

Steel Valley Dolphins

Monthly Newsletter



USS Harder SS-257



The USSVI Requin Base supports the National Creed

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.”

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Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month, normally at the Baden PA American Legion. Quarterly meetings are held around our membership area.

Our next meeting will be

August 10, 2024 @ 1230 hours

At Monroeville American Legion Post 820

Base Location



American Legion Post 641
271 State St
Baden PA 15005

From the Editor

Please send ideas for articles or copies of articles, with full credit information to me for consideration of submission in the SVD.

We are a SUBMARINE group. As such, the articles should be SUBMARINE or NAVY related.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ATTEND A MEETING!

Our Website

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

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USS Herring (SS-233)

Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.

USS R-12 (SS-89)

Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.

USS Golet (SS-361)

Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.

USS Bonefish (SS-223)

Lost on June 18, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.

USS S-27 (SS-132)

Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.

USS O-9 (SS-70)

Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.

USS Runner (SS-275)

Lost between June 26 & July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.



Submarines commissioned during the month of June

C-1 SS-9	6/30/1908	Wikipedia	NavSource	
F-1 SS-20	6/19/1912	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
F-2 SS-21	6/25/1912	Wikipedia	NavSource	
N-4 SS-56	6/15/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
N-5 SS-57	6/13/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
N-7 SS-59	6/15/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
O-3 SS-64	6/13/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
O-5 SS-66	6/8/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
O-6 SS-67	6/12/1918	Wikipedia	NavSource	
R-7 SS-84	6/12/1919	Wikipedia	NavSource	
R-21 SS-98	17-Jun-19	Wikipedia	NavSource	
R-24 SS-101	6/27/1919	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-1 SS-105	6/5/1920	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-22 SS-127	6/23/1924	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-32 SS-137	6/15/1922	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-46 SS-157	6/5/1925	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-49 SS-160	6/6/1922	Wikipedia	NavSource	
S-51 SS-162	6/24/1922	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Dolphin SS-169	6/1/1932	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Cuttlefish SS-171	6/8/1934	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Pompano SS-181	6/12/1937	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Skipjack SS-184	6/30/1938	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sturgeon SS-187	6/25/1938	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Tambor SS-198	6/3/1940	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Grayback SS-208	6/30/1941	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Albacore SS-218	6/1/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Amberjack SS-219	6/19/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Cod SS-224	6/21/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Shad SS-235	6/12/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Whale SS-239	6/1/1942	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Rasher SS-269	6/8/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Capelin SS-289	6/4/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Crevalle SS-291	6/24/1943	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Escolar SS-294	6/2/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	Eternal Patrol
Ling SS-297	6/8/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Sabalo SS-302	6/19/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Bergall SS-320	6/12/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Besugo SS-321	6/19/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Blenny SS-324	6/27/1944	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Clamagore SS-343	6/28/1945	Wikipedia	NavSource	
Greenfish SS-351	6/7/1946	Wikipedia	NavSource	

Icefish SS-367	6/10/1944
Menhaden SS-377	6/22/1945
Sea Dog SS-401	6/3/1944
Sea Fox SS-402	6/13/1944
Atule SS-403	6/21/1944
Spikefish SS-404	6/30/1944
Sea Leopard SS-483	6/11/1945
Trout SS-566	6/27/1952
Scamp SSN-588	6/5/1961
Sculpin SSN-590	6/1/1961
Alexander Hamilton SSBN-617	6/27/1963
George Washington Carver SSBN-656	6/15/1966
Hammerhead SSN-663	6/28/1968
Bergall SSN-667	6/13/1969
Baton Rouge SSN-689	6/25/1977
Philadelphia SSN-690	6/25/1977
Florida SSGN-728	6/18/1983
Maryland SSBN-738	6/13/1992
Newport News SSN-750	6/3/1989
Miami SSN-755	6/30/1990
Alexandria SSN-757	6/29/1991
Mississippi SSN-782	6/2/2012
Montana SSN-794	6/24/2022

