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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

Oct 15, 2022 @ 1230 hours  
At the Golden Corral  
1025 N Hermitage Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148

### 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 September

### USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.

### USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on Sept 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost.

### USS Pompano (SS-181)

Pompano was sunk (between Sept 17 and Oct 5) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Possibly lost on Sept 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17 September by air & depth charge attack off the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya Zaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to a mine on or after 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

### USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on Sept 25, 1925 with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.

### USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on Sept 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao.

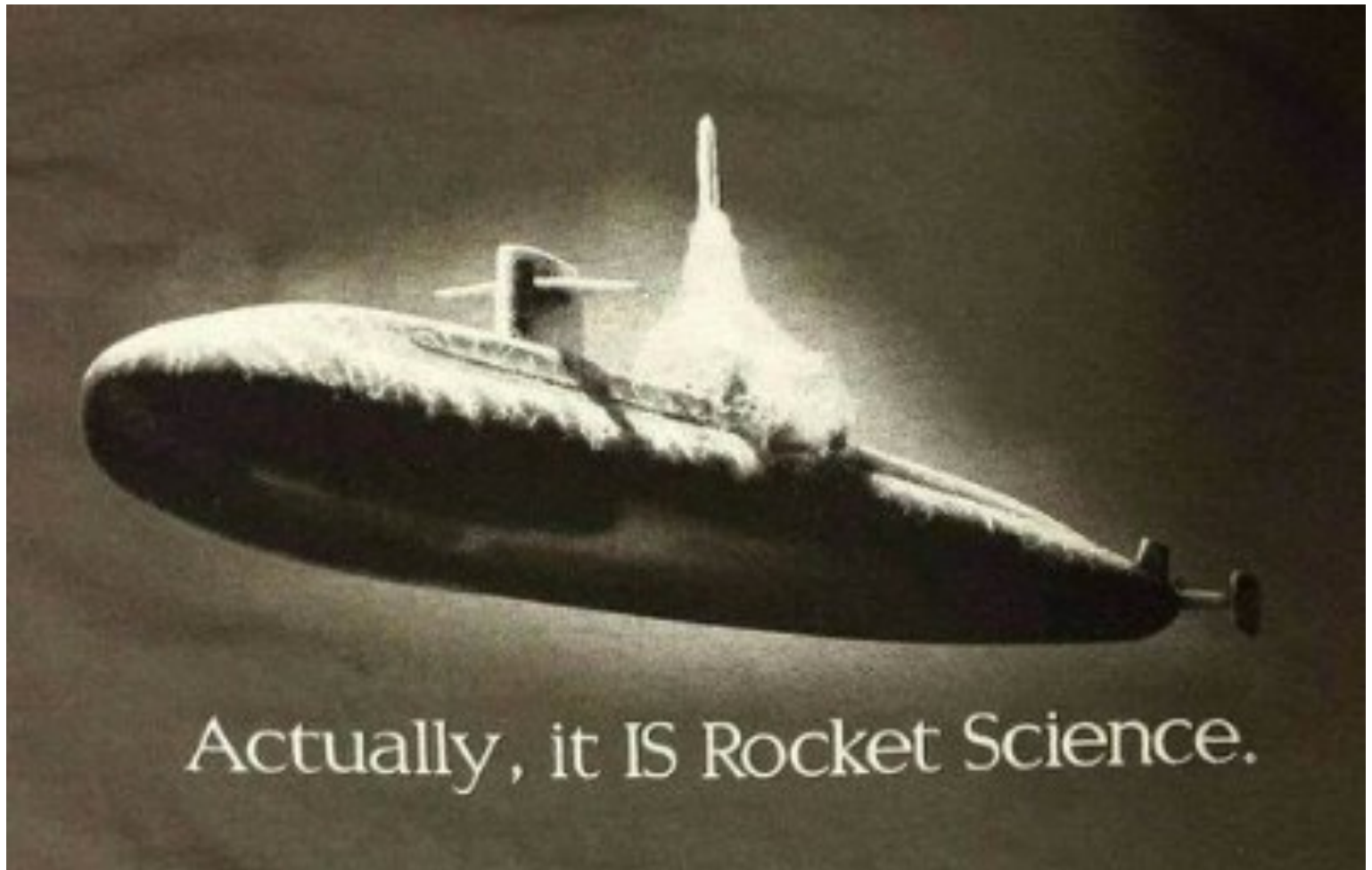




## Submarines commissioned during the month of September

Plunger SS-2	9/19/1903	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Porpoise SS-7	9/19/1903	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Shark SS-8	9/19/1903	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
D-3 SS-19	9/8/1910	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
K-6 SS-37	9/9/1914	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
L-2 SS-41	9/29/1916	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
N-1 SS-53	9/26/1917	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
N-2 SS-54	9/26/1917	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
N-3 SS-55	9/26/1917	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
R-11 SS-88	9/5/1919	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
R-12 SS-89	9/23/1919	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
R-18 SS-95	9/11/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
R-27 SS-104	9/3/1919	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-10 SS-115	9/21/1922	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-39 SS-144	9/14/1923	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
H-5 SS-148	9/30/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
H-6 SS-149	9/9/1918	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-47 SS-158	9/16/1925	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Bass SS-164	9/26/1925	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Darter SS-227	9/7/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Flasher SS-249	9/25/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Gurnard SS-254	9/18/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Robalo SS-273	9/28/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Scamp SS-277	9/18/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Tunny SS-282	9/1/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Devilfish SS-292	9/1/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Archerfish SS-311	9/4/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Burrfish SS-312	9/13/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Boarfish SS-327	9/23/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Charr SS-328	9/23/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Kraken SS-370	9/8/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Tiru SS-416	9/1/1948	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Pomodone SS-486	9/11/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Spinax SS-489	9/20/1946	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Nautilus SSN-571	9/30/1954	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Swordfish SSN-579	9/15/1958	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Robert E. Lee SSBN-601	9/15/1960	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
John C. Calhoun SSBN-630	9/15/1964	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Von Steuben SSBN-632	9/30/1964	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sand Lance SSN-660	9/25/1971	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	

Guitarro SSN-665	9/9/1972	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Seahorse SSN-669	9/19/1969	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Pintado SSN-672	9/11/1971	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Batfish SSN-681	9/1/1972	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Houston SSN-713	9/25/1982	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Chicago SSN-721	9/27/1986	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Key West SSN-722	9/12/1987	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Michigan SSGN-727	9/11/1982	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Pennsylvania SSBN-735	9/9/1989	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Louisiana SSBN-743	9/6/1997	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Asheville SSN-758	9/28/1991	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Charlotte SSN-766	9/16/1994	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Cheyenne SSN-773	9/13/1996	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Texas SSN-775	9/9/2006	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Minnesota SSN-783	9/1/2013	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Indiana SSN-789	9/29/2018	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>







