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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

December 10th @ 1300 hours

Tom & Deneen Calabrese

3204 Willow Ridge Dr. Bridgeville, PA 15017

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

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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 November

USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.

USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.

USS Scamp (SS-277)

Probably sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.

USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.

USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



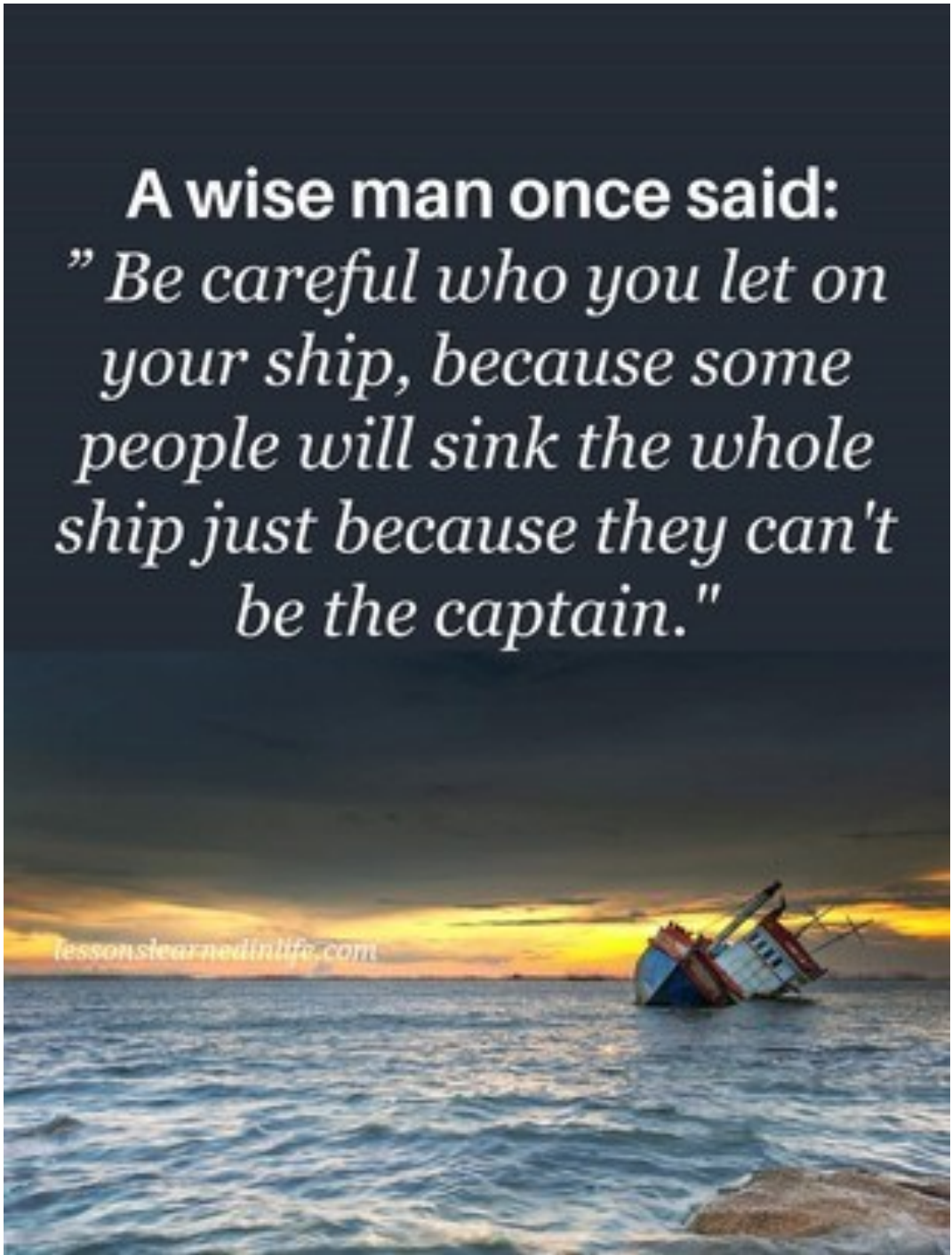


Submarines commissioned during the month of November

Barracuda SSK-1	11/10/1951	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Bass SSK-2	11/16/1951	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Marlin SST-2	11/20/1953	Wikipedia	NavSource	
C-2 SS-13	11/23/1909	Wikipedia	NavSource	
C-3 SS-14	11/23/1909	Wikipedia	NavSource	
C-4 SS-15	11/23/1909	Wikipedia	NavSource	
D-1 SS-17	11/23/1909	Wikipedia	NavSource	
D-2 SS-18	11/23/1909	Wikipedia	NavSource	
O-1 SS-62	11/5/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
O-13 SS-74	11/27/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-4 SS-109	11/19/1919	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
S-20 SS-125	11/22/1922	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-40 SS-145	11/20/1923	Wikipedia	NavSource	
H-8 SS-151	11/18/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
H-9 SS-152	11/25/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-42 SS-153	11/20/1924	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Perch SS-176	11/19/1936	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Plunger SS-179	11/19/1936	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sealion SS-195	11/27/1939	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Trout SS-202	11/15/1940	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Drum SS-228	11/1/1941	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Bluegill SS-242	11/11/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Flounder SS-251	11/29/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Peto SS-265	11/21/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Hackleback SS-295	11/7/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Lionfish SS-298	11/1/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Bugara SS-331	11/15/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Corporal SS-346	11/9/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Golet SS-361	11/30/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Lamprey SS-372	11/17/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Pampanito SS-383	11/6/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Parche SS-384	11/20/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Tirante SS-420	11/6/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Trutta SS-421	11/14/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Corsair SS-435	11/8/1946	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Gudgeon SS-567	11/21/1952	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Triton SSRN-586	11/10/1959	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Plunger SSN-595	11/21/1962	Wikipedia	NavSource	

Tullibee SSN-597	11/9/1960	Wikipedia	NavSource
Greenling SSN-614	11/3/1967	Wikipedia	NavSource
Nathan Hale SSBN-623	11/23/1963	Wikipedia	NavSource
Los Angeles SSN-688	11/13/1976	Wikipedia	NavSource
Buffalo SSN-715	11/5/1983	Wikipedia	NavSource
Olympia SSN-717	11/17/1984	Wikipedia	NavSource
Pittsburgh SSN-720	11/23/1985	Wikipedia	NavSource
Louisville SSN-724	11/8/1986	Wikipedia	NavSource
Ohio SSGN-726	11/11/1981	Wikipedia	NavSource
Boise SSN-764	11/7/1992	Wikipedia	NavSource
Hampton SSN-767	11/6/1993	Wikipedia	NavSource

