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**USSVI REQUIN BASE NEWSLETTER**



## 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

July 10, 2021 @ 1230 hours

At Baden American Legion

### Base Location



American Legion Post 641  
271 State St  
Baden PA 15005

### 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.

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ATTEND A MEETING!

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For additional information about what is happening at **YOUR** base, go to

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## Binnacle List

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James Kontir, Tino Balcato  
Beverly Geyer, Rick Elster

## Eternal Patrol



Phil Dietrich (Huey's brother)  
Robert Keller

## Boats Lost



### 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.

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

### Member

### Spouse

Jeffrey B. Simon	07/01/53	Joan Guntang	1-Jul	Eileen & Daniel Klemz	3-Jul
Christopher Shal	07/02/64	Patricia Nelson III	1-Jul	Mary Yarnig-Wassenberg & Paul Wassenberg	5-Jul
Aaron Houpt	07/03/78	Ruth Ann Shal	2-Jul	Christina (Tina) & Michael Wyckoff	9-Jul
Pete Poninsky	07/03/47	Trude Hayes	2-Jul	Christine & Lawton Gaines	10-Jul
Charles Shrump	07/05/51	Beth Klebache Lacey	2-Jul	Nita & Ronald Campbell	12-Jul
Edward Morgan	07/09/45	Jennifer Cuddy	5-Jul	Gwen & Gregory Bushko	14-Jul
Ronald Lucas	07/10/57	Peggy Gibson	5-Jul	Liz & James Harris	14-Jul
James Mears	07/11/41	Vivian Mack	7-Jul	Barbara & Reno Farina	15-Jul
Maria Renzelli	07/12/75	Gail Nicoletti Swinney	8-Jul	Sandra & Robert Lindsey	20-Jul
Michael Cherock	07/13/71	Kyle Abel	10-Jul	Louise & Bill Kielar	21-Jul
Gregory Bayne	07/14/61	Eva		Ruth & Douglas Johnson	27-Jul
Peter Foster	07/17/69	Mathews Holzwarth	13-Jul	Gail Nicoletti & Terry Swinney	28-Jul
C. William Greenlee	07/22/39	Sondra Schwarz	15-Jul	Dorothy & Donald Bright	29-Jul
Paris vonRabenau	07/22/43	Mary Yarnig-Wassenberg	18-Jul	Rosemary & Richard McCarthy	30-Jul
Robert Gourley	07/26/42	Dolly vonRabenau	21-Jul	Lois & Eber Tripp	31-Jul
Louis Hamill	07/28/62	Eileen Simon	22-Jul		
		Holly Sipes	23-Jul		
		Elizabeth Davis	26-Jul		
		Carol Keller	29-Jul		





Last Saturday was our first traveling meeting of the year. It was a great success and I take my hat off to all the ship mates and first mates who attended. Three out of Four shipmates who live in the area were in attendance. It was great seeing shipmate Mike Markel and his first mate, Carmella, along with Jack Sutherin and Jimmy List with his first mate Charlene. Our newest member Charles Warren just moved into the Columbiana area has offered to drive the older shipmates to our meetings in Baden – KUDOS Charles. It is always a struggle to set up the away meeting by telephone, with a change of employees at the legion from year to year! Again, thanks to Warren, who has volunteered to step up and do the arranging for next year’s meeting in COLUMBIANA!

The crew of the COD from Cleveland was not in attendance! The reason was that the COD was being put in dry-dock on Sunday. We wish our sister boat, lots of luck!

There were over thirty shipmates and first mates in attendance! That is awesome. But you swabs know me, I am never satisfied with the great attendance and always want more. I am looking to double the attendance at future meetings – LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Our parade season has been put on hold for a good while. It is ready to take off again! Here are the parades!