# Binnacle List

# Eternal Patrol



# In Remembrance

Huey Dietrich	All Hands Present	Carsten "Carl" Stigers	MMC (SS)	9/24/2021
Rick Elster	And	Robert A. Klein	QM3(SS)	9/1/2019
Erick Bookmiller	Accounted For	Salvatore A. Molitierno	TME3 (SS)	9/18/2018
George Staas		James T. Lasher	EM3 (SS)	9/8/2018
Sandy Ellis		Monty Silvers	SN(SS)	9/2/2015
Beverly Geyer		Marion Irons		9/18/2014
		Donald R. Lennox	MOMM3(SS)	9/11/2014
		Donald L. Miller	TM2(SS)	9/7/2011

## Birthdays

Member		Spouse		Anniversaries	
Eric Bookmiller	10/2	Helen Biemer	10/6	Lisa & Jeffrey Thompson	10/1
Carl Humes	10/2	Kathleen Dolgos	10/15	Mary Ann & James Kontir	10/5
John Ewald	10/3	Kathy Schmidt	10/19	Linda & Gerald Gaylor	10/8
Jon Bruce	10/4	Lisa Thompson	10/19	Judy & Richard Elster	10/9
Paul McKenzie	10/6	Noreen Beauregard	10/21	Eloyse & Hubert Dietrich	10/15
Rick Flaugh	10/18	Kela Gary Gasparovic	10/25	Danielle & Eric Greenwald	10/17
Ronnie Horton	10/22	Emma Wolbrueck	10/26	Jean & Robert Moore	10/19
Jeffrey Biel	10/26	Debra Davis	10/29	Beth Klebache & Kyle Lacey	10/20
Charles Loskoch	10/29	Ginny Lukasik	10/30	Karen & Allen McGee	10/21
Shawn McGinty	10/30			Barbara & Larry Boutelle	10/22
Jason Deichler	10/31			Sheila & Thomas Burdin	10/24
Edward Perlowitz	10/31			Mary Beth & Rick Flaugh	10/24
				Janice & James Johnston	10/24
				Marianne & James Phelan	10/24
				Cathy & Thomas Clark	10/26
				Peggy & Christopher Gibson	10/28





## 1<sup>st</sup> Vices Review

SHIPMATES – The September meeting held at the American Legion in Baden Pa. is now in our wake. Bravo Zulu to all Brothers of the Phin and our members who brought their First Mates, Family members and friends. There were over 35 members and first mates that attended. Huey Dietrich and his First Mate Eddy were not in attendance, due to Huey's ongoing health issues. I apologize for missing the "Quote of the Day" so here it is:

### **"SUBMARINE LIFE IS NOT A SERVICE, BUT A RELIGION"**

As always our Caterer provided a really delicious meal since there was only one entrée left. Kudos to the ladies for providing various deserts. A special thanks goes out to our, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Bat Masterson, his wife Kim and some of the members of the Baden American Legion for setting up the room for the meeting.

Various issues were discussed, and we made some very important decisions.

Revised the purchase price for the trailer that our members, with physical issues, can ride on, so they can participate in the parades that we attend.

The setting of a date for our Raffle for the "Basket of Cheer".

Four of our members will be Rendering Honors for a member of the Groton Base. His name is Paul Curry IC1(SS) and grew up Washington Pa. and will be buried on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Cemetery.

We have **guaranteed** to reserve 1 table for the Navy's 24th Birthday Ball, **and, we can get additional seats as required.** The Ball is being hosted by the Navy League Pittsburgh Council and various Navy themed Organizations. This is a "Black Tie Affair" **and for Sub Vets that means**, Dress Pants, Shirt and Tie and our Vests, and of course, the ladies already know (LOL) what to wear. Each table seats 8 people. Members who want their First Mates to attend are encouraged. At this time we have 3 Requin Base members attending and 1 First Mate for a total of 4 people. **The cost per person is \$60.00, Checks to be made out to Navy League Pittsburgh Council and our reservation deadline is September 29, 2022.** Contact me via "E" Mail, [candj981@verizon.net](mailto:candj981@verizon.net) or call me at 724-809-6830. The Navy Ball is on Friday October 14, 2022 at the Edgewood Country Club 100 Churchill Rd. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235. Event starts at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:30 PM Dancing at 8:00 PM.

The Columbus Day parade will be held on Saturday, October 8th in Bloomfield. Paid Parking is available at the West Penn Hospital or at the end of the parade route in a supermarket lot. We need to muster at the Check In station by 10:00 AM since the Parade starts at 11:00 AM

Our October 15 meeting is at the Golden Corral in Hermitage Pa. and we understand it is the only non-veteran establishment that has a Veteran-Mia table. The cost of the meal is estimated to be \$18.00 per plate which includes the gratuity.

Dues Collection Schedule:

**September** – Base Officers – Committee Persons – Associate Members Life Members,

**October** – Pa residence member

**November** – Out of State members

**December** – members who joined the base in 2022.

Overall we need more ideas on how to raise money to fund these various programs and projects, and, we need more of the membership to step up and participate in helping out as needed. **Don't wait to be asked, ask what you can do to help.**

We have 3 new Associate members being signed up for our October Roster

Regis Dugan – Commander American Legion Post 820 Monroeville

Tim Boyle - The Man who Stores our Float

Jean Lemieux – Was Admiral Hyman Rickover's Secretary





## Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2022  
American Legion Post 641 Baden PA

**Senior Vice Chad Underkoffler** called the meeting to order.

**Attendees:** Eric Bookmiller, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Joe Campisi, Tom Clark, Bob & Mary Jane Deer, Sandy Ellis, Dick Geyer, Bob & Lynn Gourley, Lou Hamill, John Held, Mark Hoag, Bill Lindsey, Bat Masterson, Bob & Jude Meyers, Harry Sills, Jeff & Eileen Simon, Keith & Connie Small, Jack & Karen Sutherin, John Swords, Scott Thomas, Chad Underkoffler, Chuck Warren.

**Requin Base History:** The Requin Base was established in 1994 by fellow submariners living in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia. Many are still active in the Base. Their objective was to conduct themselves in accordance with the USSVI Creed. The Requin Base is named after the USS Requin S/SSR/AGSS 481, which can be viewed at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh PA.