A wise man once said:
*” Be careful who you let on
your ship, because some
people will sink the whole
ship just because they can't
be the captain.”*





Binnacle List

Huey Dietrich
Mike Pellegrino
John Swords
Rick Elster
Rufino Guntang
Gerry Gaylor
Ron Weaver
George Staas
Beverly Geyer

Eternal Patrol

All Hands Present
And
Accounted For

In Remembrance

Gary Gresh	EN2 (SS)	11/11/2019
Robert L. Garlock		11/11/2019
George Stefaniak	EM3(SS)	11/11/2014
James W. Wilkes	CWO2	11/12/2013
Donald E. Roach	SN(SS)	11/28/2010
Larry K. Wizeman	ET2(SS)	11/19/2010
Arlow L. Julian, Jr.	YN1(SS)	11/3/2009
Paul J. Hoffman	SM2(SS)	11/11/1988

Birthdays

Member

Spouse

Anniversaries

David Bonnett	12/1
Josh Wissinger	12/3
Robert Fleck	12/4
Robert Hall	12/5
Brian Peltier	12/7
George Brown	12/10
Richard Geyer	12/15
Kyle Lacey	12/16
James Hughes	12/17
Stephen Cuddy	12/18
Richard Bistyga	12/21
Richard Seif, Jr	12/23
Robert Bittner	12/24
Ronald Goron	12/24
Scot Thomas	12/24
Chad Underkoffler	12/24
Edward Zdarko	12/24
Michael Amenti	12/29
Fred Koppenhaver	12/29
Charles Masterson	12/30

Margie Bookmiller	12/4
Cindy Brown	12/7
Elisabeth Larsen	12/8
Roxane Crosby	12/13
Amy Goldman	12/13
Erin Houpt	12/14
Rita Ann Kalimon	12/14
Lisa McGinty	12/15
Brenda Winters	12/24

Roxane & Kenneth Crosby	12/1
Carol & Edward Lyons	12/10
Kelly & David Alters	12/16
Patricia & Dennis Cantwell	12/16
Ginny & John Lukasik	12/17
Krissy & Josh Wissinger	12/18
Michelle & Jason Deichler	12/19
Dorothy & David Bonnett	12/28
Sandy & Louis Hamill	12/29
Jordan & Jared Lawrence	12/30
Ann & David Sawin	12/30
Claudia & Richard Bistyga	12/31





SHIPMATES- Our November meeting was held at the Baden American Legion Post 175 and thanks to Bat & Kim Masterson and George Brown for setting up our meeting room.

Our base membership stands at 195, however we still have approximately 53 members who are **“Dink”** on paying their dues whether it be just for our Base, or for National and our Base or for an Associate Membership. If by chance you are one of the **DINKS**, please send your check in the appropriate amount of dues made out to Requin Base and send to Huey Dietrich and the address is 123 Andrew Drive Glen-shaw PA. 15116-1813.

On November 11, we attended the Veterans Day Parade in Pittsburgh PA., with 12 Shipmates and 1 First Mate, (Jude Myers), in attendance. Not only did we have our float of the Nautilus SSN 571, but we had the Maiden Voyage of our trailer, for our members who want to be part of the parades, but find it difficult to walk in the Parade. I also would like to say **“SUPER”** BRAVO ZULU to Lou Hamill, Jeff Simon, Lee “Booky” Bookwalter, Bob Myers and anyone else who spent time on making this happen. After the parade we attended a Salute to Veterans at the Carnegie Science Center. We had 14 Shipmate and again 1 First Mate (Guess Who) in attendance. Our Very own Joseph Campisi had a speaking part.

November 12th was our Base Meeting where we had 37 people in attendance, 25 Shipmates, 12 1st Mates and 1 Associate. Various matters were discussed but the major issues were approval of the additional expenses to our newly added Trailer, and us recognizing that there will be additional items that will be required so it will be our 2nd Showpiece that we display in parades. One of the highlights of this meeting was the very special ARCHERFISH cake that somehow arrived. It was decided to move our 2023 Elections of our Officers to the January meeting. This is due to our December 10th Christmas Meeting, will be hosted by Captain Tom Calabrese and his 1st Mate Deneen, at their home in Bridgeville Pa. More information will be sent out in the near future. Please note that if you are going to attend, you will need to make sure that you RSVP the invitation by the date required.

We had a total of 37 Shipmates and 1st mates in attendance.

Chad Underkoffler
First Vice





Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2022
American Legion Post 641, Baden, PA

First Vice Chad Underkoffler called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Willard Ashmore, John Bistolas, Eric Bookmiller, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Clair Bouts, Don Bright, Tom & Deneen Calabrese, Ron Campbell, George Brown, Joe Campisi, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Bob Fleck, Dick & Beverly Geyer, Bill & Donna Greenlee, Lou Hamill, John Held, Gene Lemieux, Bill & Sandy Lindsey, Bat Masterson, Vince Metz, Bob & Jude Myers, Frank Nicotra, Mike Pelegrino, Dan Plunkett, Jim & Sondra Schwarz, Jeff & Eileen Simon, Keith & Connie Small, Jack Sutherin, Chad Underkoffler, Charlie Warren.

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Quote Of The Day: "Of all the branches of men in the forces, there is none which shows more devotion and faces grimmer perils than the submariners"

How The Requin Got To Pittsburgh: On 21 February 1990, Senator John Heinz introduced Senate Bill S.2151 which allowed Requin to be transferred as an exhibit for the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. On 24 May Requin Was towed to Tampa Shipyard for dry docking and hull repairs, in preparation for her move to Pittsburgh. On 7 August she left International Ship Repair in Tampa under tow to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where, on 11 August, she was lifted onto barges and began here ride up the Mississippi River and Ojio River to Pittsburgh. On 4 September Requin arrived at the Carnegie Science Center, and on 20 October USS Requin SS/SSR/AGSS 481 was dedicated as a memorial and museum exhibit, and opened for tours.

