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IN MEMORY OF

GERRY GAYLOR

ETERNAL PATROL: 22FEB26



USS Ronquil SS-396



The USSVI Requin Base supports the National Creed

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

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MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month, normally at the Baden PA American Legion. Quarterly meetings are held around our membership area.

Our next meeting will be

11 APR 2026 @ 1230 hours

American Legion Post 641

BASE LOCATION



American Legion Post 641

271 State St

Baden PA 15005

FROM THE EDITOR

Please send ideas for articles or copies of art-icles, with full credit information to me for con-sideration of submission in the SVD.

We are a SUBMARINE group. As such, the art-icles should be SUBMARINE or NAVY-related.

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Tolling of the Boats for March

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth chargings in less than 200' of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war and six died as POWs.

USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.

USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4), pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.

USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.

USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.

USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.

USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.



Man Our Ship and Bring Her to Life!



Submarines Commissioned During the Month of March

Boat	Commissioned	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
G-3 SS-31	3/22/1915	Wikipedia	NavSource	
K-1 SS-32	3/17/1914	Wikipedia	NavSource	
R-4 SS-81	3/28/1919	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-5 SS-110	3/6/1920	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
S-17 SS-122	3/1/1921	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-45 SS-156	3/31/1925	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Tarpon SS-175	3/12/1936	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Permit SS-178	3/17/1937	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Salmon SS-182	3/15/1938	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Stingray SS-186	3/15/1938	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Squalus/Sailfish SS-192	3/1/1939	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Mackerel SS-204	3/31/1941	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Grayling SS-209	3/1/1941	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Growler SS-215	3/20/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Haddock SS-231	3/14/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Cobia SS-245	3/29/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Muskallunge SS-262	3/15/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Paddle SS-263	3/29/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Pompon SS-267	3/17/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Dragonet SS-293	3/6/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Roncador SS-301	3/27/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Seahorse SS-304	3/31/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sealion SS-315	3/8/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Catfish SS-339	3/19/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Diodon SS-349	3/18/1946	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Hammerhead SS-364	3/1/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Macabi SS-375	3/29/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sterlet SS-392	3/4/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Queenfish SS-393	3/11/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Spadefish SS-411	3/9/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Stickleback SS-415	3/29/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Cutlass SS-478	3/17/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Diablo SS-479	3/31/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Amberjack SS-522	3/4/1946	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Trigger SS-564	3/31/1952	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Grayback SSG-574	3/7/1958	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Seawolf SSN-575	3/30/1957	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Abraham Lincoln SSBN-602	3/11/1961	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Jack SSN-605	3/31/1967	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sam Houston SSBN-609	3/6/1962	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Thomas A. Edison SSBN-610	3/10/1962	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sturgeon SSN-637	3/3/1967	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sunfish SSN-649	3/15/1969	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Billfish SSN-676	3/12/1971	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Omaha SSN-692	3/11/1978	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Cincinnati SSN-693	3/11/1978	Wikipedia	NavSource	
New York City SSN-696	3/3/1979	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Bremerton SSN-698	3/28/1981	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Minneapolis–Saint Paul SSN-708	3/10/1984	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Atlanta SSN-712	3/6/1982	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Montpelier SSN-765	3/13/1993	Wikipedia	NavSource	
New Mexico SSN-779	3/27/2010	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Colorado SSN-788	3/17/2018	Wikipedia	NavSource	

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Requin Base Commanders Column March 2026

As I sit here reflecting on this month's activities I am comforted by the shipmates that came out to support the family of Gerry Gaylor and Beverly Geyer. Gerry and Beverly will be missed, but just like our shipmates that have gone before, they will live on in our memories fondly remembering the times spent together. Let us also be thankful for the support for Dave Halliday who suffered a fire in his home (thankfully no one was harmed). On behalf of the families and the USS Requin Base, THANK YOU SHIPMATES.

This Saturday is the St. Patrick's Day parade downtown.

The people mover and float will be leaving the German Club at 8:30 to head to our assigned space in the parade lineup. The German Club will provide sandwiches after the parade. The German Club address is: 857 Phineas St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Jason Deichler will be speaking at the USS Pittsburgh Legacy Series on March 19, 2026, and has invited anyone interested to attend. You can sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uss-pittsburgh-legacy-series-the-first-pittsburgh-tickets-1982330409618?discount=NavyLeaguePitt> When you sign up select "Navy League Member"

I have been getting reports of people not receiving email communications from the base. Investigations have shown that emails are sent and are going into individual's spam/junk folders. We cannot control how your email client handles incoming messages.

To ensure you get important email messages, please make it a habit to check your spam/junk folder daily. Email messages regarding base activities and communications will come from myself or Frank Vereb. Please add us to your email clients contact list. Also, each time a non-spam message is in your spam/junk folder click on the not spam/junk button/icon in your email client. This should "help" prevent the messages from going to the spam/junk folders.

Pride Runs Deep

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February 05, 2026

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Submarine Veterans of the "USS Requin Base" in Pittsburgh PA is sponsoring an endowment to support the maintenance and operation of the USS Requin SS-481 at the Kamin Science Center. Our desire is that this fund will be inclusive of all veterans' organizations and individuals. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$50,000 this calendar year to ensure the fund is "named" and invested for use. The fund can be contributed to at any time in the future.

With the help of our shipmates and supporters like you, USS Requin SS-481 will continue to be an artifact of history and science that young and old alike can learn from.

Your donation to this fund is tax deductible.

An annual report on the status of the fund and how it was used will be available to all donors from USS Requin Base.

We cannot do this alone, please consider becoming a member of the USS Requin Base endowment fund. Personal presentations by Science Center staff and myself are available by request.

Send donations (check - made payable to Carnegie Institute) to:

Kamin Science Center
ATTN: Kyle Glaser
1 Allegheny Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Respectfully

Lou Hamill
USS Requin Base Commander

Please include the information below with your check.

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January 13, 2026

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Submarine Veterans of the "USS Requin Base" in Pittsburgh PA is having our annual Booster Drive for 2026.

There are six giving levels: Shipmate: Less than \$100.00, Silver: \$100.00, Gold: \$200.00, Platinum: \$300.00, Diamond: \$400.00 and Nuclear: Greater than \$500.00.

We are made up of submariners from sixteen (16) states, with the core of our base, from the Tri-State area. We participate in community events and parades, with our float, "The Nautilus" and as needed, a specially designed people mover for our shipmates that can't walk the entire parade route.

Our base activities include the "KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)" program where we give honorary submarine hats and certificates to boys and girls who have cancer or other medically challenging situations.

We are also involved with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who attain the rank of Eagle Scout or Gold Award. We present the scout with a patch, certificate and a Requin Base challenge coin to honor them in their accomplishment.

