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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

06/11/2022 @ 1230 hours

At the Columbiana American Legion Post 290

### 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.

Lou Hamill - [itgeek8088@gmail.com](mailto:itgeek8088@gmail.com)

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ATTEND A MEETING!

### Our Website

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

<https://www.requinbase.org/>



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## Tolling of the Boats for May

### USS Lagarto (SS-371)

Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) 2 weeks later.

### USS Scorpion (SSN-589)

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.

### USS Squalus (SS-192)

On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors using the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and re-commissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.

### USS Stickleback (SS-415)

Lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.





## Submarines commissioned during the month of

Grampus SS-4	5/28/1903	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Pike SS-6	5/28/1903	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
F-4 SS-23	5/3/1913	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
L-4 SS-43	5/4/1916	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
O-4 SS-65	5/29/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
R-6 SS-83	5/1/1919	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-2 SS-106	5/25/1920	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-6 SS-111	5/17/1920	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-29 SS-134	5/22/1924	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-31 SS-136	5/11/1922	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-38 SS-143	5/11/1923	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-50 SS-161	5/20/1922	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Bonita SS-165	5/22/1926	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Narwhal SS-167	5/15/1930	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Grampus SS-207	5/23/1941	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Grenadier SS-210	5/1/1941	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Guardfish SS-217	5/8/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Bluefish SS-222	5/24/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Bonefish SS-223	5/31/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Herring SS-233	5/4/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Kingfish SS-234	5/20/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Wahoo SS-238	5/15/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Bowfin SS-287	5/1/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Cabrilla SS-288	5/24/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Cisco SS-290	5/10/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Baya SS-318	5/20/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Becuna SS-319	5/27/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Chopper SS-342	5/25/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Hawkbill SS-366	5/17/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Segundo SS-398	5/9/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sea Cat SS-399	5/16/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sea Devil SS-400	5/24/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Trepang SS-412	5/22/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Irex SS-482	5/14/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Wahoo SS-565	5/30/1952	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Permit SSN-594	5/29/1962	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Pollack SSN-603	5/26/1964	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
John Marshall SSBN-611	5/21/1962	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
John Adams SSBN-620	5/12/1964	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Tecumseh SSBN-628	5/29/1964	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Pogy SSN-647	5/15/1971	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	

Silversides SSN-679	5/5/1972	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
William H. Bates SSN-680	5/5/1973	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Jacksonville SSN-699	5/16/1981	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Albuquerque SSN-706	5/21/1983	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Norfolk SSN-714	5/21/1983	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Salt Lake City SSN-716	5/12/1984	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Alabama SSBN-731	5/25/1985	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Hawaii SSN-776	5/5/2007	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
North Carolina SSN-777	5/3/2008	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>

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**May 28, 2022 @ 11:00 EDT**

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# USS OREGON

SSN 793

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ON MAY 28, 2022. LIVE STREAMING WILL  
START AT 11 AM EDT.

## COMMISSIONING EVENTS

- KEEL LAYING** - July 8, 2017
- CHRISTENING** - October 5, 2019 at Groton, CT
- ROLLOUT** - April 10, 2020
- FLOAT OFF** - June 25, 2020
- SEA TRIALS** - December 8, 2021
- TURNOVER** - February 26, 2022
- COMMISSIONING** - May 28, 2022, in Groton, CT



### Binnacle List

### Eternal Patrol



### In Remembrance

John Bistolos  
 Gerry Gaylor  
 Mike Markel

All hands present  
 and accounted for.

Robert Lindsay	MMCM(SS)	5/31/2017
John Yaksich	RD3(SS)	5/19/2017
Richard Tate	MM2(SS)	5/15/2015
James Varney	E5	5/15/2014
Edmund Figas	MOMM3(SS)	5/2/2012
Donald Tamburello	TM1(SS)	5/5/1999

### Birthdays

#### Member

#### Spouse

#### Anniversaries

Bruce Ladrie	5/4
Vincent Metz	5/9
Robert Solinger	5/13
Charles Warren	5/20
Edward Lyons	5/23
John Stewart	5/23
George Pilley	5/25
Larry Boutelle	5/27

