



THE DECK LOG

USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE

JUNE 2024



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



One of the most wonderful things that happened in our Nautilus program was that everybody knew it was going to fail—so they let us completely alone so we were able to do the job.

- Admiral Hyman G. Rickover

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

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2017 Tom Williams



2021 Rick Mitchell
2021 Bill Scott
2023 Carl Repp



2010, 2014,
2017, 2020



2020 Base
2023 Bill Bellinghausen



2020
Bob Steinmann,
Hubert Jackson



2023 Bill Brinkman



2012, 2013, 2016,
2018, 2019, 2020,
2021, 2022, 2023,

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



<http://www.vfw.org/>



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www.moaa.org



www.shiftcolors.navy.mil

The Newsletter
for Navy
Retirees



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



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<http://isausa.org/>



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



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



SILENT RUNNING

JUNE LOST BOATS

"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.





USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE NEWS

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Shipmates!

What a jam-packed month of activity May has been for our base and others in the state. From our monthly meeting to the Lonestar Subvet Round-Up and our Tolling in Taylor it has been keeping many of us on our toes. Thank You to each one of you who continue to come out and do your part in supporting our base and organization by participating in events that allows us to fulfill our creed. Not going to rehash everything that we did but instead remind you all about our June social on June 15th which will be a picnic in Cedar Park and a Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit we have scheduled for June 14th. Besides that, just wanted to share part of the presentation I gave at the Taylor tolling this past Memorial Day. I know it's a message many of you get, understand

and support in action but I wanted to share it again. One thing that is not in the write up below is the part I added at the last moment because we were visited by a lady who never knew about this ceremony and heard about it and came. She was the sister of a man who went on Eternal Patrol aboard the USS Scamp (SS-277), his name was Earl Steinbrink. She was so appreciative of what you all made possible. Thank You everyone of you who took an hour or 2 out of your busy day to make this possible for this woman and the rest of the about 150 attendees here.

Thank You,
Rick Mitchell

“Memorial Day is much more than a day of BBQing, hanging out with family and friends, and taking a day off from work. Memorial Day, once known as Decoration Day, dates to the period following the Civil War. It was called this because the graves of fallen soldiers would be decorated with flowers. It is now a federal holiday in the United States specifically set aside for honoring and remembering all military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States armed Forces. Today we gather here to pay our respects to those service men and women. Their willingness to risk their lives while serving our country is why we have the freedoms we hold dear to our hearts today, making the United States of America what it is today, still the best country in this world!

As Franklin Roosevelt once said, “Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them”. Today, we do not forget, we will remember them and honor them.

Shortly we will hold a service specific to Submarine Veterans who died while in service to our country, but they are just but a few of far too many who we remember and honor today.

Today we remember:

- *The members of the Rough Riders, many who were recruited by Teddy Rosevelt just south of us at the Menger Bar in San Antonio who died in their battle and taking of San Juan hill during the Spanish American War.*
- *The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines who died during the Battle of Belleau Wood and all the 116,516 other service members who died in WWI.*
- *The lone tail gunner in one of 100's of the Air Forces B-17 Bombers that were shot down over Germany during WWII and almost a half million other soldier, sailor and marines who lost their lives during the War.*
- *Specialist Cecil Queen who died in Binh Long Province South Vietnam from Taylor, Texas along with over 58,000 other men and women.*
- *And in the more recent War on Terror:*

From Georgetown – PFC Ricky Morris Jr. in Iraq

From Hutto – Cpl Houston Taylor in Afghanistan

From Pflugerville – CPT Sean Lyerly

Cpl Yari Mokri

Sgt Byron Norwood all in Iraq

And unfortunately, this list is far too long and goes on and on.

Last weekend I had the good fortune to visit the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg and found myself on an early morning walk all alone in the memorial garden reading hundreds of plaques honoring individuals or groups of veterans, many who gave all. All just simple normal people who identified as Americans, that's all, who came together and did their part in great things for all of us.

So today I ask each of you here to take a moment to reflect on the freedoms we have and why we have them. I also implore you to continue to learn and urge others to learn the history of this country and why we are the country that we are. This is how we can honor and remember these fallen warriors. We cannot let the efforts of our Veterans and their sacrifices to simply be forgotten because we became too self-absorbed or complacent to continue to teach and learn our History, all our History. In a few moments you will see a very somber ceremony by my shipmates of the Central Texas Base which does just that.

Thank You for coming out today to help us Remember and Honor all of our fallen. God Bless you all and God Bless the United States of America!"

Rick Mitchell

Call, Text, Email anytime!

(rmitch2@yahoo.com or 512-639-0035)



Location: VFW Post 8587

Meeting opened at 19:02 by Rick Mitchell, Base Commander.

E-Board was present

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 17 April 2024 Meeting were approved.

Sailing List: 22 VFW

Binnacle List: Chuck Trahan & daughter Valerie, Don Atkins, John Roberts, Dick Witte and Bob Steinmann.

Prayer: Bob Steinmann led the base in our opening Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Carl Repp

Tolling of the Boats – Chuck Malone Reading, Carl Repp Tolling

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer’s Report: Virgil Claycamp

Funds as of 1 May 2024
 \$41,449.54 1 Apr Balance
 \$44,455.01 1 May Balance
 General: \$40,286.24
 Memorial: \$4,168.77
 Apr due to LSRU: \$16,500.00

Storekeeper – Virgil Claycamp

USSVI Diamond Anniversary Patch and Challenge Coin are available. The Patch is \$15 and the Coin is \$10. See Virgil when he is back about getting the ones you previously ordered, there may be a few extras.

Memorial : Closing in on completion.

Kaps 4 Kids: Currently the K4K chair is vacant and we are looking for someone to take on the position. Contact Rick Mitchell if you are interested. The NEXT visit is 14 June 2024 at DELL Children’s in Austin.

Parade (Tom Sprague): The Next event is planned for the 4th of July parade in Round Rock, more details as available. The Red Poppy Festival Parade was a success, we pulled the Brazos Valley Bases’s Submarine Float this year.

Membership 87 Current Members.

51 National Life, 51+ Base Life, 45 Holland Club.

Birthdays 2024: 5/1 Dale Messing, 5/13 Michael Goulding, 5/17 Frank Abernathy, 5/18 Frank Espinosa, 5/28 Mike Gauthier and 5/30 Harry Ullmann.

Unfinished, Ongoing and Old Business

Lone Star Subvet Round Up: 16-19 May 2024 at Fredericksburg, TX.

Capt. Stephen Bowen, Submariner, Astronaut will be the Guest Speaker at the Banquet Dinner on 18May. He will also speak at the Tolling of the Boats at 10:00 on 18May at the West Plaza of the National Museum of The Pacific War. There will other events as shown at www.LSRU.org Registration is required for some events.

Holland Club Induction to take place at the Banquet in Fredericksburg, TX on the 18th of May 2024; **Jerry (JD) King** and **Frank Abernathy** from the Central Texas Base to be inducted.

NEW Business:

May Tolling of Boats, will be in Taylor, TX again. 1600 Veterans Drive, the Murphy Pavilion on 27 May 2024 at 10:00, **Harry Ullman** will be singing the National Anthem . Afterwards we have been invited to the VFW Post 39 across the street from the Pavilion.

June Base Social: 15June2024, suggestions for a local area part for the Social are requested.

