

STEEL VALLEY DOLPHINS



HOW DID A SUBMARINE
DIESEL GENERATOR GET THE
NAME "BIG RED?"

BILL LINDSEY TELLS ALL ABOUT
THE USS CINCINNATI SSN-693
MEMORIAL



USS Patrick Henry SSBN-599



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 JUL 2026 @ 1230 hours

American Legion Post 641

BASE LOCATION



American Legion Post 641

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FROM THE EDITOR

Please send ideas for articles or copies of articles, with full credit information to me for consideration of submission in the SVD. We are a SUBMARINE group. As such, the articles should be SUBMARINE or NAVY-related.

DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN 1600 ON WEDNESDAY AFTER POST MEETING

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Tolling of the Boats for June

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 and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and 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 18, 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 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.

USS Runner (SS-275)

Lost between June 26 & July 4th 1943 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. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.



Man Our Ship and Bring Her to Life!



Submarines Commissioned During the Month of June

C-1 SS-9	6/30/1908	Wikipedia	NavSource	
F-1 SS-20	6/19/1912	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
F-2 SS-21	6/25/1912	Wikipedia	NavSource	
O-5 SS-66	6/8/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
O-6 SS-67	6/12/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
N-5 SS-57	6/13/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
O-3 SS-64	6/13/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
N-4 SS-56	6/15/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
N-7 SS-59	6/15/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
R-7 SS-84	6/12/1919	Wikipedia	NavSource	
R-21 SS-98	17-Jun-19	Wikipedia	NavSource	
R-24 SS-101	6/27/1919	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-1 SS-105	6/5/1920	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-49 SS-160	6/6/1922	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-32 SS-137	6/15/1922	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-51 SS-162	6/24/1922	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
S-22 SS-127	6/23/1924	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-46 SS-157	6/5/1925	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Dolphin SS-169	6/1/1932	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Cuttlefish SS-171	6/8/1934	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Pompano SS-181	6/12/1937	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Sturgeon SS-187	6/25/1938	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Skipjack SS-184	6/30/1938	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Tambor SS-198	6/3/1940	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Grayback SS-208	6/30/1941	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Albacore SS-218	6/1/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Whale SS-239	6/1/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Shad SS-235	6/12/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Amberjack SS-219	6/19/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Capelin SS-289	6/4/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Rasher SS-269	6/8/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Cod SS-224	6/21/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Crevalle SS-291	6/24/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Escolar SS-294	6/2/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Sea Dog SS-401	6/3/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Icefish SS-367	6/10/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Bergall SS-320	6/12/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sea Fox SS-402	6/13/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Besugo SS-321	6/19/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Atule SS-403	6/21/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Blenny SS-324	6/27/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Spikefish SS-404	6/30/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Ling SS-297	6/8/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sea Leopard SS-483	6/11/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sabalo SS-302	6/19/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Menhaden SS-377	6/22/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Clamagore SS-343	6/28/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Greenfish SS-351	6/7/1946	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Trout SS-566	6/27/1952	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sculpin SSN-590	6/1/1961	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Scamp SSN-588	6/5/1961	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Alexander Hamilton SSBN-617	6/27/1963	Wikipedia	NavSource	

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BINNACLE LIST		ETERNAL PATROL		IN REMEMBRANCE	
NONE		NONE		Carl Benson	TMM3 (SS) 6/19/23
				Henry Franz	RM3 (SS) 6/5/22
				Robert Keller	MMC (SS) 6/7/21
				Aaron Ellis Jr.	MMCM(SS) 6/21/19
				George R. Heron	EM2(SS) 6/2/15
				William E. Britt	FTCS(SS) 6/2/12
MEMBER BIRTHDAY		SPOUSE BIRTHDAY		WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	
Jeffrey Simon	7/1	Joan Guntang	7/1	Eileen & Daniel Klemz	7/3
Christopher Shal	7/2	Patricia Nelson III	7/1	Annette Romain & Eric Sipos	7/5
Aaron Houpt	7/3	Trude Hayes	7/2	Christina (Tina) & Michael Wyckoff	7/9
Pete Poninsky	7/3	Beth Klebache Lacey	7/2	Christine & Lawton Gaines	7/10
Charles Shrump	7/5	Ruth Ann Shal	7/2	Nita & Ronald Campbell	7/12
John Mason	7/9	Peggy Gibson	7/5	Gwen & Gregory Bushko	7/14
Edward Morgan	7/9	Vivian Mack	7/7	Barbara & Reno Farina	7/15
Maria Renzelli	7/12	Gail Nicoletti Swinney	7/8	Sandra & Robert Lindsey	7/20
Michael Cherock	7/13	Christine Certich	7/13	Gail Nicoletti & Terry Swinney	7/28
Gregory Bayne	7/14	Eva Mathews Holzwarth	7/13	Dorothy & Donald Bright	7/29
Peter Foster	7/17	Sondra Schwarz	7/15	Rosemary & Richard McCarthy	7/30
Cody Johnston	7/18	Rose Nicotra	7/16		
C. William Greenlee	7/22	Eileen S. Simon	7/22		
David Halliday	7/24	Holly Sipes Jr.	7/23		
Eric Sipos	7/25	Elizabeth Davis	7/26		
Robert Gourley	7/26				
Gerald States	7/27				
Louis Hamill	7/28				
Lawrence Day	7/30				





Requin Base
Commanders Column
June 2026

Shipmates,

I want to thank Charlie Warren and those that helped setting up our June meeting at the Columbiana OH American Legion. I would like to thank everyone that came to the meeting.