Gosia Humes	5/13
Stephanie Foster	5/17
Carrie Spencer	5/17
Alexandra Good Linville	5/18
Donna Greenlee	5/19
Sandra Lindsey	5/20
Cathleen Naso	5/20
Gail Warren	5/20
Judith Underkoffler	5/22
Kimberly Masterson	5/25
Connie Bruce	5/30
Nita Campbell	5/31

Beverly & Richard Geyer	5/8
Lisa & Shawn McGinty	5/8
Renee Stuebgen & Jess Coker	5/11
Carolyn & Harry Sills	5/16
Jill & Joseph Campisi	5/18
Kimberly & Charles Masterson	5/18
Frances & Russ Osborne	5/21
Barbara & Edward Zdarko	5/27
Beverly & James Bence	5/28
Jude & Robert Meyers	5/29
Tina & Brian Siege	5/29





Our Requin Memorial Service, will be held on board the USS REQUIN, on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 hours. The crew and guests will arrive between 09:15 and 09:40. We will muster at 09:45 on board REQUIN.

We will have the VFW 9199 Rifle Squad, the Marine Corp League as our color guard and Alyssa as our singer.

Please e-mail me and let me know if you plan to attend and participate by reading our lost boats – [hueyfromglenshaw@aol.com](mailto:hueyfromglenshaw@aol.com)

After our ceremony we will travel to Carnegie, Pa for their Memorial Day Parade.

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Carnegie Parade – (14:00) hours

Muster at 13:00 at Carnegie Borough Building Parking Lot-VFW post 331

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Sewickley Parade – (10:00) hours

Muster at (09:30) at flag pole – Frederick & Broad Street

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Coraopolis Parade – (13:30) hours

Arrive on Main Street between (12:30/13:00) Hours or VFW Post 402

Please let me know if you will be attending any of the above events.

As most know, we had to store our Nautilus float in a barn down in Beaver Falls. A few months ago, there was a tornedo that swept through the Ohio valley. Well it took  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the barn. What was left standing was the section that the Nautilus was stored – THANK THE LORD, there was no damage. We will be picking it up this week end and will be getting it ready for our Memorial Day Parades.

After our ceremony on the Requin, we will be going to the Carnegie parade, where the VFW will have a surprise for us this year. The next day, after the Sewickley parade, shipmate George Brown and his daughter Sarah, will have refreshments for us before we head over to Coraopolis for their Memorial Day parade.

I hope everyone clears their calendars and can be with us at all our memorial events, especially our REQUIN MEMORIAL SERVICE. The Science Center puts out a press release, so look for it. ----HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY - BROTHERS OF THE PHIN!





## Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2022  
American Legion Baden PA

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

**Attendees:** Willard Ashmore, Eric Bookmiller, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Clair & Nancy Bouts, George & Cindy Brown, Tom & Deneen Calabrese, Joe Campisi, Reno Farina, Tom Clark, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Dick & Beverly Geyer, Bob & Lynn Gourley, Lou Hamill, John Held, Mark Hoag, Bat Masterson, Jimmy Metz, Frank Nicotra, Mike & Patty Pellegrina, Chuck Shrump, Jack Sutherin, Harry Sills, Keith & Guest Small, Scott Thomas, Chad Underkoffler

**Base Commander Huey Dietrich:** Quotes of the day: "Another advantage of reducing the size of submarines is that they will hold few men when they stay under longer."

**History of the Requin:** May 1, 1949 Requin sailed east for her first deployment with the Sixth Fleet. May 14 1949 arriving at Gibraltar, Requin operated in the Mediterranean Sea. May 2 1955 Requin sailed for her 5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean deployment. Detached at the end of July, she returned to Norfolk VA and remained on the east coast with cruises to the Caribbean until November 1957 when she resumed duty with the Sixth Fleet. May 28 1968 Requin departed Norfolk VA as part of search efforts for the missing nuclear attack submarine Scorpion SSN-589. May 24 1990 Requin was towed to Tampa Shipyard for dry docking and hull repairs in preparation for her move to Pittsburgh PA.