USSVI National Convention will be in Cleveland, 19-24 August 2024.

The 2025 Convention is scheduled for Orlando, FL and 2026 is yet to be determined, Rick Mitchell is trying to get Corpus Christi, TX

Frank Espinosa Said a 4th of July event is scheduled for VFW Post 8587 around Noon. He was asking for a \$100 donation in support of the Georgetown PD and FD. Gene Hall put forth the Motion and Chuck Trahan seconded the motion, after brief discussion it passed.

Heroes Night Out: 25 May2024 Hosting their 12th Annual Heroes Appreciation BBQ at Reunion Ranch, 850 County Road 255 in Georgetown. HNO Merchandise Tent and Free BBQ, BUT YOU MUST RSVP. Go to www.heroesnighout.org and navigate to the EVENTS tab and then RSVP, registration is FREE with the option to Donate to the cause.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle – \$56 of \$112 was won by Frank Abernathy of which \$50 was given to Frank Espinosa in support of the 4th of July event at VFW 8587.

Next Events – Tolling Ceremony 27 May in Taylor, Texas at 10:00

Base Social 15 June, Location to be determined.

Round Rock Parade, 4July2024, details to follow.

Next Meeting – 17 July 2024 at the VFW Post with Zoom.

Sailing List


Total Base Members and Visitors (22):

Local at the VFW Post 8587 (22): Frank Abernathy, Dwayne Ariola, Harry Boyer, Bill Brinkman, David Clark, Virgil Claycamp, Jack Collins, Ken Dallman, Frank Espinosa, Mike Gauthier, Gene Hall, Hubert Jackson, Colin King, Chuck Malone, Dale Messing, Rick Mitchell, Carl Repp, Bill Scott, Tom Sprague, Bob Steinmann, Chuck Trahan and Harry Ullmann.

Meeting Adjourned by Rick Mitchell, 2000 hours

Minutes submitted by Frank Abernathy, Yeoman, 23 May 2024

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Harold Jackson - 3 rd
Jack Thormahlen - 7 th
Ron Mick - 10 th
Jack Collins - 11 th
Jerry King - 13 th
Sam Amato - 20 th
Erik Heter - 20 th
John Roberts - 21 st
Jeff Lindner - 23 rd

CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEMBERSHIP

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

Members listed in Central Texas Database	88
Regular Annual Members	26
National Life Members	52
Base Life Members	61
Holland Club Members	45
Associate Members	1
Dual Members	2
Prospective Members:	0
War Veterans	75
Members pending:	0
Submitted: Chuck Malone, Membership	

BASE TREASURER'S REPORT



15 May 2024
Financial Report for Period Ending 4/30/2024
Beginning Balance - 4/1/2024 **\$41,449.54**
 RBFCU Checking (General Fund) \$40,286.24
 RBFCU Savings (Memorial Fund) \$4,168.77
 Cash to be deposited \$00.00
 Uncleared Checks -\$00.00
Ending Balance - 04/31/2024 **44,445.01**
 Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer

STOREKEEPER CORNER

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

BINNACLE LIST

Prayer for our brothers and friends in need.

Our Heavenly Father, we are so helpless. We care so much for our brothers and friends. They are special to all of us. It hurts us to see them suffering. And while we cannot be with them Lord, You be with them please and be with those who attend them. Comfort those who love them and need them, as well as those who must wait. Amen

Shipmates notes at the May Base Meeting: Chuck Trahan & daughter Valerie, Don Atkins, John Roberts, Dick Witte and Bob Steinmann. .

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.



ETERNAL PATROL

Sailors, Rest your Oars

On this Memorial Day 2024, let us remember our fallen USSVI Central Texas Base Shipmates.

Lord, these departed shipmates with Dolphins on their chests are part of an outfit known as the best. Make them welcome, and take them by the hand and you'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land. So, Heavenly Father add these names to the roll of our departed shipmates on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memory alive; and also, for all our shipmates currently serving and those of us still here and for all our futures.

John Ronald Smith, TM2(SS)
SS-184, SS-183
Dual member SVWWII
EP 9/12/2008

Linwood Vernon Harris, TMSN(SS)
SS-412, SS-0 (Sub Relief Crew)
Dual Member SVWWII
EP 7/6/2009

Fredericke M. Morris, LCDR
SSBN-625
EP 3/28/2010

Eberhart Victor Niemeyer, Jr, LT
SS-95, SS-399
Dual member SVWWII
EP 3/1/2015

Robert L. Sharp, CWO4(SS)
AS-17, SS-338, SS-331, AS-12,
EP 9/30/2016

John M Gurley, YN3(SS)
SS-408, AS-15
EP 6/14/2018

Daniel J. Stim, CSC(SS)
SS-308, SSBM-641, SSBN-636,
SSBN-630, SSBN-617, SSN-646, AS-31
EP 10/11/2019

Larry Lynn Walts, CWO4(SS)
SSBN-601
EP 5/1/2021

Ronald C. Hornsby, HMC(SS)
CV-31, SS-405, SS-523, SS-368,
SSBN-619
EP 6/17/2021

Jerry N. Schmidt, ETR1(SS)
SS-404, SSBN-636, SS-566,
SSBN-659, SS-419
EP 10/31/2021

William R. Strawser, RM2(SS)
SSN-650, SSN-637
EP 2/21/2022

Fred E. Maass, QM3(SS)
SS-307, SS-377
EP 3/7/2022

Charles Joseph Matula, Jr., EM2(SS)
SS-392, SSG-577, SS-348,
Dual member USS Growler Internet
EP 6/4/2022

Byron A. Sage, QM2(SS)
SS-391, SSN-621
EP 10/16/2022

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Peleh of your...

Are you dealing with a lot of difficulties in your life? You probably think it's a bad thing. The word for difficulty in Hebrew is 'peleh'. The word for 'miracle' is the very same word 'peleh'. You see, every difficulty in your life is a potential miracle. In Isaiah 9:6, Messiah is called the Counselor of miracles, but you can also take it as the counselor of difficulties. In the Gospel, you find His miracles with the blind, lame, crippled, poor, the griev-

ing, those in mourning, the thirsty, the sick, the lepers, the guilty, the sinful, and the outcasts. We find the miracles in our difficulties. You have to learn in your difficulties to find His miracles. Those who found miracles are the ones who lifted up their difficulties- with withered hands, crippled fingers, sinful eyes- to the touch of his hands and the difficulties became a miracle (peleh). The difficulty is the very thing that allows you to have a miracle. So, lift up your difficulty to the touch of God's hand, and the difficulty will be become a miracle (peleh), because that's what it was along, in disguise.

Scripture 1 Peter 5:10



Why go to Church?

NEVER HAD IT SUMMED UP LIKE THIS BEFORE.

I think this is fantastic, I just love the guy's answer, and the interpretation for the word BIBLE. Enjoy and pass it on.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

When you are about to forward this to others, the devil will discourage you. So go on! Forward this to people who are DEAR to you and TRUST GOD.

Author unknown.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

First Monday, every Month, 0800 hours, Texas Veterans breakfast, Texas Grill, 101 State Hwy 71, Bastrop, TX 78602

15 June 2024, Quarterly Social, 100 hours, [Facilities • Lakeline Park \(cedarparktexas.gov\)](https://cedarparktexas.gov), Cedar Park, TX

4 July 2024, Annual 4th of July Parade, Round Rock, TX. Float on site at the staging area at 0700. Catch the shuttle at the Methodist church (see map at the back of the N/L) earlier than the last shuttle at 0800.