- 1. Canonsburg - July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2. Midland - July 4<sup>th</sup>
- 3. Titusville – August 14<sup>th</sup>

Last year the parades were cancelled. FYI -in 2019 we won the award for the best Parade Float in the Canonsburg parade. So in essence, we are the reigning parade champion! We will be sending out parade details on parking and road closures – the parade truck is available for the first mates and all who need a ride

Our parade float “Nautilus” has lost its storage space. Shipmate Clair Bouts is downsizing and selling his home-stead! Shipmate Lou Hamill has offered storage space. We have ordered a canvas garage and we will be having a work detail to work on the foundation and other issues to make a happy home for the NAUTILUS

**IDAHO FUND:                    \$10,001.00**

At of our June meeting, the Fund was standing at \$9,200.00! We had six (6) members step up and donated another \$601.00.

**KUDOS, KUDOS, KUDOS!**

The VFW post 9199, purchased 2 coin racks and 1 sub tap handle for a total of \$190.00. That almost put us over the top. This brought us to the total of \$9,991.00. Shipmate Lou Hamill took the opportunity to break our goal, by jumping at the chance and quickly donated \$10.00 to bring the Idaho Fund to \$10,001.00,





Joe Campisi, Vince-Jimmy Metz, Chad Underkoffler, Lou Hamill and myself, attended the unveiling of the sub tap handle on Thursday evening at the VFW Post 9199. We were welcomed by the Vets in attendance, plus numerous auxiliary and social members. It was a great adventure and we were treated like family. Hopefully we can continue to add to our goal by the JULY Meeting, which will be held at the American Legion in Baden, on Saturday, July 10, at 12:30 hours! There are three other shipmates who have expressed the desire to donate \$600.00 to the Fund.



### **WEBCAST WITH ADMIRAL SELF AND CAPTAIN DEICHLER**

We are working on having a webcast with our own Admiral Self and Captain Jason Deichler. It is scheduled for July 27, at 19:00. I want as many shipmates as possible to participate! We are having an organizing meeting with Tom Clark, who is also the President of the Navy League, to discuss the questions to be ask to the Admiral, and the proper procedure to participate on the web-cast. More information will be distributed to the base in a timely manner.





A big THANK YOU goes out to Sam Tarantole. Sam contacted us to ask if we would be interested in his library of Submarine/Navy books as he is moving to Alabama and will not have room for them. We gladly accepted his offer and his collection will be added to our library.

We had a great conversation. I sure do wish I had met Sam earlier. Godspeed Sam.

On another note....Did you notice his hat? I'm just saying... :)







## Month in Review



Military Appreciation Day at Baden American Legion Sunday, May 16th  
Attending: Huey Dietrich, Joe Campisi, Lou Hamill, Carl Stigers, Chad Underkoffler, Chuck "Bat" Masterson



It was GREAT to be out with the crew once again. We tolled the bells for those submarines and submariners lost while serving this great nation. Let us not forget all those who gave their life in the line of duty so that we may enjoy our freedoms.





Requin Base brick at the Baden American Legion, Thank You Bat







Greetings to all my fellow Requin Base shipmates, spouses, and associate members,

Recently I got into a discussion online on one of the social media sites about the integrity of Gods Word. The subject for this article is unimportant but the individual kept driving the discussion to his point that the Scripture I had referenced needed to be looked at in the social acceptances of the time it was written. The scripture I referenced called the sin worthy of death and the individual claimed that there was major social acceptance of the sin. And that one needed to look at other items of the day.

2nd Peter 1:20 says: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

My reply was that God has clearly placed in His Word that what any one individual declares it to mean that He, God, has already determined what it was that He, desired to say and mean. And so, if the Word of God is of no private interpretation, then how does one gather what it means? There are a few clues about how to approach the Word of God.

1. God means what he says right where it is written. Simple, Go forth and sin no more. I am guessing that most people can gather the intent just by reading it. Amazingly this applies to about 96% of the Bible.

2. We must look at the first usage of the Word. For some of the more obscure used words one needs to look at the first usage. God makes known his intent.