**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 LAGARTO (SS 371) May 3, 1945

USS SCORPION (SSN589) May 22, 1968

USS SQUALUS (SS 192) May 23, 1939 (Re-commissioned as USS SAILFISH (SS 192) 1940)

USS STICKELBACK (SS 415) May 30, 1958

We also remember our departed shipmates of the Requin Base Donald Trombolo, Ed Figas, Richard Tat, John Yaksich, and Robert Lindsay. 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.

**COB Eric Bookmiller** gave the Invocation

**COB Eric Bookmiller** lead the base in the Pledge Of Allegiance  
Members introduced themselves and the boats they qualified on.

**Treasurer Lee Bookwalter** reported 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 are available upon request. With no objections, the report was approved.

### **Other Reports:**

Binnacle List: John Bistolos, Gerry Gaylor, Mike Markle

Eternal Patrol: None

Membership stands at 191.

**Storekeeper Frank Nicotra** reported on small stores and ordering items online.

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

**Shipmate Joe Campisi** reported on USSVI license plates program.

### **Social Events**

Trip to Groton CT, June 4<sup>th</sup>, led by Chad Underkoffler

### **Old Business:**

Volunteers are needed for Base Chaplain and Base Master At Arms.

A box of candy was donated to the Fish Rodeo held on May 11 at Morningside PA VFW.

### **New Business:**

Veterans War Society meeting at Soldiers & Sailors on May 18.

A motion to send an order of steaks to the family storing the Nautilus float was approved by the members present.

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

Memorial Service on board USS Requin, Sunday May 29, muster at 0930 hours.

Carnegie Memorial Day Parade, Sunday May 29, muster at 1330 hours.

Sewickley Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 30 muster at 0900 hours.

Coraopolis Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 30, muster at 1230 hours.

Canonsburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>, muster at 0830 hours.

Cod Base Memorial Picnic, July 30.

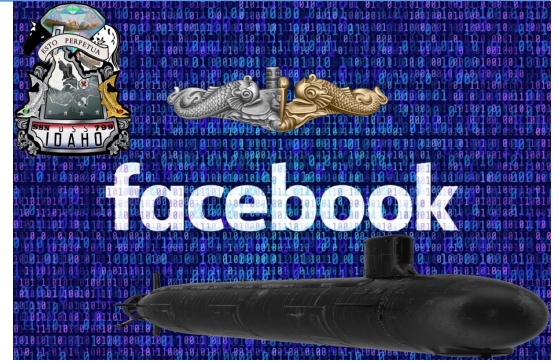
USSVI National Convention is in Buffalo NY this year. See National website for details.

**COB Eric Bookmiller** gave the Benediction and blessing of today's meal.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:** American Legion Post 290 in Columbiana OH at 1230 hours on June 11, 2022

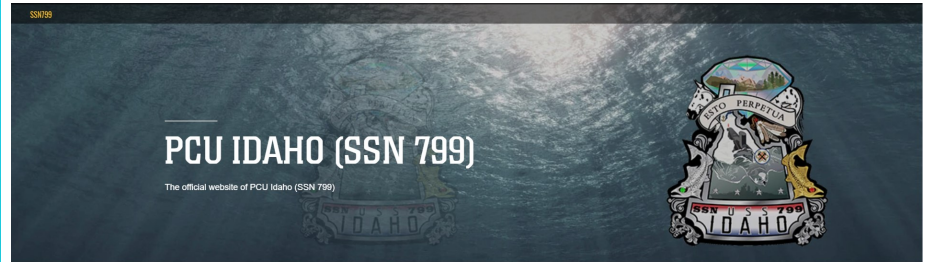




<https://www.facebook.com/SSN799>

**USS Idaho Support Fundraiser**  
 Jan 8, 2022

As I said, we are Submariners, and by nature, we are over achievers.  
 Thank you to everyone that helped us reach our goal of \$15,000  
 The crew and their families appreciate the support.



<https://www.sublant.usff.navy.mil/SSN799/>

Here is the link to the customer photos.  
<https://requinbase.org/customer-photos/>



If you would like to order a submarine beer tap handle [with or without the stand], a challenge coin holder or a newly added cribbage board.

contact [Huey Dietrich](#) or

Place your order for these and other USS Idaho items at

<https://requinbase.org/product-category/uss-idaho/>



**"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."**

**- Will Rogers**

Fate whispers to the warrior,  
"You can not withstand the storm."