19 July 2024, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587 and Zoom , 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.

15 August 2024, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, Zoom and VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.

19 - 24 August 2024, 2024 USSVI National Convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton Cleveland Rockside, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd, Independence, OH 44131 (<https://subvetconvention.org/>)

15 September 2024, Quarterly Social, TBD

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USSVI Central Texas Base K4K May 14, 2024 visit

Rick Mitchell reported that due to miscellaneous circumstances, the next visit for Dell Children’s Hospital on May 14th was cancelled. The next event will be Flag Day, June 14th at Dell Children’s. Sam will be leading the team and he needs some volunteers to go with him. (samamatotx@gmail.com)

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

Sincerely, Sam Amato

Chairman K4K CTB

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Editor’s Office

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Lots goin’ on around our base. Plenty to read and peruse here too. Me? I’m still keepin’ busy juggling “The Deck Log” - what else is new? Make yourself useful and send me a Sea Story or two, huh? Stop by my email (hscottss242@gmail.com) and say hello sometime.

Due to the events of the month of May being dominated by the 4th Annual Lonestar Round Up held in Fredericksburg, TX this year and the Annual Tolling of the Lost Boats ceremony on Memorial Day in Taylor, TX, a lot of the content for this edition of “The Deck Log” is dedicated to those events. Of course I am also including any USSVI National News and other space limited articles of interest, many of which are just the website URLs for you to decide which interest you to read.

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SHIPMATES IN ACTION

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FOURTH ANNUAL LONESTAR SUBVET ROUND UP

May 16-19, 2024, Fredericksburg, Texas

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The Head Honcho for the Round Up, Rick Mitchell, Central Texas Base Commander and USSVI District Four Commander, CD4.

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[Heart of Texas Base - Facebook](#)

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(Ed.) Thank you Rick for honchoing another successful Lonestar Subvet Round Up. And thanks to the many shipmates and friends who helped along the way.



(Ed.) The following snippets are from the many Facebook posts prior to, and following, the Round Up. Thank you to all that posted them. Some of them are posts from various sponsors/donors of door prize gifts. Not all of the door prizes donated are pictured and those that aren't, thanks is given to the donors.

To start off, a Post from the Head Honcho, Rick Mitchell summarizing the weekend's activities.

Lonestar Subvet Round Up

5/17/2024

About The Round-Up

The 4th Annual Lonestar Subvet Round-up is an event for Submariners, their family, and friends. The event rotates around the state of Texas and is usually held around the Submarine Force Birthday but this year we moved it to the Armed Forces Day weekend in May due to scheduling conflict with the Total eclipse in April. We gathered for the long weekend, 16 -19 May 2024, for various social events and a Tolling ceremony conducted this year at the National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, TX.

Our hotel for the stay and Saturday's banquet was the Inn on Barons Creek, 308 South Washington St., Fredericksburg, TX, 78624

Lots of folks showed up for the event and hopefully had a great time.

Rick Mitchell



Someone is going to take home a really nice piece of custom art! Thank You Chip for your work and donation. You do exceptional work. If anyone wants to check out his other work you can see it here: <https://mytestdepthcustoms.bigcartel.com/>

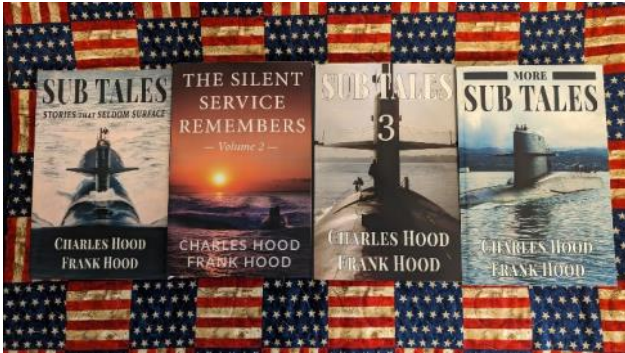


Time to start thanking some of our supporters for this year's Round-Up! Next up is our shipmate [Mike Chapline](#) and [Chapline Distillery](#). They donated a few bottles of their Texas Bourbon which you can try at the Banquet. 2 of our guests will also take home 1 of 2 special bottles he donated. Mike pulled a couple bottles out of their current special release. See the back label in the picture. They age their bourbon in barrels named after submarines and it is limited to the individual barrel. Thanks Shipmate!



Next Up: Another big THANK YOU to our friend and supporter [Shelly Saxton](#) with [\(SS\) Challenge Coins](#). Another guest will be taking home this set of all 4 USS Seawolf coins that she donated to the event. Any thoughts on why we chose the USS Seawolf? Thank You Shelly!

And from shipmate [Brian Headden](#) with [Always A Submariner](#) Here is a really nice, engraved decanter and set of 4 glasses for a lucky someone. He also donated a selection of ballcaps and of course was the vendor we chose to make your hats and shirts this year. <https://www.alwaysasubmariner.com/>



As we continue to thank those who made contributions to make next weekend's event successful we wanted to mention Charles and Frank Hood for their donation of signed books from their Sub Tales collection www.subtales.com.

Thanks to [USSVI Central Texas Base](#) member Ed Carr's wife Bonnie for the quilt. Front/Back, l/r.



Another donation shown at the left that will make a nice prize for someone to take home from [USSVI Central Texas Base](#) shipmate Curt Webber .



We also will be giving away a couple of autographed books written and donated by [Rick Campbell](#). The one that started it all, Trident Deception, and his latest release hot of the presses, The Bin Laden Plot.

We will also be giving away 2 of these desk/mantle clocks, handmade by our shipmate [Bill Holz](#) or otherwise known as "Mr. Bill". Bill is both a member of the [Dallas Submarine Veterans](#) and the Silent Service Motorcycle Club. One is being donated by Bill and the other by a shipmate from the [USSVI Central Texas Base](#)



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Lonestar Subvet Round-Up

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Attended the [Lonestar Subvet Round Up](#) this weekend and visited with many submarine veterans and family. Had a great time too. Many of us members of the [United States Submarine Veterans](#), some [Silent Service Motorcycle Club-National](#) but all submarine veterans. Spent a little time on a walk all alone this morning in the Memorial Garden at the [National Museum of the Pacific War](#). All alone with the sun coming up and had some time to reflect on things while reading all the plaques there. Saw a memorial for 10 presidents in a row who all served somehow during WWII and hundreds of plaques honoring individual and groups of veterans who served, some who gave all. All just simple normal people who identified as Americans, that's all, and who came together did great things.

Ed., Check out the “More Shipmates In Action” section at the back of the newsletter for more pictures posted on Facebook by various shipmates.

From Base Commander Rick Mitchell's introduction of Captain Stephen Bowen at the Tolling:

“Steve was born on February 13, 1964, in Cohasset, Massachusetts and he graduated from Cohasset High School, Cohasset, Massachusetts in 1982. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at the United States Naval Academy in 1986, Master of Science in Ocean Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Joint Program, 1993.

