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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

August 13, 2022 @ 1230 hours

At the Monroeville AL Post 820

### 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!

### 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 July

### USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.

### USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.

### USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.





## Submarines commissioned during the month of July

Seawolf SSN-21	7/19/1997	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
N-6 SS-58	7/9/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
O-7 SS-68	7/4/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
O-8 SS-69	7/11/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
O-9 SS-70	7/27/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
R-8 SS-85	7/21/1919	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
R-9 SS-86	7/30/1919	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
R-15 SS-92	7/27/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-7 SS-112	7/1/1920	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-13 SS-118	7/14/1923	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-25 SS-130	7/9/1923	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-34 SS-139	7/12/1922	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-37 SS-142	7/16/1923	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Nautilus SS-168	7/1/1930	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Spearfish SS-190	7/19/1939	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Swordfish SS-193	7/22/1939	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Tautog SS-199	7/3/1940	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Barb SS-220	7/8/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Blackfish SS-221	7/22/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Cero SS-225	7/4/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Dace SS-247	7/23/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Raton SS-270	7/13/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Ray SS-271	7/27/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Runner SS-275	7/30/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Sunfish SS-281	7/15/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Apogon SS-308	7/16/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Aspro SS-309	7/31/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Blackfin SS-322	7/4/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Caiman SS-323	7/17/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Halfbeak SS-352	7/22/1946	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Jallao SS-368	7/8/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Kete SS-369	7/31/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Sea Owl SS-405	7/17/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sea Poacher SS-406	7/31/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Odax SS-484	7/11/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Bonefish SS-582	7/9/1959	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Scorpion SSN-589	7/29/1960	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Flasher SSN-613	7/22/1966	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Andrew Jackson SSBN-619	7/3/1963	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
James Madison SSBN-627	7/28/1964	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Ulysses S. Grant SSBN-631	7/17/1964	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Narwhal SSN-671	7/12/1969	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	



Groton SSN-694	7/8/1978	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Dallas SSN-700	7/18/1981	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Baltimore SSN-704	7/24/1982	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Hyman G. Rickover SSN-709	7/21/1984	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Honolulu SSN-718	7/6/1985	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Providence SSN-719	7/27/1985	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Oklahoma City SSN-723	7/9/1988	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Helena SSN-725	7/11/1987	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Kentucky SSBN-737	7/13/1991	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Nebraska SSBN-739	7/10/1993	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Rhode Island SSBN-740	7/9/1994	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Maine SSBN-741	7/29/1995	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Wyoming SSBN-742	7/13/1996	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Columbus SSN-762	7/24/1993	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Missouri SSN-780	7/31/2010	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>





## Binnacle List

## Eternal Patrol



## In Remembrance

John Held

All hands present  
and accounted for

William A. Hawk	TM2 (SS)	7/18/2021
Fred Voskuhl	EM3 (SS)	7/23/2020
Ronald Shook	STC(SS)	7/12/2017
Edward Covey	CAPT	7/3/2017
Joseph Brenkus	EN3(SS)	7/29/2015
Stephen Kossler	EN2(SS)	7/27/2015
John Grienberger	LT	7/13/2014
Robert Armstrong	TMSN(SS)	7/8/2014

## Birthdays

## Member

## Spouse

## Anniversaries

Donald Bright	8/1
Ralph Stroede	8/7
Willard Ashmore	8/11
John Fordyce	8/14
Fred Hayes	8/16
Sarah Bahr	8/18
Martin Abel	8/21
Arthur Davis	8/22
James Schwarz	8/26
Dennis Cantwell	8/29
Mark Winters	8/31

Jean Moore	8/2
Gwen Bushko	8/4
Karen McGee	8/10
Susan Sutherin	8/12
Judith Fordyce	8/13
Linda Allen	8/14
Edith Coats Phelps	8/16
Carmella Markel	8/27
Frances Osborne	8/28
Diane Gervais	8/28
Elaine Plunkett	8/29

Nicole LaPietra & James Cowher	8/2
Brenda & Mark Winters	8/2
Agnes & Thomas Strang	8/3
Kyle & Martin Abel	8/4
Sondra & James Schwarz	8/7
Ashlee & Michael Amenti	8/10
Susan & Gary Ireland	8/10
Cindy & George Brown	8/12
Judi & Merlin Larsen	8/15
Pamela & Ronald Lucas	8/15
Emma & Andrew Wolbrueck	8/17
Laura & Michael Cherock	8/21
Elizabeth & John Bistolas	8/23
Erin & Aaron Houpt	8/23
Connie & Keith Small	8/31





We were extremely happy to see three (3) potential NEW members, in attendance, at our last base meeting – Jim Swords, Sean Williams and Jean Lemieux. We are processing Alex Hamill as a new Aux member. Also in the pipe line is Tim Boyal, Jason Brown and Andrew McGovern.

The Mush Morton award has been approved by both the board and the members of the base. Lou Hamill will have all the information published in the SVD.

We had 16 members and a first mate in the Canonsburg parade. There were 120,000 people in attendance – GREAT PARADE.