The warrior whispers back,  
"I am the storm."



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.



2015 Convention



Challenge Coins



Hats



Non Specific



Patches



Pins



Requin Base



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## Upcoming Events

### Meeting

June 11, 2022  
1230 hours

American Legion  
Post 290  
Columbiana OH

### Base activities for Memorial Day weekend

	Date	Muster
1. Requin Base Memorial Service (on board Requin)	May 29	0930
2. Carnegie, Pa Memorial Day Parade	May 29	1330
3. Sewickley, Pa Memorial Day Parade	May 30	0900
4. Coraopolis, Pa Memorial Day Parade	May 30	1230

### Commissioning of USS Oregon SSN-793 5/28/2022 @ 11:00 EDT

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## Membership

Primary Members	164	Holland Club	94	USSVI Life Members	72
Secondary Members	14	WWII	4	Base Life Members	55
Associate Members	13	Eternal Patrol	69	Joined Last Year	7
Total Members	<b>191</b>			Joined This Year	3



### New Members

Dan Plunkett



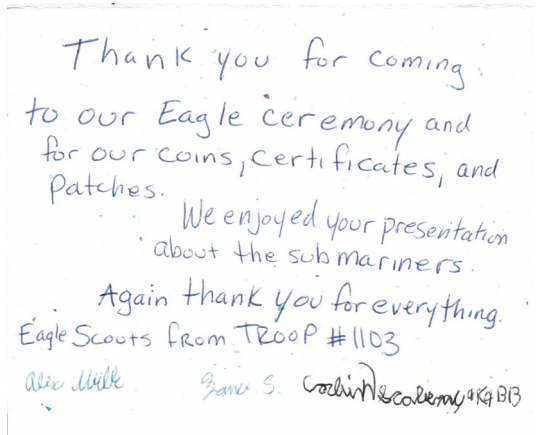
## Eagle Scouts

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



Congratulations to:

Matthew J. Zegar T-17  
 Brendan Robert Cambest T-195  
 Joshua Adam Zahniser T-215  
 Justin David Wrubel T-215  
 Matthew W. Kurtz T-215  
 Thomas D. Donihi T-215  
 Aidan Alexander Allridge T-215





History	
<b>Name</b>	USS <i>Oregon</i>
<b>Namesake</b>	State of <u>Oregon</u>
<b>Ordered</b>	28 April 2014 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Builder</b>	General Dynamics Electric Boat, <u>Groton, Connecticut</u>
<b>Laid down</b>	8 July 2017 <sup>[4]</sup>
<b>Launched</b>	25 June 2020 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Sponsored by</b>	Dana L. Richardson
<b>Christened</b>	5 October 2019 <sup>[5]</sup>
<b>Acquired</b>	26 February 2022 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Commissioned</b>	Scheduled 28 May 2022 <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Identification</b>	Hull symbol:SSN-793

General characteristics	
<b>Class and type</b>	<u>Virginia-class submarine</u>
<b>Displacement</b>	7,800 <u>tons</u>
<b>Length</b>	377 ft (115 m) <sup>[6]</sup>
<b>Beam</b>	34 ft (10.4 m) <sup>[6]</sup>
<b>Draft</b>	32 ft (9.8 m) <sup>[6]</sup>
<b>Propulsion</b>	<u>S9G reactor</u> auxiliary diesel engine
<b>Speed</b>	25 knots (46 km/h; 29 mph)
<b>Endurance</b>	can remain submerged for up to 3 months
<b>Test depth</b>	greater than 800 ft (244 m)
<b>Complement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 officers</li> <li>• 120 enlisted men</li> </ul>
<b>Armament</b>	12 x VLS tubes for <u>BGM-109 Tomahawk</u> 4 x 21-inch (533 mm) <u>torpedo tubes</u> for <u>Mk-48 torpedoes</u>

**05/01/1943**

USS Pogy (SS 266), in attack on a Japanese convoy, torpedoes and sinks the Japanese gunboat Keishin Maru off Iwaki, Japan.