July 4th is our parade in Canonsburg. I will send out a notice about a week before with details and request an attendance report.

The base needs a Ways and Means chair. If you can fulfill this role, please let me know.

Ways and Means Committee Purpose – To plan and implement activities that will bring funds to the Base beyond the collection of dues.

Responsibilities:

1. Create and implement plans for raising funds to benefit the base.
2. Work with other base members to carry out the fundraising plans.

Pride Runs Deep

Lou Hamill

Commander USS Requin Base



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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.

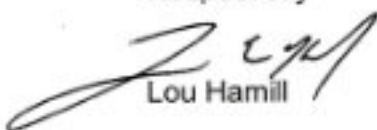
Additionally, we support the crew and families of the USS Idaho SSN-799.

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
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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
June 13, 2026
American Legion Post 290 Columbiana OH

Base Commander Lou Hamill called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Willard Ashmore, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Don Bright, Joe Campisi, Ken Crosby, Ed Derr, Huey Dietrich, Bob & Lynn Gourley, David Halliday, Lou Hamill, Steve Kerch, Bill & Sandy Lindsey, Bob & Jude Meyers, Ed Perlowitz, Jack Sutherin, Frank Vereb, Charlie Warren, Ron & Marianne Zahner.

COB Bob Meyers led 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.

Boats Lost:

USS HERRING (SS 233) June 1, 1944
USS R 12 (SS 89) June 12, 1943
USS GOLET (SS 361) June 14, 1944
USS BONEFISH (SS 223) June 18, 1945
USS S 27 (SS 132) June 19, 1942
USS O-9 (SS 70) June 20, 1941
USS RUNNER (SS 275) June 26, 1943

We also remember our departed shipmates of the Requin Base Carl Benson, Henry Franz, Robert Keller, Aaron Ellis, George Heron, and William Britt. Let us also remember 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: "Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later." - Og Mandino

History of the Requin: June 30, 1949, soon after her return to New London CT, Requin was transferred to Norfolk VA for duty with Subron 6. June 29, 1968, Requin was reclassified as AGS-481. June 30, 1971, Requin was reclassified as IXSS-481.

Members' Introduction

Base Commander Lou Hamill reported that Minutes of the previous base meeting were published in the SVD. With no objections, the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Lee Bookwalter did not report on base assets, expenditures, and deposits as we are away from home port.

Other Reports:

Binnacle List: None

Eternal Patrol: None

Base membership stands at 180.

Storekeeper, many submarine items on sale

Eagle Scouts

PA License Plates

Floats, a new tire and rim on order for the People Mover. A new driver is needed for the People Mover.

Kap(SS)4Kids(SS), resupply of giveaway items is in progress. Fund raising is needed to support future efforts.

Mush Morton awards will be presented by Lawton Gaines.

Requin Endowment, fund raising stands at approximately \$30,045 towards a goal of \$50,000.

Charitable Foundation

Social Committee hopes to have an event in August

Past Events

- May 11 - Kap(SS)4Kids(SS) at Children's Hospital
- May 13 - 17th Annual Fish Rodeo
- May 16 - Armed Services Day
- May 24 - Tolling of the Boats on USS Requin SS-481
- May 24 - Carnegie Parade
- May 25 - Sewickley Parade with People Mover
- May 25 - Lawrenceville Parade with Nautilus float
- May 25 - Coraopolis Parade
- May 29 - CSS-2 Change of Command, CAPT Jason Deichler departing

Upcoming Events

- July 4 - Canonsburg Parade, muster at 0800 at VFW Post 191.
- July 11 - Base Meeting

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- June 28, Fish Rodeo at North Park
- Discussion on payment to float drivers for mileage during parades and other events. A motion to give \$25 per event to each float driver was approved by the members present.
- All submissions to the Steel Valley Dolphins must be submitted to Frank Vereb no later than 1600 on the Wednesday immediately following each Base meeting.