We have been invited to the Carnegie Science Center Kick Off meeting to discuss the future of the USS REQUIN. That meeting will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Shipmates Underkoffler, Campisi and myself will be in attendance.

There are 22 members and first mates traveling to the COD for their picnic on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to go, please let Lou Hamill know!

Southwest Veterans will be having a program to explain the benefits that veterans may be entitled to. When more information becomes available, I will pass it on. It's scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Navy Ball will be held on October 14 – I will be appointing one of our members to handle the process on registering.





## Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2022  
American Legion Baden PA

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

**Attendees:** Mike Allen, Carl & Carol Benson, Eric Bookmiller, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, George Brown, Clair & Nancy Bouts, Joe Campisi, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Sandy Ellis, Reno Farina, Gerry & Linda Gaylor, Dick & Beverly Geyer, Bill & Donna Greenlee, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Lou Hamill, Jim Kontier, Jean Lemieux, Bill Lindsey, Chuck & Nancy Loskosh, Bat Masterson, Vince Metz, Jeff & Eileen Simon, John Stewart, Jack & Karen Sutherin, Scott Thomas, Chad Underkoffler, Ron & Sandy Weaver, Sean Williams.

**Base Commander Huey Dietrich** gave the quote of the day: "Think of it this way. Where can you go to sea in the most awesome piece of equipment ever built, have great chow, outstanding shipmates and piss off Ivan and get paid for it?"

**Requin History:** July 13, 1945 USS Requin joined the Pacific Fleet in the Panama Canal Zone. July 31, 1945 USS Requin arrived in Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

**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 S 28 (SS 133) July 4, 1944

USS ROBALO (SS 273) July 26, 1944

USS GRUNION (SS 216) July 30, 1942

We also remember our departed shipmate of the Requin Base Dex Armstrong, John Grienberger Steve Kossler, Joe Brenkus. Ed Covey, and Ron Shook. 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/Chaplain Eric Bookmiller** gave the Invocation

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

**Secretary Jeff Simon** reported Minutes of the previous base meeting were published in the SVD. With no objections, the minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer Lee Bookwalter** full accounting of base assets, expenditures, and deposits is not given at away meetings.

### **Other Reports:**

Binnacle List: John Held

Eternal Patrol: None

Membership stands at 191.

Eagle Scout court of honor presentations, Lou Hamill standing in for John Held.

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

### **Social Events**



USSVI National Convention is being held in Buffalo NY, August 24 to 27. Google USSVI 2022 National Convention for information.

**Old Business:**

Canonsburg parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 14 members attended.

**New Business:**

Executive Board meeting was held on July 4 regarding the purchase of a parade trailer for \$2000. The Board approved this purchase and a motion to approve the actions of the Board was approved by the members present.

Science Center Kickoff for USS Requin revitalization project, July 20, 1430 to 1600.

Meeting with Cod Base July 30, 1130 hours, 1201 Marginal Road, Cleveland OH

Veterans Affairs is holding a fund raiser at South West Veterans Center, September 16

Navy Ball October 14

**Good of The Order:**

Road trip to Groton in August where Requin Base will be a part of the Mush Morten Combat award ceremony. Design for special award coins being produced by the Base was discussed. Motion to approve payment for engraving and painting of each coin over the next 8 years was approved by the members present.

Base meeting in August will be at American Legion Post 820, Monroeville PA.

Motion to approve \$200 to replace tongue wheel on float trailer was approved by the members present.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:** American Legion Post 820 Monroeville PA at 1230 hours on August 13, 2022

**Requin Base Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

July 4, 2022

Voting Members Present: Lee Bookwalter, Huey Dietrich, Bat Masterson, Jeff Simon, Chad Underkoffler

Non-Voting Members Present: Eric Bookmiller, Joe Campisi, Lou Hamill

Topics Discussed:

Purchase of Parade Trailer: Jeff Simon's brother has an almost new trailer which is similar to John Held's trailer currently being used for parades. Pictures of the new trailer were provided for review. The trailer is currently located near Saratoga Springs NY and can remain there until the Base is prepared to get it. A motion to purchase this new trailer at a cost of \$2000 was approved by the Board.



Requin Base attended the July 4th parade in Canonsburg

Unfortunately we don't have many photos. We really need some folks to step up to the plate and take photos at our events. It doesn't have to and shouldn't be just one person. Not everyone can attend all events.

A special "Thank You" to Nancy Loskoch for taking some pictures and uploading them via our website.

**PLEASE consider helping YOUR base.**





The Mush Morton Combat Award is given to the student who best resembles the ideas and tenacity required to be successful in combat.

The selection process includes several grade sheets that are developed from Approach and Attack Criteria.

The students demonstrate their abilities in combat as the Weapons Coordinator (WCC), Fire Control Coordinator (FCC), and Approach Officer (AO). They are evaluated in these roles in both EUCOM and PACOM combat scenarios that are at the Advanced level.

There are 3 classes in session at any given time and SOAC graduates approx. 6 classes a year.