Boats Lost:

USS ALBACORE (SS 218)	November 7, 1944
USS GROWLER (SS 215)	November 8, 1944
USS SCAMP (SS 277)	November 9, 1944
USS CORVINA (SS 226)	November 16, 1943
USS SCULPIN (SS 191)	November 19, 1943
USS CAPELIN (SS 289)	November 23, 1943

First 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.

COB/Chaplain Eric Bookmiller gave the Invocation

COB/Chaplain Eric Bookmiller lead the base in the Pledge Of Allegiance
Bravo Zulu to Bat Masterson, his wife Kim and George Brown for setting up this meeting.
Members introduced themselves and the boats they qualified on.

Other Reports:

Membership stands at 195. Members paid 157, Not paid 38, PA members not paid 21, Non-PA not paid 11, Associates not paid 4, New members not paid 2.

Binnacle List: Pellegrino, Swords, Elster, Guntang, Gaylor, Weaver, Stass, Beverly Geyer

Eternal Patrol: None

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

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

Storekeeper Frank Nicotra reported on available small stores items.

Shipmate John Held reported on Eagle Scouts presentations.

Shipmate Lou Hamill reported on Mush Morton Award challenge coins.

Shipmate Lou Hamill reported on Basket Of Cheer raffle. Winning number will be the daily lottery number on December 9th.

Old Business:

Calendar sales were discussed.

Update on new parade trailer was given. Motion to approve cost overruns of approximately \$800 was approved by the members present.

New Business/Good of The Order:

Election of Base officers will be held at the December meeting. Current nominees are Commander: Huey Dietrich, First Vice: open, Second Vice: Bat Masterson, Treasurer: Lee Bookwalter, Secretary: Jeff Simon.

Anyone wishing to hold any of these Base Officer positions should submit their name to Lou Hamill. Note, the First Vice position is open. Unless challenged, all other positions will be held by the current member.

Motion to present a Base challenge coin and \$25 gift certificate to each of the 11 color guard members who attended the Carnegie Science Center Veterans Day ceremony was approved by the members present.

Veterans Day parade was attended by 12 members, one first mate, Nautilus float and our new trailer. Following the parade, members also attended a ceremony at the Carnegie Science Center.

Base members are invited to attend the USS Idaho change of command ceremony in Groton Connecticut. See Huey Dietrich or Lou Hamill for details.

The next Base meeting will be held on December 10th between 1300 and 1700 hours at the home of Captain Tom Calabrese and his wife Deneen, 3204 Willow Ridge Dr. Bridgeville PA 15017. There will be NO base meeting in Baden in December. Voluntary gift exchange of approximately \$25 is being held. Separate tables will be set up for both men and women.

The Carnegie Science Center is hosting a Christmas Dinner at 1800 to 2130 hours on 10 December at the Science Center River View Café. Cost is \$60 for Science Center members and \$70 for non-members.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: 3204 Willow Ridge Dr. Bridgeville PA 15017 at 1300 hours on December 10, 2022

Free Lifetime National Parks Passes Are Here for Veterans and Gold Star Families



Click the link to learn more or acquire.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/11/09/free-lifetime-national-parks-passes-are-coming-veterans-and-gold-star-families.html>

Direct Link:

<https://store.usgs.gov/MilitaryPass>





Month in Review

A special shout out to the Allegheny Country Rifle Club. They now have the only Black and Gold submarine beer tap handle thanks to our friend Bob Sauter.

We also gave them a Requin Base challenge coin.

Click this link to see what they had to say on their web page.

<https://www.acrc1896.org/uss-requin.html>



Our New People Mover

Thank You Jeff Simon and your brother for the acquisition of the trailer.

Thank You Bob Meyers and Lee "Booky" Bookwalter for all the help making the benches and "stuff".

More items for the People Mover are in the works.



Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade.

It was a rainy day in Pittsburgh. The submariners of the USSVI Requin base came out to greet the people and toss tootsie rolls to the onlookers.

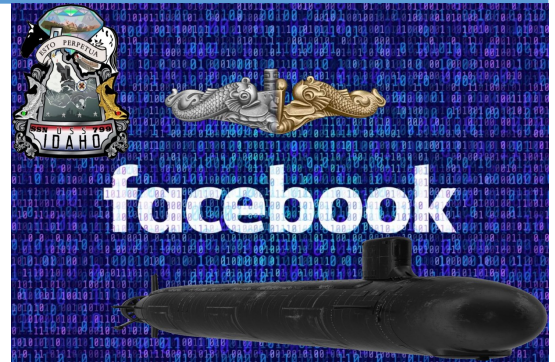


Carnegie Science Center Veterans Salute

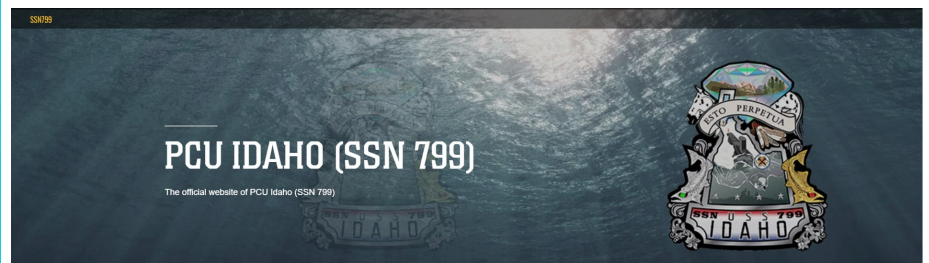
Joe Campisi gave a tribute to all veterans and active duty military.



PCU Idaho SSN - 799



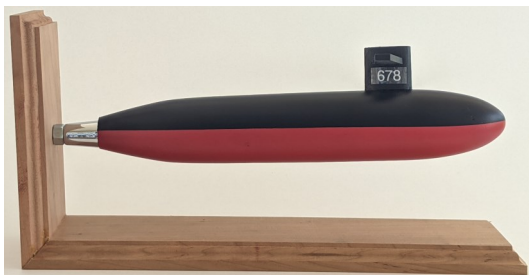
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<https://www.sublant.usff.navy.mil/SSN799/>

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

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

Eternal Patrol

Binnacle List

Beverly Geyer

Rick Elster

Huey Dietrich

John Swords

Gerry Gaylor

Ron Weaver

Rufino Guntang

George Staas

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

Remember we are only as good as the information we get. If we don't know of a member passing, we cannot provide the appropriate honors for a fallen shipmate. If you know anyone who 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 the 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



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

DEC 10, 2022
1300 hours

Tom & Deneen Calabrese
3204 Willow Ridge Dr.
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Base activities