3. And finally one needs to look at the context when it may be a singular used word.

As a humorous usage of the above reasons why one must not privately interpret the Word Of God let us assume that one has decided to open the pages randomly and pick a scripture with their finger. The first one says...And Judas went and hanged himself. Not being impressed our individual flips some pages and picks out... go though and do likewise, Not really like the progression of the daily readings he tries again and gets...that which thou doest do quickly...You can point out that all those scriptures do indeed state what I have written but that is not the intent of God by any means.

When reading the Bible take the time to read for your understanding. God's Word tells us that he will give us wisdom and will open our spiritual eyes when reading the Word.

It was a blessing for me to see you all that were at the Ohio meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. Or perhaps at one of the upcoming parades.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters deployed in harm's way and for those other service members deployed overseas in combat or support areas. Pray for our Country and leadership. Please know that I lift all of you up in prayer much every day.

In His Service,

Carl Stigers

National Chaplain/ Requin Chaplain



## Store Keepers 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.





# Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2021  
Columbiana, Ohio

**Base Commander Huey Dietrich** called the meeting to order.

**Attendees:** Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, George Cindy Brown, Joe Campisi, Ed & Mary Jane Derr, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Lou Hamill, Bill Lindsey, Chuck & Nancy Loskosh, Chuck "Bat" Masterson, Vince Metz, Chuck Shrump, Carl Stigers, Jack Sutherin, John Bistolas, Rick Flaugh, Gerry & Linda Gaylor, John Held, Jim & Charlene List, Mike & Carmella Markel, Chuck Warren, Mike Pellegrino

**Base Commander Huey Dietrich:** Quote of the day: "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people"

**History of the Requin:** June 3rd following shakedown off the New England coast, USS Requin departed Portsmouth New Hampshire in route to Hawaii. June 30, 1949 soon after her return to New London CT, Requin was transferred to Norfolk VA for duty with Subron 6. Into the spring of 1950 she operated in the western Atlantic ranging from Nova Scotia to the West Indies. From June to August 1959, the Charleston Shipyard in South Carolina removed all Requin's radar equipment making her more streamline. June 29, 1968 Requin was reclassified as AGS-481. June 30, 1971 Requin was reclassified as IXSS-481. June 17, 1972 Requin was transferred to Tampa Florida as a tourist attraction. She remained in the role until 1986 when she was closed down due to a lack of funding and support. For four years she remained abandoned at the pier.

**Base Commander Huey Dietrich:** 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. 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.

**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 shipmate of the Requin Base Bill Britt and George Heron. 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 Carl Stigers** gave the Invocation.

Members introduced themselves and the boats they qualified on.

**Shipmate 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** gave an accounting of base assets, expenditures, and deposits which are available upon request. With no objections, the report was approved.

**Other Reports:**

Binnacle List: Bob Bittner, Donna Greenlee, James Kontir, Tino Balcato, Beverly Geyer, Rick Elster  
Eternal Patrol: Phil Dietrich (Huey's brother), Robert Keller  
Membership stands at 197. A summary of changes to membership was given.





**Storekeeper Frank Nicotra** Not present

**Shipmate Vince Metz** reported on Eagle Scout court of honor presentations.

### **Memorial and Ceremonies**

Canonsburg Parade Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1000 hours. Midland Parade July 4<sup>th</sup>, Titusville August 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Old Business:**

Memorial Service was held onboard the USS Requin on Sunday May 30.

Fund raising for USS Idaho support activities stands at \$9200.00 towards our goal of \$10,000.

### **New Business:**

The base will participate in a joint webcast with the Navy League. We will continue to wait for the Admiral's schedule.

Requin Memorial Day service was outstanding. Lunch for volunteers was \$92.00. Patti no longer in charge of Requin. Maria is now in charge of the Requin exhibit. Huey read letter from Patti.

### **Good of The Order:**

Please vote for District commander, Tom Denton running.