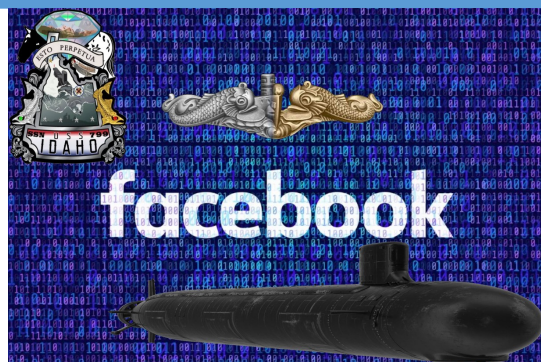


LT Megan Kinsley is the first recipient of the Mush Morton Combat Award.

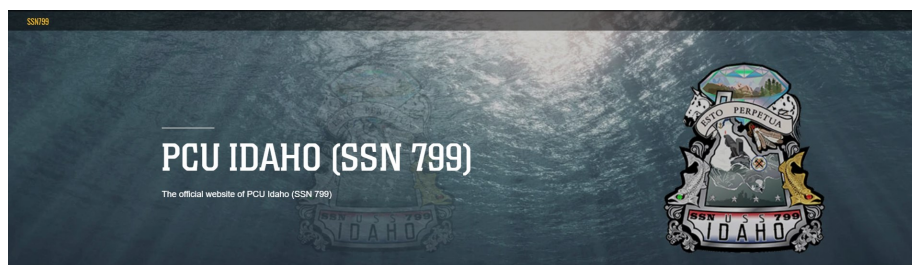




PCU Idaho SSN - 799



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



<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/>



## Chaplain's Column

First of all, I would like to thank Huey and the rest of the board for allowing me to serve as your chaplain. Since I am just getting my feet wet, so to speak, I ask all of you to bear with me as I learn the duties that are required. After all, I have a lot to learn and large shoes to fill due to our loss of Carl Stieger. If you know anyone is sick or goes on eternal patrol, please give me a call or email at the numbers below. If you wish to be placed on the binnacle list but do not want to disclose specifics, I will maintain your confidentiality.

724-485-2341 This is a house phone so do not text this number. Please leave a message if I do not answer'

Email- ebookmiller@comcast.net

Eric Bookmiller

Chaplain Requin Base



## 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.







## Upcoming Events

### Meeting

July 09, 2022  
1230 hours

American Legion  
Post 641  
Baden PA

### Base activities

1. USS Cod Base Annual Picnic  
1201 N Marginal Rd, Cleveland, OH 44114

2. Requin Base Meeting AL Post 820  
4339 Old, William Penn Hwy, Monroeville, PA 15146

**Date Muster**  
July 30 1130

Aug 13 1230



## Membership

Primary Members	163	Holland Club	93	USSVI Life Members	71
Secondary Members	14	WWII	4	Base Life Members	55
Associate Members	14	Eternal Patrol	70	Joined Last Year	7
Total Members	<b>191</b>			Joined This Year	4

### New Members

Alex Hamill is joining the Requin Base as an associate member.

Alex is the son of Lou Hamill, who is our newsletter editor and webmaster. Alex is working at Electric Boat in Groton as a mechanical engineer. Alex assisted with the development of the Mush Morton Combat Award.

Please e-mail Alex and welcome him aboard

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## Eagle Scouts

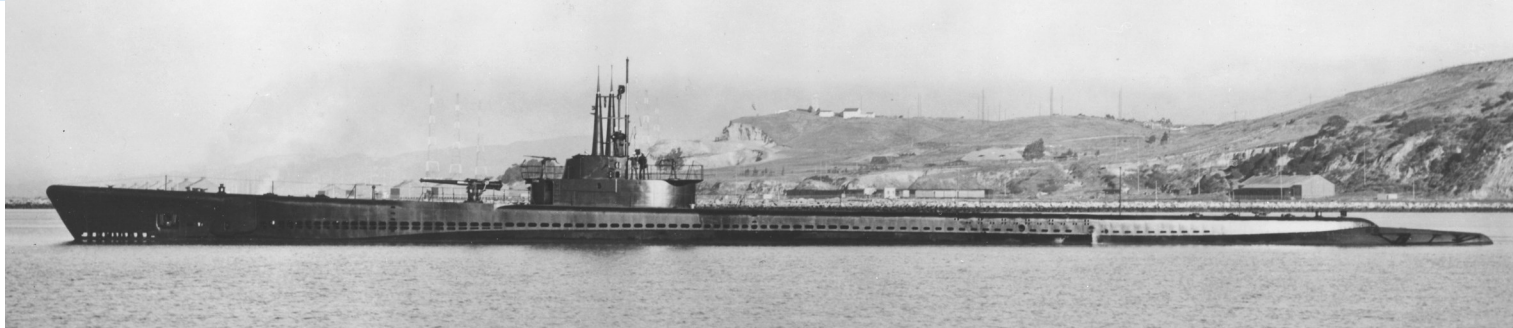
Please direct all Eagle Court of Honor requests to  
<https://requinbase.org/eagle-coh>