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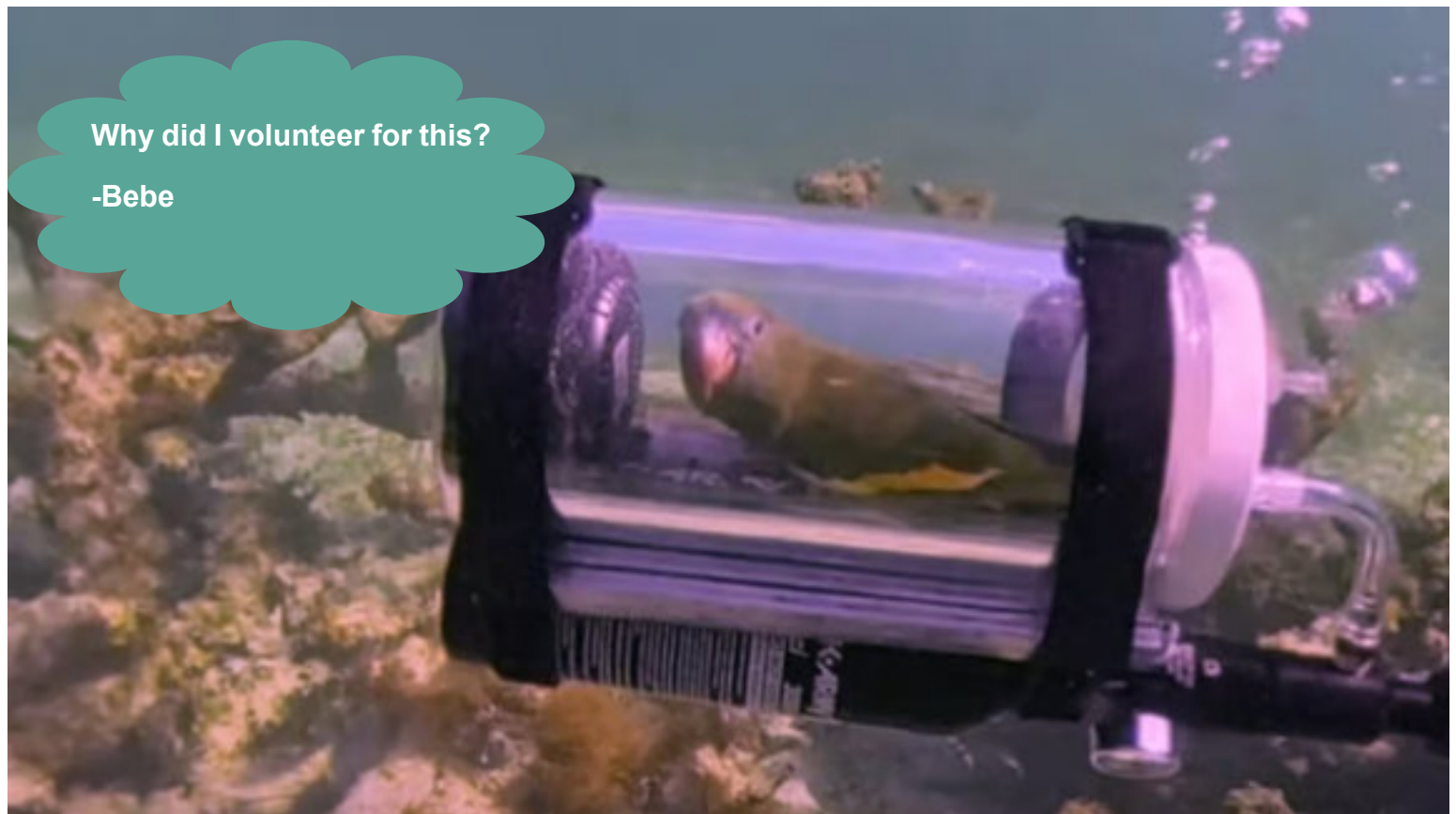
- Bill Lindsey discussed the recent USS Cincinnati reunion.

- Thank You letters were received from Linda Gayler and Beverly Vince.

Chaplain Frank Vereb gave the Benediction.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

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



Why did I volunteer for this?

-Bebe

MONTH IN REVIEW

Feature Article

Contribution by Bill Lindsey, MMCM(SS), Retired, Cincinnati Plankowner

The Life of the USS Cincinnati SSN693

Christened and Launched on February 19, 1977 at Newport News, VA

Commissioned on June 10, 1978 at Newport News, VA

Decommissioned on July 29, 1995

Recommissioned on May 16, 2026 as the USS Cincinnati Peace Pavilion

As a Plankowner, I wormed my way onto the invite list to the Memorial Dedication of the USS Cincinnati Peace Pavilion at West Chester, Butler County, Ohio. Although it took almost 30 years to raise the community interest, locate a home for the memorial and raise the money to build the memorial, it was done with great style. The effort concluded with the shipping of over 100 tons of material that included the upper rudder, the sail, and the emergency diesel and generator. from Puget Sound Shipyard. These components were laid out to represent the 360 foot length of the sub. That emergency diesel, known as the "Big Red" carried a lot of meaning for the crew. The name and the paint job came about to repay the support of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. The Team also provided official team ball caps to the original crew. To the best of our knowledge this diesel is the only submarine diesel painted bright red and the red ballcaps were the only approved uniform exception to the navy blue caps or white "dixie cups" of the era. The Memorial is physically located near the Voice of America (VOA) Museum and Park, about 20 miles north of downtown Cincinnati. Both the VOA and the Cincinnati played key roles during the cold war era.

My wife, Sandy, and I stayed in the area for four days during the weekend of the opening of the memorial along with about 200+ past crew members. Most past crew members came with a stacks of pictures, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia that were freely shared by all. In addition to the formal ceremony, there were a few gatherings where we could reminisce and refresh old friendships.

During our visit we were able to meet and tell stories with at least one native of Cincinnati, plankowner Terry Ligget. I was able to pass on to Terry a copy of a local newspaper that documented his role on the Cincinnati. In other cases, we discussed crew members that have gone home to their maker. One of which was Chief John Wass, another native of Cincinnati and our original Commanding Officer, Gilbert VanBuren Wilkes who passed in 2023 in New London, CN. Additionally, I was happy to find one fellow plankowner that I served with in the navy and later worked with him in the civilian nuclear industry as fellow Florida Power & Light employees.

Although I was on the lookout for any familiar face in the crowd that I had served with, I was surprised to hear from an attendee that the "Master Chief" was looking for me. My response was, "What Master Chief". He was one of the five speakers on the program: the Ninth Master Chief of the Navy (MCPON), James Herdt (ret) that relieved me as the Senior Engineering Assistant (better known as the Bull Nuke), as I was leaving the Cincinnati with my orders in-hand to the Army's Sgt-Major Academy in Fort Bliss, TX. Jim's recollection was that we had an extended conversation during our turnover about the Sgt-Major Academy. I was excited about my selection, and he had never heard of it. He had applied for the Navy's Senior Leadership Academy and later applied for the Sgt-Major Academy. Later the Commanding Officer called Jim in to congratulate him on his selection to the "Academy". Jim thought he was going to the Navy's Academy (nice but not quite as well developed as the 6-month Army Academy.) Jim gave me a little credit for promoting the Sgt-Major Academy and setting him on a path of promotions that led to his selection as the Master Chief of the Navy. His comment was, "The SGT-Major Academy was the best military school he ever attended", an opinion that I share. I'm not sure that my discussions carried that much weight, but it was nice to hear. Jim passed on to me his challenge coin that showed his achievements included not only his submarine qualification (SS), but also included

Surface Warfare (SW) and Air Warfare (AW) quals he earned during subsequent assignments. He told me he always wore his dolphins above the other warfare pins. OBTW, Jim is the only nuclear trained individual selected as the MCPON.