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Binnacle List

Eternal Patrol

In Remembrance

All Hands Present
And
Accounted For

George R. Heron	EM2(SS)	6/2/2015
William E. Britt	FTCS(SS)	6/2/2012
Henry Franz	RM3 (SS)	6/5/2022
Robert Keller	MMC (SS)	6/7/2021
Carl Benson	TMM3 (SS)	6/19/2023
Aaron Ellis Jr.	MMCM(SS)	6/21/2019

Birthdays

Member

Spouse

Anniversaries

Jeffrey Simon	7/1	Joan Guntang	7/1	Eileen & Daniel Klemz	7/3
Christopher Shal	7/2	Patricia Nelson III	7/1	Annette Romain & Eric Sipos	7/5
Aaron Houpt	7/3	Trude Hayes	7/2	Christina (Tina) & Michael Wyckoff	7/9
Pete Poninsky	7/3	Beth Klebache Lacey	7/2	Christine & Lawton Gaines	7/10
Charles Shrump	7/5	Ruth Ann Shal	7/2	Nita & Ronald Campbell	7/12
Edward Morgan	7/9	Jennifer Cuddy	7/5	Gwen & Gregory Bushko	7/14
Ronald Lucas	7/10	Peggy Gibson	7/5	Liz & James Harris	7/14
Maria Renzelli	7/12	Vivian Mack	7/7	Barbara & Reno Farina	7/15
Michael Cherock	7/13	Gail Nicoletti Swinney	7/8	Chloe & Sean Williams	7/16
Gregory Bayne	7/14	Kyle Abel	7/10	Sandra & Robert Lindsey	7/20
Peter Foster	7/17	Christine Certich	7/13	Gail Nicoletti & Terry Swinney	7/28
Cody Johnston	7/18	Eva Mathews Holzwarth	7/13	Dorothy & Donald Bright	7/29
C. William Greenlee	7/22	Sondra Schwarz	7/15	Rosemary & Richard McCarthy	7/30
Paris vonRabenau	7/22	Rose Nicotra	7/16		
David Halliday	7/24	Dolly vonRabenau	7/21		
Eric Sipos	7/25	Eileen S. Simon	7/22		
Robert Gourley	7/26	Holly Sipes Jr.	7/23		
Gerald States	7/27	Elizabeth Davis	7/26		
Louis Hamill	7/28				





I am pleased to announce that our memorial singer, Alyssa DeFilippo, has been asked to join our base as an associate member, and she accepted! Allysa has been our singer for around ten years. She is one of the reasons that our memorial service, on the Requin, is so successful – WELCOME ABOARD ALYSSA!

Speaking about our memorial service on the Requin. This was one of the best. There were three T.V. stations and the Post Gazette newspaper. We were interviewed by all three stations and were featured during their evening news cast. In addition, the Post Gazette had a beautiful picture of you members on the front page, “saluting” during the ceremony. On the second page was a full view of the members on the Requin, throwing flower pedals into the river.

Noting the significance of this day of remembrance, I personally want to thank the shipmates who attended the service, along with the four parades over the weekend. We may be called the ‘silent service’, but the more activities we engage in, we become well known to the community. During the Coraopolis parade and afterwards at the meet and greet with members of the community, State Senator, Devlin Robinson, and a member of the parade committed ordered 3 submarine beer tap handles. Hopefully we will be able to deliver them ASAP.

Next month is the Canonsburg parade on July 4th. This is one of the biggest and best. Please try and clear your schedule! On July 12th, there is a Change of Command Ceremony for Sub Squadron 2, with our hometown hero, Captain Jason Deichler, who was the Captain of the Pittsburgh, taking over command. A good % of our base are planning to attend his ceremony, which happens to be around the same time as our Base Meeting. A vote was taken at the June meeting to cancel our July base meeting and was approved unanimously.

Our next base meeting is scheduled for Aug 10th at the A.L. in Monroeville, Pa.

HAPPY DAD’S DAY - SWABS



These are the minutes as recorded at the base meeting and are not edited or moderated by the newsletter editor. You can address any issues or concerns in the minutes with the base secretary.