Every year on the Sunday before Memorial Day onboard the USS Requin SS481, the Requin Base conducts a tolling of the boats memorial service to honor the memory of all submariners who lost their lives in the line of duty. The Marine Detachment of the Three River Leather-Necks and the VFW Post 9199 supply the color and honor guards for this ceremony.

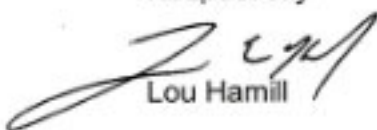
Additionally, we support the crew and families of the USS Idaho SSN-799.

With the help of our shipmates and supporters like you, we will be able to continue our programs and hopefully add more. Please consider becoming a BOOSTER of the Requin Submarine Base for 2026.

Send Booster donation (check - made payable to Requin Base) to:

Lou Hamill - Commander USS Requin Base
4984 Apple Ridge Drive
Allison Park PA 15101

Respectfully


Lou Hamill





MEETING MINUTES

These are the minutes as recorded at the base meeting and are not edited or moderated by the newsletter editor. You can address any issues or concerns in the minutes with the [Base Secretary](#).

Requin Base Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2026

American Legion Post 641 Baden PA

Base Commander Lou Hamill called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Mike Allen, Willard Ashmore, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Don Bright, George Brown, Dan Busby, Joe Campisi, Joe Capito, Ken Crosby, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Bob & Lynn Gourley, David Halliday, Lou Hamill, John Held, Mark Hoag, Jean Lemieux, Vince Metz, Frank Nicotra, Jeff Olson, Ed Perlowitz, Chuck Shrump, Jeff & Eileen Simon, Jack Sutherin, James Taylor, Frank Vereb, Charlie Warren, Mike Wyxkoff, Ron Zahner.

Shipmate George Brown lead the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Base Commander Lou Hamill: We dedicate this meeting to our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our Shipmates on active duty in the service of the first line of defense of our Nation. Let us at this time, with a moment of silent prayer, remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice that we may gather here in Peace.

- USS PERCH (SS 176) March 3, 1942
- USS GRAMPUS (SS 207) March 5, 1943
- USS H-1 (SS 28) March 12, 1920
- USS TRITON (SS 201) March 15, 1943
- USS KETE (SS 369) March 20, 1945
- USS F-4 (SS 23) March 25, 1915
- USS TULLIBEE (SS 284) March 26, 1944
- USS TRIGGER (SS 237) March 26, 1945

We also honor our departed shipmates of the Requin Base lost in March; Dr. Carol Sawyer, Paul Wassenberg, Bernie Sigler, Mathias Holzer, and George Elder. Finally let us remember all the brave submariners who died performing their duties aboard submarines, some individually and some in groups, but where the submarine itself was not lost.

Chaplain Frank Vereb gave the Invocation.

Quote Of The Day: "The storm only comes to teach you how to skillfully sail your ship"

Requin History: Nothing to report

Members introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

Secretary Jeff Simon reported that Minutes of the previous base meeting were published in the SVD. With one minor correction, the minutes were approved as published and amended.

Treasurer Lee Bookwalter gave an accounting of base assets, expenditures, and deposits. With no objections, the report was approved.

Other Reports:

Binnacle List: Ron Zahner, Dave Halliday, Rick Elster

Eternal Patrol: Gerry Gaylor, Beverly Geyer

Base membership stands at 182.

Storekeeper

Eagle Scouts

PA License Plates

Floats

Kap(SS)4Kids(SS), May 4th at Children's Hospital

Mush Morton awards, next presentation May 1st

Charitable Foundation

Requin Endowment, fund raising stands at approximately \$25,000 towards a goal of \$50,000.

Social Committee

Upcoming Events:

- March 14th, Veterans Day Parade Pittsburgh PA. Muster at German Club 0830. Parade starts at 1000.
- March 19th, USS Pittsburgh Legacy Series – Jason Deichler speaking.
- April 25th, USS Idaho SSN-799 commissioning in Groton CT.

April Base meeting is being moved from Canonsburg PA to American Legion Post 641 Baden PA.

Old Business:

2026 Booster Drive, \$2,350 so far this year.

New Business:

Jeff Olson spoke regarding May 16th Armed Services Day 1000 to 1800 at Baden Municipal Complex, 149 State Street, Baden PA.

Literature is available from Mike Allen regarding VA burial applications and other VA benefits.

Good of The Order: Food orders for each Base meeting are submitted on Wednesday at noon. Members are requested to respond in a timely manner to meeting attendance emails.

Chaplain Frank Vereb gave the Benediction.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: American Legion Post 641 Baden PA at 1230 hours on April 11, 2026.

MONTH IN REVIEW

MARCH 19TH, 2026

11:30 AM Doors Open, 12:00 Program Start



USS PITTSBURGH LEGACY SERIES

Brought to you by the USS Pittsburgh Commissioning Committee

FORT PITT MUSEUM

Invitations are controlled as seating is limited. Contact Navy League Pittsburgh Council for details.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uss-pittsburgh-legacy-series-the-first-pittsburgh-tickets-1982330409618?discount=NavyLeaguePitt>

Agenda

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Capt (Ret.) Tom Clark

An overview of the USS Pittsburgh Commissioning Committee's Program of Work leading up to commissioning LPD 31. Introduction to the USS Pittsburgh Legacy Series and how the community can engage in preserving and advancing our naval heritage.

The First Pittsburgh – A Naval Legacy

Capt (Ret.) Byron King

Captain (Ret.) Byron King will present on the service and history of the first USS Pittsburgh, setting the foundation for understanding the enduring legacy carried forward through five namesake vessels.

Construction Update – USS Pittsburgh (LPD 31)

Capt Matthew Tardy

Captain Matthew Tardy, Program Manager Amphibious Warfare Program Office, will provide a construction update on LPD 31, highlighting milestones, progress, and insight into bringing Pittsburgh's next namesake

vessel to life.

Fireside Chat – Captain Jason Deichler

Capt Jason Deichler

A special conversation with Captain Jason Deichler, the last Commanding Officer of USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720), reflecting on leadership, service, and the enduring bond between the ship, her crew, and the City of Pittsburgh.

Special Announcement & Closing Remarks

Captain (Ret.) Paula “Polly” Bozdech-Veater,

Captain (Ret.) Paula “Polly” Bozdech-Veater, Chair of the USS Pittsburgh Commissioning Committee, will offer closing remarks and share a special announcement as we look ahead to commissioning and the next chapter in Pittsburgh’s proud naval legacy.

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: ARMED SERVICES DAY INVITATION

Date: Tue, 24 Feb 2026 12:19:15 -0500

From: Jeffrey Olson <olson.district26@gmail.com>

To: ITgeek8088@gmail.com <ITgeek8088@gmail.com>

Lou,

It was a pleasure speaking with you, and I truly appreciate you taking my call.