Some Memorable Moments from my service on SSN 693

Visits to Cincinnati, OH – The City of Cincinnati hosted two groups of plankowners from the USS Cincinnati to the city for four or five days of building a partnership with the boat during our shipyard construction time. One trip was led by the, CO, Gilbert Wilkes, and with about 15 crew members who spent their time with city fathers at the Queen City Club. Many prominent Speakers addressed the crew at a sumptuous dinner. While in town we were all guests of honor at a Cincinnati Reds ball game. During the second visit, the city repeated a similar schedule for the Exec Officer, Edison Lee Watkins, and an additional group from the crew. These two visits were initiated by the then current Mayor of Cincinnati, none other than the late Jerry Springer. The mayor spoke at our visiting dinners and passed on the “Key to the City”. Jerry Springer also joined the crew at the Commissioning ceremony in Newport News, VA.

August 1979 - Finnish Seaman rescue – About one year after commissioning while operating on the surface about 60 miles east of Ft. Lauderdale, FL one of our crew spotted something in the water about 2 ½ miles away through our periscope. As we approached the unknown, it was found to be a sailor that fell off a Finnish freighter, the Finnbeaver. Antero Kampurri had been in the water for about 72 hours and was happy to join the crew. Later the ship was given a Finnish Lifeboat Society Award and Plaque in recognition for the rescue.

President Richard M. Nixon & Adm. Rickover visit on the Cincinnati – President Nixon was the one president that backed the Admiral in the years of promoting a strong nuclear submarine force. Pres. Nixon had always wanted a ride on a submarine, but for security and limited communications reasons, the sitting president’s visit could not be arranged. Only after he left office did the Admiral arrange for a ride on the Cincy. I recall that we were returning from an operation and looking forward to a big ship’s crew celebration. The CO, after a couple of very high-level calls, passed on to the crew strict orders for no discussion, go to your home, refresh and return to the ship at a specific time, prepared for a special weekend mission. No one but the CO knew what the mission was, but when the boat tied up remotely from the base and was met by a parade of black SUV’s loaded with suits, each wearing ear plugs coming aboard the boat, we knew it was big. That was the start of a three-day weekend with Rickover, Nixon, CO, XO, etc. touring every space on the ship while we poked holes in the Atlantic. The Adm. never asked for anything for himself but led the Nixon visit as he addressed every submariner on the boat, shaking hands and sharing questions/answers with the entire crew. During the entire visit, it was likely that the president and admiral got no more than 8-10 hours of sleep. OBTW – I still have President Nixon’s SIGNED business card in my scrapbook.

Visit to Haakonsværn, Norway – Following our participation in a joint NATO exercise we were invited to a visit to the Norwegian equivalent to our New London submarine base. We were joined by a German destroyer and a few other participants. Serving on the German Destroyer we found a US Navy CPO in the Personal Exchange Program, (PEP) who was our interpreter on the destroyer. We greatly enjoyed our short visit and viewed several submarine “dens” of the Second World War, shared a few rations onboard the destroyer, toured the base and all came back with traded uniform pieces.

A big “Thank You” to all that made to Memorial Dedication possible:

Navy League
Submarine Cincinnati Memorial Association
Cincinnati Council Board of Directors
Conger Construction Group
MetroParks of Butler County, OH
USSVI Cincinnati Base members that will be serving as Docents for the memorial

ED NOTE: Very special thanks to Bill for putting this together. VERY well done and I for one look forward to my next trip to KY so I can swing by this Memorial on my way home.

- FTV

















To the USS Renguin Shipmates,

Please accept our family's appreciation for remembrance of our sailor, John Bistolas

The bond shared with all the Renguin Base friends was important to him in many ways.

Your kind donation will provide a shadow box for his Renguin vest, medallion and his Eternal Patrol Certificate.

Warm regards and many thanks,

Liz, Rebecca and Christopher Bistolas

2026 National Convention Update

Shipmates,

Just a reminder that the convention will be here soon, Sept 6-11 th in Corpus Christi, TX. The hotel room block is over 85% full, and registrations are coming in at a steady pace. You can check out the sailing list to see who's coming on the convention web page <https://subvetconvention.org>. While there, make sure to register yourself and book your rooms. The room block cutoff date is 10 August, and we will close registration shortly after Aug 21st.

Make sure to look around while visiting the web page and review the POW and other info there to see what a variety of things we have planned this year. Maybe you've

never been to a convention before, and are not sure if you should go, or maybe you are short on time. We stacked the schedule, knowing that time is important to many, so you can come on down and start things off later in the week. Maybe start on Wednesday with the Holland Club Luncheon, attend the Halfway Night Party, Men's and Ladies luncheon, Tolling and BBQ on the USS Lexington, and Awards Banquet on Friday, and head home Saturday Morning. You have lots of options. We'd love to host you here the entire week, but come when you can.

Are you driving down, remember parking is either at a very reduced rate in the covered garage at the hotel for \$7 a night, or there is even free parking across the street on an open lot.