After completion of the submarine training pipeline Steve spent three years attached to USS PARCHE (SSN 683) and completed qualification in Submarines on USS POGY (SSN 647). After attending the MIT/WHOI Joint Program in Ocean Engineering he reported to USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) for duty as the Engineering Officer. During this tour he qualified for command of nuclear-powered submarines. In 1997, he reported to the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) in the Office of Plans and Policy and worked in the Future Concepts Working Group. For nine months in 1999, Steve was the Reactor and Propulsion inspector for the Navy's Submarine Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). In May 2000, he became the first Executive Officer of the Pre-Commissioning Unit VIRGINIA (SSN 774), the first of the new VIRGINIA Class submarines.

In July 2000, Steve was the first Submarine Officer selected by NASA as a Mission Specialist. He reported for training at the Johnson Space Center in August 2000. He is a veteran of three NASA Space Shuttle spaceflights and on March 2, 2023, Steve launched to the International Space Station as Commander of NASA's SpaceX Crew-6 mission aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon “Endeavor” spacecraft where he spent 186 days onboard the international space station and splashed down safely off the coast of Jacksonville, Florida on September 4, 2023. He served as commander during the flight to and from the space station. During the mission, he conducted three EVA's (extravehicular activities) or as we know them, spacewalks. in support of space station solar array upgrades, totaling 18 hours, 39 minutes in duration. He has now conducted 10 spacewalks over the course of his career. He logged 186 days in space during the Crew-6 mission, earning him a cumulative total of 227 days in space across all his spaceflights.

So, in summary, I am introducing to you a man who grew up as a normal child and then chose to join the Submarine Force and spent a career operating submerged in some of the harshest and most challenging environments known on here earth and then decided that's not enough and decided to do it all again in Space. He has spent an unknown number of days submerged below the surface of the ocean, he has spent 227 days in Space and he even got out while up there 10 times which currently ties him for the most spacewalks, as he has logged almost 66 hours “walking in space”, currently 3rd all time. Besides this and not even including his most recent mission he has orbited the earth over 737 times traveling over 16 million miles.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my true pleasure to introduce to you:

NASA Astronaut and Captain USN Ret. Stephen Bowen”

LSRU 24 – Final Update

Provided by USSVI Central Texas Base Commander/USSVI Central District Four Commander Rick Mitchell. Email was posted 5/26/2024.

Friends and Shipmates,

This email has been Bcc'd to all attendees and a few of our supporters so they see what they helped make happen.

Thanks again for coming out and joining us this year in Fredericksburg. I believe we all had a great time and look forward to more events like this in the future. If you have any feedback or ideas for future events, please let me know. All feedback positive and negative is good. You will not hurt anyone's feeling if there is something you think could be better. For example, after hearing from a few, starting next year we will give out name tags and paper copies of the agenda when you arrive.

Here is a link to a Google Photo album for the event for you to enjoy. Please strongly consider adding any of your pictures you took at the event so that all can share. Check back periodically to see what has been added. If you want help in figuring out how to do that, please let me know. [2024 LSRU Photo Album](#)

Here's a link to the video of Tolling the Boats Ceremony: [2024 LRSU Tolling Ceremony Video](#)

We will add this video to the web page later this week.

One last thing, if you are not yet a member of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Please consider joining us, you can join as a member at Large (no base association) or join a base. We recommend joining a base too but that's up to you. PDF fillable file of app is attached. Let me know any questions you may have on this. A couple of you asked about starting a base in your area. I can help you with that too.

This is the last email we will send out for this year's Round-Up. We will update the Webpage [LSRU Web Page](#) and FB Page [LSRU Facebook Page](#) and will also be adding an Instagram page next year. Please bookmark the web Page and Like/Follow us on FB.

Ed., Check out the "More Shipmates In Action" section at the back of the newsletter for more pictures posted on Facebook by various shipmates. Some of these pictures may be in the [2024 LSRU Photo Album](#) mentioned above by our head honcho Rick Mitchell. Also included in the "More Shipmates in Action" section are some pictures from the Memorial Day Tolling Ceremony held in Taylor, TX on 5/27/24.



Charitable Foundation Update

ONE PAGE - USSVCF Newsletter

5/19/24, Robert J. Bachman vp-ed@ussvcf.org [via](#) blackbaudemail.netcommunity1.com

Shipmates,

This is the Fourth edition of the ONE PAGE - USSVCF Newsletter with a short video from the Brotherhood Fund Manager George Palmer and updates via links within the newsletter. This newsletter focuses only on the United States Submarine Charitable Foundation Brotherhood fund, how this fund supports Submarine veterans and their families. USSVCF was created to support our Submarine veterans with the creation of multiple funds under a 501 (C) 3 charitable foundation. The USSVCF is a standalone fully certified charitable organization. Our next newsletter will be focused on the Legacy fund, and each subsequent newsletter will highlight additional funds. To view the USSVCF May 2024 'Shipmates Caring About Shipmates' Monthly Newsletter please click this link: <https://ussvcf.my.canva.site/may-2024-newsletter>


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Coming Soon – USSVI National Elections

From the USSVI Magazine “The American Submariner” Second Quarter edition. You must be logged in to view it. (<https://ussubvets.org/issues/2024Q2V1.pdf>)

National and Regional Candidates Statements are in the magazine on pages 18 -20. The ballot shown below, and on page 23, will be posted online and via email to all members closer to the June 19th date as well as a printable ballot.



VOTING INFORMATION

Voting online on the USSVI website ussubvets.org is preferred.

Online voting will begin at 0001 on June 19, 2024 and end at 2359 on August 27, 2024.

Whether voting online or by paper ballot, each member must complete their own ballot.

Proxy voting (members casting ballots for other members) is not allowed. While members may assist other members in preparing their ballots, the member must complete their paper ballot in their own hand. Proxy ballots will be rejected.

Mail completed ballots to:
Tom Conlon, PNC
USSVI Election Master
8 Davis Avenue
Harrison, NJ 07029

Paper ballots must be received by the Election Master no later than August 27, 2024 to be counted. Ballots received after this date will not be counted.

The duties of the various officers are outlined in the USSVI bylaws and can be found on the USSVI website.

As specified in the USSVI Constitution:

- The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.
- No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms as National Commander.
- The term of office for a National elected officer will begin immediately after the annual business meeting.

2024 ☆ USSVI OFFICIAL BALLOT ☆ 2024

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE

<p>National Officer Candidates</p> <p>National Commander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jon Jaques, Volunteer Base Write-in _____</p> <p>National Senior Vice Commander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tim Carlisle, Mare Island Base Write-in _____</p> <p>National Junior Vice Commander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tom Williams, Cowtown Base Write-in _____</p> <p>National Secretary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> David Farrugia, Tang Base Write-in _____</p> <p>National Treasurer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John Sidlovsky, Hampton Roads Base Write-in _____</p>	<p>Regional Director Candidates <i>Vote for a Director in your region only. Any other vote will be rejected.</i></p> <p>Northeast Region Director</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charles Martin, Northern Virginia Base <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Walsh, Groton Base Write-in _____</p> <p>Southeast Region Director</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ken Nichols, Nautilus Base Write-in _____</p> <p>Central Region Director</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fred Kinzel, Wolverine Base <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Mitchell, Central Texas Base Write-in _____</p> <p>Western Region Director</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pete Juhos, Gold Country Base Write-in _____</p>
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE USSVI CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Vote either "for" or "against" the proposed change

PA 2024-1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII — BIENNIAL ELECTIONS

Green = proposed wording • Red = current wording

Section 3. NATIONAL BALLOT
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A. The National Commander shall appoint an Election Master to count and tabulate the results of the Nation Election Ballots.

