Example: The sender's address says "support@reallybigbank.com", but the email server that sent it is not from the "reallybigbank.com" domain. It would be like receiving a letter in the mail with a return address in Austin, but looking at the letter's stamp and processing facility shows that it was mailed to you from Brazil.) Hopefully the Topside Watch will tell whoever the fraud attempting to come onboard to kick rocks, as your Spam filter would do.

A common way attackers can get around this limitation is to use a compromised victim's email address to send out the emails for them. Since your spam filter sees the sending email address as legitimate, it will not mark the email as spam and will deliver it to your inbox. If the victim sending the email is a person you have communicated with in the past, you are more likely to let your guard down and fall victim to the trap. (Example: email received from "sqrdawaysailor@gmail.com", and the sender's address is also "sqrdawaysailor@gmail.com"). If you're not expecting something, it's best to never open it!

- Don't keep the same username and password across different accounts.
- (Example, having username@email.com and Pa\$\$word! for your Facebook, Amazon, or Google accounts. If comprised on one, the attacker will try the same credentials everywhere else.)
- Always remember to never open anything you aren't expecting, and if it's from someone you know it's better to give them a call than reply to suspicious emails.
- Using "Multi-Factor Authentication" aka MFA when available will prevent someone from logging into your account with your credentials.
- If you accidentally fall for a phishing email it's best to immediately change your password!

### Why Australia wanted out of its French submarine deal



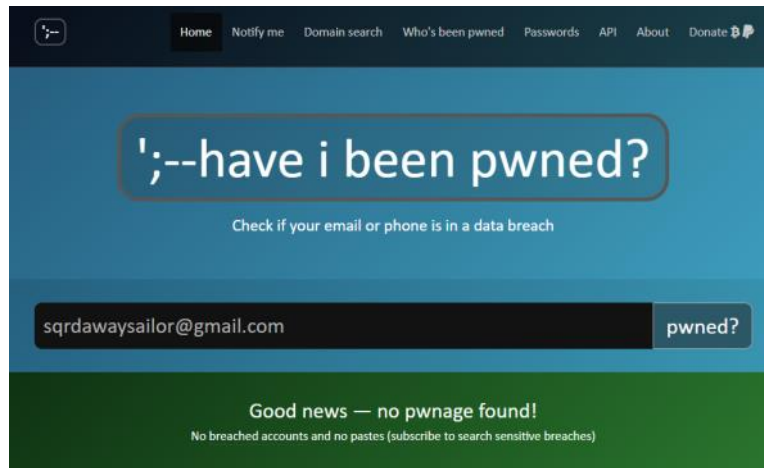
(Completely unrelated submarine meme, but absolutely based on truth)

Curious if your email address has shown up in a breach or has been compromised in the past? The following website was created and maintained by a reputable person in the Cyber community, with the sole intention of allowing people to check the security of their accounts, for free.

Simply open the following URL in a web browser, type in your email address, and click "pwned?" to start the search.

<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>





(pwned is slang for owned, just like your behind if the COB caught you sleeping during field day)

If you've had an email account for some time and used it for various websites and services, there's a good chance it will not have the good news listed above, but no worries.

If it does include compromised results, you'll be provided with additional information, more specifically, if your password or other sensitive account information has been breached.

If you have any questions, comments, or anything else, don't hesitate to send me an email at [eaton.bryan.d@gmail.com](mailto:eaton.bryan.d@gmail.com) and I'll get back as soon as possible.

Bryan Eaton  
 ET2(SS)  
 Senior Vulnerability Specialist at Citizen's Financial Group

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***BASE TREASURER'S REPORT***

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**15 May 2023**

**Financial Report for Period Ending 4/30/2023**

<b>Beginning Balance - 5/1/2023</b>	<b>\$39,566.11</b>
RBFCU Checking (General Fund)	\$23,795.61
RBFCU Savings (Memorial Fund)	\$4,156.24
Un-cleared Checks	-\$60.00
<b>Ending Balance - 4/30/2023</b>	<b>\$27,891.85</b>

Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer

***JUNE 2023***



Jack Thormahlen - 7 <sup>th</sup>
Harold Jackson - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jack Collins - 11 <sup>th</sup>
Sam Amato - 20 <sup>th</sup>
Erik Heter - 20 <sup>th</sup>
John Roberts - 21 <sup>st</sup>
Jeff Lindner - 23 <sup>rd</sup>

***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	51
Base Life Members	41
Holland Club Members	40
Associate Members	1
Dual Members	3
Prospective Members:	0
War Veterans	73
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.