As we discussed, the Borough of Baden will be hosting an Armed Services Day Event not only to recognize and honor our military but, more importantly, to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our nation. As you know, Baden — and Western Pennsylvania as a whole — played a significant role in the early formation of the United States. This event is intended to reconnect our community with that history and highlight the importance of our region’s contributions to our country’s founding.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the:

Baden Borough Municipal Complex

149 State Street

Baden, PA 15005

The event will run from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with the Opening Ceremony beginning at 11:00 AM.

We would be honored to have you and the members of the USS Requin Veterans, Inc. participate by providing your float, and setting up a display table to promote your program and share educational materials. Your group’s involvement would greatly enhance the educational, historical, and cultural impact of the event. Please feel free to incorporate any information, demonstrations, or resources you believe would be meaningful to attendees.

Baden’s local history is deeply tied to the founding era. The borough was originally part of Logstown, an important Native American and colonial settlement. The area is also near the site of the first U.S. Army training encampment established under General Anthony Wayne — commonly known as Legionville — which is widely recognized as the first formal basic training camp of the United States Army.

Additionally, I would sincerely appreciate your assistance in connecting us with individuals or groups who

may be willing to participate and further strengthen the historical components of the event. We are currently seeking:

Revolutionary War reenactors

Civil War reenactors

World War I and World War II reenactors

A Frontiersman group

You also mentioned the possibility of assisting with contacts or individuals who could contribute to the event. Any support or direction you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

If this inaugural event proves successful, there has been discussion of developing it into an annual, county-sponsored event held in Beaver, the county seat, further expanding its reach and community impact.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. I look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Olson

724-570-4317

BADEN BOROUGH

ARMED SERVICES DAY

★ RECOGNITION ★

AMERICA 250



SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

BADEN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

149 STATE STREET, BADEN, PA 15005



Food - Entertainment - History

I found these pictures on a very old website named USSRonquil.com. Lots of great information about Gerry's ship, including some pictures accredited to Gerry Gaylor himself! I thought I would post those here to share.

- Editor



Skipper LCDR, Nace.

September 1949.



USS Ronquil Baseball Team, 1950.



USS Ronquil - Some of the crew at a Ship's Party, June 27, 1949.



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- ◆ Mike Ferranti can help with grants up to \$3000
- ◆ Disaster relief
- ◆ Medical emergencies
- ◆ Help when most needed



Building Fund

- Supports any building owned by or serving USSVI
 - Maintenance
 - Expansion
- Can serve as a “bank” to collect project donations until ready to be used
- Fund manager (Steve Day) can authorize up to \$3000 in expenditures



Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss)

- ♦ Respite for the sickest children
- ♦ Since 2007
- ♦ Over 25,000 children served
- ♦ John Riley has expanded program
- ♦ 10 bases now sponsor programs



Legacy Fund

- ♦ Opportunity to invest in what USSVI stands for
- ♦ Contribute by participating in the CF's *Living Legacy Fund*
 - ♦ \$10,000 pledge spread over 10 years
- ♦ Generates sustainable income to support programs preserving the heritage, dignity, and future of submarine veterans
- ♦ You decide which fund your contribution supports
- ♦ Supporting the CF is easy
 - ♦ Direct donations, planned giving, or a *Living Legacy* donation
- ♦ Contact Mike Talpai (legacy@ussvcf.org) for more information and assistance



Library Fund

- ♦ Over 2500 collected books & items
- ♦ Currently dormant and in storage
- ♦ Moving to St Mary's Submarine Museum spring 2026
- ♦ Fund managed by Joe Mathis



Monuments & Memorial Funds

◆ Perpetuating our Legacy.

- ◆ Supporting maintenance
- ◆ Adding new memorials
- ◆ Fund manager (Don Young) can authorize grants up to \$3000



Scholarship Fund



- ◆ Any member's child, step or grandchild, or legal ward may apply
- ◆ Awards (59 last year) based on applicant's merit and financial need
- ◆ Student must apply (www.ussvcf.org choose the "MORE" dropdown and find "APPLICATION") for the process
- ◆ Cutoff date is May 19th
- ◆ Dr Alan Fickett manages



CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Friends,

It has been a trying past few weeks since last we spoke. As you all know, Gerry Gaylor went on Eternal Patrol and was joined not long after by our dear friend, Beverly Geyer. To say they will be missed is an understatement.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members that were able to serve in the Funeral Detail for both Bev and Gerry. These are very difficult times for the families and for us to be there to lend a shoulder to lean on can mean a lot.

I decided, as Editor of this fine publication, to dedicate the March issue in memory of Gerry, one of the very few Old Time Submariners.

In His Service,

Frank T. Vereb

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STOREKEEPER'S REPORT

Please visit our online store at
<https://requinbase.org/shop/>

You can have your items shipped to you at home via USPS [for a small fee], or pick them up at the next USSVI meeting.



SAY AGAIN?

Small Boat Transfer: A small boat used to transfer things, usually sick or bereaved bubbleheads.

TDU Weight: A heavy steel disk used to properly add weight to a trash can that is discarded from the bottom of the boat. That way it sinks to the bottom of the ocean. Just like in the Cosa Nostra.

Phantom Shitter: A person, usually a watchstander, that simply CANNOT contain their bowels while in a precarious situation. Sometimes this person is forced to turn to a life of fecal crime by voiding their guts into a black garbage bag, which is then disposed of with the other trash. Tune in next month when I explain what happens when this bag makes it way into the TDU compactor with 3000# hydraulics!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Base Meeting

American Legion Post 641
11 APR 2026 @ 1230

Base Activities

- March 14th, Veterans Day Parade Pittsburgh PA
- USS Idaho commissioning will be April 25th in Groton CT



MEMBERSHIP

Primary:	153	National Life:	85	Holland Club:	98
Secondary:	13	Base Life:	80	WWII:	1
Associate:	16	Joined Base Last Year:	6	Eternal Patrol:	91
Total Members:	182	Joined Base This Year:	1		

NEW MEMBERS:

None.