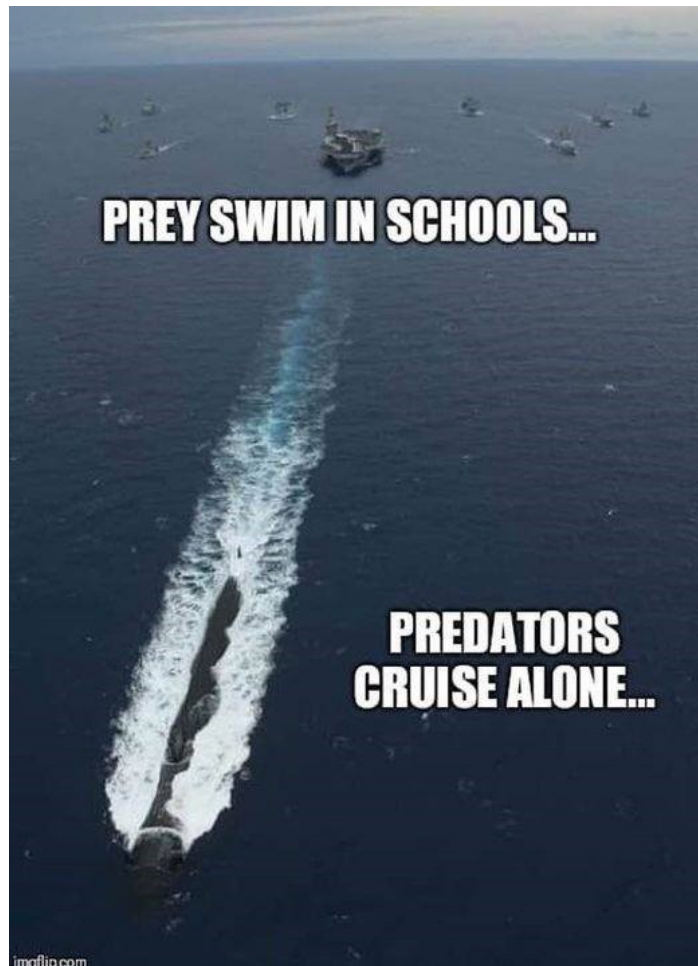
Future traveling meetings will be coordinated by the local members.

Float will be stored at Lou Hamill's house. Shelter has been purchased and will need assembled.

**Chaplain Carl Stigers** gave the Benediction and blessing of today's meal.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:** American Legion Baden PA at 1230 hours on July 10, 2021





## Upcoming Events

Canonsburg Parade will be held on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

Midland Parade July 4th

Titusville Parade 8/15/2021 details to follow.



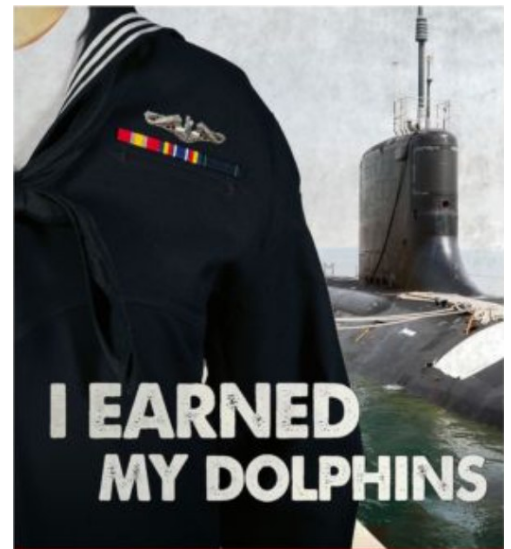
## Membership

Regular Members	184	Holland Club	89	USSVI Life Members	75
Associate Members	13	WWII	5	Base Life Members	50
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>197</b>				



## New Members

No new members this month



## Eagle Scouts

Please direct all Eagle Court of Honor requests to <https://requinbase.org/eagle-coh>