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.

John Roberts, Chuck Trahan, Other Shipmates not CTB members, and others?

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.

17 June 2023, Quarterly Social, Central Texas Base, details to be determined.

21 June 2023, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.

23 June 2023, Round Rock Express, Party Porch (min 40 - Max 70), 20 free parking passes, free burgers and Hot dogs, free Pepsi products, 2 free beers each, \$60 head (base pay \$10), Fireworks Friday. Details TBD.

17 June 2023, Quarterly Social, Central Texas Base, details to be determined.

19 July 2023, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.

16 August 2023, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.

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The K4K team is alive and well in Central Texas. Our K4K team members are such a great group of volunteers that always put a smile on the children's faces. Thanks for all your dedication, commitment and time to this wonderful program. Sam Amato will lead our next visit which is scheduled July 11, 2023 at 11am at Dell Children's Medical Center Round Rock. Two volunteer positions are still open. Contact me to get signed up for a visit. Sharing our experiences with the children is priceless.

"No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child" - Abraham Lincoln

Sincerely,
Shawn O'Shea
Chairman K4K CTB

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*CHAPLAIN'S CORNER*  
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**The journey together is so short.**

A young lady sat in a bus. At the next stop a loud and grumpy old lady came and sat by her. She squeezed into the seat and bumped her with her numerous bags.

The person sitting on the other side of the young lady got upset, asked her why she did not speak up and say something.

The young lady responded with a smile:

"It is not necessary to be rude or argue over something so insignificant, the journey together is so short. I get off at the next stop."

This response deserves to be written in golden letters:

"It is not necessary to argue over something so insignificant, our journey together is so short"

If each one of us realized that our time here is so short; that to darken it with quarrels, futile arguments, not forgiving others, discontentment and a fault finding attitude would be a waste of time and energy.

Did someone break your heart? Be calm, the journey is so short.

Did someone betray, bully, cheat or humiliate you? Be calm, forgive, the journey is so short.

Whatever troubles anyone brings us, let us remember that our journey together is so short.

No one knows the duration of this journey. No one knows when their stop will come. Our journey together is so short.

Let us cherish friends and family. Let us be respectful, kind and forgiving to each other. Let us be filled with gratitude and gladness.

If I have ever hurt you, I ask for your forgiveness. If you have ever hurt me, you already have my forgiveness.

After all, Our Journey Together is so Short!

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**USSVI 2023 National Convention Updates**

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Shipmates,

**USSVI 2023 National Convention Update**

**Registrations**—We have 171 members and guest registrations as of 4/23. If you register by 4/30/2023 you are eligible for a drawing for a 2-night stay in an executive suite for the nights of 9/1 and 9/2. A ticket will be drawn for all who registered next month.

**Hotel Reservations**---Currently we have met a little over 50% of our contracted room nights per our contract at the \$99 rate. We urge all to go online and make your hotel registrations as soon as possible. Once we meet our contractual requirements, any reservation will only be booked if rooms are available and are subject to normal pricing.

**Vendor Tables**---The vendor application form can be located under the "Vendor" tab on the [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) website. If you want to have a table in the vendor area of the Hospitality Suite, please submit

and forward to the address on the form. We have plenty of room for all vendors to conduct their business.

**Convention Magazine Ads**—All regions, districts and bases are encouraged to submit ads for the convention magazine. We offer a **10%** discount for all ads received by 5/31/2023. Go to [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) and on the convention page, click on the “Vendor tab”. The ad form is listed and is a fillable pdf.

**Mobility Issues**—A company that’s worked with the Hilton El Conquistador can have wheelchairs, scooters, and motorized wheelchairs available for those of us who have mobility issues. American Mobility can be reached on 520.628.7480 and information is available on their website ([americanmobility.com](http://americanmobility.com)). American Mobility asks that reservations **not** be made earlier than 8/15/2023 to insure they have the equipment available in their inventory and what is out for rental due to be returned.

**Sponsors**—We are always looking for financial help for our convention for businesses that support Veteran Organizations. If any of you have a contact in a national company that has supported USSVI before, please contact Convention Chair Dennis Ottley at [dottley888@comcast.net](mailto:dottley888@comcast.net). We will take it from there.