Are you flying in? Don't forget to contact the Hotel prior to coming and let them know When you arrive, you can take advantage of the free shuttle to and from the airport.

Do you need a rental car? We don't think so, but there is an Enterprise office right next to the hotel. If you decide you want one for a day or more, you can pick one up once you arrive at the hotel.

Want to see your base's name up in the lights? Please consider placing an ad in the convention souvenir program. Details on the web page, and it's a great way to help and show off a little bit.

Follow us on FB and Instagram to keep up with what's happening, also.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Texas at Sparkling City on the Bay!

Respectfully,

Rick Mitchell

2026 Convention Co-Chairs



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- ◆ Mike Ferranti can help with grants up to \$3000
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- ◆ 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



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



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- ♦ 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,

As usual, it was great to see so many of you participate in the "parade of parades" over Memorial Day weekend, and really all the events that happened through the month. That unity and esprit de corps is what drives us to consistently achieve our chartered goal of honoring our fellow Shipmates.

I also got to thinking about how different our parades are, once you get below the surface (no pun intended). I mean to say, some are short (Carnegie), some are long (Sewickley), some have us deal with the local municipality to register and get setup, and still others are driven primarily by, surprise, fellow veterans. Here I am thinking of the Coraopolis parade. It is a joint venture between the VFW and the American Legion, and the officers of those groups (particularly CDR Jack Cairns) do yeoman's work in handling the minutia that make the parade possible. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Sub Vets...that is a nice mix to honor all those who gave their lives in the pursuit of liberty and freedom.

I also feel it is incumbent upon me to point out that the Coraopolis Parade contained representatives of the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) based out of Coraopolis. Why is this noteworthy? Because approximately 1,000 members of the 316th were just recently deployed to the Middle East for at least the next 12 months. And the Grand Marshall of the parade was a 35 year Army Reserve veteran who served in part in the 316th. Folks, this is local esprit de corps at its finest and I was **honored** to be part of the rifle squad that day and stand at attention as the Requin Base drove by followed not long after by the 316th element.

Parades are nice. We get attention for our mission, receive handshakes and well wishes, and the admiration of countless kids chasing our bubbles and grabbing up our stickers. Not bad! It's even better when it does not rain, wink wink. Do not, however, let the pomp and circumstance distract you from the fact that while we are Submariners, we are still part of a larger brotherhood - like it or not. The grunts, skimmers, jarheads, blue suits, etc., deserve our respect. Especially those that never made it home, and there are a hell of a lot of them.

I say all this to say that the behind the scenes work that makes it possible to flash our pearly whites (or what have you, Polident) at some of these events is not just a bunch of stiff or politicians in a committee that could not spell comradery with the help of both Funk and Wagnall. It is sometimes other veterans that had different experiences than we had when we served - some for the better and some for the worse. We show up, but they give us the opportunity to show up.

And I think that is a beautiful thing. Especially on a day when we all carry such a heavy solemnity. As we should.

In His Service,

Frank T. Vereb

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STOREKEEPER'S REPORT

Please visit our online store at
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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?

Bugjuice: A yummy drink made from the tears of electric snowmen.

Mic Check: Does anybody really read this column anymore?

2 clicks: Anybody that actually reads this and emails me as proof will inspire me to keep it going. Otherwise....over the side she goes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Base Meeting

American Legion Post 641
11 JUL 2026 @ 1230

Base Activities

- July 4 - Canonsburg Parade, muster at 0800 at VFW Post 191.
- July 11 - Base Meeting



MEMBERSHIP

Primary:	151	National Life:	83	Holland Club:	96
Secondary:	13	Base Life:	80	WWII:	1
Associate:	16	Joined Base Last Year:	6	Eternal Patrol:	95
Total Members:	180	Joined Base This Year:	2		

NEW MEMBERS:

None this month.



FEATURED BOAT: [USS Patrick Henry SSBN-599](#)

History



United States

Name	<i>USS Patrick Henry</i>
Namesake	Patrick Henry (1736–1799)
Ordered	31 December 1957 ^[1]
Bulder	General Dynamics Electric Boat
Laid down	27 May 1958 ^[1]
Launched	22 September 1959 ^[1]
Sponsored by	Mrs. Leslie F. Ahrends
Commissioned	11 April 1960 ^[1]
Decommissioned	25 May 1984 ^[1]
Stricken	16 December 1985 ^[1]
Fate	Recycling via Ship-Submarine Recycling Program completed 21 August 1997

General characteristics

Class & type	<i>George Washington-class submarine</i>
Type	SSBN
Displacement	5400 tons light ^[2] 5959–6019 tons surfaced ^[2] 6709–6888 Approx. tons submerged ^[2]
Length	381.6 ft (116.3 m) ^[2]
Beam	33 ft (10 m) ^[2]
Draft	29 ft (8.8 m) ^[2]
Propulsion	1 S5W PWR ^[2] 2 geared turbines at 15,000shp ^[2] 1 shaft ^[2]
Speed	20 kn (37 km/h) surfaced ^[2] +25 kn (46 km/h) submerged ^[2]
Range	unlimited except by food supplies
Test depth	700 ft (210 m) ^[2]
Complement	Two crews (Blue/Gold) each consisting of 12 officers 100 men
Armament	16 Polaris A1/A3 missiles ^[2] 6 × 21 in (530 mm) torpedo tubes ^[2]



THIS MONTH IN US SUBMARINE HISTORY

06/01/1939

Capt. Hollis M. Cooley, director of the Naval Research Laboratory, proposes research in atomic energy for future use in nuclear powered submarine.