**05/02/1942**

USS Drum (SS 228) sinks Japanese seaplane carrier, and USS Trout (SS 202) sinks a Japanese freighter off the southeast coast of Honshu.

**05/02/1945**

USS Springer (SS 414) torpedoes and sinks the Japanese frigate in the Yellow Sea and then sinks a Japanese coastal defense ship the next day.

**05/03/1942**

USS Spearfish (SS 190) evacuates naval and military officers, including nurses, from Corregidor before surrendering island to Japan.

**05/03/2008**

USS North Carolina (SSN 777) is commissioned at Port of Wilmington, N.C., before sailing for its homeport of Naval Submarine Base Groton in Groton, Conn.

**05/05/2007**

USS Hawaii (SSN 776) is commissioned at Groton, Conn. The Virginia-class submarine, the first to be named after the Aloha State, arrives at its homeport of Pearl Harbor July 23, 2009 following her maiden underway period.

**05/10/1944**

USS Cod (SS 224) attacks a large Japanese convoy and destroyer off the west coast of Luzon. USS Silversides (SS 236) attacks a Japanese convoy about 120 miles south-southwest of Guam.

**05/10/1960**

USS Triton (SSRN 586), commanded by Capt. Edward L. Beach, completes a submerged circumnavigation of the world in 84 days following many of the routes taken by Magellan.

**05/14/1944**

USS Bonfish (SS 223) attacks a Japanese convoy bound for Sibitu Passage, Borneo, and sinks Japanese destroyer Inazuma near TawiTawi, east of Borneo and survives counter-attacks by Japanese destroyer Hibiki. Also on this date, USS Aspro (SS 309) and USS Bowfin (SS 287) attack a Japanese convoy and sinks cargo ship BisanMaru.

**05/15/1969**

The pre-commissioned submarine Guitarro (SSN 665) accidentally sinks while moored at U.S. Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Calif. Due to the damage, her commissioning date is rescheduled to Sept. 1972.

**05/17/1942**

USS Tautog (SS 199) sinks Japanese submarine I-28; USS Triton (SS 201) sinks the Japanese submarine (I 64), and USS Skipjack (SS 184) sinks a Japanese army transport ship.

**05/20/1944**

USS Angler (SS 240) sinks Japanese transport Otori Maru and survives depth charging by its escort, while both USS Silversides (SS 236) and USS Bluegill (SS 242) sink enemy vessels.

**05/21/1983**

USS Albuquerque (SSN 706) is commissioned at Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn.

**05/22/1968**

USS Scorpion (SSN 589) is lost with her crew south-west of the Azores. In late Oct. 1968, her remains are found on the sea floor more than 10,000 feet below the surface by a deep-submergence vehicle towed from USNS Mizar (T-AGOR-11).

**05/23/1939**

USS Squalus (SS 192) suffers a catastrophic main induction valve failure during a test dive off the New Hampshire coast and is partially flooded, killing 26 crew members.

**05/24/1939**

Vice Adm. Allan McCann's Rescue Chamber is first used to rescue 33 men from the sunken USS Squalus (SS 192). Four Navy divers receive the Medal of Honor for their heroic actions on May 24-25 to rescue the trapped men.

**05/25/1944**

USS Flying Fish (SS 229) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks guardboat Daito Maru and freighter Osaka Maru north of Palau.

**05/25/1985**

USS Alabama (SSN 731) is commissioned at Naval Submarine Base New London, Conn.

**05/26/1943**

USS Saury (SS 189) attacks a Japanese convoy south of Kyushu and sinks transport Kagi Maru, about 10 miles north of the Nansei Shoto. Also on this date, USS Whale (SS 239) sinks Japanese gunboat Shoei Maru (which is transporting men of the Guam Base Detachment) about 17 miles north-northwest of Rota, Mariana Islands.

**05/27/1943**

USS Runner (SS 275) departs Midway for her third war patrol but is never heard from again. Overdue and presumed lost in July 1943, she is struck from the Navy list that October.