Dennis Ottley, 2023 National Convention Chair



**USSVI National Bulletin**

**From the Desk of National Commander Bill Andrea**

**American Submarine, Issue 2**

NC Bill Andrea [via blackbaudemail.netcommunity1.com](mailto:blackbaudemail.netcommunity1.com) , 5-6-2023

Shipmates,

To clear something up, if you receive a bulletin with a header like this message, with blue bars and the USSVI logo at the top, it will be going to “All Hands” with a valid email address, and does not need to be forwarded. Additionally, Base Membership Chairs and “Tools” Managers, please verify that all your members contact data is up to date. We still have over a thousand members whose email addresses and other contact info has not been updated, and they do not get the bulletins or other information.

V/R, Bill Andrea, NC



*SUBMARINE NEWS*



**The U.S. Navy Has a Secret Submarine That No One Knows What It Does**

Story by Peter Suci, 4/30/23, 9:45 AM

[The U.S. Navy Has a Secret Submarine That No One Knows What It Does \(msn.com\)](http://msn.com)



Seawolf-Class Submarine© Provided by 1945

**USS Jimmy Carter, A History** - There are currently nine aircraft carriers named for former presidents of the United States, while a tenth is now under construction. However, President Jimmy Carter isn't included in the list of former commanders-in-chief to be so honored – rather Carter has the distinction of being recognized for his service as a United States Navy submariner with a Seawolf-class nuclear-powered, fast attack submarine (SSN) named for him. Carter was the only submarine-qualified sailor to go on to become the nation's chief executive. He was the nuclear engineer officer on the Pre-Commissioning Unit Seawolf (SSN 575) in the 1950s.

### **Enter The New Seawolf-class: USS Jimmy Carter**

The new Seawolf-class of the late 1980s vintage was something quite amazing. SSN-23 is the third and final boat of the class – and due to extensive modifications from the original design is even described as a sub-class. The boat is the only submarine to be named for a living former president. Laid down in 1998, launched in 2004, and commissioned in 2006, USS Jimmy Carter is one of the most sophisticated attack submarines ever built. Larger and more advanced than her sister boats, SSN-23 has also reportedly been tasked with taking on a number of secretive missions for the U.S. Navy.

### **Meet the Seawolf**

Designed to address the threat of Soviet ballistic missile submarines, and to replace the aging Los Angeles-class of attack submarines, the Seawolf-class of nuclear-powered fast attack submarines (SSN) has been described as the best of the best.

A total of 29 boats were to be constructed over a 10-year period – a number that was then reduced to 12 – but only three were launched. Cost was an issue. The boats also became less necessary with the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. It meant they were designed for a foe that no longer existed.

At approximately \$3 - \$3.5 billion per vessel, the boats were simply too expensive, especially in the wake of changing global geopolitics. Instead, the United States Navy opted for the smaller and more cost-effective Virginia-class submarine program. That could turn out to be a huge mistake as the United States is now facing a Cold War 2.0 against near-peer adversaries including Russia and China, which have each engaged in new submarine programs.

### **The Seawolf Has Claws**

The fast attack subs were equipped with an advanced suite of electronics, including a 24-foot diameter spherical sonar array mounted in the bow, a wide-aperture flank array sonar mounted on the sides, and the recently added ability to carry a towed-array sonar. Each of the three SSNs of the Seawolf-class further features a modular design that has allowed for later upgrades including weapons development and better sonar systems, and even today, these remain somewhat "future proof."

The boats lack external weapons, but each was designed with eight torpedo tubes – twice as many as the Los Angeles-class, along with a double-deck torpedo room to allow for simultaneous engagement of multiple threats. It also had a 30 percent increase in weapons magazine providing storage for a combination of up to 50 Mark 47 heavyweight torpedoes, Sub-Harpoon anti-ship missiles, and Tomahawk missiles.

The Seawolf-class is equipped with a strengthened sail that permits operations under the polar ice cap, and the highest speed of any U.S. submarine. As importantly, the design efforts focused on noise reduction – it was up to 70 times quieter than the initial generation of Los Angeles-class boats and 10 times quieter than the Improved Los Angeles submarines.

The boats were also designed to be true hunters, and could easily seek out the best the Soviet Navy had to offer, including its Akula-class. The Seawolf sonar suite includes a BQQ 5D with bow-mounted active/passive arrays and wide aperture passive flank arrays, along with TB-16 surveillance TB-29 tactical towed arrays – each of the latter able to be upgraded to more advanced hardware. The boats have been refitted with a Lockheed Martin AN/BQQ-10(V4) sonar processing system under the acoustic-rapid commercial-off-the-shelf insertion (A-RCI) program.