06/01/1943

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

06/02/1943

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

06/02/2012

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

06/04/1944

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

06/05/1944

USS Puffer (SS 268) attacks a Japanese convoy in the Sulu Sea and sinks underway replenishment vessel Ashizuri and oiler Takasaki while also damaging tanker No.2 Hishi Maru, north-east of Borneo. Also on this date, USS Shark (SS 314) sinks Japanese transport Tamahime Maru and army transport Takaoka Maru west of the Mariana Islands.

06/07/1944

USS Mingo (SS 261) torpedoes and sinks Japanese destroyer Tamanami, 150 miles west-southwest of Manila while USS Skate (SS 305) attacks a Japanese convoy in the southern Sea of Okhotsk and sinks destroyer Usugumo, 160 miles north of Etorofu, Kuril Islands. Additionally, USS Sunfish (SS 281) attacks Japanese fishing boats en route from Matsuwa to Uruppu, Kuril Islands, shelling and sinking No.105 Hokuyo Maru, No.5 Kannon Maru, Ebisu Maru, and Kinei Maru while USS Flasher (SS 249) sinks Japanese transport No.2 Koto Maru off Cape Varella, French Indochina. Lastly, USS Bonefish (SS 223) shells and sinks Japanese guardboat Ryuei Maru at the mouth of Tarakan Harbor, Borneo.

06/08/1943

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

06/08/1959

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

06/09/1944

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

06/09/1959

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

06/10/1945

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

06/12/1942

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

06/13/1992

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

06/18/1983

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

06/19/1943

USS Gunnel (SS 253) damages Japanese gunboat Hong Kong Maru (ex-Philippine Argus) and sinks freighter Tokiwa Maru off Shirase, Japan, and costal minesweeper Tsubame. Also on this date, USS Sculpin (SS 191) sinks Japanese guardboat No.1 Miyasho Maru and army cargo ship Sagami Maru off Inubo Saki, Japan.

06/20/1941

USS O-9 (SS 70) sinks off Portsmouth, N.H., during a test dive. Salvage ships located her in more than 400 feet of water, but she had suffered crushing damage from the water pressure at that depth and all 33 men on board had been killed.

06/20/1945

The coordinated submarine attack group, commanded by Cmdr. Earl T. Hydeman, continues operations against Japanese shipping in the Sea of Japan. USS Tinosa (SS 283) sinks army cargo ship Taito Maru and freighter Kaisei Maru. Also on this date, USS Kraken (SS 370) sinks Japanese auxiliary sailing vessel No.58 Tachibana Maru in Sunda Strait, off Merak.

06/21/1944

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

06/22/1963

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

06/24/1944

Navy submarines USS Grouper (SS 214), USS Redfin (SS 272) and USS Tang (SS 306) attack Japanese convoys off the coast of Japan, sinking seven enemy vessels.

06/25/1942

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

06/26/1945

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

06/27/1945

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

06/28/1943

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

06/30/1942

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

06/30/1945

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



ARTICLES OF INTEREST

USS Newport News holds change of command across from namesake city

By Petty Officer 1st Class Jacob Bergh Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic

Published 11 JUN 2026



NORFOLK, Va. — Cmdr. M. Eric McCay relinquished command of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Newport News (SSN 750) to Cmdr. Carlos M. Iguina during a traditional change-of-command ceremony held pierside in Norfolk, Virginia, June 5, 2026.

The ceremony marked the official transfer of responsibility and authority for Newport News from McCay to Iguina.

McCay assumed command of Newport News in November 2023. During his tour, he led the crew through a demanding operational schedule while maintaining the submarine's readiness to execute missions in support of national security objectives.

"Newport News was in an interesting spot as it was initially scheduled to decommission in October of 2023," McCay said. "When our schedule was adjusted, to include a deployment, this incredible crew stepped up in dramatic fashion and got the ship in the best shape of its life, while also preparing for deployment, excelling through inspections, and taking on every exercise and midshipmen cruise thrown our way."

McCay's previous submarine assignments include USS Kentucky (SSBN 737), USS Olympia (SSN 717), and executive officer aboard USS Chicago (SSN 721).

"This crew is proud," Cmdr. Carlos M. Iguina said. "This crew is motivated. This crew wants to succeed and support not only the ship, but the entire submarine force. USS Newport News, I am incredibly excited to work with each and every one of you."

USS Newport News is the third U.S. Navy ship named for Newport News, Virginia, following USS Newport

News (CA-148), a Des Moines-class heavy cruiser in service from 1948 to 1978, and USS Newport News (AK-3), a former German cargo ship named Odenwald acquired by the U.S. Navy during World War I. The submarine Newport News has a crew of more than 135 personnel, is more than 361 feet long, and can displace nearly 6,000 tons.

The Los Angeles-class, sometimes called the LA-class or 688-class, is a class of nuclear-powered fast-attack submarines that forms the backbone of the U.S. Navy's submarine force. Sixty-two submarines of this class have been completed, 41 are still in active service.

Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities of sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or response to regional crises.

New Look at America's Next Ballistic Missile Submarine

By Ethan Gossrow

Published 10 JUN 2026



The completed bow section of the future USS District of Columbia, pictured indoors for the first time. Photo from Ashley Cowan's LinkedIn.

These photos offer a new look at both the in progress bow and stern section, with the stern due to house the both the propulsion system and the X-shaped stern control planes. Naval News has previously reported on the arrival of the “Atlas” dry dock meant to service the Columbia-class SSBNs in January of 2026. The continual delivery of components, entire sections of the submarine, and supporting infrastructure suggests that the construction process continues to rapidly progress prior to the delivery of SSBN-826 herself sometime in early 2029.