Christmas Party
3204 Willow Ridge Dr. Bridgeville, PA 15017

Date **Muster**
DEC 10 1300



Membership

Primary Members	166	Holland Club	90	USSVI Life Members	71
Secondary Members	13	WWII	2	Base Life Members	55
Associate Members	16	Eternal Patrol	73	Joined Last Year	7
Total Members	195			Joined This Year	13



New Members

Members Needed



Eagle Scouts

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





Featured Boat - USS Archerfish SSN-678

NavSource Naval History



History

Name	USS <i>Archerfish</i>
Namesake	The <u>archerfish</u> (<i>Toxotidae Toxotes</i>)
Ordered	25 June 1968
Builder	<u>Electric Boat</u> Division of <u>General Dynamics</u> Corporation, <u>Groton</u> , <u>Connecticut</u>
Laid down	19 June 1969
Launched	16 January 1971
Sponsored by	Miss Mary Conover Warner
Commissioned	17 December 1971
Decommissioned	31 March 1998
Stricken	31 March 1998
Fate	Scrapping via <u>Ship and Submarine Recycling Program</u> completed 6 November 1998



General characteristics

Class and type	<u>Sturgeon-class</u> <u>attack submarine</u>
Displacement	3,978 long tons (4,042 t) light 4,270 long tons (4,339 t) full 292 long tons (297 t) dead
Length	302 ft 3 in (92.13 m)
Beam	31 ft 8 in (9.65 m)
Draft	28 ft 8 in (8.74 m)
Installed power	15,000 <u>shaft horsepower</u> (11.2 <u>megawatts</u>)
Propulsion	One <u>S5W</u> <u>nuclear reactor</u> , two <u>steam turbines</u> , one <u>screw</u>
Speed	Over 20 <u>knots</u> (37 km/h; 23 mph) surfaced over 30 knots (56 km/h; 35 mph) submerged
Range	Unlimited
Test depth	1,320 feet (402 meters)
Complement	112 (14 <u>officers</u> , 98 <u>enlisted men</u>)
Armament	4 × 21-inch (533 mm) amidship <u>torpedo tubes</u> <u>Mark 48 torpedoes</u> <u>UGM-84A/C Harpoon</u> <u>cruise missiles</u> <u>Tomahawk</u> <u>land-attack</u> <u>cruise missile</u> <u>Tomahawk</u> <u>antiship</u> <u>cruise missile</u> 15 <u>torpedo</u> <u>reloads</u> plus 4 Harpoons or up to 8 Tomahawks instead of equivalent of number of torpedoes or Harpoons Minelayer configuration: Mark 67 mobile <u>mine</u> or Mark 60 <u>CAPTOR</u> <u>mines</u> instead of torpedoes

11/01/1944

USS Blackfin (SS 322) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks auxiliary vessel Caroline Maru and transport No.12 Unkai Maru in Mindoro Strait. Meanwhile, USS Ray (SS 271) sinks the Japanese merchant tanker No.7 Horai Maru and lands a party of three men, together with two tons of supplies, at Mamburao on the west coast of Mindoro.

11/02/1943

USS Halibut (SS 232), USS Seahorse (SS 304), and USS Trigger (SS 237), all operating independently of each other, attack a Japanese convoy south of Honshu and sink five enemy vessels.

11/03/1944

USS Gurnard (SS 254) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks the Japanese freighter Taimei Maru west of the Labuan, Borneo while USS Pintado (SS 387) attacks a small detachment of Japanese warships and sinks the destroyer Akikaze west of the Lingayen Gulf.

11/04/1971

USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN 636) launches a Poseidon C-3 Missile in the first surface launch of the weapon.

11/07/1944

USS Albacore (SS 218) is sunk by a mine off the northern tip of Honshu. All hands are lost.

11/08/1943

USS Bluefish (SS 222) sinks the Japanese army tanker Kyokeui Maru in the South China Sea off the northwest coast of Luzon while USS Rasher (SS 269) sinks the Japanese merchant tanker Tango Maru in Makassar Strait and survives counterattacks by auxiliary submarine chaser Cha 41.

11/09/1944

USS Barbero (SS 317) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks the merchant ship Shimotsu Maru about 250 miles west of Manila while USS Queenfish (SS 393) also attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks the gun-boat Chojusan Maru about 50 miles west of Kyushu. Additionally on this date, USS Haddo (SS 255) sinks the Japanese tanker No.2 Hishu Maru in Mindoro Strait.

11/09/1956

Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas proposes the Polaris missile program to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson.

11/10/1959

USS Triton (SSRN 586) is commissioned as a nuclear-powered radar picket submarine.

11/11/1981

USS Ohio (SSBN 726) is commissioned.

11/13/1976

The lead ship of the newly created Los Angeles-class submarine, USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), is commissioned.

11/14/1943

USS Narwhal (SS 167) delivers 46 tons of ammunition and stores, disembarks a Navy officer at Nasipit, Mindanao and embarks 32 evacuees, which include eight women, two children, and a baby, who are transported to Darwin, Australia.

11/14/1944

USS Jack (SS 259) attacks a Japanese convoy off Cape Padaran, French Indochina and sinks the freighter Hinaga Maru, while USS Raton (SS 270) attacks a Japanese convoy off the northwest coast of Luzon and sinks the merchant tanker No.5 Unkai Maru. Lastly, USS Ray (SS 271) sinks Japanese Coast Defense Vessel No.7 65 miles northwest of Cape Bolinao.

11/15/1943

USS Crevalle (SS 291) sinks Japanese army cargo ship Kyokko Maru off San Antonio, Zambales province, Philippines.

11/15/1944

USS Barbel (SS 316) attacks a Japanese convoy about 250 miles east of Tourane, French Indochina, sinks transports Misaki Maru and Sugiyama Maru, then escapes searches by minesweepers W.18 and W.20. USS Batfish (SS 310) sinks Japanese supply ship Kurasaki north-northwest of Cape Bolinao while USS Jack (SS 259) sinks transports Nichiel Maru and No.2 Yuzan Maru.

11/15/1960

The Polaris fleet ballistic missile weapon system becomes operational when USS George Washington (SSBN 598) gets underway with her principal armament of 16 Polaris A-1 missiles from NWS Charleston, SC.