1. The Election Master shall be a member in good standing, selected by the National Commander and approved by the Voting Board of Directors.

Submitted by: William Andrea
Intent of the Author: The current requirements are too restrictive and limits the number of possible candidates for the position of Election Master.
Cost to the Organization: Negligible to none.

FOR AGAINST

NAME: _____ **BASE:** _____

NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

Memorial Day 2024

National Commander Bill Andrea via blackbaudemail.netcommunity1.com

May 21, 2024

Shipmates,

This coming Monday, May 27 is Memorial Day. In contrast to Veterans Day, which celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, Memorial Day should be a somber day, observed by reflecting, remembering and honoring those brave men and women that gave the supreme sacrifice so that we may enjoy the freedoms we now have.

If you are able, please take the time and opportunity to attend one of the many memorial ceremonies carried out throughout our country.

On behalf of the USSVI Board of Directors,

Bill Andrea
National Commander



(Ed,. As this edition is mainly dedicated to the Base Activities during the month of May including the Lonestar Round Up and the Memorial Day Tolling in Taylor, I'm changing the typical "Submarine News" section to just listing the numerous articles by title and the URL for your reading at your own pleasure. There are many article of interest that have more than one page of text increasing the numbers of pages for the newsletter. Let me know if this suits you all for future newsletters. Likewise for the "History" article where I listed the daily activities posted on the Today in History piece of the Naval History and Heritage Command website: https://www.history.navy.mil/today-in-history/.html website, I have completed a full year of providing the history data for submarine related activities. Hence, I have reached out to the Base Historian to ask him to proved a monthly history article for publishing in the newsletter.

Gedunk (Submarine News) from the Net

Source: The National Interest

Russia's Sierra II-Class Has Titanium Twin-Pressure Hulls the U.S. Navy Can't Match

https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/russiass-sierra-ii-class-has-titanium-twin-pressure-hulls-us-navy-cant-match-210721

Source: Interesting Engineering

Why are nuclear submarines a top U.S. military asset?

Why are nuclear submarines a top U.S. military asset? | Watch (msn.com)

Source - MSN.com: Manta Ray Underwater Drone Even More Enormous Than We Thought

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Source - MSN.com: North Korea Appears to Be Building New Submarine for Attacks, Group Says

[North Korea Appears to Be Building New Submarine for Attacks, Group Says \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/north-korea-appears-to-be-building-new-submarine-for-attacks-group-says)

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Source: The National Interest: Aircraft Carriers Aren't Enough: The U.S. Navy Needs Diesel Attack Submarines

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/aircraft-carriers-arent-enough-us-navy-needs-diesel-attack-submarines-210789>

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Source: Pilot Online: Inside a U.S. Navy submarine navigating the Arctic

<https://www.pilotonline.com/2024/05/02/inside-a-u-s-navy-submarine-navigating-the-arctic/>

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YouTube Video: US Submarines Special Technique to Resurface Through Thick Ice

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lj9RrB3N80>

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Source: The National Interest: The Navy's Virginia-Class Submarine Nightmare Won't Be Easy to End

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/navys-virginia-class-submarine-nightmare-wont-be-easy-end-210853>

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Source: Navy Times: Submarine delays push SEALs to find new underwater approaches

<https://www.navytimes.com/naval/2024/05/08/submarine-delays-push-seals-to-find-new-underwater-approaches/>

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Source: Defence News: US Navy's submarine fleet is too small. Here's how selling some may help.

<https://www.defensenews.com/naval/2024/05/09/us-navys-submarine-fleet-is-too-small-heres-how-selling-some-may-help/>

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Source: National Interest: Russia's Typhoon-Class Submarine Could Kill Millions and Had a Swimming Pool

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/russias-typhoon-class-submarine-could-kill-millions-and-had-swimming-pool-208772>

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Source: National Interest: China's Type 094 Jin-Class Nuclear Missile Submarines Has Just One Mission

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/chinas-type-094-jin-class-nuclear-missile-submarines-has-just-one-mission-208821>

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Source: National Interest: Russia's Kilo-Class 'Black Hole' Submarine: A Nightmare for the U.S. Navy?

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/russias-kilo-class-black-hole-submarine-nightmare-us-navy-209553>

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Source: National Interest: The U.S. Navy's Mark 48 Heavy Torpedo Is Unstoppable

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/us-navys-mark-48-heavy-torpedo-unstoppable-210958>

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Source: National Interest: The Navy's Great Ohio-Class Submarine Mistake Has Now Arrived

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/navys-great-ohio-class-submarine-mistake-has-now-arrived-210653>

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Source: Defense News: House Armed Services Committee adds second Virginia submarine in FY25

<https://www.defensenews.com/congress/budget/2024/05/13/house-armed-services-committee-adds-second-virginia-submarine-in-fy25/>

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Source: National Interest: Los Angeles-Class: The Old Attack Submarine the U.S. Navy Can't Retire?

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/los-angeles-class-old-attack-submarine-us-navy-cant-retire-211011>

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Source: YouTube: How they Build New Massive Submarines in the US

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJEJDpnGZmE>

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Source: The San Diego Union-Tribune: Fifth Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine added to line-up at Naval Base Point Loma -

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/military/story/2024-05-21/fifth-los-angeles-class-fast-attack-submarine-added-to-naval-base-point-loma>

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Source: National Interest: The U.S. Navy's Los Angeles-Class Submarine Nightmare Is Chilling

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/us-navys-los-angeles-class-submarine-nightmare-chilling-210496>

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Source: National Interest: Russia's Kilo-Class: The Submarine Called the Black Hole; For 1 Reason

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/russias-kilo-class-submarine-called-black-hole-1-reason-207318>

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Source: www.yahoo.com: USS Harder: Wreck of famed US Navy World War II sub found off Philip-pines

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/uss-harder-wreck-famed-us-040741587.html>

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Source: National Interest: Ranked: 5 Best Attack Submarines on Planet Earth Right Now

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/ranked-5-best-attack-submarines-planet-earth-right-now-207768>

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Source: www.defense.gov/ U.S. Needs Sea-Based Nuclear Capability to Ensure Second-Strike Capability

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3786326/us-needs-sea-based-nuclear-capability-to-ensure-second-strike-capability/>

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Source: YouTube: Inside the Nautilus of Jules Verne: an internal arrangement for the famous sub

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpiG6YF026I>

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Source: www.history.navy.mil/ WWII "Hit 'em HARDER" submarine wreck site confirmed

<https://www.history.navy.mil/news-and-events/news/2024/WWII-submarine-wreck-confirmed.html>

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Source: National Interest: USS Parche: A Deep Dive into America's Premier Navy Spy Submarine

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/uss-parche-deep-dive-americas-premier-navy-spy-submarine-208424>

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Shipmates, this is the last “Submarine News story for the month.

Source: Bluegrass Today: Submarine from The Gina Furtado Project

Posted on May 23, 2024 BY JOHN LAWLESS.

It’s been a while since we’ve heard new music from [Gina Furtado](#), but [Mountain Home Music](#) has remedied that with a new single with the one word title, [Submarine](#).