Dear Mr. Dietrich,  
Thank you very much  
for attending and participating  
in my son Eagle Scout Court  
of Honor. Your presence was  
greatly appreciated. Sincerely,  
Lynne Weiss



Dear United States Submarine Veterans,  
Thank you so much for the  
certificate, challenge coin, and other  
things. It is truly appreciated.  
Everything you have done for  
this nation does not go unnoticed.  
All the best,  
Andy But



## History

<b>Name</b>	USS <i>Tang</i>
<b>Namesake</b>	<u>Tang</u>
<b>Ordered</b>	15 December 1941
<b>Builder</b>	<u>Mare Island Naval Shipyard</u>
<b>Laid down</b>	15 January 1943
<b>Launched</b>	17 August 1943
<b>Commissioned</b>	15 October 1943
<b>Stricken</b>	8 February 1945
<b>Fate</b>	Sunk by own torpedo off China in the <u>Taiwan Strait</u> , 24 October 1944



## General characteristics

<b>Class and type</b>	<u>Balao-class</u> diesel-electric submarine
<b>Displacement</b>	1,470 <u>long tons</u> (1,490 t) surfaced 2,040 long tons (2,070 t) submerged
<b>Length</b>	311 ft 10 in (95.05 m)
<b>Beam</b>	27 ft 4 in (8.33 m)
<b>Draft</b>	16 ft 10 in (5.13 m) maximum
<b>Propulsion</b>	4 × <u>Fairbanks-Morse Model 38D8-1/8 9-cylinder opposed-piston diesel engines</u> driving <u>electrical generators</u> 2 × 126-cell <u>Sargo batteries</u> 4 × high-speed <u>Elliott electric motors</u> with <u>reduction gears</u> 2 × propellers 5,400 <u>shp</u> (4.0 MW) surfaced 2,740 shp (2.04 MW) submerged
<b>Speed</b>	20.25 <u>kn</u> (23.30 <u>mph</u> ; 37.50 <u>km/h</u> ) surfaced 8.75 kn (10.07 mph; 16.21 km/h) submerged
<b>Range</b>	11,000 <u>nmi</u> (13,000 <u>mi</u> ; 20,000 <u>km</u> ) surfaced at 10 kn (12 mph; 19 km/h)
<b>Endurance</b>	48 hours at 2 kn (2.3 mph; 3.7 km/h) submerged • 75 days on patrol
<b>Test depth</b>	400 ft (120 m) <sup>[3]</sup> but dived below 600 ft (180 m)
<b>Complement</b>	10 officers, 68 enlisted
<b>Armament</b>	10 × 21-inch (533 mm) <u>torpedo tubes</u> • 6 forward, 4 aft 24 torpedoes 1 × 5-inch (127 mm) / 25 caliber deck gun <u>Bofors 40 mm</u> and <u>Oerlikon 20 mm</u> cannon



**07/02/1945**

USS Barb (SS 220) bombards Japanese installations on Kaihyo Island, Japan in the first successful use of rockets against shore positions.

**07/05/1942**

USS Growler (SS 215) torpedoes and sinks the Japanese destroyer, Arare, in the Salmon Lagoon, off Kiska. In the attack, USS Growler damages destroyers Kasumi and Shiranui.

**07/06/1944**

USS Paddle (SS 263) attacks a Japanese convoy northwest of Halmahera and sinks destroyer Hokaze off Sangi Island. Also on this date, USS Sealion (SS 315) attacks a Japanese convoy in the East China Sea and sinks merchant passenger cargo ship Setsuzan Maru off Ningpo, China while USS Tang (SS 306) sinks Japanese freighter Dori Maru in Chosen Bay.

**07/09/1960**

USS Thresher (SSN 593) is launched at Portsmouth, N.H.

**07/09/1994**

USS Rhode Island (SSBN 740) is commissioned at Groton, Conn. The Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine.

**07/10/1945**

USS Runner (SS 476) sinks the Japanese minesweeper (No.27) off Tado Saki, Honshu.

**07/10/1993**

USS Nebraska (SSBN 739) is commissioned at New London, Conn., the 14th Ohio-class submarine.

**07/11/1944**

USS Sealion (SS 315), in the Yellow Sea off the west coast of Korea, near Shosei Jima, sinks two Japanese freighters.

**07/11/1987**

USS Helena (SSN 725) is commissioned at Groton, Conn. The Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine is the fourth named for the capitol of Montana.

**07/13/1991**

USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) is commissioned at Groton, Conn., the third Navy vessel to be named after the Bluegrass state. The thoroughbred of the Fleet is an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine.

**07/15/1942**

USS Grunion (SS 216) sinks the Japanese submarine chasers (25 and 26) off Kiska, Aleutian Islands.

**07/17/1944**

USS Gabilan (SS 252) sinks Japanese minesweeper (W 25) northwest of Zenizu, Japan.

**07/18/1981**

USS Dallas (SSN 700) is commissioned at Groton, Conn., her first homeport. The Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine is the first to be built with an all-digital fire control and sonar system.