The Columbia-class of SSBNs remains amongst the Navy's top priority as the class continues to see investments, with the next 5 boats in the class (hulls 4-8) procured at a rate of one per year over the next 5 fiscal years, for a total cost of \$62 billion dollars dedicated towards the missile boats.

The Columbia-class ballistic missile submarines represent the U.S. Navy's replacement for the aging Ohio-class ballistic missile boats, representing continuity in regards to America's sea-based leg of the nuclear triad as the Ohios are continually phased out of service until the early 2040s, when all will be retired.

The Columbias feature several qualitative enhancements fostered in the 5 decades since the inception of the Ohio-class, including a quieting and propulsion technology leap (including electronic input for the control

surfaces), new sonar arrays and other sensor upgrades, and additional space granted by the Columbia's larger size. Despite the Columbia's increased size, the amount of Trident missiles aboard drops from 24 on the Ohios to 16, with the jury still out on uses for the extra tonnage.

Fabrication of the Columbias utilizes modular construction methods, allowing for separate manufacturing of submarine modules by different companies, prior to final assembly at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut. Tallying all compartments, including 4 missile compartments each carrying 4 UGM-133 Trident II D5LE (Life Extension) submarine launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), the Columbia will total out to just over 20,000 tons.

As currently planned, the Navy will see a total of 12 Columbia-class ballistic missile subs funded and constructed, with the USS District of Columbia herself entering service in 2029, and the last boat of the class inducted in 2041-2042. The Columbias will serve into the 2080s at least, likely matching or exceeding the total service life of their predecessors.



Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Daryl Caudle, tours General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, April 10, 2026, with SSBN-826's stern in the background. (U.S. Navy Photo.)

WAR PATROL!

Editor's Note: In this month's WAR PATROL!, we follow the [USS S-34 \(SS-139\)](#) as she struggles in poor sea state with a damaged rear radar mast during her 3rd War Patrol [14 NOV 1942 - 11 DEC 1942](#) . Will the mast foul the propellers with enemy nearby?. Check it out in this issue of WAR PATROL!



History	
	United States
Name	USS S-34
Builder	Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation
Laid down	28 May 1918
Launched	13 February 1919
Commissioned	12 July 1922
Decommissioned	25 October 1922
Recommissioned	23 April 1923
Decommissioned	23 October 1945
Stricken	1 November 1945
Fate	Sold for scrap, 1946
General characteristics	
Class & type	S-class submarine
Displacement	854 long tons (868 t) surfaced 1,062 long tons (1,079 t) submerged
Length	219 ft 3 in (66.83 m)
Beam	20 ft 8 in (6.30 m)
Draft	15 ft 11 in (4.85 m)
Speed	14.5 knots (16.7 mph; 26.9 km/h) surfaced 11 knots (13 mph; 20 km/h) submerged
Complement	42 officers and men
Armament	1 × 4 in (100 mm) 50 deck gun 4 × 21 inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes
Service record	
Operations	World War II
Awards	1 battle star

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COMSUBPAC PATROL REPORT NO. 85
U.S.S. S-34 - THIRD WAR PATROL.

From: The Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet.
To : Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet.

Subject: U.S.S. S-34 (SS139) - Report of Third
War Patrol.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Comtaskgroup 8.5 Conf. ltr. TG8.5/
A16-3 Serial 038 of October 24, 1942.
(B) Copy of Consubron 45 Conf. ltr. FC45/A16-3
Serial 046 of October 18, 1942.
(C) Copy of subject war patrol.

1. Enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded for
information.

2. The remarks of Commander Task Group 8.5 concerning
the necessity of sufficient thorough periscope sweeps to retain
the initiative are concurred in.

3. The Commanding Officer is directed to recommend
ALLEN, B. F., CMM(AA), U.S. Navy, for suitable recognition for
his performance of difficult and hazardous duty on September 20.

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Flag Secretary.

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TGS.5/A16-3
Serial 038

October 24, 1942.

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From: The Commander Task Group Eight Point Five.
To : The Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet.
Subject: U.S.S. S-34 - Report of Third War Patrol.

1. It is noted that the subject report is labeled the Fourth War Patrol, the voyage from PUGET SOUND to DUTCH HARBOR having been considered as the third. Accordingly, subject report is to be considered as the third.

2. Two enemy contacts were unproductive. One with a submarine did not present an attack opportunity. The other with a SHIRATAKI class minelayer was under circumstances which might well have resulted in the destruction of an important combatant ship. The attack was frustrated by depth charge attack, with the unusual feature of the attackers not being sighted. It is clear from the number of charges dropped that surface craft were involved. In waters where enemy counter-action is always to be expected a vital factor in a successful approach is the making of sufficient thorough periscope sweeps to prevent loss of the initiative through surprise.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of Commander Submarine Squadron Forty-Five's comment, this was the fifth case of a flooded Mark II - Mod. III warhead. Replacement heads are being obtained from the Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, and defective heads are being shipped to the Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, Washington, which is informed of the recommended alteration to the joint ring.

ENCLOSURE (A)

FC45/A16-3
Serial 046

October 18, 1942

CONFIDENTIAL

From: The Commander Submarine Squadron Forty-Five.
To : The Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet.
Subject: U.S.S. S-34 - Third War Patrol.

1. This was the Third War Patrol for this vessel. A trip from Puget Sound Navy Yard was erroneously reported previously as the Third War Patrol. The duration of this patrol was twenty-eight (28) days, of which twenty-two (22) were spent on station.