**Senior Vice Chad Underkoffler:** 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-5 (SS 110) September 1, 1920  
USS GRAYLING (SS 209) September 9, 1943  
USS S-51 (SS 162) September 25, 1925  
USS CISCO (SS 290) September 28, 1943

Finally, we honor remember all the brave submariners who died performing their duties aboard submarines, some individually and some in groups, but where the submarine itself was not lost.

**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.

**Other Reports:**

Membership stands at 194.

Binnacle List: Beverly Geyer, Huey Deitrich, Rick Elster, Eric Bookmiller, John Stass, Sandy Ellis

Eternal Patrol: Paul D. Curry (Groton Base)

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

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

Storekeeper's report was not given as Frank Nicotra was absent due to the passing of his sister Rosemary Fedoriw.

**Shipmate John Held** reported on Scout court of honor presentations.

**Shipmate Lou Hamill** reported on Mush Morton Award challenge coins.

**Shipmate Lou Hamill** reported on Basket Of Cheer raffle. A total of 250 tickets each having 4 lottery numbers will be sold. Winning number will be the daily lottery number on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Social Events

### Old Business:

Since the National USSVI is not a charitable organization, the purchase price for the new parade trailer has been revised upward to \$4,000. A motion to approve this purchase at the revised price was approved by the members present.

### New Business/Good of The Order:

On September 14, graveside honors will be rendered for Paul Curry IC1(SS). He is a member of the Groton Base but he will be buried in his hometown of Washington PA

USSVI National Convention was attended by approximately 10 Base members.

A raffle is being considered for tap handle, cribbage board and coin holder.

Calendars for 2023 and notice of base dues will be mailed out to members in September. If you wish to save the postage (\$2.50), please email Huey Dietrich requesting he bring your calendar to the October meeting.

Columbus Day parade in Bloomfield PA on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> Muster times and location will be emailed to the members

Navy Ball October 14. The Base will purchase 1 table. Those wishing to attend will reimburse the Base for the seat(s) they occupy. This is a black-tie event for all military (active, retired, veteran, etc.). Attending members should wear white shirt, black dress pants and shoes, tie and USSIV vest.

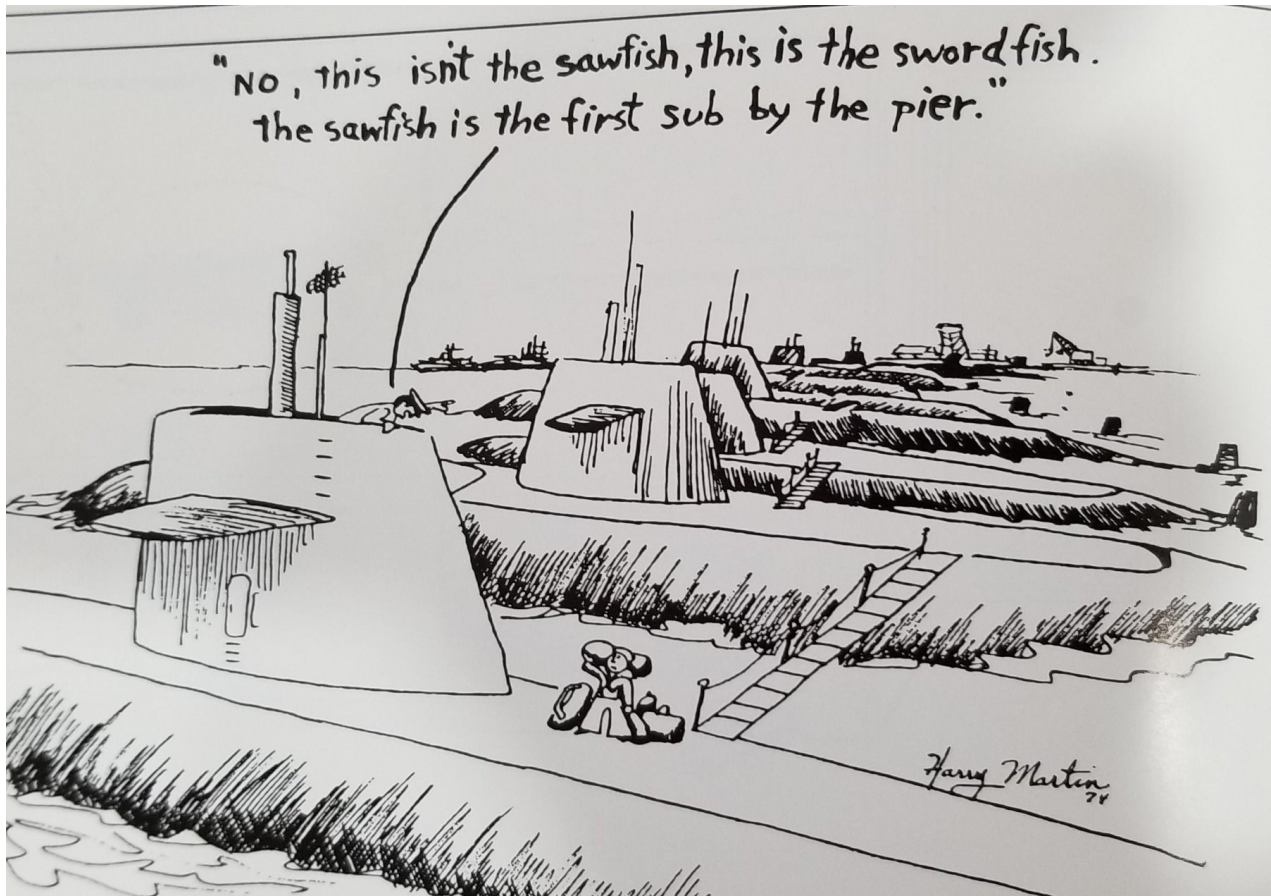
Base meeting for October is moved to October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Hermitage PA. Meal price is \$18 per person. A motion to pay for the meals for walk-in of local members was approved by the members present.

Status of the new updated National website was discussed.