FEATURED BOAT: USS RONQUIL SS-396



Gerry Gaylor, Rest Your Oar



History		General characteristics		General characteristics (Guppy IIA)	
	United States	Class & type	Balao-class diesel-electric submarine ^[2]	Class & type	none
Name	USS Ronquil (SS-396)	Displacement	1,526 tons (1,550 t) surfaced ^[2] 2,391 tons (2,429 t) submerged ^[2]	Displacement	1,845 tons (1,878 t) surfaced ^[7] 2,440 tons (2,479 t) submerged ^[7]
Namesake	Ronquill	Length	311 ft 6 in (94.95 m) ^[2]	Length	307 ft (93.6 m) ^[8]
Builder	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine ^[1]	Beam	27 ft 3 in (8.31 m) ^[2]	Beam	27 ft 4 in (8.3 m) ^[8]
Laid down	9 September 1943 ^[1]	Draft	16 ft 10 in (5.13 m) maximum ^[2]	Draft	17 ft (5.2 m) ^[8]
Launched	27 January 1944 ^[1]	Propulsion	4 × Fairbanks-Morse Model 38D8-10-cylinder opposed piston diesel engines driving electrical generators ^{[2][4]} 2 × 126-cell Sargo batteries ^[5] 4 × high-speed Elliott electric motors with reduction gears ^[2] two propellers ^[3]	Propulsion	Snorkel added ^[7] One diesel engine and generator removed ^[7] Batteries upgraded to Sargo II ^[7]
Sponsored by	Mrs. C. M. Elder	Speed	5,400 shp (4.0 MW) surfaced ^[2] 2,740 shp (2.0 MW) submerged ^[2]	Speed	Surfaced: 17.0 knots (19.6 mph; 31.5 km/h) maximum 13.5 knots (15.5 mph; 25.0 km/h) cruising Submerged: 14.1 knots (16.2 mph; 26.1 km/h) for 1½ hour 8.0 knots (9.2 mph; 14.8 km/h) snorkeling 3.0 knots (3.5 mph; 5.6 km/h) cruising ^[7]
Commissioned	22 April 1944 ^[1]	Range	11,000 nautical miles (20,000 km) surfaced at 10 knots (19 km/h) ^[2]	Armament	10 × 21 inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes (six forward, four aft) ^[8] all guns removed ^[7]
Decommissioned	May 1952 ^[1]	Endurance	48 hours at 2 knots (3.7 km/h) submerged ^[6] 75 days on patrol		
Recommissioned	16 January 1953 ^[1]	Test depth	400 ft (120 m) ^[2]		
Decommissioned	1 July 1971 ^[1]	Complement	10 officers, 70–71 enlisted ^[6]		
Stricken	1 July 1971 ^[2]	Armament	10 × 21-inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes 6 forward, 4 aft 24 torpedoes ^[2] 1 × 5-inch (127 mm) / 25 caliber deck gun ^[2] Bofors 40 mm and Oerlikon 20 mm cannon		
Fate	Transferred to Spain, 1 July 1971 ^[1]				
	Spain				
Name	Isaac Peral (S-32)				
Namesake	Isaac Peral (1851–1895), Spanish naval officer				
Acquired	1 July 1971				
Decommissioned	3 April 1984				
Honors and awards	Six battle stars				



Vancouver BC, 1966.

(L-R) Dave Barleen & Charles Storlie.



Yokosuka, 1966.

From Smitty July 47

In reply refer to:

SS396

U. S. S. RONQUIL (SS396)

Care of Fleet Post Office
New York, N.Y.

Serial:

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF SHIP'S COMMISSIONING PARTY

1. Drinking glasses @ 35¢ doz. 11 doz.	\$ 3.85
2. Drinking glasses @ 60¢ doz. 12 doz.	7.20
3. Ash trays @ 85¢ doz. 5 doz.	4.25
4. Rent of 56 glass bowls @ 5¢	2.80
5. Paper cups 500	4.00
6. Napkins 250	.25
7. Small paper cups 300	1.05
8. Paper plates 250	2.38
9. Bourbon 8 bottles	22.80
10. Rent for Hanna's	62.50
11. Flowers for tables and corsages	37.00
12. Prizes for dance contest	10.00
13. Whiskey and liquors	203.09
14. Crepe paper for decorations	3.45
15. Paper doilies for tables	3.80
16. 10 cases of beer for \$28.00 minus \$4.90 refund on bottles.	23.10
17. Miscellaneous items purchased by Boers	7.23
18. Mixer etc. from Commissary Store \$103.13 minus refund \$15.77	87.36
19. Three buses	35.00
20. Door Keeper	10.00
21. Bar tender	10.00
22. Bar tender	5.00
23. 10 cases of beer	33.80
24. One broken glass bowl @ 25¢	.25
25. Entertainment	175.00
26. Check room attendant	5.00
27. East room attendants	10.00
28. Bar tender	5.00
29. Two cases of whiskey from Mr. Rigby	82.80
30. Piano tuner	5.00
	<u>\$262.96</u>

J.P. RAGAN.

Audited and found correct this date: 21 April 1944

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THIS MONTH IN US SUBMARINE HISTORY

03/02/1945

USS Bowfin (SS 287) sinks Japanese transport Chokai Maru, and patrol bombers PB4Y-2 (VPB 119) sink transport Nichirin Maru in East China Sea.

03/03/1942

USS Perch (SS 176), after being depth-charged and irreparably damaged by Japanese destroyers Ushio and Sazanami, is scuttled by her crew in the Java Sea. All hands survive but are taken prisoner.

03/04/1945

USS Baya (SS 318) sinks merchant tanker Palembang Maru off Cape Varella, French Indochina, and USS Tilefish (SS 307) and sinks Japanese fishing vessel ShikoMaru.

03/05/1945

USS Sea Robin (SS 407) sinks three Japanese gunboats and USS Bashaw (SS 241) sinks two Japanese tankers.

03/06/1944

USS Nautilus (SS 168) attacks a Japanese convoy approximately 240 miles north-north west of Saipan and sinks transport (ex-hospital ship) America Maru.

03/07/1942

USS Grenadier (SS 210) torpedoes Japanese Asahisan Maru south of Shioya Saki, causing damage to the transport ship.

03/07/1958

USS Grayback (SSG 574) is commissioned. She is the first submarine built from the keel up with guided missile capability to fire the Regulus II missile.

03/08/1961

USS Patrick Henry (SSBN 599) returns from patrol to become the first ballistic missile submarine to use Holy Loch, Scotland, as a refit and upkeep anchorage.

03/09/1944

USS Lapon (SS 260), while pursuing a Japanese convoy in the South China Sea, sank two freighters and survived a counterattack by Japanese gunboat.

03/10/1944

USS Kete (SS 369) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks one cargo and two transport ships while dodging counterattacks.

03/13/1993

USS Montpelier (SSN 765) is commissioned at Naval Station Norfolk. The boat is the 15th in the Los Angeles-Improved class of attack submarines.

03/14/1945

USS Bream (SS 243) sinks the Japanese auxiliary submarine chaser Kihin Maru in the Java Sea, south of Borneo. Also on this date, USS Trepang (SS 412) sinks the Japanese guardboat Kaiko Maru off Inubo Saki, Japan.

03/17/1898

John Holland's submarine, Holland IV, performs the first successful diving and surfacing tests off Staten Island, N.Y.

03/17/1945

USS Sealion (SS 315) sinks Bangkok-bound Thai oiler Samui off Trengganu coast, while USS Spot (SS 413) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks army cargo vessel Nanking Maru off Yushiyama Island and damages cargo Ikomasan Maru, beached off Matsu Island.