June 8, 2024
American Legion Post 290 Columbiana OH

Base Commander Huey Dietrich called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Willard Ashmore, Don Bright, Joe Campisi, Joe Capito, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Rick Flaugh, Dick Geyer, Bob & Lynn Gourley, David Halliday, Bill & Sandy Lindsey, Mike & Carmela Markel, Vince Metz, Bob & Jude Myers, Jeff & Eileen Simon, Jack Sutherin, Charlie & Gail Warren, Don Wood, Mike Wyckoff.

Base Commander Huey Dietrich: Quotes of the day: “Stupidity cannot be fixed.”

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

Base Commander Huey Dietrich: Let us at this time, with a moment of silent prayer, remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice that we may gather here in Peace. We dedicate this meeting to our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our Shipmates on active duty in the service of the first line of defense of our Nation.

Boats Lost:

- USS HERRING (SS 233) June 1, 1944
- USS R 12 (SS 89) June 12, 1943
- USS GOLET (SS 361) June 14, 1944
- USS BONEFISH (SS 223) June 18, 1945
- USS S 27 (SS 132) June 19, 1942
- USS O-9 (SS 70) June 20, 1941
- USS RUNNER (SS 275) June 26, 1943

Shipmate Bill Linsdey gave the Invocation.

First Vice Commander Joe Campisi lead the base in the Pledge Of Allegiance
Members introduced themselves and the boats they qualified on.

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

Treasurer Lee Bookwalter is on shore leave. No report was given.

Other Reports:

Binnacle List: Maghan Clark.

Eternal Patrol: None

Base membership stands at 202.

Vice Commander Joe Campisi reported on PA license plate program.

Old Business:

Requin Memorial Service

Carnegie Parade

Lawrenceville Parade

Sewickley Parade

Coraopolis Parade

Total of \$1100 was collected for these parade activities.

New Business:

Motion to approve donations to Alysa DeFillipo (singer at memorial service), 3 Rivers Leathernecks (honor guard), and Post 9199 (firing squad) totaling \$260 was approved by the members present.

Motion to cancel Base meeting on July 13 due to conflicting activities was approved by the members present.

Good of The Order:

Upcoming activities:

July 4 – Canonsburg Parade.

July 13 – Change of command, Submarine Squadron Two for Captain Deichler

August 10 – Base meeting in Monroeville PA

August 19-24 National Convention in Cleveland OH

September 14 – Base meeting at Baden American Legion

October 12 – Columbus Day Parade and Base meeting. Meeting day may be changed.

Shipmate Bill Linsdey gave the Benediction and blessing of today's meal.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: American Legion Post 820 Monroeville PA at 1230 hours on August 10, 2024



Month in Review

LT Nalbone class 24020's recipient of the Mush Morton award.



LT Nalbone is originally from Philadelphia and attended the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemical Engineering (2016) and met his wife, Erica. After graduation LT Nalbone commissioned through Officer Candidate School in September 2018. After completing initial nuclear field duty training in Charleston, SC LT Nalbone reported to the USS Springfield SSN761. While onboard he executed two Western Pacific Deployments and an interfleet transfer from Portsmouth, NH to Pearl Harbor, HI. Most recently LT Nalbone graduated from the US Naval

War College with a master's degree in National Defense and Strategic Studies, and will soon report as the Engineer to the USS Maryland SSBN 738 Blue Crew. Outside of work, LT Nalbone enjoys sailing, wood-working, and fishing with his wife and three sons.

All the photos for the memorial day remembrance are available at

<https://requinbase.org/basephotos/wppaspec/oc1/lnen/cv0/ab9e61d452db20a2aa#wppa-container-1>



Tolling of the boats onboard USS Requin SS-481



Memorial Day Parade Sewickley

Memorial Day Parade Lawrenceville





Memorial Day Parade Carnegie



Memorial Day Parade
Coraopolis



SSN 799 USS IDAHO COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

<https://ussidahocommittee.org/>



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



Shipwright Shop

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



If you would like any of these items, contact Huey Dietrich or Frank Nicotra.
You may also place your order for these and other items at a base meeting.