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

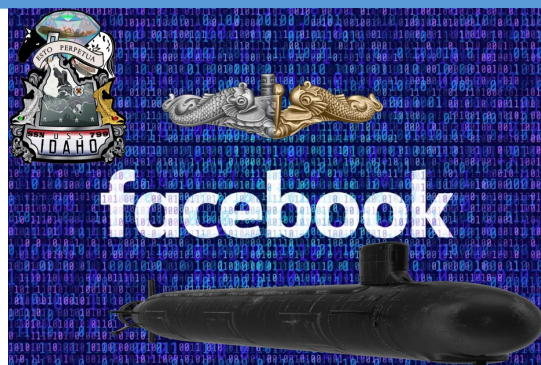
**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:** Golden Corral, 1025 N Hermitage Rd., Hermitage PA at 1230 hours on October 15, 2022





PCU Idaho SSN - 799



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

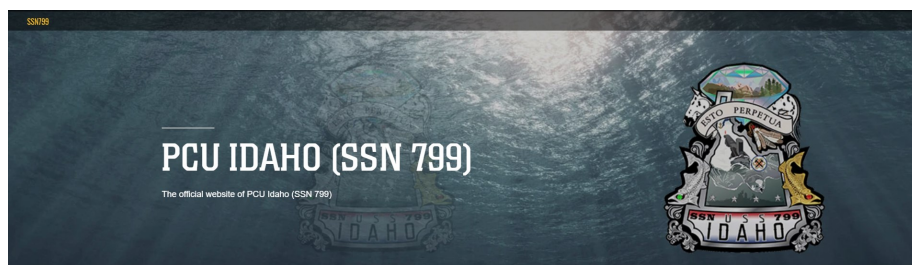
## USS Idaho Support Fundraiser

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

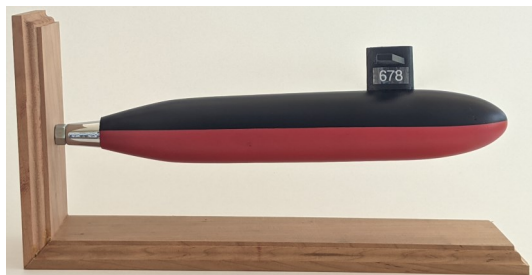
The crew and their families appreciate the support.



<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/>





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

### Eternal Patrol

Paul D Curry IC1/SS was placed on eternal patrol this month.

He was a Groton base member but was buried here in Washington PA. Since the Groton Base could not travel to render gravesite honors, we were able to accommodate. Shipmates Chuck Loskoch, John Held, Chad Underkoffler, and I attended the burial and read "This Sailor Stood the Watch and Paul's final orders. The family was very appreciative. Thank you to Chuck, John, and Chad for your participation

### Binnacle List.

There are a couple of changes to the Binnacle List, Mike Pelligrino was removed as he is doing much better.

Beverly Geyer is dealing with Leukemia.

Rick Elster is having heart issues

Huey Dietrich is having back problems

As always, I would like to ask everyone to keep Rick, Huey and Beverly in our thoughts and prayers this month.

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Golden Corral  
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### Base activities

Columbus Day Parade

Liberty Ave & West Penn Hospital

Navy Ball

Edgewood Country Club 100 Churchill Rd. Pittsburgh, PA. 15235

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Oct 8 10:00

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## Membership

Primary Members	165	Holland Club	94	USSVI Life Members	72
Secondary Members	14	WWII	4	Base Life Members	55
Associate Members	16	Eternal Patrol	69	Joined Last Year	7
Total Members	<b>195</b>			Joined This Year	6

## New Members



We have 3 new Associate members being signed up for our October Roster

Regis Dugan – Commander American Legion Post 820 Monroeville  
Tim Boyle - The Man who Stores our Float  
Jean Lemieux – Was Admiral Hyman Rickover's Secretary



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History		General characteristics	
<b>Name</b>	<i>Louisiana</i>	<b>Class and type</b>	<i>Ohio class ballistic missile submarine</i>
<b>Namesake</b>	<u>Louisiana</u>	<b>Displacement</b>	16,764 long tons (17,033 t) surfaced 18,750 long tons (19,050 t) submerged
<b>Ordered</b>	19 December 1990	<b>Length</b>	560 ft (170 m)
<b>Builder</b>	<u>General Dynamics Electric Boat</u>	<b>Beam</b>	42 ft (13 m) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Laid down</b>	23 October 1992	<b>Draft</b>	38 ft (12 m)
<b>Launched</b>	27 July 1996	<b>Propulsion</b>	1 × <u>S8G PWR</u> nuclear reactor ( <u>HEU</u> 93.5%) 2 × geared <u>turbines</u> 1 × 325 hp (242 kW) auxiliary motor 1 × shaft @ 60,000 <u>shp</u> (45,000 kW)
<b>Sponsored by</b>	Patricia O'Keefe	<b>Speed</b>	Greater than 25 knots (46 km/h; 29 mph)
<b>Commis- sioned</b>	6 September 1997	<b>Test depth</b>	Greater than 800 feet (240 m) <sup>[5]</sup>
<b>Homeport</b>	<u>Bremerton, Washington</u>	<b>Complement</b>	15 officers 140 enlisted
<b>Motto</b>	<i>Union, Justice, and Confidence</i>	<b>Armament</b>	<u>MK-48</u> torpedoes 24 × <u>Trident II</u> D-5 ballistic missiles
<b>Honors and awards</b>	<u>Omaha Trophy</u> 2006 <u>Meritorious Unit Commendation</u> (Blue Crew) 2009  Meritorious Unit Commendation (Gold Crew) 2009		
<b>Status</b>	in active service		



*USS Louisiana (SSBN743)  
Commissioned September 6, 1997*



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**09/02/1944**

USS Finback (SS 230) rescues Lt. j.g. George H.W. Bush, who is shot down while attacking Chi Chi Jima. During this time, Lt. j.g. Bush serves with Torpedo Squadron Fifty One (VT 51) based on board USS San Jacinto (CVL 30). Lt. j.g. Bush later becomes the 41st President of the United States.

**09/06/1997**

USS Louisiana (SSBN 743) is commissioned at its homeport of Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga. The boat is the last of the Navys 18 Ohio-class nuclear-powered fleet ballistic missile submarines.

**09/07/2013**

USS Minnesota (SSN 783) is commissioned at Naval Station Norfolk is the 10th of the Virginia-class submarines and the third Navy vessel to be named after the state of Minnesota.

**09/08/1944**

On a daring night attack, USS Spadefish (SS 411) attacks a Japanese convoy off Sakishima Gunto and sinks four Japanese vessels.

**09/09/1944**

USS Bang (SS 385) attacks a Japanese convoy 3905, en route from Tokyo Bay to Chichi Jima, and sinks transport Tokiwasan Maru, and freighter Shoryu Maru.