**07/19/1997**

USS Seawolf (SSN 21) is commissioned at Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, Conn.



**07/20/1945**

USS Threadfin (SS 410) sinks the Japanese minesweeper (W 39) northwest of Mokpo, Korea.

**07/20/1960**

In the first launch of the Polaris missile, USS George Washington (SSBN 598) successfully fires two operational Polaris missiles while submerged off Florida.

**07/24/1942**

USS Narwhal (SS 167) sinks Japanese guardboat No.83 Shinsei Maru, at Utsutsu Bay, Hokkaido. USS Narwhal also sinks freighters Nissho Maru off Etorofu Maru, Kuril Island, and Kofuji Maru off Oito.

**07/24/1993**

USS Columbus (SSN 762) is commissioned onboard Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn. The Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine is the fifth ship to be named Columbus for the Navy.

**07/27/1943**

USS Scamp (SS 277) torpedoes and sinks the Japanese submarine (I 168), which had sunk USS Yorktown (CV 5) and USS Hammann (DD 412) at the Battle of Midway, south-south-west of Truk. USS Scamp also damages the Japanese oiler, Kazahaya.

**07/27/1985**

USS Providence (SSN 719) is commissioned at Groton, Conn., the fifth ship in the Navy to be named after the Rhode Island city.

**07/28/1926**

USS S-1 surfaces and launches a Cox-Klemin (XS 2) seaplane flown by Lt. D.C. Allen. The submarine recovers the aircraft and submerges, successfully completing an airplane transport on board a submarine.

**07/29/1944**

USS Balao (SS 285) shells and sinks Japanese sampan (No.7) Nissho Maru about 100 miles off Palau. USS Drum (SS 228) sinks Asahi Maru with gunfire in the same general area, and takes survivors prisoner. Also on this date, USS Perch (SS 313) sinks Japanese guardboat Kannon Maru I-Go in the Philippine Sea, east of Dinagat Island.

**07/29/1995**

USS Maine (SSBN 741) is commissioned at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. The Ohio-class nuclear-powered ballistic-missile submarine is the third Navy vessel to be named after the state.

**07/31/2010**

USS Missouri (SSN 780) is commissioned at Groton, Conn., her homeport. The seventh Virginia-class attack submarine is the fourth Navy vessel to honor the state of Missouri.





## USS Montana SSN-794 Commissioning June 25, 2022



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The USS Montana (SSN 794) honors the Treasure State and will be the second commissioned warship bearing the name. The first USS Montana (ACR-13), an armored cruiser, was also built at Newport News Shipbuilding and commissioned in July 1908. ACR-13 served in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, landed Marines during unrest in Haiti in 1914, and escorted convoys during World War I. The Navy decommissioned the first USS Montana in 1921, and two other vessels named after the state never saw commissioned service.

Montana is the third Block IV Virginia-class submarine to enter service, designed to carry out the core missions of the submarine force: anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; delivery of special operations forces; strike warfare; irregular warfare; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; and mine warfare. These capabilities allow the submarine force to operate anywhere, at any time, and contribute to regional stability and the preservation of future peace.

Montana is 377 feet long, has a 34-foot beam, and will be able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots submerged. It has a crew of approximately 136 Navy personnel.

## Navy WWII vet Larry Storch, who found fame playing a soldier on TV, dies at 99

By Lynn Elber, The Associated Press Friday, Jul 8

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2022/07/08/navy-wwii-vet-larry-storch-who-found-fame-playing-a-soldier-on-tv-dies-at-99/>



Navy World War II veteran Larry Storch, one of the co-stars of "F Troop," poses during the filming of an episode Dec. 2, 1966, in Los Angeles. Storch died Friday in New York. He was 99. (David F. Smith/AP)

LOS ANGELES — World War II Navy veteran Larry Storch, the rubber-faced comic whose long career in theater, movies and television was capped by his "F Troop" role as zany Cpl. Agarn in the 1960s spoof of Western frontier TV shows, died Friday. He was 99.

Storch died of natural causes early Friday in his New York City apartment, according to his manager, Matt Beckoff.

Although "F Troop" lasted only two seasons on ABC, from 1965 to 1967, it became a cult favorite in reruns. Its devoted fans could recite almost all of the adventures of the incredibly incompetent soldiers of Fort Courage and the members of the nearby Native American tribe who only pretended to be at war with them.