11/18/1943

USS Bluefish (SS 222) sinks the Japanese destroyer Sanae and damages the oiler Ondo 90 miles south of Basilan Island.

11/18/1944

USS Blackfin (SS 322) diverts from her war patrol and picks up captured Japanese cryptographic and technical equipment, along with other secret documents, west of Camurong River on the north coast of Mindoro, Philippines.

11/18/1944

USS Peto (SS 265), USS Spadefish (SS 411), and USS Sunfish (SS 281) attack the same Japanese convoy in the East China. Peto sinks army cargo ships Aisakasan Maru and Chinkai Maru. Spadefish sinks auxiliary submarine chaser Cha 156 and Sunfish sinks army transport Seisho Maru.

11/19/1943

USS Nautilus (SS 168) enters Tarawa lagoon for the first submarine photograph reconnaissance mission. It is later damaged by friendly fire from USS Santa Fe (CL 60) and USS Ringgold (DD 500) off Tarawa because due to the mission, Nautilus presence was unknown to the vessels.

11/19/1943

USS Sculpin (SS 191) is damaged by the Japanese and abandoned by her crew. Forty-one Sailors are taken as POWs, 21 of whom are taken on Japanese carrier Chuyo that is later sunk by USS Sailfish (SS 192).

11/21/1943

USS Nautilus (SS 168) lands U.S. Marine Corps Reconnaissance Company on Abemama, Gilberts while USS Trigger (SS 237) sinks Japanese freighter Eizan Maru in the Yellow Sea.

11/21/1944

USS Sealion (SS 315) sinks the Japanese battleship Kongo and destroyer Urakaze north-northwest of Formosa.

11/22/1944

USS Besugo (SS 321) sinks the Japanese landing ship T-151 off the northern tip of Palawan while USS Guavina (SS 362) sinks the Japanese army cargo ship Dowa Maru northwest of Borneo.

11/23/1944

USS Bang (SS 385) sinks Japanese freighter Sakae Maru and transport Amakusa Maru, USS Redfish (SS 395) sinks freighter Hozan Maru, and USS Picuda (SS 382) sinks freighters Fukuju Maru and Shuyo Maru.

11/24/1943

USS Nautilus (SS 168) and USS Gansevoort (DD 608) shell Japanese positions on Abemama Atoll, Gilbert Islands.

11/25/1944

USS Hardhead (SS 365) attacks a Japanese convoy 60 miles west of Manila and sinks Coast Defense Vessel No.38 off Bataan Peninsula while USS Atule (SS 403) sinks Japanese freighter Santos Maru off Sabtang Island, Luzon. Also, USS Mingo (SS 261) sinks Japanese army transport Manila Maru.

11/27/1943

USS Bowfin (SS 287) sinks the Vichy French cargo ship Van Vollenhoven off the coast of French Indochina while USS Seahorse (SS 304) sinks the Japanese fleet tanker San Ramon Maru in the East China Sea.

11/29/1944

USS Archerfish (SS 311) sinks Japanese carrier Shinano on her maiden voyage 160 nautical miles southwest of Tokyo Bay. Shinano is the largest warship sunk by any combatant submarines during World War II. Also on this date, USS Scabbardfish (SS 397) sinks Japanese submarine I-365 east of Honshu.



USS Archerfish SS-311 sinking Shinano



'Great Danger': Couple Sentenced in Submarine Secrets Case

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The Virginia-class attack submarine Minnesota (SSN 783) under construction at Huntington Ingalls Newport News Shipbuilding, November 1, 2012. (U.S. Navy/courtesy of Newport News Shipbuilding)

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Citing the “great danger” that a Navy engineer and his wife posed to U.S. security, a federal judge gave both of them lengthy prison terms Wednesday for a plot to sell secrets about nuclear submarines to what they thought was a representative of a foreign government.

U.S. District Judge Gina Groh, who in August rejected earlier plea agreements that had called for reduced sentencing guidelines, sentenced Jonathan Toebe to more than 19 years and his wife, Diana Toebe, to nearly 22 years. The sentences were handed down on Jonathan Toebe's 44th birthday.

The Annapolis, Maryland, couple and their attorneys described the defendants' struggles with mental health issues and alcohol and said they were anxious about the nation's political climate when they sold secrets in exchange for \$100,000 in cryptocurrency.

Groh said their tale “reads like a crime novel or a movie script” and that Jonathan Toebe’s “actions and greedy self-serving intentions placed military service members at sea and every citizen of this country in a vulnerable position and at risk of harm from adversaries.”

Diana Toebe, who admitted acting as a lookout for her husband, received an enhanced sentence after the judge disclosed during the couple's combined five-hour sentencing hearing that Diana Toebe tried to send her husband two letters from jail.

The letters, which were read in court, were intercepted before they could be delivered. In one of them, Diana Toebe told her husband to flush the letter down a toilet after reading it. She encouraged him to lie about her involvement in the scheme and say she "didn't know anything about any of this."

The judge said she lacked genuine remorse and didn't take responsibility for her actions.

"This is an exceptional story, right out of the movies," Groh said.

Prior to sentencing, Jonathan Toebe described his battles with stress in taking on additional duties and his own battle with alcohol. He said he experienced warning signs of a nervous breakdown over 18 months that he failed to recognize.

"I believed that my family was in dire threat, that democracy itself was under collapse," he said. That belief overwhelmed him, he said, and led him to believe he had to take "precipitous action to try to save them from grave harm."

Prosecutors said Toebe abused his access to top-secret government information and repeatedly sold details about the design and performance of Virginia-class submarines to someone he believed was a representative of a foreign government but who was actually an undercover FBI agent.

Diana Toebe, 46, who was teaching at a private school in Maryland at the time of the couple's arrest last October, admitted she acted as a lookout at several prearranged "dead-drop" locations where memory cards containing the secret information were left behind.

The memory cards were devices concealed in objects such as a chewing gum wrapper and a peanut butter sandwich. The couple was arrested in October 2021 after Jonathan Toebe placed a card in Jefferson County, West Virginia.

None of the information was classified as top secret or secret, falling into a third category considered confidential, according to previous testimony.

The couple was sentenced for their guilty pleas in September in federal court in Martinsburg, West Virginia, to one felony count each of conspiracy to communicate restricted data.

In August, Groh rejected their initial guilty pleas to the same charges, saying the sentencing options were "strikingly deficient" considering the seriousness of the case. The previous sentencing range agreed to by lawyers for Jonathan Toebe had called for a potential punishment of up to 17 years in prison. Prosecutors had sought three years for Diana Toebe.