03/17/1959

USS Skate (SSN-578) becomes the first submarine to surface at the North Pole, traveling 3,000 miles in and under Arctic ice for more than a month.

03/19/1945

Submarine USS Balao (SS 285) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks one troopship and three fishing vessels and damages another off the Yangtze estuary about 90 miles north-northwest of Shanghai.

03/20/1944

USS Angler (SS 240) completes the evacuation of 58 U.S. citizens, including women and children, from the west coast of Panay, Philippine Islands. The sub had been told there were only 20 people, straining the boats supplies until it arrived at Fremantle April 9.

03/21/1943

USS Herring (SS 233) sinks the German submarine U 163 off the Bay of Biscay. The German submarine was responsible for sinking USS Erie (PG 50) on Nov. 14, 1942.

03/21/1945

USS Baya (SS 318) sinks the auxiliary netlayer Kainan Maru off Cam Ranh Bay.

03/22/1943

USS Gudgeon (SS 211) attacks a Japanese convoy 30 miles north Surabaya, Java, sinking an army cargo ship while surviving the depth charge attack by her escort vessels. Also on this date, USS Tambor (SS 198) damages a Japanese transport in the Sulu Sea, off Negros, Philippines.

03/23/1944

USS Tunny (SS 282) sinks the Japanese submarine I 42 off the Palau Islands.

03/24/1944

USS Bowfin (SS 287) attacks a Japanese convoy, sinking both a transport and army cargo ship.

03/25/1915

The submarine, F-4 (SS 23) sinks off Honolulu, Hawaii, with the loss of 21 lives. It is the first commissioned submarine loss for the U.S. Navy.

03/27/1944

USS Hake (SS 256) torpedoes and sinks Japanese merchant tanker Yamamizu Maru about 75 miles south of Borneo. Also on this date, USS Rasher (SS 269) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks army cargo ship Nichinan Maru about 50 miles north of Bali.

03/28/1944

Submarines USS Barb (SS 220) and USS Silversides (SS 236) sink Japanese cargo freighter Fukusei Maru off Rasa Island and Japanese cargo ship Kairyu Maru off Manokwari, New Guinea, respectively.

03/29/1944

USS Haddo (SS 255) torpedoes and sinks Japanese army cargo ship Nichian Maru in South China Sea. Also on this date, USS Tunny (SS 282) torpedoes the Japanese battleship Musashi off Palau, necessitating for her to be repaired in Japan.

03/30/1944

USS Darter (SS 227) sinks a Japanese army cargo ship near New Guinea, despite the presence of an escort vessel. Also on this date, USS Picuda (SS 382) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks a transport ship near Guam while USS Stingray (SS 186) sinks a transport ship near Saipan.



Some of Ronquil Crew.



ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Denmark Airlifts US Submarine Crew Member In Urgent Arctic Medevac Off Greenland

By MI News Network

Published 23 FEB 2026

Denmark's military carried out an emergency medical evacuation of a United States submarine crew member near Greenland's capital, Nuuk, on Saturday.

The rescue took place about seven nautical miles (13 kilometers) off the coast in Arctic waters. The evacuation was confirmed by the Danish Joint Arctic Command.

According to Denmark's Arctic command, the crew member required urgent medical treatment while the U.S. submarine was operating in Greenlandic waters.



A Danish Defence Seahawk helicopter was deployed from an inspection vessel to retrieve the individual. The helicopter airlifted the submariner and transferred the patient to a hospital in Nuuk for immediate care.

The identity of the submarine and the medical condition of the crew member were not disclosed.

Greenland is an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark and sits in a strategically vital Arctic corridor.

The waters around Nuuk are part of key North Atlantic sea routes and are closely monitored due to increasing military and commercial activity.

The United States and Denmark maintain strong defense ties in the Arctic. The region has grown in geopolitical importance due to melting sea ice, expanding shipping lanes, and competition over mineral resources.

Submarine operations in Arctic waters are complex due to extreme weather, ice conditions, and limited emergency response infrastructure.

Medevac missions in this environment require precise coordination and rapid deployment capabilities.

The evacuation came the same day U.S. President Donald Trump announced plans to send a hospital ship to Greenland. He stated on his Truth Social platform that many residents in Greenland were sick and not receiving adequate care.

Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen defended Denmark's healthcare system, saying the country provides free and equal access to healthcare, including in Greenland.

Greenland occupies a critical position between North America and Europe. Its Arctic location makes it central to NATO surveillance, submarine tracking, and North Atlantic maritime security.

The Arctic is witnessing increased naval deployments as nations expand their presence. Military submarines routinely operate in the region for surveillance, deterrence, and training exercises.

Emergency response capabilities in the Arctic remain limited compared to temperate regions. Helicopter-based evacuations remain the fastest method for extracting personnel from vessels operating far from shore.



Mess Hall.

US submarine sinks Iranian warship off Sri Lanka killing at least 80 and leaving dozens more injured

By Tara Conham

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A US military submarine has launched a strike on an Iranian warship off Sri Lanka's coast, killing more than 80 people and leaving dozens more injured.

US defence secretary Pete Hegseth confirmed that America had torpedoed the vessel in international waters during a press conference on the war against Iran on Wednesday.

"The Iranian navy rests at the bottom of the Persian Gulf," he said, as he showed footage of Tuesday night's attack in the Indian Ocean on what he called the Islamic Republic's "prize ship".



Hegseth claimed it marked the first time an enemy vessel had been sunk by a torpedo since the Second World War.

Sri Lanka's navy said on Wednesday it recovered 87 bodies and rescued 32 people, after initial reports suggested more than 100 people were missing following the strike.

Sri Lanka's foreign minister Vijitha Herath told parliament that its navy had earlier received information that the Iranian frigate Iris Dena, with 180 people on board, was in distress and sinking. The island nation sent ships and air force planes on a rescue mission.

Navy spokesman Commander Buddhika Sampath said by the time navy ships reached the location, there was no sign of the ship and “there were only some oil patches and life rafts. We found people floating on the water.”

He said the 32 people rescued were admitted to a hospital in the seaside town of Galle on Sri Lanka's southern coast, while the bodies recovered were being brought to land.

Security personnel were seen standing guard in front of the National Hospital Galle, while ambulances drove into Sri Lanka's southern naval headquarters in the city.

Dr Anil Jasinghe, a top health ministry official, said one of those rescued is in critical condition, seven are receiving emergency treatment and others are being treated for minor injuries.

The Iris Dena – one of Iran's newest warships – is a Moudge-class frigate that patrols in deep water for the Iranian navy. It is armed with heavy guns, surface-to-air missiles, anti-ship missiles and torpedoes, and also carries one helicopter.