### **"Always The Best"**

Though few – apart from Sean Penn, perhaps – would ever suggest that Jimmy Carter was the "best" president, the motto of the boat to bear his name is actually "Semper Optima" (Latin for "Always the Best"). It is meant to honor his Naval passion.

The USS Jimmy Carter was launched on May 13, 2004, and commissioned for service the following February

19th with a crew of 15 officers and 129 enlisted. Power is supplied from a single S6W series reactor, which provides an unlimited ocean-going range, while she has an underwater speed in excess of 25 knots.

The boat, which is larger than her sister attack submarines, displaces 12,140 tons under full load and is 453 feet in length with a beam that measures 40 feet. The larger size is due to a modification that included adding special thrusters fore and aft that allow the sub to remain stationary underwater, as well as a 100-foot hull extension known as the Multi-Mission Platform (MMP). It allows SSN-23 to carry remotely operated vehicles, cable spools, special-operations craft, and other advanced technologies needed to carry out classified operations and "enhanced warfighting capabilities." The MMP can be used to deploy Navy SEALs or other special operations forces.

The exact types of missions USS Jimmy Carter has conducted in the past 18 years remain classified.

Still, it has been seen returning to port flying the "skull and crossbones," a tradition among submarine crews that its mission was conducted successfully. The boat has Battle Efficiency awards and a Presidential Unit Citation, suggesting it has conducted some important – and likely even dangerous – missions. This may have included tapping undersea fiber-optic communications and conducting intelligence-gathering missions.

Whatever missions SSN-23 has taken part in, it is like the boat and her crew proved they were always the best.

**What an Expert Told 19FortyFive**

"The Seawolf-class was a quantum leap over the older Los Angeles-class boats for sure, integrating new technology that was not on any U.S. Navy attack submarines before," explained a retired Electric Boat engineer who worked on the Seawolf-class submarine program as they were being designed and built. He spoke to 19FortyFive on background.

"The Navy came to us with a set of very hard-to-match metrics for the sub to hit in terms of stealth, speed, and armaments. We told them that some of the tech to fulfill those needs did not exist yet. They gave us the budget to do just that. And the USS Jimmy Carter was very much in line with that vision."

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**British Royal Navy submarine files left in a pub bathroom**

Do not take documents about nuclear-powered attack submarines to bars.

By NICHOLAS SLAYTON | PUBLISHED APR 29, 2023 3:37 PM EDT

<https://taskandpurpose.com/news/british-royal-navy-submarine-anson-files-pub-bathroom/>



The HMS Anson attack submarine under construction in 2022. (Photo courtesy the British Ministry of Defence, via Wikimedia Commons).

This is a different kind of leak. A series of files detailing some of the inner workings of the British Royal Navy's nuclear-powered submarine the HMS Anson were found inside the bathroom of a pub in England, soon after a busy night at the bar.

The files were found on the floor of a bathroom stall inside the Furness Railway pub in Barrow-in-Furness, not far from the BAE Systems shipyard in the town. The HMS Anson, an Astute-class nuclear-powered attack submarine, was built there.

The story was originally reported by the British tabloid [The Sun](#), was confirmed in part by the British Royal Navy, which confirmed the veracity of the files. In a statement to the press, the Royal Navy said the files "are generic training documents that carry no classified information."

"However, we take all security matters extremely seriously and will investigate the circumstances of their discovery," the statement continued.

Details on the files, including images shared by The Sun, include documents marked "UK OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE" as well as information on the submarine's hydraulics systems. A Royal Navy lanyard was also found next to the files. Per The Sun, the pub was full of both civilians and military members on a "lively" night before the documents were found.

Task & Purpose has not seen the documents beyond what was shared by The Sun.

It's unclear who left the files inside the pub bathroom, and there is no indication they were left as part of an intentional leak or espionage.

The HMS Anson is the fifth of the Royal Navy's Astute-class nuclear-powered submarines. It set sail for the first time in February, to a base in Scotland to undergo trials. It is a hunter-killer submarine, 97 meters in length and equipped with Tomahawk missiles among other armaments.