Chaplain's Column

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

As always, I would like to ask everyone to keep those on the binnacle list 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 at 724-485-2341 or email at ebookmiller@comcast.net. If you call and I don't answer, please leave a message. This is a land line phone so do not text this number.

If you wish to be placed on the binnacle list but do not want to disclose the specifics, I will maintain your confidentiality.

Eric Bookmiller



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.



Eagle Scouts

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

Jack Carson T335
Jackson Rodgers T335





Say What???

Rack - Bed.

Rack Burn - Reddish marks seen on the face of a sailor who has just emerged from sleeping in his/her rack. Scorned upon if he/she was not supposed to be there. Often caused by the ridges in a CPO spread.

Rack Hound - Derogatory but usually with a hint of envy term used for someone who sleeps a lot. Sailor that spends more than his/her fair share of time in the "Rack". Usually spoken when seeing somebody with Rack Burns; "You are such a Rack Hound!".



Upcoming Events

Meeting

August 10, 2024
1230 hours

American Legion Post 820
4339 Old William Penn Hwy
Monroeville, PA 15146

Base activities

July 12 Submarine Squadron TWO Change of Command

No Requin Base meeting in July



Membership

Primary Members	170	Holland Club	87	USSVI Life Members	83
Secondary Members	13	WWII	1	Base Life Members	66
Associate Members	19	Eternal Patrol	82	Joined Last Year	7
Total Members	202			Joined This Year	1



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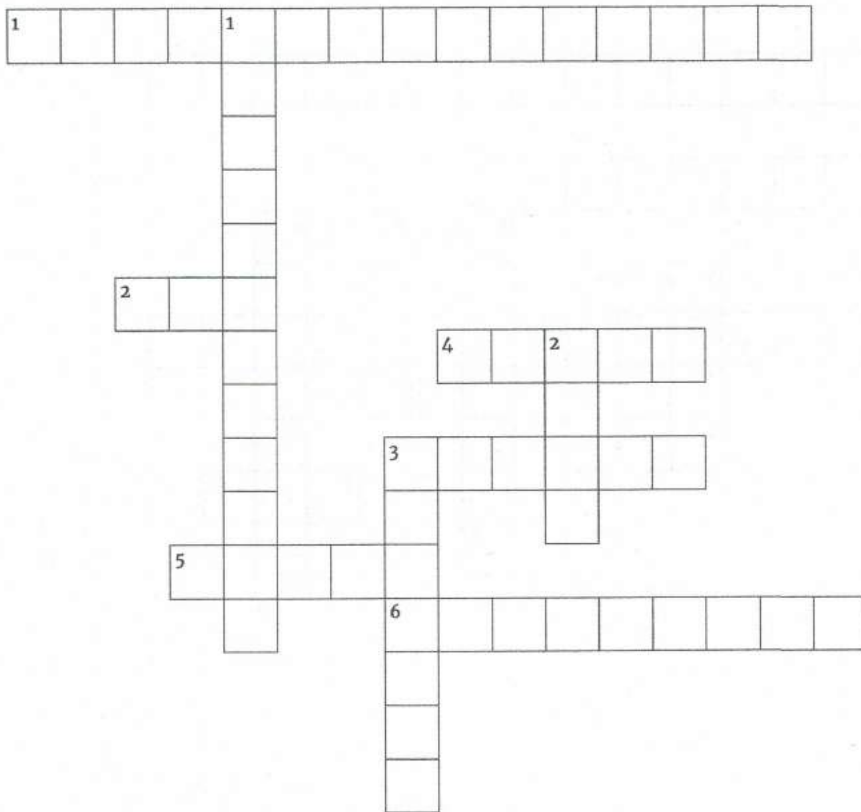
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History	
Builder	Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut
Laid down	1 December 1941
Launched	19 August 1942
Sponsored by	Miss Helen M. Shaforth
Commissioned	2 December 1942
Fate	Sunk by enemy vessels off <u>Dasol Bay, Luzon</u> , 24 August 1944