The frigate was the centrepiece of a two-ship international tour in 2023 that included port calls in countries including South Africa and Brazil, and was accompanied by the support ship Iris Makran, a converted oil tanker.

The US Treasury Department included both ships on a sanctions designation in February 2023 along with eight executives of an Iranian drone manufacturer that supplied the weapons to Russia for use against civilian targets in Ukraine.

At least 17 Iranian naval vessels have been sunk during the ongoing war, said US Admiral Brad Cooper, who leads the American military's Central Command.

“We are also sinking the Iranian navy – the entire navy,” he said in a video message. “Thus far we've destroyed 17 Iranian ships, including the most operational Iranian submarine that now has a hole in its side.

“For decades, the Iranian regime has harassed international shipping,” he added. “Today there's not a single Iranian ship underway in the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, or Gulf of Oman, and we will not stop.”

The sinking of the Iris Dena comes on the fifth day of the US and Israel's war with Iran, as countries across the Middle East continue to get dragged into the conflict.

During the Pentagon news briefing on Wednesday, Hegseth warned attacks on Iran will continue for as long as necessary and US “will punch Iran while it is down”.

“Our air defences and that of our allies have plenty of runway,” he told reporters. “We can sustain this fight easily for as long as we need to...”

“This was never meant to be a fair fight, and it's not a fair fight. We are punching them while they're down, and that's exactly how it should be.”

Speaking of the six members of the US military who have been killed in the conflict, he vowed to “avenge” their deaths. And asked about the attack on a girls' primary school in southern Iran, which killed more than 160 people including scores of pupils, he said the US is investigating the incident.

Explosions sounded in Tehran on Wednesday, with more than 1,000 people reportedly killed in Iran so far, while Israel's military said its air defences had been activated to intercept incoming Iranian missiles and explosions were heard around Jerusalem.

Blasts were also reported in Lebanon, where Israel said it is retaliating against Hezbollah militants. Thick columns of smoke rose above Beirut as renewed Israeli strikes reduced large buildings in the Haret Hreik to piles of rubble.

In the latest escalation in the expanding conflict, Nato air defences shot down an Iranian ballistic missile heading towards Turkish airspace, Ankara said. The missile was shot down over the eastern Mediterranean Sea. No casualties or injuries were reported in the incident, which prompted the first action from Nato forces so far.

WAR PATROL!

Editor's Note: In this month's WAR PATROL!, we follow the [USS S-32 \(SS-137\)](#) as she engages the enemy on her fifth war patrol in the Pacific in [OCT 1942](#). Will they be able to fire on the enemy after striking a sand bar?. Check it out in this issue of WAR PATROL!



General characteristics		Service record	
Class & type	S-class submarine	Operations	World War II
Displacement	854 long tons (868 t) surfaced 1,062 long tons (1,079 t) submerged	Awards	Pacific campaign Aleutian Islands campaign
Length	219 ft 3 in (66.83 m)		 American Defense Service Medal
Beam	20 ft 8 in (6.30 m)		 American Campaign Medal
Draft	15 ft 11 in (4.85 m)		 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with five battle stars
Speed	14.5 knots (16.7 mph; 26.9 km/h) surfaced 11 knots (13 mph; 20 km/h) submerged		 World War II Victory Medal 5 battle stars
Complement	42 officers and men		
Armament	1 × 4 in (102 mm)/50 deck gun 4 × 21 inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes		

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Subject: U.S.S. S-32 - Report of Fifth War Patrol.

PERIOD FROM: October 8-27, 1942. ✓

OPERATION ORDER: Commander TASK GROUP 8.5 OPERATION ORDER 21-42 and DESPATCH 230235 of OCTOBER, 1942.

PROLOGUE: Arrived DUTCH HARBOR on September 23, 1942, from FORTH WAR PATROL. Commenced refit on September 24, 1942, by Submarine Repair Unit assisted by ship's force. Completed refit on October 7, 1942. A very thorough main engine clutch overhaul job was done by repair unit. This repair unit accomplished excellent work and permitted the ship's crew to get sufficient rest and relaxation during refit period. Readiness for sea on October 8, 1942. Not depermed nor wiped; no training period.

1419 William
10/8/42

1. NARRATIVE:

Departed DUTCH HARBOR for areas assigned in accordance with Commander Task Group Operation Order 21-42. Air coverage until clear of swept channel. Surface escort by YP-400.

Storm coming up from the east; seas heavy with long high swells. At 1530 changed zone time to plus eleven.

1454 Xray
10/8/42

Cleared swept channel and at 1527 submerged for trim. The seas were very rough and our surface escort was having great trouble in maintaining steady course and speed thereby endangering us, hence we were unable to get a satisfactory trim dive.

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Surfaced at 1539. The after trim tank gave evidence of leaking in spite of tests and examinations during our refit period showing no leak. At 1556 sent message to escort YP-400 releasing her from duty assigned. At 1700 cleared AKUTAN PASS. At 1719 made trim dive proved us to be either heavier than usual or to have a faulty auxiliary tank gauge float. We finally decided the cause was in error after discussion with fueling gang who had checked fueling carefully and all tests indicated full amount reserve fuel on board. After trim tank had to be carried full as during our last war patrol, due to leaks under pressure. This again prevents more than 1½ torpedo reloads. In emergency we can dump water into the torpedo room bilges and thus get maximum reloads. At 1741 surfaced and went ahead at two thirds speed both engines, in accordance instructions, to conserve fuel for this long distance patrol.

0709 Xray
10/9/42

Sighted Navy PBY plane bearing 000 degrees true, distance three (3) miles. Exchanged recognition signals.

1040 Xray

Sighted Navy PBY plane bearing 275 degrees true, distance twelve miles. We were undetected and plane disappeared heading North.

1055 Xray

Sighted ship bearing 270 degrees true, distance ten miles. Later proved to be sail class submarine undoubtedly the Sail 28 returning from patrol. Exchange of recognition signals unsuccessful due to distance.

1207 Xray

Training dive, surfacing at 1252; battle surface and fired 5 service rounds from deck gun and one pan .30 calibre from machine gun.

0711Xray
10/11/42

Sighted plane bearing 070 degrees true, distance 4 miles heading toward us - unable to identify for certain but may be Army B-26. Dove immediately. Surfaced at 0723; plane not in sight.