The Furness Railway pub is located approximately 20 minutes from the shipyard by foot. It was formerly a department store before becoming a pub and images of it show a clean space with framed photos and maps detailing old rail systems and the launching of past Royal Navy ships. This incident appears to be the first time documents tied to a nuclear-powered submarine were left on the premises.

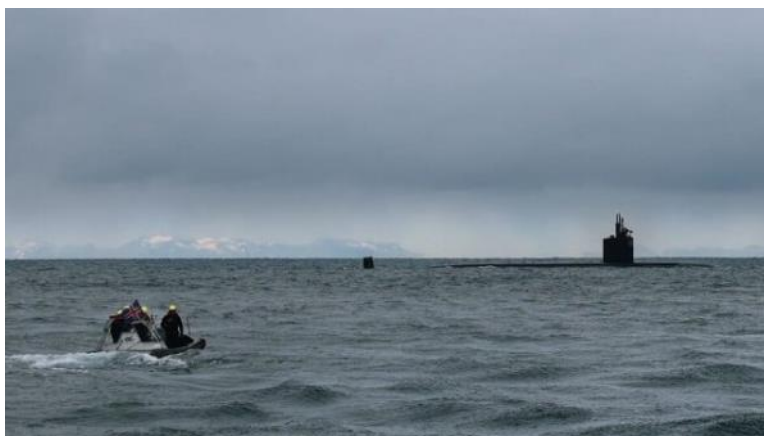
The documents do not appear to be anywhere as massive as the leak of U.S. military documents discovered this month on [two Discord servers](#), allegedly by Air National Guardsman [Jack Teixeira](#). However, the Astute-class submarines are among the Royal Navy's latest vessels. When the HMS Anson set sail for the first time in February, the Royal Navy [called the Astute submarines](#) "the most advanced boats ever operated by the Royal Navy."



## Iceland Allows Resupply Call for U.S. Nuclear Sub for the First Time

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<https://maritime-executive.com/article/iceland-allows-resupply-call-for-u-s-nuclear-sub-for-the-first-time>



The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS *San Juan* has become the first U.S nuclear-powered ship to sail into Iceland's territorial waters after the Nordic nation temporarily waived a longtime ban.

U.S. Sixth Fleet announced that the submarine made a brief stop for supplies and personnel off Iceland's

west coast while operating in the High North on April 26. It said that the visit is part of an effort to increase regional maritime domain awareness and the safety of underwater infrastructure, such as submarine cables. More importantly, it paves the way for future stops as needed.

The submarine’s stopover in Iceland came a week after the nation’s government said it will authorize U.S nuclear-powered submarines to make brief service visits off its coast. This marks the first time ever Iceland has allowed U.S nuclear powered submarines in its territorial waters.

“We thank our Icelandic allies for allowing *San Juan* to conduct this brief stop for supplies and personnel in Icelandic waters,” said Capt. John Craddock, Commander Task Force 69.

He added that the visit demonstrates the strength of the Iceland-U.S. strategic relationship and the two nations mutual commitment to maritime domain awareness and increased response capabilities in the Arctic and North Atlantic. “The ability to conduct these stops out of Iceland greatly increases our operational flexibility in the Greenland-Iceland-U.K. Gap.”

In allowing the visit, Iceland Foreign Ministry emphasized that the submarine will be serviced a few kilometers off the coast, will not carry nuclear weapons and will not make port calls.

“It is a condition for the arrival of allied warships in the country that the governments of the respective countries both know and respect the provisions of Iceland’s national security policy that Iceland, and its territorial waters are declared free from nuclear weapons,” said Iceland Foreign Ministry in a statement.

While the country has given the nod for the first access to its waters, it has maintained that any frequency of visits will depend on the need at any given time.

Though its neighboring NATO members have always allowed allied nuclear-powered submarines to sail into their territorial waters, Iceland has maintained a tough stance against any visits owing to its uncompromising opposition to nuclear energy and weapons.

Iceland is softening its tough stance while hosting Dynamic Mongoose 2023, a large-scale anti-submarine warfare exercise that started in the North Atlantic on April 24 and runs through May 5. A total of 15 warships from 10 allied nations are participating in the exercise.

The security situation in the North Atlantic area has become a top priority for Iceland following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The waters around Iceland are a strategic zone for submarine activity, particularly Russian Navy subs coming from the Barents Sea.