Recorded with her eponymous Gina Furtado Project, the song shares a whimsical story about a little girl who grows up dreaming of living under the sea in a submersible craft. Just when you think it’s a fanciful number about childhood imagination, it veers into a lesson on gender equality.

Furtado described the odd genesis for *Submarine*.

“The idea for this song was not mine. A gentleman approached me after a show and insisted that I should write a song about the scarcity of women submarine sailors. I thought it was a bizarre idea, but it lingered in the back of my mind. Eventually, I did a late night, insomnia-driven Google search on the topic and discovered that women were not allowed on submarines in the US Navy until 2010.

Now, I may not know anything about submarines, but as a girl who was raised with starkly defined gender roles that almost never suited my personality and interests, I do know a thing or two about having dreams that are off limits for no reason besides not being a boy. True to bluegrass form in just one small way, this is the saddest song I’ve ever written, but with the happiest sounding tune.”

Gina plays banjo and sings lead here, supported by her Project, sisters Malia Furtado on fiddle and Lu Furtado on bass, along with Drew Matulich on guitar. Producer Kristin Scott Benson also brought along her husband, Wayne, to play mandolin.

They give it a swingy, bluegrass feel. Check it out...<https://soundcloud.com/ginafurtadoproject/submarine>

Submarine is available now from popular [download and streaming services online](#), and to radio programmers via [AirPlay Direct](#).

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HISTORY

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This Month in History

(nformation source is fresh, so I’m starting to include this info as I had done before I lost access. Starting this month) I will be checking the latest history files for the following months and updating eith any new information. Additionally, I have reached out to Base Member Erik Heter, our Historian for articles each month

From Shipmate Erik Heter, Historian

Commemorating the USS Seawolf (SS-197)



The USS Seawolf (SS-197) was a Sargo-class submarine that played a significant role during World War II. Commissioned on December 1, 1939, under the command of Lieutenant Frederick B. Warder, the Seawolf was a formidable force in the Pacific, known for its resilience and combat prowess.

Seawolf’s keel was laid down on September 27, 1938, at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. After her launch on August 15, 1939, she underwent a shakedown cruise until June 21, 1940, taking her as far south as the Panama Canal Zone. She was then assigned to the Pacific Fleet, homeported at San Diego, before proceeding to Manila Bay to operate from the Cavite Navy Yard.

With the outbreak of war with Japan, Seawolf was ready for action. Her first war patrol commenced on December 8, 1941, just a day after the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. During this patrol, she hunted Japanese shipping off the San Bernardino Strait, marking her entry into the war with an unsuccessful torpedo at-

tack on the Sanyo Maru.

Throughout the war, Seawolf conducted a total of 15 war patrols. Her early patrols were marked by aggressive engagements with enemy shipping, including attacks on Japanese freighters and transports. Despite facing depth charge attacks and other dangers, Seawolf managed to inflict significant damage on Japanese shipping.

During her various patrols, Seawolf sank **27 enemy ships** and damaged 13. The total tonnage for ships sunk amounted to **108,600 tons, while also scoring a tonnage of 69,600** for ships damaged.

One notable engagement of the USS Seawolf was during her **11th patrol** in the South China Sea, from October 5 to November 27, 1943. During this patrol, she sank the **Wuhu Maru, Kaifuku Maru**, and damaged a **10,000-ton cargo ship**. This patrol was particularly successful and showcased the Seawolf's strategic impact on disrupting Japanese supply lines.

Another significant engagement occurred during her **fourth war patrol**. Approaching the anchorage at Christmas Island where the Japanese invasion force was anchored, Seawolf fired a salvo at the cruiser **Naka**. One torpedo scored a hit, causing significant damage to the ship, although none of the crew were harmed. Naka was forced to return to Japan for repairs for almost a year. The Seawolf herself did come under enemy attack during this engagement. Unaware she had hit her target, Seawolf underwent seven and a half hours of depth charge attacks.

In addition to her combat role, Seawolf also undertook rescue missions and reconnaissance. Notably, on her thirteenth patrol, she performed photographic reconnaissance of Palau and rescued two downed aviators during a U.S. carrier air raid. These missions highlighted the versatility of the submarine and her crew's willingness to undertake diverse operations.

Seawolf's fourteenth patrol involved delivering cargo to guerrilla activities in the Philippines. This mission underscored the submarine's contribution to the broader war effort, supporting resistance movements and providing much-needed supplies to those fighting behind enemy lines.

Tragically, the Seawolf's service came to an abrupt end on October 3, 1944. It is believed that she was sunk by friendly fire from the USS Richard M. Rowell off Morotai. This incident remains one of the unfortunate cases of friendly fire during the war, resulting in the loss of a valiant submarine and her brave crew.

Seawolf's legacy is commemorated through various honors and awards. She earned 13 battle stars for her service during World War II, reflecting the significant impact she had on the war effort. Her story is also preserved in naval history and heritage, serving as a testament to the courage and sacrifice of those who served aboard her.

The Seawolf was a symbol of American resilience and military might during World War II. Her patrols across the Pacific, her engagement with enemy forces, and her support for allied activities all contribute to her distinguished record. The Seawolf's story is a reminder of the sacrifices made during the war and the nature of naval warfare, but also a great reflection of her crew and the submarine force in general. Seawolf's name has lived on since then, first with SSN-575 (the second nuclear submarine in the US fleet) and later with the SSN-21 (lead boat of the Seawolf class of attack submarines). But the sacrifice of the original Seawolf has not been forgotten.

Officers and men of the USS Seawolf, rest your oars – we have the watch.



The Spokesman-Review

Retired captain of first U.S. nuclear submarine celebrates turning 100 in Spokane

April 28, 2024

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/apr/28/retired-captain-of-first-us-nuclear-submarine-cele/>



Submarine veteran Capt. Frank Fogarty, retired U.S. Navy, turned 100 on April 18. He smiles Wednesday as he talks about his service onboard the Navy's first nuclear submarines, particularly the USS Nautilus. (Tyler Tjomsland/The Spokesman-Review)

By Treva Lind treval@spokesman.com(509) 459-5439

Frank Fogarty knew nothing about nuclear physics on ships when he got pulled from his Korean War submarine duty to interview for a fledgling U.S. Navy program.

Fogarty, who just turned 100 years old in Spokane, has never forgotten meeting Hyman Rickover, known as the father of the world's first atomic-powered submarines that began with the USS Nautilus in 1954. Its advantages meant speed and prolonged submersions.

He initially joined an officers' team to develop Nautilus' sister craft, the USS Seawolf, which launched in 1955. But by 1957, Fogarty had joined the Nautilus crew – first as an engineering officer, and then during 1963-67 as the Nautilus' fifth commanding officer.

"I was in this position of being qualified for command, so Rickover picked from the younger submarine officers who were qualified, and he interviewed them all," Fogarty said.

"He was the first to apply nuclear practically to something besides bombs. In my case, they flew me back from Korea to Washington for an interview with him, and it was an all-day deal. You interviewed with his staff; they all came up with their opinion of each interviewee.

"The last thing was you interviewed with the KOG – (what) Rickover was called for 'Kindly old gentleman.' He was not kindly; he was old," Fogarty said.

Rickover was famous for his stress interviews, seeing if an officer entering the program could maintain composure and still think clearly if rattled. The program's leader also drilled officers about any actions "that weren't so great," Fogarty said. "So it wasn't the most pleasant thing."