During a hearing last December, Diana Toebe's attorney, Barry Beck, asserted that the couple was looking to flee the United States due to their contempt for then-President Donald Trump.

During a search of the couple's home, FBI agents found a trash bag of shredded documents, thousands of dollars in cash, valid children's passports and a "go-bag" containing a USB flash drive and latex gloves, according to previous testimony.

She said her decision to participate in the scheme was "catastrophic," as she is the mother of children ages 12 and 16, and that she should have tried to talk her husband out of it.

“I didn’t think of my children, who have suffered the most,” she said. “Their lives will forever be marked by the decision that I made.”

Groh said that choice was "deliberate and calculated." She admonished Beck, who had labeled his client as merely an accomplice in seeking a lesser sentence.

“Your client put this country in great danger,” Groh told Beck. “No matter what you call it, the harm to this nation was great.”

The FBI has said the scheme began in April 2020, when Jonathan Toebbe sent a package of Navy documents to a foreign government and expressed interest in selling operations manuals, performance reports and other sensitive information. That package was obtained by the FBI in December 2020 through its legal attaché office in an unspecified foreign country, setting off a months-long undercover operation.

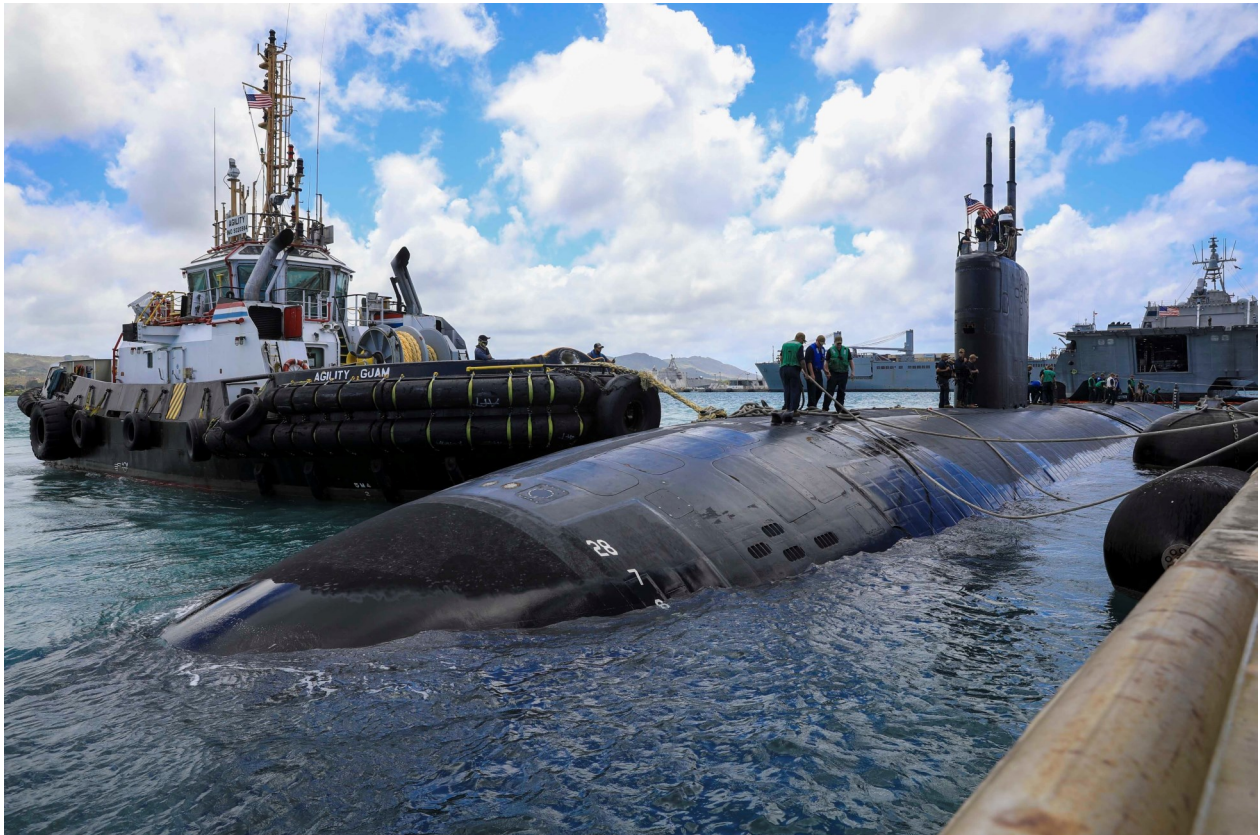
An FBI agent posing as a foreign government's representative made contact with Toebbe, ultimately paying in cryptocurrency for the information Toebbe was offering.

Groh said about \$54,000 of the cryptocurrency has been recovered. She imposed fines of around \$50,000 to each defendant.

Navy Expanding Attack Submarine Presence on Guam as a Hedge Against Growing Chinese Fleet

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The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Springfield (SSN-761) moors at Naval Base Guam from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a homeport shift, March 21, 2022. U.S. Navy Photo

ARLINGTON, Va. — Amid strategic competition with China, the United States plans to augment its ability to operate submarines out of Guam, the commander of U.S. submarine forces in the Pacific said today.

After sending Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine USS *Springfield* (SSN-761) to Guam earlier this year, the Navy will spend the next five to 10 years building out both its maintenance capacity and training capabilities on the U.S. territory.

“Looking to the future, we are going to expand our submarine operating capability from Guam to optimize our presence and warfighting capacity in the Western Pacific,” Rear Adm. Jeffrey Jablon, the commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, said Wednesday at the Naval Submarine League’s annual symposium.

“This is going to include augmenting our maintenance capacity with the necessary facilities, infrastructure and personnel; building additional pier facilities and services; and expanding the capabilities of our shore-based training facilities in Guam,” he added.

That timeline to expand submarine capacity and capabilities out of the U.S. island territory corresponds with what Jablon described as the “decade of maximum danger,” as it relates to China’s desire to reunify Taiwan with the mainland.

“And that specifically refers to the [People’s Republic of China]. You know, we’ve heard we’re at an inflection point. It’s a critical decade. It’s a decisive decade. And it’s true. That is my number one concern as the Pacific Fleet force commander for the submarine force. We are in the decade of maximum danger,” Jablon said.