Congratulations to:

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Declan Michael Brusoski T215 | David James Lucidore T215 |
| Anthony J. Stephon T215      | Mark Joseph Vighetti T215 |
| Xavier Orion Gaefke T215     | Keaton Edward Wike T186   |
| Nathan Lewis Lambert T560    | Joshua Edward Ebbert T560 |







## Featured Boat

Name:	USS Cod
Namesake:	Cod
Ordered:	9-Sep-40
Builder:	Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut
Laid down:	21-Jul-42
Launched:	21-Mar-43
Sponsored by:	Mrs. G.M. Mahoney
Acquired:	21-Jun-43
Commissioned:	21-Jun-43
Decommissioned:	21-Jun-54
In service:	21-Mar-43
Out of service:	15-Dec-71
Stricken:	15-Dec-71
Status:	Museum ship and memorial in Cleveland, Ohio since 1 May 1976
<b>General characteristics</b>	
Class and type:	Gato-class diesel-electric submarine
Displacement:	1,525 long tons (1,549 t) surfaced 2,424 long tons (2,463 t) submerged
Length:	312 ft 0 in (95.10 m)
Beam:	27 ft 3 in (8.31 m)
Draft:	17 ft (5.2 m) maximum
Propulsion:	4 × General Motors Model 16-248 V16 Diesel engines driving electric generators 2 × 126-cell Sargo batteries 4 × high-speed General Electric electric motors with reduction gears two propellers
	5,400 shp (4.0 MW) surfaced 2,740 shp (2.0 MW) submerged
Speed:	21 knots (24 mph) surfaced 9 kn (10 mph) submerged
Range:	11,000 nautical miles (13,000 mi) surfaced at 10 kn (12 mph)
Endurance:	48 hours at 2 kn (2.3 mph) submerged 75 days on patrol
Test depth:	300 ft (90 m)
Complement:	6 officers, 54 enlisted
Armament:	10 × 21 inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes (6 bow, 4 stern), 1 × 4"/50 caliber gun (102 mm), later 1 × 5"/25 caliber gun (127 mm), 40 mm Bofors and 20 mm Oerlikon cannon



**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 Navy's 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

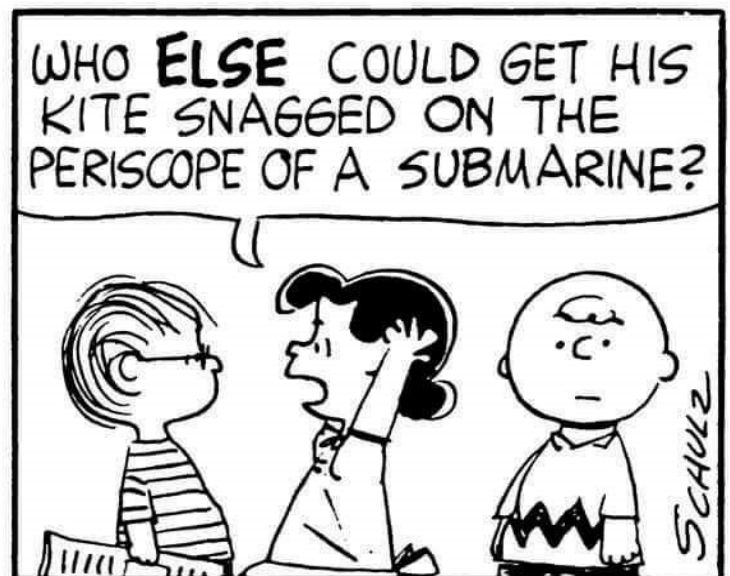
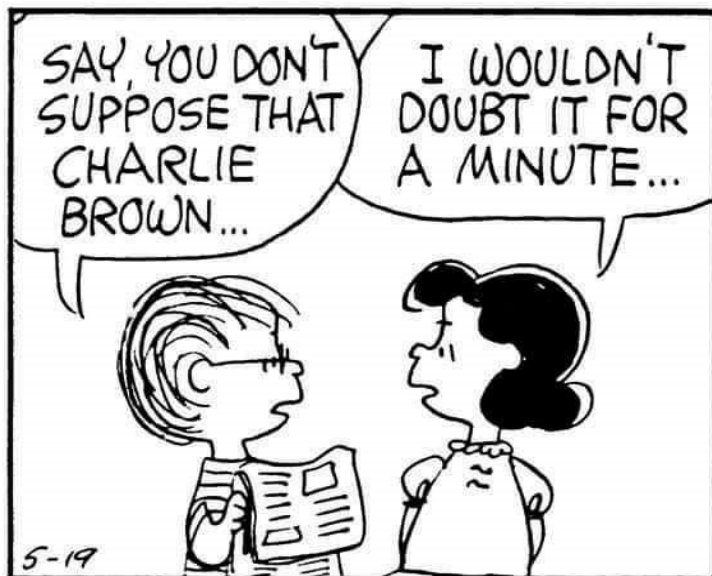
USS Peto (SS 265) and USS Tunny (SS 282) sink Japanese hydrographic-meteorological research ship Tenkai No.2 northeast of Mussau Island and a gunboat Shotoku Maru off the west coast of Rota, Mariana Islands.