Fogarty thought that ended it.

"About three months later, we came back in from patrol and tied up to the pier in Japan with other submarines, and the captain of the submarine that was tied up where we came alongside of said, 'I hear you have a Rickover guy on your boat.'"

He soon joined a Navy team working with General Electric to develop the Seawolf in Schenectady, New York. Simultaneously, he and other officers trained in reactor technology and nuclear physics at Union College.

"We were sent there to be with the construction, to see it and then train in nuclear power, which we didn't know what that was," he said. "We also had a crew of 20 enlisted people.

Fogarty was one of four officers in upstate New York at the Seawolf plant.

"One of the common names of another fellow is Jimmy Carter; he was the senior naval officer of the four of us. He was a class ahead of me at the Naval Academy."

The future president was set to become Seawolf's top engineering officer. But in July 1953 when his father died, Carter resigned from the Navy to take care of the family's business. Fogarty recalls Carter's mother also didn't want to deal with his brother, who was "a little hard to handle."

Another officer was assigned to replace Carter. The Fogartys traded Christmas cards with the Carters for a few years but lost connection before he got into politics. Meanwhile, Westinghouse already had built the Nautilus prototype plant outside of Idaho Falls, Fogarty said, and the Nautilus was a year ahead of the Seawolf.

"They had two land-based plants that mimicked a submarine, built in a submarine hull on land," he said. "Both of them, one in New York and one in Idaho.

A big advantage for submarines is staying submerged. They are most vulnerable when surfacing, Fogarty said. "Diesel submarines had to surface to recharge batteries, but with these, you could stay down forever."

That gave the U.S. an advantage that held, he added. Fogarty spent time with the Seawolf as part of the crew taking it out for trial runs. They eventually found a problem with the different reactor design being "sodium-cooled," versus water-cooled like the Nautilus, he said.

"Technically, the sodium potassium turned out to be corrosive material. When heated up, it ended up eating the pipes. We got an alarm that the pipes were leaking, which was down in a compartment with thick shielding above it. The medical doctor who was a nuclear-trained physician, he and I went down to see what was wrong; that's where I got my highest dose of radiation."

By then, Rickover had decided to remake the Seawolf with the Nautilus design, so it had to go back to port for a retrofit. Fogarty and another nuclear-trained officer from the Seawolf got transferred then to the Nautilus, which had been fully operational for over a year.

He was on the Nautilus in 1957 when it made its first unsuccessful attempt to cross the North Pole from the Atlantic side, seeking to pass the Arctic sea basin between Greenland and the Norwegian island Spitsbergen, but the sub's periscope was damaged in an ice collision, and the gyrocompass became erratic, forcing the boat to turn back.

"We learned a few lessons about icebergs, how deep they go down, and when you bump into an iceberg, it's not very mobile," Fogarty added. "It's stronger than you are, so it bent over the periscope.

"We had to wade our way out of there and back into the ocean without any idea where we were other than dead reckoning. We didn't have any of our navigation stuff. We could tell how deep the water was, but not how high."

After repairs, "they sent us through the (Panama) canal over the Pacific side," but before the second North Pole attempt, Fogarty got assigned to the USS Skipjack, a smaller class of nuclear-powered submarines with a single big propeller and a more streamlined design.

"That hull incidentally was based on the prototype that was here in Idaho at the Navy test lab at Farragut," he said.

He remained with the Skipjack for a while and earned promotions.

On the Nautilus, he was the fifth commanding officer for a crew with typically 11 officers and 105 enlisted members. Fogarty said memorable events occurred under his watch, but he doesn't think he can share a lot. The Cold War against Russia was in full force.

"The most significant is probably still classified," he said, smiling. "I've never been told I could release it, other than it involved being in water heavily foreign and against their submarines.

"We were still way ahead of the rest of our enemies. We were kept in patrol, and the Russians tried to stay in track of us, but we were able to know where they were and stay tracking distance with them wherever they went.

"But most of the time, we spent operating with the fleet, with surface ships, to teach the U.S. Navy what they were up against with the nuclear submarines, in simulated attacks."

He also recalls the two nuclear submarines lost to accidents at sea, and he knew crew members killed on both the USS Thresher and USS Scorpion. The Thresher sank in April 1963 during deep-diving tests east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and an investigation found a 'most likely' cause was a piping system failure that allowed flooding of the engine room.

The source of the May 1968 tragedy on the Scorpion is uncertain, he said.

Early in his career, Fogarty served on two diesel-powered subs: Tiru and Queenfish. He also did a tour much later on the USS John Marshall. His final duty was in the Pentagon as operations officer in the Submarine Warfare Division. He earned a master's degree in administration from George Washington University before retiring from the Navy in 1970.

After his Navy retirement, Fogarty returned west to the Idaho National Laboratory in Idaho Falls that stretched more than 22 years and took him to brief stints in Butte, Montana, and for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Raised in Great Falls, Montana, he married high school girlfriend Dorothy Reilly after graduation from the Naval Academy in 1948. They were together 67 years until her death in 2015. They have 10 children, 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Fogarty moved to Spokane in 2015 to be near family.

Fogarty has never been idle. In his retirement, he ran a 40-acre ranch in Idaho Falls and created pheasant habitat, raised cows and built a model train museum in a barn, inviting school groups. He later donated his train collection to the Cheyenne Depot Museum. He also liked to hike and do outdoors activities while being active in the Catholic community.

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Watch "Sack Time on a WWII Submarine: USS Cod Sleeping Mattress Opened for the First Time in 70 years!" on YouTube

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Submarineshop for Submariners

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On this day in 1960, the USS Triton surfaces off the coast of Delaware having completed history's first submerged circumnavigation of the globe. It has taken the nuclear-powered sub 60 days to complete the voyage.



Native America - First People

What if I told you...

Black Hawk

"When the European first came here, Columbus, we could drink out of any river. If the Europeans had lived the Indian way when they came, we'd still be drinking out of the water. Cause the water is sacred. The air is sacred.

Our DNA is made of the same DNA as the tree. The tree breathes what we exhale. When the tree exhales, we need what the tree exhales, so we have a common destiny with the tree... We are all from the Earth. And when the Earth & atmosphere is corrupted, then it will create its own reaction. Our mother is reacting..."

~Floyd "Red Crow" Westerman

"The world has become a market, and its this market we have to deal with, this idea of boundless and endless resources. When you say resources, you are talking about our relatives, talking about our family. Fish are not a resource; they are our family and require respect..."

The structure of the world itself, it functions on natural law, and the natural law is a powerful regenerative process. Its a process of regeneration that continues and grows and is endless. Its absolutely endless if everyone agrees to the law and follows the law. But if you challenge the law, and you think you are going to change the law, then you are bound to failure..."

~John Trudell

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WHAT MILITARY WIVES ARE MADE OF...

It was just another harried Wednesday afternoon trip to the commissary (grocery store on military bases). My husband was off teaching young men to fly. My daughters were going about their daily activities knowing I would return to them at the appointed time, bearing, among other things, their favorite fruit snacks, frozen pizza, and all the little extras that never had to be written down on a grocery list. My grocery list, by the way, was in my 16-month-old daughter's mouth, and I was lamenting the fact that the next four aisles of needed items would wait while extracting the last of my list from my daughter's mouth, when I nearly ran over an old man.