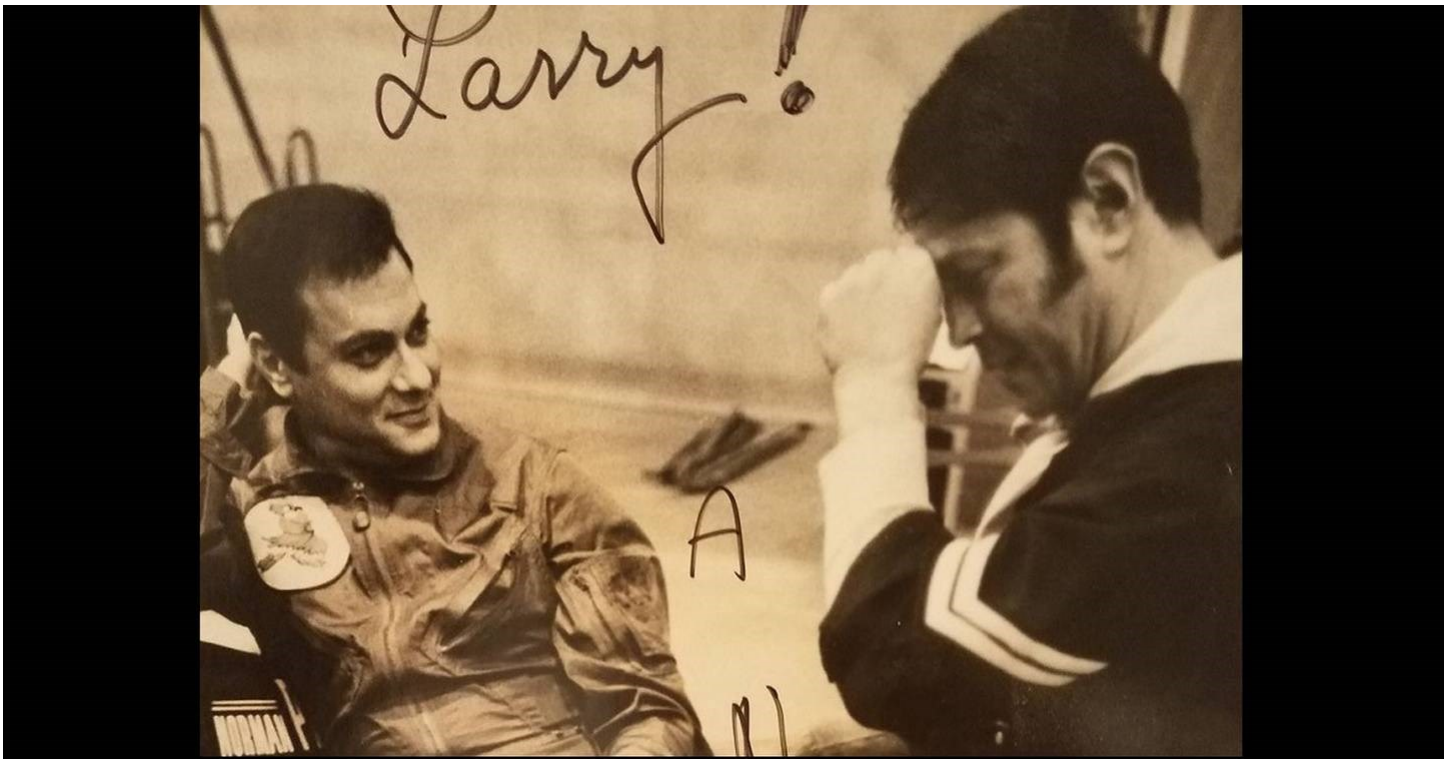
Storch said in a 1998 interview that he was surprised to be considered for an Army comedy such as "F Troop," with it being well known that he served in the Navy during World War II. "All I knew about horses was that they give milk and can bite from both ends," he quipped.

Storch served on the submarine tender Proteus during the war along with a radio operator named Bernie Schwartz, according to his Facebook page. They were on the Proteus in Tokyo Bay Sept. 2, 1945, and witnessed Japan's formal surrender onboard the nearby battleship Missouri.

Storch later said his Navy service greatly boosted his career. During the war, Schwartz had told him, "I'm going to be a movie star." Storch, already a seasoned comic on the resort circuit, had tried to talk him out of it, warning him that the business could be tough.

They met again after the war, and Schwartz, who by now had changed his name to Tony Curtis, remembered his funny shipmate. Storch went on to appear in eight of Curtis' movies, including "Captain Newman," "Who Was That Lady?" and "The Great Race."





Larry Storch and his lifelong Navy buddy Tony Curtis visit on the set of "F Troop" in the 1960s. (LarryStorchPage via Facebook)

On "F Troop," Storch as Cpl. Agarn was the wild-eyed partner and protege of Forrest Tucker's wily Sgt. O'Rourke, who often schemed with Frank DeKova's Chief Wild Eagle to fleece unsuspecting visitors. Ken Berry played Capt. Parmenter, Fort Courage's clueless commander.

While "F Troop" brought him lasting fame, Storch appeared in scores of films and TV shows both before and after the show. He also enjoyed a long career in theater and as a comic at resorts in New York State's Catskill Mountains area.

He never regretted being best known for the series, his manager said.