**09/09/1989**

USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735) is commissioned at New London, Conn. The fourth Navy vessel to be named after the Keystone State, the Ohio-class nuclear-powered.

**09/09/2006**

USS Texas (SSN 775) is commissioned at Newport News, Va. The second Virginia-class attack submarine is the first named for the Lone Star State. Previous ships named Texas have included two battleships and a cruiser.

**09/11/1942**

Pharmacists Mate First Class Wheeler B. Lipes performs an emergency appendectomy on Seaman 1st Class Darrell D. Rector on board USS Seadragon (SS 194) on patrol in the South China Sea.

**09/11/1944**

USS Albacore (SS 218) torpedoes and sinks the Japanese auxiliary submarine chaser (Cha 165) off Kyushu, Japan, while USS Finback (SS 230) sinks Japanese army cargo ship, Hassho Maru, and merchant cargo ship, No. 2, Hakuun Maru, north of Chichi Jima. Also on this date, USS Pargo (SS 264) sinks Japanese auxiliary netlayer, Hinoki Maru, in Java Sea.

**09/11/1982**

USS Michigan (SSGN 727) is commissioned at Groton, Conn. The second Ohio-class nuclear-powered guided missile submarine, it is the third Navy vessel to honor the State of Michigan.

**09/12/1944**

USS Growler (SS 215) torpedoes and sinks the Japanese destroyer Shikinami 240 miles south of Hong Kong, and escort vessel Hirado 250 miles east of Hainan Island.

**09/12/1987**

USS Key West (SSN 722) is commissioned at her homeport of Naval Station Norfolk, Va. Following the ceremony, the 35th Los Angeles-class attack submarine made a trip down to its name-sake city at Key West, Fla. The boat is the third US Navy vessel to be named after the nations southern-most city.

**09/13/1996**

USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) is commissioned at Naval Station Norfolk. The 62nd and last of the Los Angeles-class attack submarines, USS Cheyenne is the third to be named after Wyomings capital city.

**09/15/1944**

USS Pampanito (SS 383) and USS Sealion (SS 315) rescue 73 British and 54 Australian POWs who survive the loss of Japanese freighter, Rakuyo Maru, after she is sunk by Sealion on Sept. 12, about 300 miles west of Cape Bojeador, Luzon. There had been 1,300 men on board Rakuyo Maru when she is torpedoed.

**09/16/1944**

USS Barb (SS 220) sinks the Japanese 11,700-ton tanker, Azusa, and the 20,000-ton escort carrier, Unyo, 200 miles southeast of Hong Kong. Additionally, while off Yokosuka, Japan, USS Sea Devil (SS 400) sinks the Japanese submarine I-364.

**19/16/1958**

USS Grayback (SSG 574) fires the first operational launch of a Regulus II surface-to- surface guided missile, while off the coast of California.

**09/16/1994**

USS Charlotte (SSN 766) is commissioned at Naval Station Norfolk. The 16th of the Los Angeles-class (improved) attack submarines, the boat is the fourth Navy ship to be named for the North Carolina city.

**09/19/1944**

USS Shad (SS 235) torpedoes and sinks Japanese coast defense ship, Ioshima. (ex-Chinese cruiser, Ning Hai) 85 miles off Hachij, Jima.

**09/19/1957**

Bathyscaphe Trieste, in a dive sponsored by the Office of Naval Research in the Mediterranean, reaches a record depth of two miles. Three years later, Trieste would set a new record of seven miles on Jan. 23, 1960.

**09/20/1943**

USS S-28 (SS 133) sinks Japanese gunboat No. 2 Katsura Maru, 165 miles southwest of Paramushir, Kuril Islands.

**09/21/1944**

USS Haddo (SS 255) torpedoes and sinks the Japanese survey ship, Katsuriki, off Manila, Philippines.

**09/21/2017**

The Navy awards a \$5.1 billion contract to General Dynamics Electric Boat for Integrated Product and Process Development (IPPD) of the Columbia-class Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN). The IPPD contract award includes design, completion, component and technology development and prototyping work.

**09/22/1959**

USS Patrick Henry (SSBN 599) is launched. In 1982, her ballistic missile tubes are disabled, and she is reclassified as an attack submarine.

**09/24/1943**

USS Cabrilla (SS 288) attacks three Japanese ships, a carrier, escort carrier and destroyer, northwest of Chichi Jima.

**09/25/1925**

USS S-51 sinks after being rammed by SS City of Rome off Block Island, R.I., killing 33 of her crew.

**09/25/1944**

USS Searaven (SS 196) is attacked by a Japanese small craft off southwest tip of Etorofu, Kurils. USS Barbel (SS 316) sinks Japanese merchant cargo ship, Bushu Maru, off Togara Gunto. Additionally, USS Guardfish (SS 217) sinks Japanese merchant cargo ship, No.2, Miyakawa Maru, in the Yellow Sea off Chinnampo. Also, on this day, USS Thresher (SS 200) sinks Japanese merchant cargo ship, Nissei Maru, in the Yellow Sea.

**09/25/1982**

USS Houston (SSN 713) is commissioned at Naval Station Norfolk. For two months in 1989, the boat participated in the filming of The Hunt for Red October off the coasts of Washington and California.

**09/26/1944**

USS Pargo (SS 264) sinks the Japanese minelayer, Aotaka, off Borneo. Also on this date, USS McCoy Reynolds (DE 440) sinks Japanese submarine I-175 northeast of Palau.

**09/27/1944**

USS Apogon (SS-308) sinks the Japanese cargo ship Hachirogata Maru in the Sea of Okhotsk off Shimushir Island. Also on this date, USS Plaice (SS-390) sinks Japanese Coast Defense Vessel No.10, 100 miles north-northwest of Amami-O-Shima.

**09/27/1986**

USS Chicago (SSN 721) is commissioned at Norfolk, VA. The Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine is the fourth U.S. Navy ship to be named after the Windy City of Illinois, and is ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions.

**09/28/1964**

The first deployment of a Polaris A-3 missile takes place on board USS Daniel Webster (SSBN 626) from Charleston, S.C.

**09/28/1991**

USS Asheville (SSN 758) is commissioned during a ceremony at Newport News, Va. The Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered submarine is the fourth ship in the Navy to be named after the city in North Carolina, and is ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions.

**09/29/1944**

USS Narwhal (SS 167) evacuates 81 allied prisoners of war from Lanboyan Point, Sindangan Bay, Mindanao, Philippines. They had survived the Sept. 7 sinking of Japanese POW transport Shinyo Maru.