This man clearly had no appreciation for the fact that I had 45 minutes left to finish the grocery shopping, pick up my 4-year old from tumbling class, and get to school, where my 12-year-old and her carpool mates would be waiting.

I knew men didn't belong in a commissary, and this old guy was no exception. He stood in front of the soap selection staring blankly, as if he'd never had to choose a bar of soap in his life. I was ready to bark an order at him when I realized there was a tear on his face.

Instantly, this grocery aisle roadblock transformed into a human..."Can I help you find something?" I asked. He hesitated, and then told me he was looking for soap.

"Any one in particular?" I continued.

"Well, I'm trying to find my wife's brand of soap." I started to loan him my cell phone to call her when he said, "She died a year ago, and I just want to smell her again."

Chills ran down my spine. I don't think the 22,000-pound Mother of all Bombs could have had the same impact. As tears welled up in my eyes, my half-eaten grocery list didn't seem so important. Neither did fruit snacks or frozen pizza.

I spent the remainder of my time in the commissary that day listening to a man tell the story of how important his wife was to him -- how she took care of their children while he served our country. A retired, decorated World War II pilot who flew missions to protect Americans still needed the protection of a woman who served him at home.

My life was forever changed that day. Every time my husband works too late or leaves before the crack of dawn, I try to remember the sense of importance I felt that day in the commissary.

Sometimes the monotony of laundry, housecleaning, grocery shopping, and taxi driving leaves military wives feeling empty -- the kind of emptiness that is rarely fulfilled when our husbands come home and don't want to or can't talk about work.

We need to be reminded, at times; of the important role we fill for our family and for our country. Over the years, I've talked a lot about military spouses...how special they are and the price they pay for freedom too. The funny thing is; most military spouses don't consider themselves different from other spouses. They do what they have to do, bound together not by blood or merely friendship, but with a shared spirit whose origin is in the very essence of what love truly is. Is there truly a difference? I think there is. You have to decide for yourself...

Other spouses get married and look forward to building equity in a home and putting down family roots. Military spouses get married and know they'll live in base housing or rent, and their roots must be short so they can be transplanted frequently.

Other spouses decorate a home with flair and personality that will last a lifetime. Military spouses decorate a home with flare tempered with the knowledge that no two base houses have the same size windows or same size rooms.

Curtains have to be flexible and multiple sets are a plus. Furniture must fit like puzzle pieces.

Other spouses have living rooms that are immaculate and seldom used. Military spouses have immaculate living room/dining room combos. The coffee table got a scratch or two moving from Germany, but it still looks pretty good.

Other spouses say goodbye to their spouse for a business trip and know they won't see them for a week. They are lonely, but can survive. Military spouses say good-bye to their deploying spouse and know they won't see them for months, or a year, or longer. They are lonely, but will survive.

Other spouses, when a washer hose blows off, call Maytag and then write a check out for having the hose reconnected. Military spouses have to cut the water off and fix it themselves.

Other spouses get used to saying "hello" to friends they see all the time. Military spouses get used to saying "goodbye" to friends made the last two years.

Other spouses worry about whether their child will be class president next year. Military spouses worry about whether their child will be accepted in yet another school next year and whether that school will be the worst in the city...again.

Other spouses can count on spouse participation in special events...birthdays, anniversaries, concerts, football games, graduation, and even the birth of a child. Military spouses only count on each other; because they realize that the flag has to come first if freedom is to survive. It has to be that way.

Other spouses put up yellow ribbons when the troops are imperiled across the globe and take them down when the troops come home. Military spouses wear yellow ribbons around their hearts and they never go away.

Other spouses worry about being late for mom's Thanksgiving dinner. Military spouses worry about getting back from Japan in time for dad's funeral.

The television program showing an elderly lady putting a card down in front of a long, black wall that has names on it touches other spouses. The card simply says, "Happy Birthday, Sweetheart. You would have been sixty today." A military spouse is the lady with the card, and the wall is the Vietnam Memorial.

I would NEVER say military spouses are better than other spouses. But I will say there is a difference. I will say, without hesitation, that military spouses pay just as high a price for freedom as do their active duty husbands and wives.

Perhaps the price they pay is even higher. Dying in service to our country isn't near as hard as loving someone who has died in service to our country, and having to live without them.

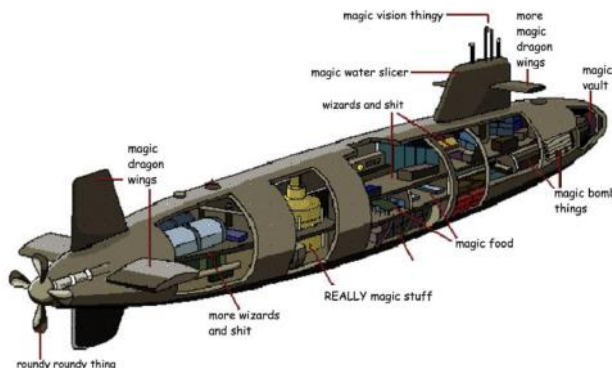
God bless our military spouses for all they freely give.



No words needed

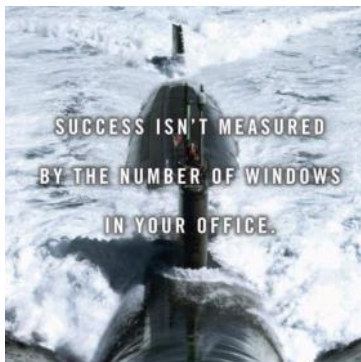


HOW SUBMARINES WORK

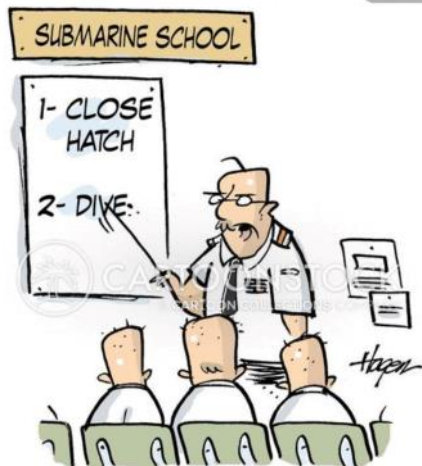


“MARINE” vs “SUBMARINE”

If a “MARINE” has to be somewhere important in the morning. Then he calls in sick and he calls someone to take his place. Is the guy he calls called a “SUBMARINE”?



Today I learned that if you flip a canoe over, you can wear it as a hat.... Because it's cap-sized.





ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No. ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No. ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.



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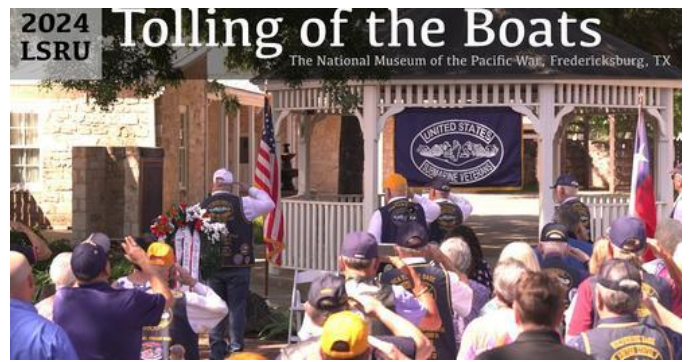
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