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 MA-SU 705 and engage escorting submarine (Ch 5) and later sink cargo vessel Bandai Maru.



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## USS Cod submarine departs Cleveland for first time in 58 years

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<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/cleveland-metro/uss-cod-submarine-departs-cleveland-for-first-time-in-58-years>



CLEVELAND — For the first time in 58 years, the USS Cod submarine will depart Cleveland as it's towed across Lake Erie for scheduled maintenance.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Tug Manitou will arrive at the USS Cod, hooking up to the 312-foot long submarine and transporting it on an 18-hour tow to Erie, Pennsylvania for a drydock maintenance period.

During its service, the USS Cod sank more than twelve enemy ships and was awarded seven battle stars before it officially arrived in Cleveland in July 1959.

USS Cod last departed out of Cleveland for drydocking in Lorain in 1963.

As soon as the USS Cod is in the open channel during her departure on Sunday, the submarine will follow Navy traditions, including a signal from the recently restored horn to announce departure and firing a deck gun salute to the city of Cleveland.

"When we take in the lines securing Cod to the pier, the flag will be taken down at our stern and flown from the submarine's battle gaff, or flag pole, located on the mast," said Cod's president Paul Farace. "All Navy ships do this when they get underway... hopefully we will not be held in place by nearly 60 years of silt accumulation at our pier."

Normally, the USS Cod holds summer tours, but that will be put on hold for the next six to eight weeks as the maintenance is conducted.

"We hate to leave our fans and supporters for even a day, much less six weeks in our busy season, but the 78-year-old sub needs some new steel at her water line and a new high-tech hull coating system furnished in partnership by another Cleveland institution, Sherwin-Williams Paint Company," Farace said.

The hull preservation and restoration work will take place in Erie, Pennsylvania at the Donjon Shipbuilding Company and is estimated to cost around \$1 million. A significant portion of the funds is being provided by the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures Program, however, most of the funds will come from the USS Cod's endowment which has been saved over the decades from tour fees and donations

from citizens, veterans and corporations.

As the USS Cod departs from her home in Cleveland, a welcome home party is already being planned for her return in August.

"We hope all of Cleveland will turn out to welcome home their favorite veteran once again," Farce said. "Nothing is too good for our Cod."

## **Submarine USS Cod strikes moored Coast Guard boat while being towed to Erie, Pennsylvania for maintenance**

By Jane Morice Posted Jun 13, 2021

<https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2021/06/submarine-uss-cod-strikes-moored-coast-guard-boat-while-being-towed-to-erie-pennsylvania-for-maintenance.html>



CLEVELAND, Ohio – The USS Cod, a submarine which has sat on Cleveland's lakefront since it first arrived in 1959, struck a moored U.S. Coast Guard vessel Sunday morning while it was being towed to Pennsylvania for maintenance.