Iceland is also a hub for several subsea telecom cables, and the security of subsea infrastructure is at top of mind for NATO. Just last week, a joint report by public broadcasters in Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden revealed that Russia has deployed a covert fleet of trawlers and research ships to identify vulnerabilities in the subsea cable network off the coasts of NATO nations. The report detailed a large-scale surveillance operation targeting key communications and electrical transmission infrastructure in the Baltic, the North Sea and the Norwegian Sea.

Concerns that Russia is planning to sabotage critical infrastructures have seen Iceland deepen its bilateral cooperation with the U.S, with the two countries annual Strategic Dialogue taking place in Washington last week. Iceland, with a population of 370,000, does not have an army and only operates a coastguard unit. The country also has an air defense and surveillance system that is integrated into NATO.



**This Month in History**

(Information source is fresh, so Im starting to include this info as I had done before I lost access.)

<https://www.history.navy.mil/today-in-history/june-1.html>

06/01/1943 USS Trigger (SS 237) sinks Japanese merchant collier Noborikawa Maru off Kominato, southern Honshu.



06/02/1943 USS Tambor (SS 198) sinks Japanese transport Eika Maru in the Tonkin Gulf off French Indochina.

06/02/2012 USS Mississippi (SSN 782) is commissioned in Pascagoula, Miss. The Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine.

06/04/1944 The hunter-killer group comprised of five destroyer escorts and USS Guadalcanal (CVE 60) captures German submarine, (U 505). This marks the first time a U.S. Navy vessel captures an enemy vessel since the early 19th century. The feat earns Lt. Albert L. David, who led the team to board the sub, the Medal of Honor.

06/04/1960 USS Flier (SS 250) sinks Japanese troopship Hakusan Maru about 375 miles southwest of Chichi Jima, Bonin Islands. Also on this date USS Golet (SS 361) sinks Japanese guardboat No.10 Shinko Maru east of Japan.

06/05/1944 USS Puffer (SS 268) attacks a Japanese convoy in the Sulu Sea and sinks underway replenishment vessel Ashizuri and oiler Takasaki while also damaging tanker No.2 Hishi Maru, north-east of Borneo.

06/05/1944 USS Shark (SS 314) sinks Japanese transport Tamahime Maru and army transport Takaoka Maru west of the Mariana Islands.

06/08/1943 USS Finback (SS 230) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks auxiliary minelayer Kahoku Maru about 100 miles north of Palau.

06/08/1959 The Navy and the Post Office deliver the first official missile mail when USS Barbero (SS-317) fires a Regulus I missile with 3,000 letters 100 miles east of Jacksonville, Fla., to Mayport, Fla.

06/09/1944 During her Fifth War Patrol, USS Harder (SS 257) sinks Japanese destroyer Tanikaze in the Sibitu Passage, about 90 miles southwest of Basilan Island. On June 6, she sinks the Japanese destroyer Minazuki 120 miles east-northeast of Tarakan, Borneo. On June 7, Harder sinks the Japanese destroyer Hayanami south of the Japanese fleet anchorage at Tawi Tawi, southeast of the Sibitu Passage, Borneo. On the morning of Aug. 24, Harder is sunk in Dasol Bay, Philippines, by enemy depth charges on its Sixth War Patrol. There are no survivors and the crew is never recovered. For his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" in sinking the Japanese destroyers during the Fifth War Patrol, Cmdr. Samuel D. Dealey, Harders CO, is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

06/09/1959 USS George Washington (SSBN 598), the first U.S. Navy nuclear-powered fleet ballistic missile submarine, is christened and launched at Groton, Conn. Her nuclear missile capability is removed in 1983, and she is classified as SSN 598 serving until 1985. USS George Washington is later processed in the nuclear recycling program at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in 1998.

06/10/1945 USS Skate (SS 305) sinks Japanese submarine (I 122) in the Sea of Japan.

06/12/1942 USS Swordfish (SS 193) sinks Japanese freighter Burma Maru northwest of Pulo Wai in the Gulf of Siam.

06/13/1944 USS Barb (SS 220) sinks Japanese army transport Takashima Maru in the Sea of Okhotsk and survives counter-attacks by destroyer Hatsuharu.

06/13/1992 USS Maryland (SSBN 738) is commissioned at New London, Conn. Two days later, the 13th out of 18 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines sails with her Gold Crew to her homeport at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga.

06/18/1957 Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, approves the ship characteristics of the Fleet Ballistic Missile submarine.

06/18/1983 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.