**05/28/1943**

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

**05/28/1945**

USS Ray (SS 271) sinks Japanese freighter Biko Maru northwest of Changshan. Also on this date, USS Blueback (SS 326) and USS Lamprey (SS 372) damage Japanese submarine chaser Ch1 in a surface gunnery action off Japara, N.E.I.

**05/29/1945**

USS Sterlet (SS 392) sinks Japanese army cargo ships Kuretake Maru and Tenyro Maru despite the close proximity of the escort Coast Defense Ship No. 65.

**05/30/1944**

USS Guitarro (SS 363) sinks Japanese freighter Shisen Maru, 60 miles south-east of Keelung, Formosa. Also on this date, USS Pompon (SS 267) sinks Japanese freighter Shiga Maru off Muroto Saki, Japan while USS Rasher (SS 269) sinks the gunboat Anshu Maru about 110 miles north-northeast of Halmahera.

**05/31/1944**

USS Barb (SS 220) and USS Herring (SS 233) attack Japanese shipping in the Sea of Okhotsk about 150 miles west of Matsuwa Island, Kuril Islands, sinking several ships.





### 3Harris Selected for US Navy AS(X) Next-Generation Submarine Tender

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L3Harris Technologies is one of three companies selected to provide Preliminary Designs for the next generation AS(X) submarine tender, a support vessel that will provide expeditionary maintenance and repairs for U.S. Navy submarines.



USS Frank Cable (AS 40). U.S. Navy MSC photo

#### *L3Harris press release*

L3Harris will support the development of the AS(X) ship specifications, interface specifications, ship cost estimates and construction schedules under the base AS(X) Concept Refinement and Preliminary Design contract. The nine-month Concept Refinement and Preliminary Design study includes options for an additional nine-month Concept Refinement and Preliminary Design update and an overarching 36-month period for special studies.

*“We are excited to participate in the design study for the AS(X) submarine tender. In the coming months, we will work closely with our customer and industry partners to bring innovative solutions to advance the technology that will inform and define the future capabilities on this new class of ships.”*

Rosemary Chapdelaine, President, Maritime, L3Harris



The AS(X) will be capable of providing support and maintenance for up to four submarines, replacing the U.S. Navy's two aging tenders, the USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) and USS Frank Cable (AS 40), commissioned in 1979. The current tenders provide intermediate-level maintenance and repairs, hotel services and logistics support at sea to nuclear-powered guided missile (SSGNs) and attack submarines (SSNs) deployed in the 5th and 7th fleets areas of responsibility.

L3Harris' Herndon, Virginia, facility will perform the program management and engineering design tasks and is partnered with Philly Shipyard Inc. and VARD Inc. for design development.

**Naval News comments:**

The U.S. Navy awarded the preliminary design contracts on 4 April 2022 to L3Harris, General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO), and Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII).



Just in case you wanted to know what it looked like.

# The Penobscot Expedition: The U.S. Navy's Worst Defeat Until Pearl Harbor?

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This is a depiction of naval action in the American Revolutionary War's 1779 Penobscot Expedition. Painting shows the bay viewed from the south. In the left background is the 'Raisable' with a white ensign and broad pendant and firing into the 'Hunter'.

**Penobscot Expedition, explained: Paul Revere court-martialed? Say it ain't so! But it was.** Last Tuesday marked the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord, fought on April 19, 1775. Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow immortalized [Revere's midnight ride](#) to warn militia commanders that some 800 British regulars had marched out of Boston to seize contraband armaments secreted at Concord. A ragtag line of militiamen confronted the redcoats on Lexington Green before the [shot heard 'round the world](#) rang out during a clash between minutemen and the regulars at the North Bridge in Concord.

Thus commenced the War of American Independence.

Fast-forward to the summer of 1779 in coastal Maine, a pleasant land where I had the privilege of spending a week teaching at Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine earlier this month. That June a British force landed on the Penobscot Peninsula, now home to the village of [Castine](#), and constructed a fort on the heights overlooking the east side of the peninsula. (It's now right across the street from the Maine Maritime campus.) The Castine Historical Society ascribes several motives to the [Penobscot Expedition's](#) masterminds: they meant for Fort George to serve "as a possible Loyalist haven, as a source of timber for the King's Navy, and as a strategic naval base and coastal trading post."