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- 1202 Xray Sighted Navy PBY plane bearing 300 degrees true, distance 5 miles on course east. Plane did not detect us. At 1700 changed zone to plus twelve.
- 0700 Yoke
10/12/42 Ran out of reserve fuel in number 3 main ballast tank. This showed a fuel loss 9000 gallons. This had been suspected but we could not really believe such a discrepancy because the fueling was handled properly and tests were made during fueling process for presence of water. The only answer surmised was that the oil king at DUTCH HARBOR may have been receiving fuel from a tanker at the same time we were taking on fuel and between our checks we received water due to this double fueling. This fuel loss will shorten our stay around to a day or two depending upon the weather. An estimate of the situation should allow us to reach the and remain several days and return using two thirds speed on both engines enroute and two thirds speed on one engine returning and have a small factor of safety. This we intend to do realizing that weather will play an important part.
- 0815 Yoke Sighted Navy PBY plane bearing 220 degrees true, distance 10 miles. Plane turned towards us; recognition signals exchanged but he later made us feel uncomfortable by circling four times entirely too close - several times appearing to be on a bombing approach. We did not like it much. At 2400 changed time to zone minus twelve and date to October 14, 1942.
- 0611 Mike Sighted CAPE WRANGELL, ATTU ISLAND, bearing 340 degrees true distance 25 miles. Approached near enough to be certain of no off-lying vessels and then commenced patrol along rhumb line from CAPE WRANGELL to HOROMUSHIRO.
- 1000 Mile
10/15/42 Changed time to zone minus eleven. At 1029 submerged for training and surfaced at 1048.
- 10/16/42 Patrolled on surface.
- 0510 Love
10/17/42 Sighted single steady white light bearing 260 degrees true. It was the beginning of twilight and we were soon to be outlined against the horizon in the east so we closed as rapidly as possible on the surface until we thought detection improbable and at 0551 submerged for approach. The white light was burning well forward on the bow of a freighter. Battle stations submerged. Description of vessel is as follows: (a) Plumb bow. (b) Counter Stern. (c) Three island broken deck.

- (d) Two high masts.
- (e) Two kingposts, just forward and abaft bridge structure.
- (f) One stack (high).
- (g) Lightly loaded.

A search of merchant vessel plates did not permit us to definitely identify the vessel. Decision was reached to break off the attack at 0632 for the following reasons:

- (1) Believed to be a RUSSIAN ship.
 - (a) Steering a route probably used by Russian Merchantmen enroute VLADIVOSTOK to PETROPAVLOVSK or DUTCH HARBOR.
 - (b) Appeared similar to type shown on page 23 of O.N.I. number 208.
 - (c) Lightly loaded.
 - (d) Not zig-zagging.
 - (e) Burning one steady white light well forward and this may be required of Russian ships by the Japanese while in their waters.

0830 Love Sighted PARAMUSHIRO to.

1328 Love Sighted ship bearing 260 degrees true distance 4 miles, angle on the bow 95 degrees starboard on northerly course. Went to battle stations submerged and changed course to 310 degrees true. Attempted to intercept at high speed but vessel drew slowly away. Description of this ship, believed to be Japanese is as follows:

- (a) Raked bow.
- (b) Three island.
- (c) Cruiser stern.
- (d) Two masts.
- (e) One stack at height even with bridge structure and close abaft.

From sketch shown in "German and Italian Merchantmen and Raiders in the Pacific", serial number 0786216 of October 18, 1942, on page 21 it is believed quite possible that this vessel was the "MANYO MARU". At 1359 broke off attack; unable to intercept. At 1420 it was observed that this vessel changed course to enter KASHIMABARA WAN. At 1855 Love, surfaced off the coast of PARAMUSHIRU and charged battery.

2301 Love Secured one engine from battery charge and went ahead at two thirds speed one engine on course 230 degrees true. Decision was made to patrol off the entrance to MUSASHI WAN and ONEKOTAN KAIKYO. During night destroyed secret and confidential registered publications to prevent their falling into enemy hands in case of our destruction in salvageable waters.

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It will be necessary to operate in depths of less than 20 fathoms in order to thoroughly reconnoiter MURASUMI Wan. or get in real close to land.

0516 Love
10/18/42

Sighted steady white light bearing 345 degrees true and commenced approach on the surface. A long low black outline was soon made out under the white light; appeared only several thousand yards distance so submerged at 0552 because it was setting light in the east and we could easily be detected. At 0555 changed course to 350 degrees true and thought the object sighted was a large submarine. Approached slowly to allow for better light conditions. At 0644 identified object to be long breakwater extending out from KURABU ZAKI to the reefs lying nearby. Altered course to clear reefs and bring us south of the harbor.

0704 Love

Sighted two ships in MURASUMI WAN apparently at anchor bearing north. Decided to observe for movements and presence of more ships, hoping some would proceed out of the harbor.

0725 Love

Apparently ships are not preparing to leave harbor so decided to go in after them. The chart shows 10 fathoms of water within 1000 yards of their assumed position. No real evidence of any contact mine fields (absence of mine sweepers); no surface or air patrols sighted even though ONI reports show a large air field here; so believe our chances good to enter slowly for attack. Current now flooding at 2 knots, set 300 degrees true. Commenced approach. Decided to work northwest until we could attack from the west or southwest and fire two torpedoes at each ship, depth setting of six (6) feet. Both vessels appear to be about 5000 - 6000 ton freighters similar to plate #98 "HAKODATE MARU" shown in pamphlet "Recognition of Japanese Merchantmen". Rigged for depth charge.

0945 Love

Sound reported high speed screws bearing north and southwest of us but periscope searches revealed nothing. Considered we would be in firing position at 1031. The surface was very calm so periscope exposures had to be infrequent and very short. Tubes ready for firing at 1021 Love.

1023 Love

Took periscope look for final check up and while looking we struck an uncharted sand bar and were suddenly angled up 10 degrees, seemingly out of control, depth gauge showing 32 feet. I decided to fire as soon as possible since we were apparently sighted showing our periscope shears, bow and possibly our whole bridge structure.

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1023 Love (cont'd)

The next few seconds we slid over bar, took a down angle, at high speed and regained control somewhat.

1025 Love

Fired 2 torpedoes at each ship; changed course to the left with full rudder and full speed to 220 degrees true. Maneuvered at high speed and varying courses to clear harbor. Two dull explosions were heard by men in the radio shack, engine room and motor room about two minutes after firing first torpedo, and about 17 seconds apart. Remained as deep as possible while proceeding from harbor. Made torpedo reload.

1045 Love

Came to periscope depth to observe damage. Right hand ship was afire amidship below bridge structure and had settled somewhat. Dark brown smoke was pouring out from her starboard side near the water line and billows of light gray smoke was massed near the water line on each side of the dark smoke area. Since she was anchored in shallow water she may have been resting on the bottom. The left hand ship was mostly obscured by the right hand ship and no evidence of damage to her was noticeable but torpedo tracks observed heading for each ship. It is probable that there were two hits on the right hand vessel but from observed torpedo wakes there should have been a hit on each. After this observation and a look for signs of enemy AS measures (negative) we went to 80 feet and proceeded out of harbor.

1205 Love

Secured from battle stations and commenced periscope patrol remainder of the day, course east out of ONEKOTAN KAIKYO.