06/19/1943 USS Gunnel (SS 253) damages Japanese gunboat Hong Kong Maru (ex-Philippine Argus) and sinks freighter Tokiwa Maru off Shirase, Japan, and costal minesweeper Tsubame.

06/19/1943 USS Sculpin (SS 191) sinks Japanese guardboat No.1 Miyasho Maru and army cargo ship Sagami Maru off Inubo Saki, Japan.

06/20/1941 USS O-9 (SS 70) sinks off Portsmouth, N.H., during a test dive. Salvage ships located her in more than 400 feet of water, but she had suffered crushing damage from the water pressure at that depth and

all 33 men on board had been killed.

06/20/1945 The coordinated submarine attack group, commanded by Cmdr. Earl T. Hydeman, continues operations against Japanese shipping in the Sea of Japan. USS Tinosa (SS 283) sinks army cargo ship Taito Maru and freighter Kaisei Maru.

06/20/1945 USS Kraken (SS 370) sinks Japanese auxiliary sailing vessel No.58 Tachibana Maru in Sunda Strait, off Merak.

06/21/1944 USS Bluefish (SS 222) sinks Japanese army cargo ship Kanan Maru off southern approaches to Makassar Strait while USS Narwhal (SS 167) sinks Japanese powered sailboat No.2 Shinshu Maru, 12 miles southwest of Culasi.

06/22/1963 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.

06/23/1942 While on a routine search, a PBY rescues most of the crew of S 27 (SS 132) at Constantine Harbor, Amchitka, Aleutian Islands. The rest are brought out the next day.

06/24/1944 While on a routine search, a PBY rescues most of the crew of S 27 (SS 132) at Constantine Harbor, Amchitka, Aleutian Islands. The rest are brought out the next day.

06/25/1942 USS Nautilus (SS 168) sinks the Japanese destroyer, Yamakaze, southeast of Yokosuka, Japan.

06/26/1945 USS Parche (SS 384) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks gunboat Kamitsu Maru and freighter Eikan Maru seven miles of Todo Saki, southern Honshu.

06/26/62 U.S. Naval Facility, Cape Hatteras, N.C., makes the first Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) detection of a Soviet diesel submarine.

06/27/1945 USS Blueback (SS 326) sinks Imperial Japanese Navy submarine chaser, (CH 2), north of Lombok, Java Sea.

06/28/1943 USS USS Peto (SS 265) and USS Tunny (SS 282) sink Japanese hydrographic-meteorological research ship Tenkai No.2 northeast of Mussau Island and a gunboat Shotoku Maru off the west coast of Rota, Mariana Islands.

06/28/1943 USS Tunny (SS 282) sinks Japanese gunboat Shotoku Maru off the west coast of Rota, Mariana Islands.

06/30/1942 USS Plunger (SS 179) sinks Japanese freighter No.5 Unkai Maru off the China coast near Shanghai.

06/30/1945 USS Baya (SS 318) and USS Capitaine (SS 336) attack the Japanese Makassar to Surabaya convoy MASU 705 and engage escorting submarine (Ch 5) and later sink cargo vessel Bandai Maru.

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May 5, 1986, USS Ray (SSN-653), USS Hawkbill (SSN-666), and USS Archerfish (SSN-678) became the first three submarines to simultaneously surface at the North Pole. ICEX-86 included the firing of MK48 torpedoes to test how they operated under ice.



## **Navy to Christen Submarine Massachusetts**

US Department of Defense, May 5, 2023

[Navy to Christen Submarine Massachusetts > U.S. Department of Defense > Release](#)

The Navy will christen one of its newest Virginia-class fast-attack submarines, the future USS Massachusetts (SSN 798), during an 11 a.m. EST ceremony Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding, in Newport News, Virginia.

The principal speaker will be the Honorable Erik Raven, Under Secretary of the Navy. Remarks will also be provided by the Honorable Bobby Scott, U.S. Representative, Virginia's 3rd District; Vice Adm. Scott Conn, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (N9); Ms. Jennifer Boykin, Newport News Shipbuilding President; and Mr. Kevin Graney, president, General Dynamics Electric Boat.

In a time-honored Navy tradition, the submarine's sponsor, Ms. Sheryl Sandberg, will christen the boat by breaking a bottle of sparkling wine across the bow. Sandberg is the founder and chair of the Sandberg Goldberg Bernthal Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to build a more equal and resilient world through three key initiatives: LeanIn.org, OptionB.org, and the Dave Goldberg Scholarship Program.