Sailors assigned to the Australian navy Collins-class submarine HMAS Sheean (SSG 77) prepare to receive hotel services and supplies during a bilateral training event with the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), Sept. 13, 2019. US Navy photo.

“China has fielded the largest navy in the world, guaranteeing its numerical advantage in the south and east China Seas. And as the [People’s Liberation Army Navy] surface fleet and undersea force improves their capabilities, we will intensify our efforts to prepare our undersea force to deter, and if necessary, defeat the PLAN.”

After forward-deploying *Springfield* to Guam, the U.S. Navy now has five attack boats operating from the island. Both of the Navy’s submarine tenders – USS *Frank Cable* (AS-40) and USS *Emory S. Land* (AS-39) – are also stationed in Guam.

Jablon pointed to a rearming and reloading exercise that *Frank Cable* performed earlier this year in Australia with *Springfield* and Royal Australian Navy Collins-class attack boat HMAS *Farncomb* (SSG-74) as an example of the U.S. Navy’s undersea capability in the region.

The admiral said he expects to have a replacement for the 1970s-era submarine tenders by the late 2020s.

“Both the *Emory S. Land* and the *Frank Cable* will be in operation until that tender turnover, so there will not be a gap in our tender capabilities,” he said.

Jablon also pointed to Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS *Nevada*’s (SSBN-733) visit to Guam at the start of this year. The Navy rarely announces where its boomers are operating.

“It reflected our commitment to the Indo-Pacific region and complimented the many exercises, operations, training and military cooperation activities conducted by our strategic forces throughout the world,” Jablon said of the port visit.

Navy Could Extend Life of Five Ohio-class Ballistic Missile Boats to Hedge Against Columbia Program Delays

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USS Alaska (SSBN-732) arrived at the Port of Gibraltar on June 28, 2021. US Navy Photo

ARLINGTON, Va. – Five of the Navy’s oldest submarines are candidates for a three-year life extension, service officials said on Tuesday.

The 18-month repair period would target the five Ohio-class nuclear ballistic missile submarines, or SSBNs, to support a requirement for the Navy to surge 10 boomers as a strategic nuclear contingency, program executive officer for strategic submarines Rear Adm. Scott Pappano said at the Naval Submarine League’s annual symposium.

The plan would provide a cushion while the first Columbia-class boats come online, starting with the future USS *District of Columbia* (SSBN-826), which is set to begin its first patrol in October 2030.

“The riskiest period for them is in the 2030s as Columbias come online and the Ohios go out,” Pappano said.

The SSBN inventory will include new boats that could experience early class problems and the oldest Ohios that could be at higher risk of component failure, Pappano said.

Further complicating the timeline is the test program for the next naval strategic weapons, the Trident II D5 Life Extension II missiles, which will need to test on both classes, Pappano said.

The new missiles would initially appear on the ninth Columbia boat and continue to the twelfth, while the previous eight submarines in the class would receive a backfit, Pappano said. The program is designed to replace obsolete components in the missiles and extend their lives into the 2060s.

The first pre-inactivation restricted availabilities (PIRAs) could start as early as Fiscal Year 2029 for USS *Alaska* (SSBN-732), Pappano said. The Navy will decide whether to move ahead with the PIRAs by 2025 or 2026 to secure the long-lead materials for the effort based on a long-established process, said Rear. Adm. Doug Perry, the director of submarine warfare for the Office of Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N97)

“The process for evaluating a submarine for a life extension is a very standardized process,” he said. “Every submarine, as it approaches a retirement date, we direct a review of the material condition of that ship. And we gather data. You’re looking at all the historical data of every component on the ship – the components, and the material maintenance that’s been done over the years. We bring that into a database and review.”

Key to the future work of extending the life of the Ohio SSBNs are the four Ohio nuclear guided-missile submarines, or SSGNs, the oldest in the class.

The Navy extended the class from an initial 30-year service life to 42 years. The first two from the class, USS *Ohio* (SSGN-726) and USS *Florida* (SSGN-728), are set to depart the service in FY 2026, followed by the other three boats that were converted to carry Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles rather than Trident missiles with nuclear warheads.

Pappano said that as the four SSGNs begin to leave service the Navy would conduct destructive testing on its systems to get a better idea of how much life the other Ohio boats can get and see what it can strip from the decommissioned boats for parts.

As to the broader Columbia program, the construction is largely on schedule with very little margin for error, Pappano told reporters.

A six-month buffer the Navy built into the planned construction schedule is down to a single month due to a combination of COVID-19 delays and early hiccups with the digital design systems shipyards used by General Dynamics Electric Boat and Newport News to build the submarines, Pappano said.

Moving ahead, the Navy and the shipbuilders estimate they need to produce about 10,000 new shipyard workers each year over the next decade to meet the demand of not only building the dozen planned Columbia boats, but also to deliver two Virginia-class attack submarines a year.

Earlier this year, Pappano singled out the submarine workforce as the single largest barrier to meeting the schedule for new submarine construction.

“For many years, we left that [training] to the contractors. We don’t have that luxury anymore,” he said in August.

Better weapons, complex training bolster US submarine force

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The Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine Tennessee enters the dry dock at the Trident Refit Facility in Kings Bay, Ga., on Feb. 1, 2021. (Elaine Rilatt/U.S. Navy)

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Navy has combined two undersea warfare courses that pit two platforms against each other, according to the commander of Naval Submarine Forces.

This is the first time the service has made a major change to the submarine command course in 20 years, Vice Adm. William Houston said Nov. 1 at the Naval Submarine League’s annual conference.

Even as the service considers what it wants in a future attack submarine, the undersea community is making today’s boats more lethal through high-end training and advanced weapons. Chief among the training

changes is the combination of the submarine command course for attack submarines and the D5 backfit course for ballistic missile submarines,

With two attack submarines and one ballistic missile submarine now involved, “what we are finding is tactics on SSNs and SSBNs operating together that we either had forgotten about or we did not know. It is tremendously powerful,” Houston explained.

He said the ballistic missile submarine Tennessee is currently in the course with attack boats Colorado and Indiana. Tennessee received upgrades including a large vertical array sensor and the Submarine Warfare Federated Tactical System, making it “an exceptionally capable platform,” he added.

Houston later told Defense News that “our submarine command course is one of our pinnacle events; it’s where we practice tactics to go to war.”