1527 Love

Sighted smoke and then the tops of a two masted vessel bearing 180 degrees true, distance about 9 miles course approximately 270 degrees true. Checked her speed and found her too far away and making about 10 knots so did not attempt approach.

1848 Love

Surfaced went ahead two-thirds speed on one engine and recharged battery on the other. Set course 090 degrees true enroute DUTCH HARBOR due to fuel shortage and time limit. Decision was made to cover route leading from KISKA to ONEKOTAN KAIKYO.

1303 Love

10/19/42 Sighted Japanese destroyer of the "SHIGURE" class bearing 000 degrees true distance 10,000 yards, course 095 degrees true.

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1307 Love Submerged, changed course to 060 degrees true and commenced approach. The destroyer speed was about 15 knots. She drew ahead rapidly and then changed course to 125 degrees true. The nearest we could get was about 6500 yards and she finally crossed our bow and disappeared without any further course change, bearing 100 degrees true. This destroyer was apparently not heading for any particular port and was assumed to be out looking for us or on a regular patrol. Distance to PARATUSIRU is only 100 miles.

1419 Love Surfaced and continued course and speed. Destroyer not in sight; horizon misty, visibility fair.

10/20/42 Patrolling on surface along rhumb line from KURABU ZAKI to point

2050 Love Cleared our despatch to task group commander reporting arrival time at Meridian 170 degrees east.

10/21/42

10/22/42 Patrolling on surface; making early morning and evening dives daily until arrival DUTCH HARBOR. At 2000 love changed time to zone minus twelve. At 2400 mike changed zone time to plus twelve and retained same date, 23 October.

10/23/42

0847 Yoko Sighted Navy PBY plane bearing 050 degrees true, course 270 degrees true, distance twelve (12) miles and altitude about 3000 ft. Apparently plane crew failed to sight us and disappeared on same course at 0900 yoko.

10/23/42

1100 Yoko Arrived at point number 63 and commenced return to DUTCH HARBOR along route through odd numbered points and AKUTAN PASS.

10/23/42

0723 Yoko Sighted Navy PBY plane bearing 000 degrees true, course 260 degrees true, distance ten (10) miles and altitude about 1000 feet. Apparently plane crew failed to sight us and disappeared on same course bearing 305 degrees true.

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0100 Yoko Changed zone time to plus eleven.

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2015 Xray Sent despatch reporting arrival at 200 mile circle.
Seas heavy, barometer dropping rapidly.

0500 Xray Set all ships clocks ahead one (1) hour to zone
10/26/42 plus ten time. Rough going all day - seas and winds of
gale force.

0600 William Submerged earlier than usual for morning twilight
10/27/42 due to moonlight condition and proximity to AMUTAN PASS.
Surfaced at 0800. Contacted surface escort, YP-333,
at 0915.

1317 William Arrived at Submarine Base, DUTCH HARBOR.
10/27/42

2. WEATHER

(a) Enroute PARAMUSHIRU; moderate seas, wind and seas
from the east. Good visibility with only occasional
rain squalls.

(b) East coast PARAMUSHIRU; moderate seas, wind and seas
from the southeast. Visibility averaged fifteen miles.

(c) Enroute ALEUTIAN Chain; heavy seas, rain and a 25-40
knots wind for the first three days. Wind and seas
initially from the southeast, then shifting to south and
west. Weather was excellent after this period, with
long low swells and light winds from the west. Experienced
seas and winds of gale force on the 25 th and 26 th.

3. TIDAL INFORMATION

(a) Enroute PARAMUSHIRU the currents were negligible.

(b) PARAMUSHIRU, the eastern coast and ONKOTAN KAIKYO
the currents observed were in agreement with indications
shown on charts and in Japan Pilot Volume 1, 1938.

(c) Enroute DUTCH HARBOR, currents were negligible.

4. NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

(a) Mountain peaks, rocks and tangents on PARAMUSHIRU
viewed from the eastern waters were easily recognizable
(H.O. chart 5322).

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(b) A white light is located near the lower extremity of KURABU ZAKI (latitude 50-00-00 North, longitude 155-23-00 East). This light had no regular period and was used apparently only for certain reasons. At times it was steady, then flashing and once appeared to be signalling.

5. DESCRIPTION OF ENEMY SHIPS

Contact:	Date-Time	Position	Course	Speed	Description
No. 1	10/17/42	Lat. 50-25N: 0000° T. 12			Vessel of about 6000 tons; three island, raked bow; cruiser stern; very high bow and stern, two high masts with heavy cross-trees, single stack at even height with bridge structure amidships just abaft bridge; could make out derricks housed on after mast. Believe this vessel to be the raider "MANYO MARU" or very same type as shown on page 21 of "German and Italian merchantmen and Raiders in the Pacific Ocean".
No. 2	10/18/42	Lat. 50-01N. -		0	Two large freighters at anchor in KUSASHI HAN. Tonnage 5000-6000 tons. Type similar to "HAKODATE MARU" shown on plate #98 in pamphlet "Recognition of Japanese Merchantmen".
No. 3	10/19/42	Lat. 50-00N. 095° T. 15			Destroyer of the "SHIGURE" class.
	1303 Love	Lg. 158-25E and 125° T.			

6. AIRCRAFT SIGHTED

Contact:	Date-Time	Type	Position	Course	Altitude	Remarks
No. 1	10/9/42	Navy PBY	Lat. 52-15N: 0000° T.		2000 ft.	Exchanged recognition signals.
	0709 Xray		Lg. 167-45W.			

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Con tact	Date-time	Type	Position	Course	Altitude	Remarks
2	10/9/42 1040 Xray	Navy PBY	Lat.52-00N. Lg.168-24W.	000°T.	1500ft.	Plane passed out of sight to westward and gave no indication of sighting us.
3.	10/11/42 0711 Xray	Army B-26	Lat.50-27N. Lg.178-14W.	250°T.	1500ft.	This plane was heading directly for us and the O.O.D. was not too positive of identification at the time so we dove to escape. Believe plane was Army B-26.
4.	10/11/42 1202 Xray	Navy PBY	Lt.50-23N. Lg.179-11W.	090°T	2000ft.	Plane passed out of sight to the eastward and gave no indication of sighting us.
5.	10/12/42 0815 Yoke	Navy PBY	Lt.50-38N. Lg.176-15E	270°T.	1500ft.	Exchanged recognition signals.
6.	10/23/42 0847 Yoke	Navy PBY	Lt.50-36N. Lg.177-35E	270°T	3000ft.	Plane passed out of sight to the westward and gave no indication of sighting us.
7.	10/24/42 0723 Yoke	Navy PBY	Lt.51-07N. Lg.177-23W.	270°T	1000ft.	Plane passed out of sight to the westward and gave no indication of sighting us.

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