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been influential in our nation's culture and continues to play a prominent role in history, higher education, science, research and technology," said Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro. "Nearly eight decades later, I am proud to see Massachusetts' legacy continue, this time as a future attack submarine."

The future USS Massachusetts (SSN 798) is the ninth U.S. Navy vessel named in recognition of the state. The first USS Massachusetts was a steamer built in 1845 and acquired by the U.S. War Department in 1847 to use as a transport vessel during the Mexican-American War. Prior to SSN 798, the last USS Massachusetts (BB-59) was commissioned in 1942 as a South Dakota-class fast battleship. It spent most of its career in the Pacific, decommissioning in 1947.

Virginia-class submarines are built to operate in the world's littoral and deep waters while conducting anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface ship warfare; strike warfare; special operations forces support; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; irregular warfare; and mine warfare missions. Their inherent stealth, endurance, mobility, and firepower directly enable them to support five of the six maritime strategy core capabilities — sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security and deterrence. These capabilities allow the submarine force to contribute to regional stability and preservation of future peace while operating everywhere international law allows, so everyone else can too.

Media may direct queries to the Navy Office of Information at (703) 697-5342. More information about the Virginia-class attack submarines is available online at <https://www.navy.mil/Resources/Fact-Files/Display-FactFiles/Article/2169558/attack-submarines-ssn/>.



## **The Pentagon showed a very rare video of the replenishment of the nuclear submarine USS Maine (SSBN 741)**

By: Maksim Panasovskyi, 5/18/23

(Video link only for this article. Ed.)

<https://gagadget.com/en/248241-the-pentagon-has-shown-a-very-rare-supply-video-of-the-nuclear-powered-submarine-uss-maine-ssbn-741-equipped-with-trident/>



### **The Giving Tree**

"...And after a long time the boy came back again.

"I am sorry, Boy," said the tree, "but I have nothing left to give you-  
My apples are gone."

"My teeth are too weak for apples," said the boy.

"My branches are gone," said the tree.

"You cannot swing on them-"

"I am too old to swing on branches," said the boy.

"My trunk is gone," said the tree.

"You cannot climb-"

"I am too tired to climb," said the boy.

"I am sorry," sighed the tree.

"I wish that I could give you something... but I have nothing left. I am an old stump. I am sorry..."

"I don't need very much now," said the boy, "just a quiet place to sit and rest. I am very tired."

"Well," said the tree, straightening herself up as much as she could, well, an old stump is a good place for sitting and resting. Come, Boy, sit down. Sit down and rest."

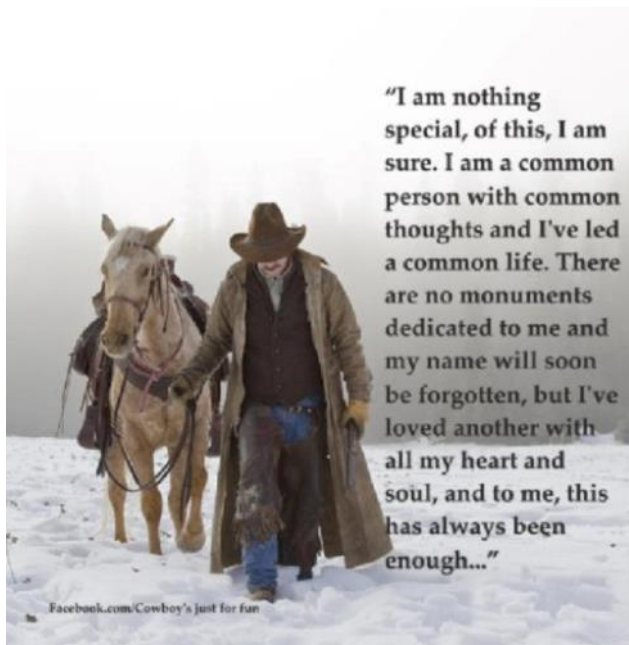
And the boy did.

And the tree was happy."

Shel Silverstein - The Giving Tree, 1964.

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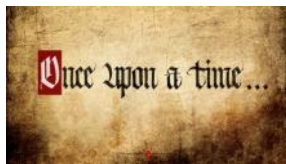
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“Which is more important,” asked Big Panda, “the journey or the destination?”

“The company.” said Tiny Dragon.



**I asked my wife if I was the only one she'd been with.**

**She said yes, all the others had been nines and tens...**