The collision happened about 11:30 a.m., a press release from the Coast Guard's 9th District says. The submarine was being towed by a vessel called Manitou and struck the USCG Morro Bay, an icebreaking tugboat stationed in Cleveland.



The Morro Bay sustained superficial damage to the hull and its superstructure, the news release says. It's unclear if the Cod sustained any damage.

The submarine was heading to Erie, Pennsylvania for maintenance, though the Coast Guard did not specify what kind of maintenance the USS Cod required. The USS Cod celebrated its diamond jubilee – 60 years on Cleveland's lakefront – in 2019.

The collision between the Cod and the Morro Bay is under investigation by the Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit.

## **Historic WWII submarine U.S.S. Cod safely arrives in Erie for repairs**

A.J. Rao Erie Times-News Published 6/14/2021

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2021/06/14/uss-cod-world-war-ii-submarine-arrives-erie-hull-repairs/7682412002/>



The WWII submarine U.S.S. Cod is shown, June 14, 2021, docked at DonJon Shipbuilding & Repair in Erie after being towed on June 13 and June 14 from the U.S.S. Cod Submarine Memorial in Cleveland. The sub will be drydocked for repairs for about six weeks at DonJon." CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS"

\*The submarine, which functions as a floating wartime museum, will not be open for tours during repairs

\*The Cod conducted seven WWII patrols in the South Pacific and sank roughly 36,000 tons of enemy shipping

The U.S.S. Cod, a World War II submarine that battled Japanese ships and performed the only international sub-to-sub rescue in history, arrived in Erie early Monday morning for hull repairs.

The Cod, which functions as a floating wartime museum in Cleveland, embarked on the 100-nautical mile trip — via tugboat — on Sunday, and arrived at Erie's DonJon Shipbuilding & Repair, at 220 E. Bayfront Parkway, around 1:30 a.m. Monday.

The submarine will be drydocked at the shipyard for about six weeks to eight weeks as workers repair its underwater hull, apply a fresh coat of paint and remedy the vessel's pitting, a type of corrosion caused by years of saltwater and freshwater exposure.

Rick Hammer, general manager of DonJon, said the submarine should be drydocked and "up on the blocks" by Tuesday afternoon.

"This is, as far as I know, the first time this has ever happened here — and most likely, probably the last time it will happen here," Hammer said. "There's not too many subs on the lakes, and not too many WWII subs on the lakes. It's a one-off opportunity and we're excited to get going."

## **Voyage**

Paul Farace, president of the U.S.S. Cod Submarine Memorial, said he was nervous about the 14-hour trip to Erie. Indeed, this was the Cod's first voyage since its last drydocking in 1963 in Lorain, Ohio.

But fortunately for Farace and his crew, who remained aboard the Cod during the trip, the vessel stayed intact.

"It was dry as a desert (inside)," Farace said. "It was just amazing that the sub that we had known for decades as a very stable, stationary ship was now rolling and heaving with the lake swells."

Not everything was smooth sailing, however.

As the submarine pulled out of its perch at Cleveland's North Coast Harbor via tugboat, its bow swiped a neighboring U.S. Coast Guard vessel, the Morro Bay.

The Coast Guard said the 140-foot Bay class icebreaking tug sustained superficial damage to its hull and superstructure.

The Cod also sustained a "nick" in its bow, Farace said.

"It was like backing out of your driveway and you bump the neighbor's car," he said.

The Coast Guard said the incident is still under investigation.

As the Cod pulled into Erie around 1:30 a.m., Farace said he was "gobsmacked" by a large swell of Erie residents who cheered the submarine's arrival.

"We fired two deck gun salutes to honor Erie," he said. "I think we may have scared a couple people."