2. The S-34 returned in excellent material condition. All defects will be corrected during the refit period.

3. A Mark X - Mod. III warhead was found flooded during inspection of torpedoes. Flooding was caused by the loosening of the boss, piece nine, Bureau of Ordnance Drawing five one two eight three, breaking loose from joint ring, piece one. By separate correspondence the Bureau of Ordnance has been informed of this weakness in these heads and it has been recommended that an additional ring within joint ring be installed to eliminate the use of bosses. The flooding makes the torpedo about one hundred and twenty-five pounds head heavy.

ENCLOSURE (B)

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: U.S.S. S-34 - Report of Fourth War Patrol

1. NARRATIVE (Zone times as indicated)

9/14 - 1800(W) Underway from Dutch Harbor for War Patrol in accordance with COMTASK GROUP 8.5 OP Order 14-42. Proceeded on surface at 2/3 on both engines (9.0 knots) via restricted zone.

1912(W) Made trim dive.

9/16 - 1700(W) Changed to zone time X-ray.

2200(X) Crossed 180th Meridian.

2212(X) Stopped for fathometer sounding over BOWERS BANK. Received probable 250 fathoms.

2300(X) Received probable 300 fathom sounding.

9/17 - 0725(X) Made training dive, exercised at emergency drills, went to 150 feet. Found two small leaks in main engine circulating water system. Set two torpedoes at seven (7) feet, two at nine (9) feet.

1116(X) Got sun line, using bubble octant on horizon, results considered very good. Heavy roll precluded observations with bubble.

1616(X) Entered patrol area, commenced submerged patrol at periscope depth across the SEMTCHI - BULDIR - SIRIUS Pt. route.

9/19 - 1030(X) Reconnoitered eastern end of ALATTU and McDONALD COVE, took pictures. Nothing in sight.

9/20 - 2008(X) Surfaced in vicinity of BULDIR ISLAND and found after radio mast partially carried away, with possibility of completely carrying away and fouling the propellers and stern planes. In spite of heavy seas running, put man over the side to cut adrift the wreckage, and to rig two forward wing antennas. Special credit is due B.F. Allen, CMN(AA), U.S.N. for the successful accomplishment of this difficult and hazardous task.

2100(X) Underway, proceeding toward ATTU ---

ENCLOSURE "C"

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: U.S.S. S-34 - Report of Fourth War Patrol

- 9/21 - 0625(X) Commenced submerged patrol in areas ATTU -- and --. Present intention is to conduct, in rotation one days patrol on a North and South line 15 miles west of CAPE WRANGEL; one days patrol following the coast line North of ATTU, and one days patrol on a North and South line from CHIRIKOF POINT.
- 1546(X) Investigated HOLTZ BAY. Negative information.
- 9/24 - 2020(X) Received directive from CTG 8.5 to patrol West of CAPE WRANGEL and along North Coast of ATTU. Changed operations accordingly.
- 9/26 - 0200(X) Received directive to shift area to SEMDIR and KISKA--. Will reconnoiter north coast of ATTU enroute new station.
- 1230(X) Noticed several shacks on plain east of RED HEAD, ATTU.
- 1500(X) Heard 15 explosions at a considerable distance, which sounded like three sticks of aircraft bombs. Nothing visible.
- 1830(X) Reconnoitered HOLTZ BAY, negative information.
- 9/27 - 0100(X) Patrolled submerged in vicinity of BULDIR ISLAND.
- 9/28 - 0545(X) Commenced submerged patrol off SIRIUS POINT, KISKA ISLAND, and decided to close sufficiently to insure intercepting any vessel approaching or leaving KISKA HARBOR. Weather clear, visibility unlimited, scattered clouds, sea calm with moderate swell, no whitecaps.
- 1045(X) Sighted twin float monoplane over KISKA, distant eight (8) miles.
- 1210(X) Heard two distant explosions.
- 1414(X) Sighted steamer distant seven (7) miles in position bearing 045⁰T., seventeen (17) miles from Point SIRIUS, apparently headed for KISKA HARBOR. Commenced approach. Later identified as minelayer of the SHIRATAKA class.

ENCLOSURE "C"

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- 1518(X) Heard twelve (12) explosions astern in two sets of six. Apparently from aircraft. Continued with approach.
- 1520(X) Heard seven (7) depth charges astern, went to deep submergence, commenced evasive action. Received twenty-eight (28) more depth charges in the next forty (40) minutes, seven (7) of which were close. No damage noted. Total received - forty-seven (47) charges.
- 2006(X) Surfaced, nothing in sight. Continued patrol in KISKA --.
- 10/4 - 1428 - Heard thirty (30) explosions, from
1454(X) considerable distance. Nothing in sight.
- 1716(X) Heard two (2) more explosions. All these explosions were considered to come from the direction of KISKA.
- 1800(X) Commenced patrol in KISKA --.
- 10/6 - 0552(X) Sighted submarine on course for KISKA HARBOR distant 4 miles. Commenced surface approach.
- 0606(X) Lost visual contact with enemy, dove, continued submerged approach. Contact never regained.
- 0825(X) Sighted PBV twenty-four (24) miles bearing 030° T, from KISKA.
- 1402(X) Sighted three (3) B-24's apparently over KISKA HARBOR.
- 10/8 - 2000(X) Cleared KISKA -- area, set course for DUTCH HARBOR.
- 10/11 - 0930(X) Moored at Submarine Base, Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

ENCLOSURE (C)

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