Constructing a standing fortification within your enemy's territory is a time-honored troublemaking strategy, reaching all the way back to the [Peloponnesian War](#) and in all likelihood long before. At the time Maine remained part of Massachusetts. Alarmed at the news that redcoats had ensconced themselves in Penobscot Bay, the Massachusetts General Assembly ordered an expeditionary force fitted out to evict them from Fort George. Nineteen ships of war and 24 transports, some borrowed from the Continental Navy, carried a force numbering over 1,000 troops to Maine by July 25. The assembly entrusted Commodore Dudley Saltonstall with overall command of the expedition, while Brigadier General Solomon Lovell headed the ground contingent. Lieutenant Colonel Paul Revere oversaw the force's ordnance train.

Against the Massachusetts armada—the largest American naval expedition assembled during the Revolutionary War—were arrayed three Royal Navy warships, optimally placed to overshadow the confined waters beneath the fort. In other words, the balance of firepower lopsidedly favored the Americans despite the excellent British tactical position.

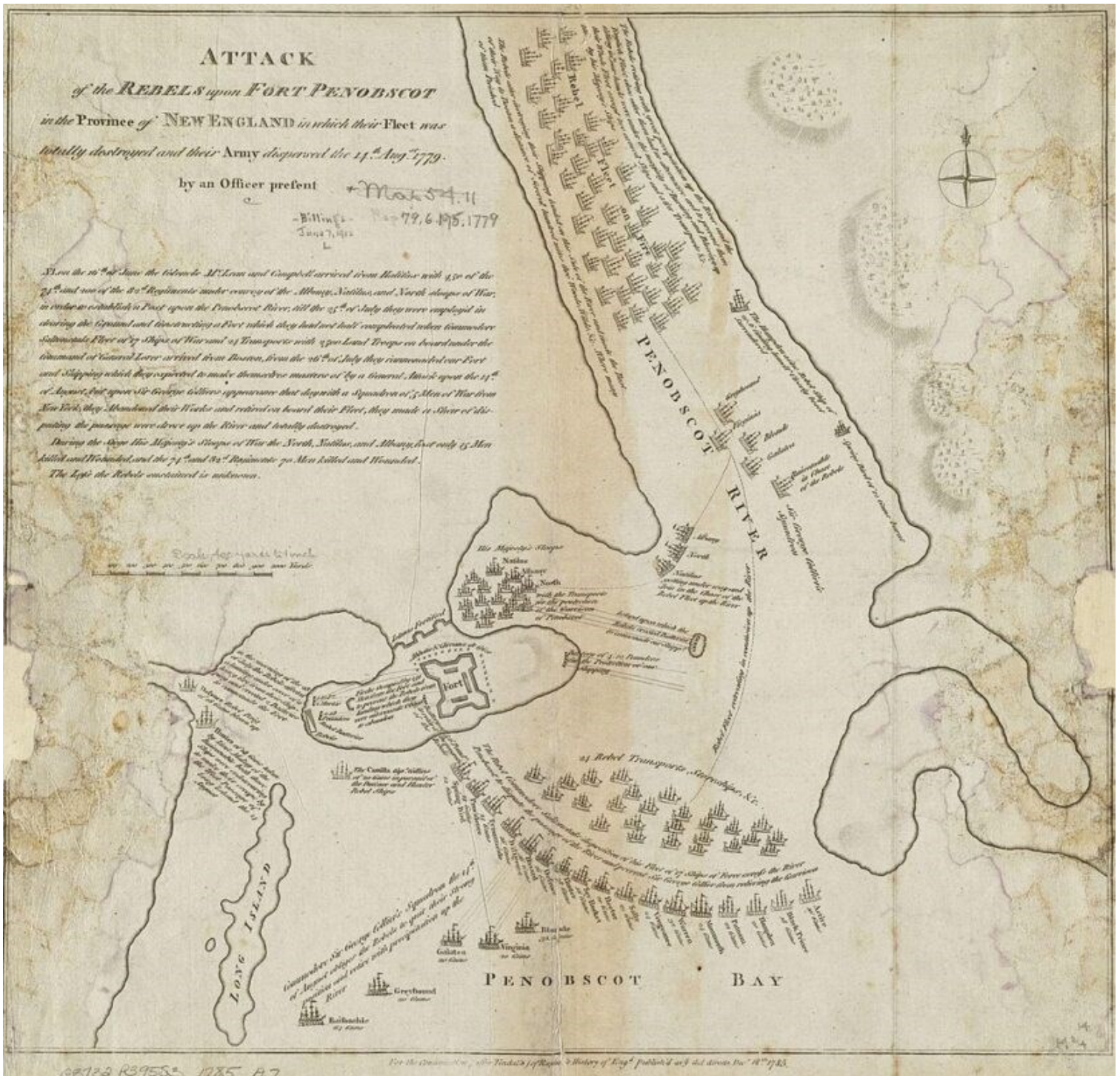
On July 27, 1779, Saltonstall's fleet deposited 227 Continental and Massachusetts marines, 850 militiamen, and 80 of Revere's artillerymen on the rugged west coast of Penobscot Peninsula. The landing force labored its way up a steep cliff, split into three groups, and moved against the fort along three different axes. Despite some success in ground combat in ensuing days, the attackers failed to dislodge the British garrison from Fort George. Lovell pled with Saltonstall to assault the Royal Navy flotilla to keep it from bombarding his landing force. But the commodore dithered rather than fight.