**09/30/1943**

USS Bowfin (SS 287) delivers supplies and evacuates people from Siquijor Island, Philippines and sinks Japanese cargo ship, Mitake Maru. Also on this date, USS Harder (SS 257) sinks Japanese auxiliary submarine chaser No.3 Shosei Maru, while USS Pogy (SS 266) sinks Japanese army transport, Maebashi Maru, 300 miles east of Palau.

**09/30/1944**

USS Nautilus (SS 168) lands 95 tons of supplies, 70 drums of gasoline, and four drums of oil at designated spot on Panay, Philippine Islands and embarks 47 evacuees (seven servicemen, 10 women, five civilian males, and 25 children).

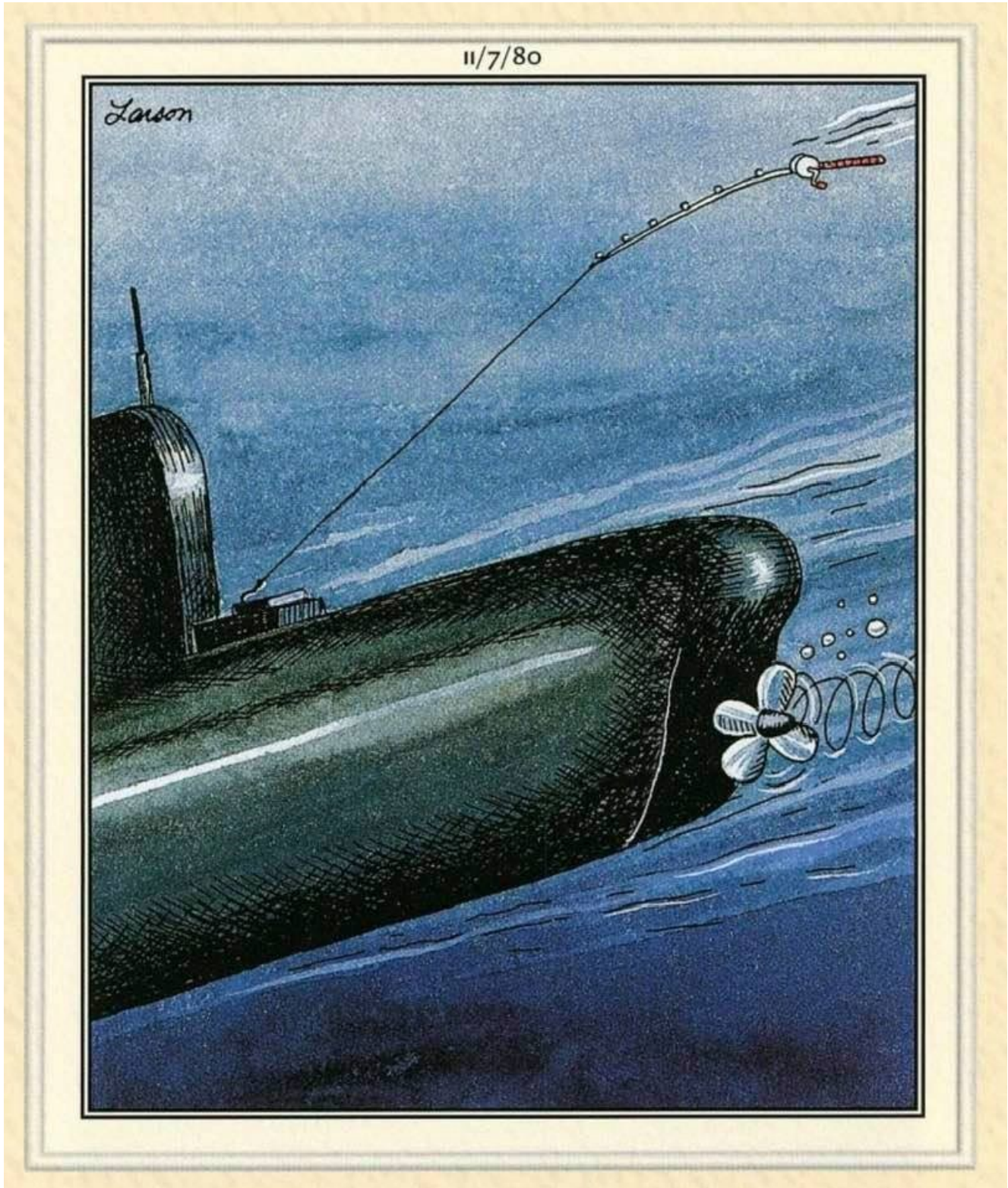
**09/30/1954**

The world's first nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571), is commissioned at Groton, Conn. On Aug. 3, 1958, she is the first U.S. vessel to transit across the geographic North Pole. Nautilus now serves as the historic ship at the Submarine Force Museum at Groton.



**09/30/1981**

USS La Jolla (SSN 701) is commissioned at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn., before transferring to its new homeport of Naval Submarine Base Point Loma in San Diego, Calif. The Los Angeles-class attack submarine is ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and Special Forces missions.





## First Female ‘Chief of the Boat’ Reports to Louisiana (Gold)

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<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/428355/first-female-chief-boat-reports-louisiana-gold#.Yw-agXWN2PU.facebook>



*Photo By Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Reynolds | 220829-N-ED185-1021 NAVAL BASE KITSAP – BANGOR, Wash. (Aug. 29, 2022) Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler, the chief of the boat aboard the ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana (SSBN 743), poses for an environmental portrait at Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor, Wash., Aug. 29, 2022. Koogler is the Navy’s first female chief of the boat. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brian G. Reynolds)*

SILVERDALE, Wash. (Aug. 29, 2022) - Growing up, many people are told that hard work and dedication will take a person far. Mentors, teachers, and parents will say that if you are motivated enough, you can achieve your wildest dreams. But what if a person’s dream has never been accomplished by anyone else?

“There have been challenges,” said Master Chief Information Systems Technician (Submarine) Angela Koogler, “But you just have to keep going. There are going to be walls you have to knock down, but you can’t let them stop you.”

This is the mindset Koogler has had throughout her 20-year Navy career. This is the drive that has led to many successes and accomplishments in her life. Her most recent achievement, however, may be her biggest yet.

Koogler, who hails from Kettering, Ohio, found out last year she had been selected to serve aboard a submarine as the first female chief of the boat in U.S. Navy history. She joined the crew of USS Louisiana

(Gold) (SSBN 743) on Aug. 22, 2022.