With the inclusion of the ballistic missile subs, “we’re literally operating the best SSNs in the world against the best SSBNs, and we’re seeing who actually comes out on top,” he said.

Another at-sea event, the Black Widow exercise in the Atlantic, includes helicopters, P-8A Poseidon aircraft, surface ships and submarines working together to conduct a range of anti-submarine warfare activities.

A second exercise series, Silent Recluse, helps subs develop new tactics for going after surface ships. Houston would not go into detail about those tactics, but noted that “it’s consistent with our vision of preparing for combat in the most dangerous decade that we’re facing.”



*Sailors load a Mark 48 advanced capability torpedo onto the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine Scranton on June 24, 2021.
(MCC Josue L. Escobosa/U.S. Navy)*

The existing Los Angeles- and Virginia-class submarines are also receiving improved weapons.

Rear Adm. Doug Perry, the director for undersea warfare on the chief of naval operations' staff, said at the same conference that his office is focused on increasing the quantity and the capability of heavyweight torpedoes, which is the "weapon of choice for the foreseeable future" due to its stealth and destructive capability as well as the difficulty involved in defending against them.

Mark 48 torpedo production ended in 1996. Since then, the Navy has focused on increasing the capability of its existing inventory but did not invest in buying more torpedoes to fill stockrooms. Now, Perry said, the Navy needs to do both.

The first new torpedoes are delivering this year after the production line was restarted in 2016. These new weapons have better processing power and software, and they have an improved range due to the introduction of a stored chemical energy propulsion system previously used on lightweight torpedos.

Additionally, he said, the Harpoon anti-ship missile is back on submarines after two decades, having undergone test at the 2018 Rim of the Pacific exercise.

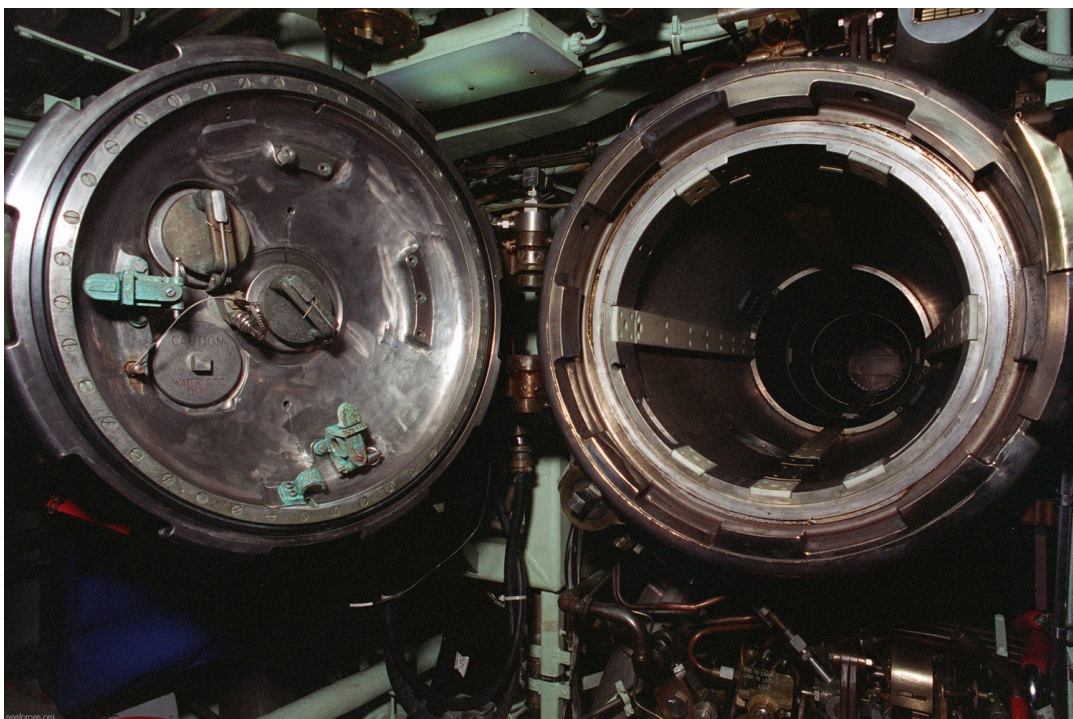
And the Maritime Strike Tomahawk is on its way to the sub fleet; this effort adds a new seeker to the Block V Tomahawk to create a long-range anti-ship capability that's expected to reach initial operational capability in 2025, Perry said.

And, he added, hypersonic missiles are coming to the newest Virginia-class SSNs starting in 2029.

"Across all our instruments of lethality, we're improving readiness and capacity: We're building our [heavyweight torpedo] inventory, improving [the torpedo] capabilities, and moving forward with a number of strike weapons that give us diversity and lethality in the battlespace," Perry said.

For Houston, who oversees the entire submarine force, these advances are necessary to keep up with what the National Defense Strategy demands of the undersea force.

"We are a sea-denial platform. We are also one of the platforms that can get into bastion areas. We need no support; we're an independent operator. But we can also be plugged in networkwide for the distributed maritime operations," Houston said of the force. "I call us the apex predators of the Navy."





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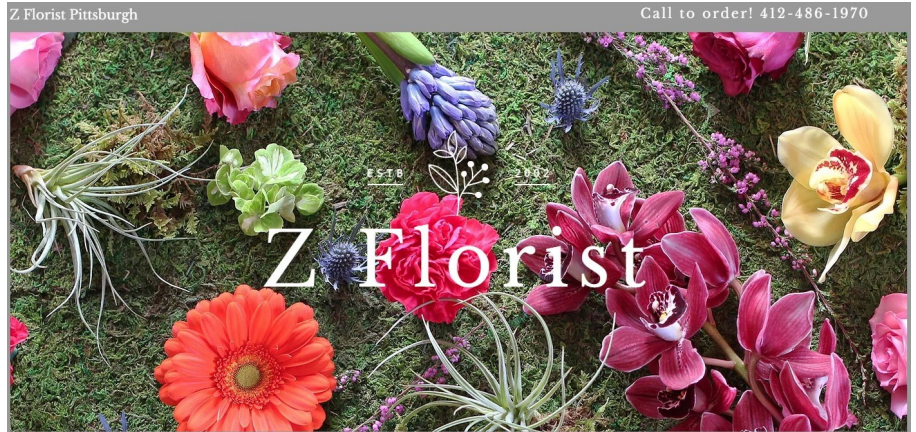
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