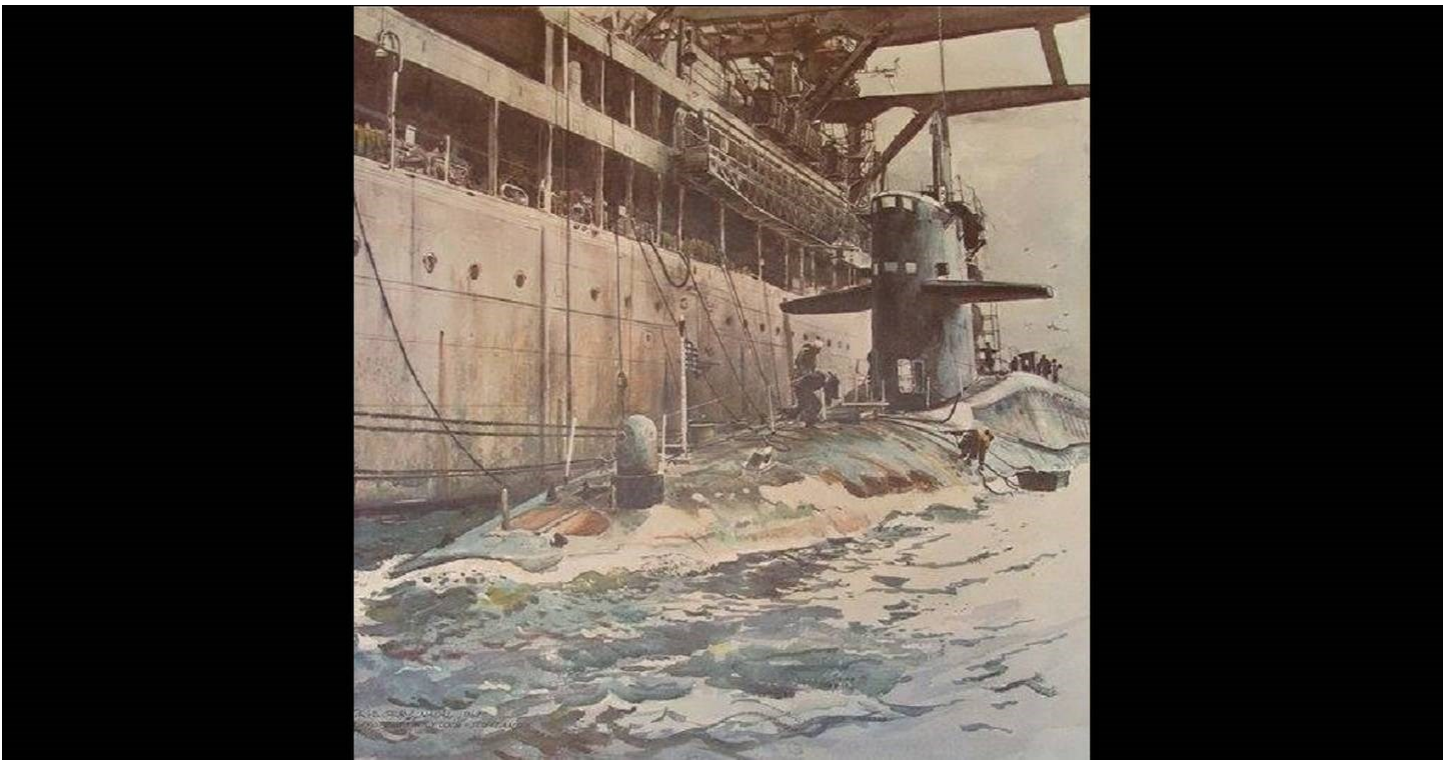
"He embraced it. He loved being Agarn" and relished working with his co-stars, said Beckoff. Storch was the "kindest, sweetest person," who always had time for autograph-seekers and was generous to people in need, he said.

Storch's credits included "Funny Valentine," "Sweet 16," "Sex and the Single Girl," "S.O.B.," "Airport," "Treasure Island" and "Oliver Twist." On TV, he guest-starred on such shows as "Married... With Children," "Archie Bunker's Place," "Trapper John, M.D.," "Fantasy Island," "CHiPS," "The Love Boat," "Get Smart," "Love American Style," "Gilligan's Island" and "Car 54 Where Are You?"

His many theater appearances ranged from a brutal detective in a 1983 Broadway revival of "Porgy and Bess" to Chief Sitting Bull in the 2000 revival of "Annie Get Your Gun" with Reba McEntire.

Laurence Samuel Storch was born in New York City where, he recalled proudly, he went on to become class clown at DeWitt Clinton High School and "was invited not to come back."

He practiced his comedy in Harlem theaters for \$2 a night before graduating to the famed training ground for comedians of his era, the Catskills.