The Cod was towed by Michigan-based Malcolm Marine Inc.

The submarine will not be open for tours during repairs.



## National Historic Landmark

The Cod, launched in March 1943, conducted seven war patrols in the South Pacific and sank roughly 36,000 tons of enemy shipping.

It also performed history's only international submarine-to-submarine rescue, when it saved the crew of the Dutch submarine O-19 after it got stuck on a reef in 1945.

"For three days, the Cod was kind of a joint Dutch-American submarine," Farace said. "The Dutch were really touched by that and they adopted Cod as an honorary Dutch submarine."

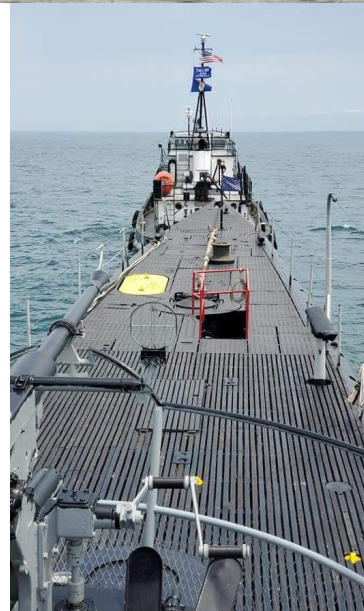
The Dutch flag still flies at the Cod Memorial site in Cleveland.

The Cod was decommissioned in 1946, reactivated in 1951 and mothballed again in 1954. The Cod was later towed through the newly opened St. Lawrence Seaway en route to Cleveland in 1959, where it served as a training vessel until 1971.

The Navy granted guardianship of the ship in 1976 to the Cleveland Coordinating Committee. Ten years later, the U.S. Department of the Interior designated the ship a National Historic Landmark. Since then, the submarine has been open to public and private tours.

For more information on the U.S.S. Cod Submarine Memorial, visit <https://usscod.org/>

### Underway on Lake Erie



## **“Some” Youtube links for USS COD (SS-224)**

Uss Cod leaving dock and hitting Coast Guard cutter Morro Bay

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWRjBbY0bl>

USS Cod by Don

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlmH17VIIaQ>

USS Cod striking USCG Morro Bay

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhT8JeHE9Fg>

VIDEO: USS Cod collides with USCGC Morro Bay while departing Cleveland for repairs in Pennsylvania

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9y4MvZirs4>

USS COD heads to Erie for repair

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXsuENv0KSI>

Drone footage of USS COD in Erie

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haz8KaTW\\_z8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haz8KaTW_z8)

USS COD (SS-224) Arrives in Erie Pennsylvania

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dy\\_r7dHzwl8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dy_r7dHzwl8)

Naval Legends: U.S.S. Cod. Part 1 | World of Warships

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HuGbD8mBUM>

Naval Legends : USS Cod. Gato-class Submarine!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFaijupeg5l>

USS COD gato class destroys dutch submarine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF0OVO1QXJ0>

USS Cod 'Cod's Lost Boarding Party

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4162jE5L1s>

USS Cod submarine strikes Coast Guard vessel while departing Cleveland for repairs

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

USS Cod submarine departs Cleveland for first time in 58 years

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBC5t7Je98A>

2021-6-14 USS Cod in Erie for Repairs - 4K & Drone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yj5Zv5LASQc>

USS Cod departs Cleveland for repairs, headed on 102 mile journey

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2MgPe\\_8qD0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2MgPe_8qD0)

USS COD in Erie for repairs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gt47gEBImI4>

Erie community reacts to the arrival of the USS COD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZH0Zif6N2M>

Naval Legends: USS Cod. Part 2 | World of Warships

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnIKI6KrnU4>

US submarine, USS Cod (SS-224) rescues crew of Dutch submarine, O-19, aground on ...HD Stock Footage

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

Onboard a world war 2 submarine USS COD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuuavI9Dc0E>