Delay allowed time for word of the siege to reach the British high command in New York, which promptly dispatched a seven-ship fleet to Penobscot Bay. On August 13 the relief force stood into the bay under the command of Sir George Collier. Upon sighting the British, Lovell abandoned his positions and withdrew up the Penobscot River in anticipation of a sea battle. The next morning, however, Saltonstall, who still outgunned the foe and had the British fleet under his broadside, ordered his ships—to the astonishment of Collier and Lovell—to flee up the river, and his crews to scuttle or burn their vessels. Sailors and troops scurried into the woods and back to Boston overland.

Fittingly, Dudley Saltonstall was cashiered from the service for botching the Penobscot Expedition. Paul Revere likewise faced a court-martial. Though Revere was acquitted, his reputation never recovered from the misadventure, which a placard outside Fort George today—seemingly proudly—touts as “the worst defeat in U.S. Navy history until the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.” (Don't you have to fight to be defeated?) I suppose you take your historical notoriety where you find it when you're a small coastal Maine town.

What to take away from this profile in ignominy? First, pick the right leadership. Naval commanders have been called the last absolute despots on the planet, and there's truth to that. A compact unit like a ship tends to take on the personality of its skipper, as does a naval task force its admiral. Saltonstall was clearly the wrong man for the times and situation, morbidly afraid to risk his expeditionary force—and perhaps his own skin—in action against an inferior foe. Had he struck early and hard, suppressing Royal Navy gunfire and isolating Fort George, the Americans probably would have carried the day.

Second, know the terrain. The west coast of the Penobscot Peninsula makes wretched terrain for an amphibious landing. It is steep and rocky. Had the redcoats opposed the landing from atop the cliffs, pouring fire down on Lovell's troops, a bloodbath may have ensued. Dismal as the expedition's outcome was, its human cost could have been far worse. In fact, it should have been. A little net assessment goes a long way in martial undertakings.



A 1785 map depicting this action. The map is not to scale and marks the Bagaduce as the Penobscot River. Long Island as depicted on this map was later renamed Isleboro.

And third, remember your defeats as well as your triumphs. I had never heard of the Penobscot Expedition before traipsing around Fort George this month. That's chiefly because the center of gravity of the Revolutionary War had meandered southward by the time Saltonstall, Lovell, and Revere set sail. The British Southern Campaign set the stage for the war's effective end at Yorktown, Virginia, in the fall of 1781. That theater dominates the history books. But you have to think the assault on Fort George would not be lost to memory were it a tale of heroic feats of arms rather than a disgrace. It's natural to celebrate the deeds of a Nathanael Greene, who ran Lord Cornwallis' redcoats ragged in the South; but you can learn just as much, albeit in a negative sense, from studying the misdeeds of a Dudley Saltonstall.

And humility and introspection are invaluable.



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