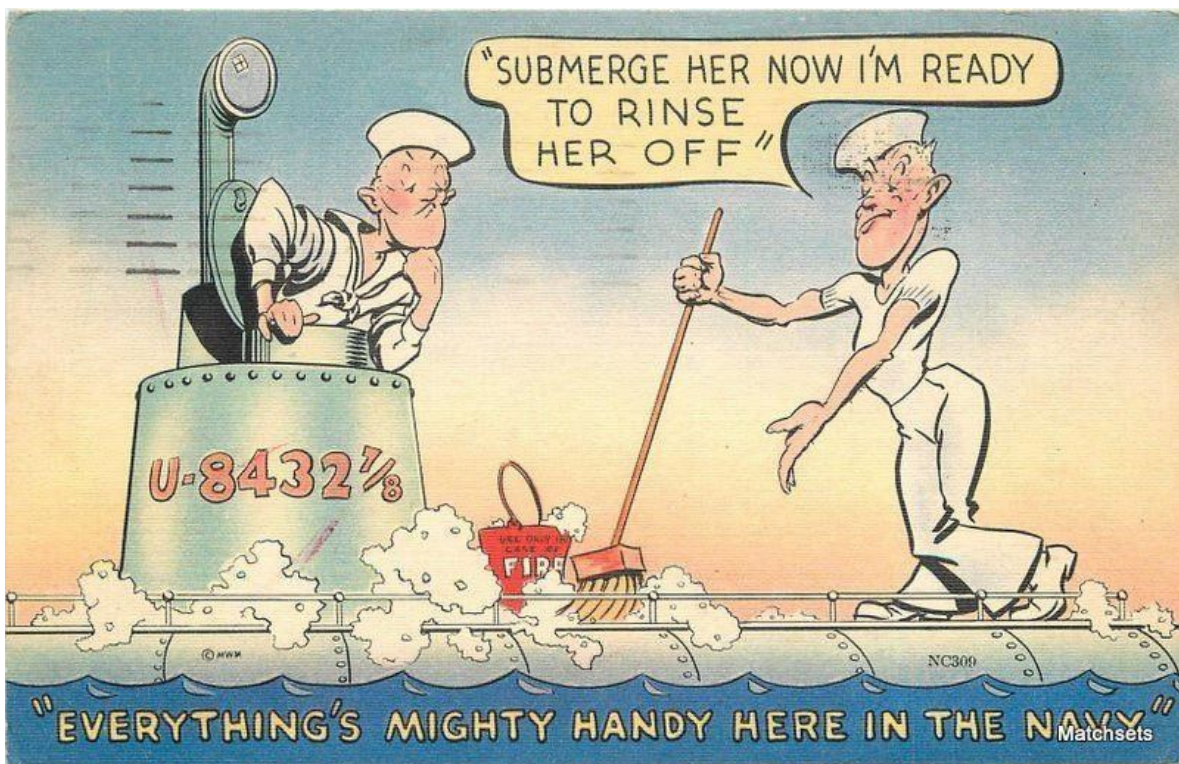


This photo of the submarine tender Proteus, on which Larry Storch served in World War II, appeared on his Facebook page in 2013.  
(LarryStorchPage via Facebook)

His first big break came on TV in the early 1950s with "The Cavalcade of Stars," with Jackie Gleason. That led to "The Larry Storch Show," a 1953 summer series. Regular movie and TV work followed.

Storch was married to Norma Greve from 1961 until her death in 2003.

His shipmate Curtis died in 2010.







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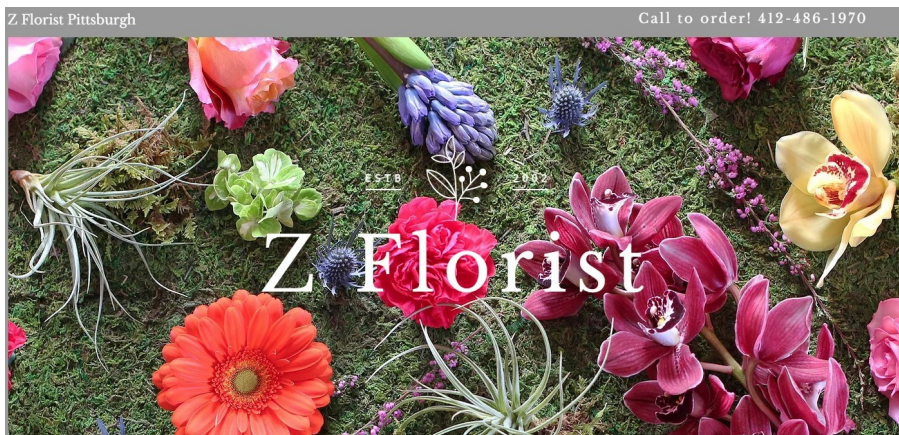
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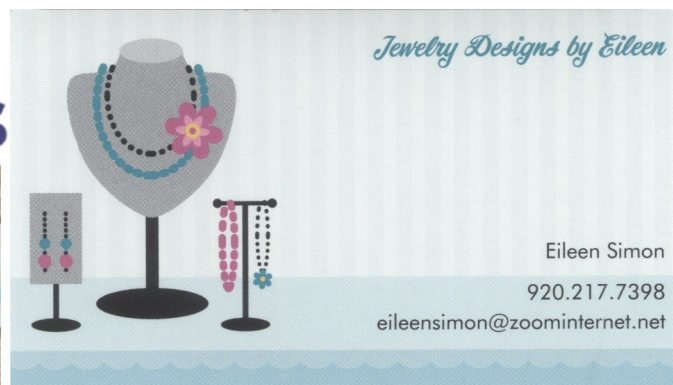
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