The chief of the boat, or COB, is an enlisted Sailor who serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the commanding officer and executive officer of a U.S. Navy submarine.

Koogler credits her motivation and drive for success to her mother, who dedicated 33 years of her life to civil service. She says watching her mother work hard and help other people inspired her to do the same.

“I’ve always kind of been a go-getter and hard charger,” said Koogler. “My mom was like that. She was a hard worker and it was just instilled in me as a child. She worked as a civil servant for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base my whole life, and being around the military with her all the time kind of put me in that direction.”

Koogler’s plan was always to join the military after high school, until an injury sidelined her for a few years. Instead of letting that derail her plans, Koogler created a new path for her future Navy career.

“I was going to join right out of high school, but I tore everything in my ankle my senior year playing soccer,” said Koogler. “So, I went off to college, was working and went back in when I was 23 to see what I could do.”

Koogler was able to join the Navy in July 2002. She has been devoted to her military career ever since.

“Once I joined, I knew I found my career, and my Navy family and friends that I would have forever,” said Koogler, “I have continued to serve over the years because it is a good fit for me and I love it.”

Koogler knows that stepping into her new role as COB will come with many challenges and much greater responsibility, something she has prepared for throughout her time in service.

“Every time I was up for orders, I was always looking for something different and challenging,” said Koogler. “Then when it was announced that enlisted women could apply for submarines, with some encouragement from my Sailors, I went ahead and applied.”

Women haven’t always been allowed to serve alongside their male counterparts in the submarine force. It wasn’t until 2011 that female officers began serving aboard U.S. Navy submarines. This opened the door for the follow-on integration of enlisted women, which began in 2016.

Then-Chief Koogler reported to her first submarine, the guided-missile submarine USS Michigan (SSGN 727), in May 2016, followed by a tour at Submarine Squadron 19.

“Koogler only has 36 months on board a submarine, but I knew she was the perfect candidate to be the first woman COB,” said Submarine Squadron 19’s Command Master Chief Travis Brown. “In 36 months, she walked off a submarine as a qualified diving officer of the watch, and everything in between, while also learning how to lead submarine Sailors.”



Attempting to reach goals that no one before you has accomplished can be intimidating, but Brown believes Koogler's achievement is breaking barriers.

"We kind of pushed her a little bit because it's always spooky if you're going to be the first person to do anything," explained Brown. "But this is a huge glass ceiling busted in the submarine force. Now there's a path to the top of the submarine force."

Koogler feels that gender should play no factor in Sailor roles.

"We need to keep breaking down the barriers so that it just becomes all Sailors," said Koogler. "A Sailor is a Sailor to me and we shouldn't have to define their gender. It's important to integrate everybody and it shouldn't matter as long as they get the job done."

This new position is a great milestone in Koogler's career, but it's not the final triumph she has her sights set on. Her ultimate dream is to one day serve as a command master chief (CMC).

"Since my first command I've always wanted to be a command master chief," said Koogler. "Now that I've converted to the submarine force I have to serve as chief of the boat before I can go into the CMC world, so this is just another stepping stone."

Koogler credits retired Command Master Chief Floyd O'Neill, her first CMC at Navy Reserve Center Port Hueneme, California, as her inspiration for wanting to become a CMC herself.

"I really looked up to him, almost like a father figure," said Koogler. "I knew that was what I wanted to do. I want to be able to take care of Sailors. I want them to develop and accelerate themselves. It's kind of always been my goal."

This type of Sailor-centered leadership mentality is what Koogler hopes to embody when she takes on this assignment.

"I want the crew to be successful in doing our mission," said Koogler. "I also want them to be personally successful in their own worlds. I have always thought it's important to be a well-rounded Sailor."

Koogler attributes her 'go-getter' attitude as what led her to this point in her career. Even when faced with adversity, she continues to persist and chase her dreams.

As it turns out, those mentors, teachers and parents preaching drive and motivation as secrets to success may be right.

"If you have something in your mind that is your goal, you can't let one person or one obstacle stop you," explained Koogler. "You have to keep driving for it. And sometimes instead of running those obstacles over, you might have to go around them. You might have to find a different path that works for you."

## Baden McDonald's staff reunite after 50 years, share importance of their first job

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<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2022/07/07/baden-mcdonalds-staff-reunite-after-50-years/65365355007/>

**BADEN** – While reminiscing about his time working at the borough's McDonald's, Tom Applequist remembers the days in 1970 when the Big Mac was only 68 cents and the breakfast menu was still just an idea that was tossed around boardroom meetings.

"I lived just two blocks up the hill," Applequist said. "One day I walked over the hill, I think I was 15 or 16 years old, and applied for a job and I started working."

Working his way up to the assistant manager position at the first McDonald's location in Beaver County, Applequist would quickly form a bond with his coworkers at the popular Baden location. The group of high schoolers working in 1970 posed for a picture inside the classic "red and white" building, with all seven boys grinning near the kitchen while posing for the camera.



*The staff at the Baden McDonalds in 1970. From left to right, front: Ron Nowry, Lee Bookwalter, Jack Linedecker. From left to right, back: Terry Pasteur, Dave Smedley, Tom Applequist, Harry Rose. Provided By Tom Applequist*

While Applequist worked with many different people over the next five decades, and the McDonald's brand in Beaver County continued to grow beyond the single location in Baden, the lessons and connections that Applequist made during that time left a large impact on his life. His first job allowed him to connect learn and socialize with his coworkers, all of them learning about the world together.

"You live and learn through all that," Applequist said. "I loved working with people and still do."

After recently rediscovering the photo from 1970, Applequist decided it was time to reconnect with the original crew. A few Facebook messages and phone calls later, Applequist assembled the entire team after 52

years to recreate their picture on June 29 and catch up on where all of their lives took them after their time at McDonald's.

"It was beyond anything I could ever imagine," Applequist said. "(These) guys were in the limelight today."

### **After 50 years, sharing life stories and vital lessons learned in 1970**



*Pictured in a re-creation of their McDonald's crew from 1970, taken June 29, 2022. Front, from left, Ron Mowry, Lee Bookwalter, Jack Leindecker. Back, from left, Terry Pasteur, Dave Smedley, Tom Applequist, Harry Rose. Lucy Schaly/For BCT*

Enjoying breakfast at the recently renovated Baden McDonald's, the seven former employees shared their experiences in the workforce and the important life lessons they took from their first job at that location.

Only working at McDonald's for a couple of years after the original photo, Dave Smedley decided that he wanted to pursue an education. In order to afford that field, he enlisted in the Marine Corps.

"I wanted to get an education, so I signed up for the Marines," he said. "I did four years in the Marine Corps, and I'm the luckiest Marine you'll ever meet. I guarantee you because three out of the four years, I got stuck in the Bahamas. They sent me there as a joke, because if you Google 'Smedley Butler,' he's a very famous Marine."

After his time in the military, Smedley would work at Armco Steel for 12 years before the plant shut down. Later, he would utilize the G.I Bill to pursue a degree at Robert Morris College. His new degree would take him into the insurance and financial industry, leading him to his current position as a financial advisor at Lincoln Financial offices in the Wexford area.

Lee Bookwalter also joined the military after leaving his position as the store's swing manager, joining the Navy's submarine service for eight and a half years. During this time, he would work his way up to a senior enlisted workstation. Bookwalter attributes his leadership skills to his time working at McDonald's.

"I learned how to work with people and try to be a leader, which helped me a lot once I left here," he said.

After the military, Bookwalter began to work for the Westinghouse Corp., got married and had two boys. He



retired four years ago and currently has two grandchildren.

While Harry Rose would first work at a cheese factory after McDonald's, he would leave his position there to serve in the Army's military police during Vietnam. After serving overseas, he was stationed at Fort Ritchie, which is just under eight miles from Camp David, until 1974.

After his service, Rose would remain in the Wilkes-Barre area and hold a variety of different positions at companies in the area. He would eventually get married twice, have five children and become a grandfather of 11.

"Now I'm back here after 50 years," Rose said. "Seeing everybody, remember everybody. Nobody looks the same."



*Former Baden McDonald's coworkers Terry Pasteur, Dave Smedley, Ron Mowrey and Harry Rose talk together on June 29. Lucy Schaly/For BCT*

Smedley, Bookwalter and Rose attribute their first job as part of the foundation of their work ethics. Not everybody takes their first job at 16, but they credit the initiative with their lifelong successes.

While training as a manager for the Baden location, Rose learned to value hard work and continually challenged himself to set new goals. Often working two or three jobs at a time, this challenge allowed him to succeed and often landed him in leadership positions.

"If you work hard, you will succeed," Rose said. "That led me into management here and every job I had since then. I mean, I was actually a police chief for six months. I always raised my bar to try harder."

Bookwalter also attributed his manager duties at McDonald's as a foundation for his leadership roles, especially while serving in the Navy.

"Being a swing manager, you had to kind of run the show and keep everything going," he said. "That just followed from here into the military."



For Smedley, taking the job at McDonald's was an opportunity he would never regret. It taught him to pursue opportunities when they were available.

"When the opportunity arises, it's what you make out of it," he said. "A lot of people have opportunity, but not everybody utilizes it."

While the military service took some of the boys away from the Baden area, some of them moved on to college and trade schools to pursue future dreams.

"I started going to Geneva College when I was working here, it helped me out in a lot of ways socially and thinking about the future," said Jack Linedecker, who retired from his position as a court-appointed therapist in West Virginia last year. "When I graduated from Geneva, I went to work at a place called Allencrest Juvenile Detention Center for a couple of years."

After his time at the detention center in Brighton Township, Linedecker would be contacted by a Lawrence County judge to run another detention center in New Castle. He would run the facility for a few years with his wife before their growing family moved to West Virginia. Linedecker received his master's degree in therapy around this time and would open his own practice, with the final years of his career focusing on families that were sent to therapy by a local judge.



*Baden McDonalds owner Paul Sweeney, standing, listens to Lee Bookwalter tell stories of the 1970s as Jack Leindecker looks on at right. Lucy Schaly/For BCT*

Linedecker now shares his time between his home in Wheeling, W.Va., and a house in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Throughout his career, he credits his first job at the Baden McDonald's for teaching him the value of a dollar and hard work.

"You learn the value of a dollar, working at 16 to save money and buy cars," Linedecker said. "I don't know how it would have been if I hadn't been working here and didn't have a job."

In addition to their first job teaching them a lot about the value of hard work, it also taught them skills for communicating with others. Working in the service industry helped many of the group "break out of their shells," allowing them to overcome some of their shy natures and develop skills that they would use for decades.

"I went from a quiet kid, McDonald's opened me up and taught me how to interact," said Terry Pasteur, who currently owns an appliance repair business. "Man, I did some fantastic sales. You never forget your first job, that's for sure, but it helped me in a lot of ways."

Pasteur began classes at refrigeration school while still working at the Baden McDonald's, which eventually led him to a job with Whirlpool. Pasteur now works across the Beaver Valley with his own business, Terry's Appliance Repair. He married and started a family. Pasteur has two daughters and two grandchildren.

By learning to socialize and interact with customers in the food service industry, Pasteur believes he was able to form customer service skills and handle customer complaints.

"When you're in the service business, and you show up at a customer's home with a brand new refrigerator or washer that doesn't work, they want to put their hands around your neck," he said. "You have to know how to handle that person, calm them down so they can understand the problems gonna be handled. I got that training from McDonald's because there were people who used to come to the counter to tell us they weren't paying tax, or the food wasn't good, and we had to calm them down."

In addition to social skills, sales experience is an important part of Pasteur's work. He attributes part of his success in selling warranties and other products to contests held within the McDonald's store.

"We had those contests: who could sell the most large fries and everything," Pasteur said. "When I went to work for Whirlpool, we had to sell extended warranties. Man, I don't know how many times I got awards for selling the most, and I did some fantastic sales."

Working at McDonald's taught Ron Mowry important lessons for his future career with U.S. Airways, where he worked as a groundworker, unloading planes for 31 years. His career would take him from the Pittsburgh airport to the Philadelphia airport after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, but he would never forget the important lessons learned with his friends.

"Friends, working hard, showing up on time, those values stick with you," Mowry said.



*Tom Applequist, left, talks with former coworkers Terry Pasteur, Dave Smedley, Ron Mowrey and Lee Bookwalter.. Lucy Schaly/For BCT*



After climbing that hill to work at McDonald's in 1970, Applequist remained an employee of the company for over 40 years. While he deeply values the memories made with his original crew, his experience with the company has left him with many fond memories and friends.

Whether remembering 1970 or ordering from the menu now, Applequist's time with McDonald's is something that he holds near and dear to his heart.

"I had to leave in '73 to go up to the Penn State University to finish my degree," he said. "I came back (home) when I graduated, and three days later, I'm back working. Then here we are, 40 some years later, and I tell people it's the most wonderful career that I could have ever asked for, every moment of it."







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