General characteristics	
Class and type	<u>Gato-class diesel-electric submarine</u>
Displacement	1,525 long tons (1,549 t) surfaced 2,424 long tons (2,463 t) submerged
Length	311 ft 9 in (95.02 m)
Beam	27 ft 3 in (8.31 m)
Draft	17 ft 0 in (5.18 m) maximum
Propulsion	4 × <u>Hooven-Owens-Rentschler (H.O.R.) diesel engines</u> driving <u>electrical generators</u> 2 × 126-cell <u>Sargo batteries</u> 4 × high-speed <u>Allis-Chalmers electric motors</u> with <u>reduction gears</u> two propellers 5,400 shp (4.0 MW) surfaced 2,740 shp (2.0 MW) submerged
Speed	21 <u>kn</u> (39 km/h) surfaced 9 knots (17 km/h) submerged
Range	11,000 <u>nmi</u> (20,000 km) surfaced at 10 kn (19 km/h)
Endurance	48 hours at 2 knots (4 km/h) submerged 75 days on patrol
Test depth	300 ft (90 m)
Complement	6 officers, 54 enlisted
Armament	10 × 21-inch (533 mm) <u>torpedo tubes</u> 6 forward, 4 aft 24 torpedoes 1 × 3-inch (76 mm) / 50 <u>caliber</u> deck gun <u>Bofors 40 mm</u> and <u>Oerlikon 20 mm</u> cannon



US Navy Crossword Puzzle 6



ACROSS

1. Oldest Commissioned Ship In The Navy
2. How Many Movements Are In A Right-Face?
3. Java, Jamoke, Murk, A Shot, Joe, And A Shot In The Arm Are All Terms That Mean What?
4. An Individual Who Was A Member Of The Crew Of A Ship When That Ship Was Placed In Commission Is Known As A _____ Owner
5. What Is Maneuvering With Difficulty And Keeping Clear?
6. What Position Was Traditionally Held By A Marine?

DOWN

1. The Nickname Of The USS Constitution
2. What Is A Diver Down; Keep Well Clear At Slow Speed?
3. What's A Yes Or Affirmative?

MARINER

U	X	Q	Q	R	S	V	G	D	J	Q	F	Y	K	X
T	Y	I	K	M	E	C	Y	Q	Q	W	F	T	U	I
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K	T	X	I	C	T	R	I	J	N	N	I	U	V	H
R	D	S	W	A	P	N	O	M	J	B	K	R	I	H
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K	A	Z	I	B	K	M	N	H	R	A	J	V	U	M
O	C	Q	W	B	Y	O	H	Q	F	I	B	Q	B	N

ARUNTA
BOATSWAIN
BOSUN
COAST

DOCKYARD
GREATCOAT
HOMEPORT
LIFEBOAT

REGIMENTAL

06/01/1939

Capt. Hollis M. Cooley, director of the Naval Research Laboratory, proposes research in atomic energy for future use in nuclear powered submarine.

06/01/1943

USS Trigger (SS 237) sinks Japanese merchant collier Noborikawa Maru off Kominato, southern Honshu.

06/02/1943

USS Tambor (SS 198) sinks Japanese transport Eika Maru in the Tonkin Gulf off French Indochina.

06/02/2012

USS Mississippi (SSN 782) is commissioned in Pascagoula, Miss. The Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine.

06/04/1944

USS Flier (SS 250) sinks Japanese troopship Hakusan Maru about 375 miles southwest of Chichi Jima, Bonin Islands. Also on this date USS Golet (SS 361) sinks Japanese guardboat No.10 Shinko Maru east of Japan.

06/05/1944

USS Puffer (SS 268) attacks a Japanese convoy in the Sulu Sea and sinks underway replenishment vessel Ashizuri and oiler Takasaki while also damaging tanker No.2 Hishi Maru, north-east of Borneo. Also on this date, USS Shark (SS 314) sinks Japanese transport Tamahime Maru and army transport Takaoka Maru west of the Mariana Islands.

06/07/1944

USS Mingo (SS 261) torpedoes and sinks Japanese destroyer Tamanami, 150 miles west-southwest of Manila while USS Skate (SS 305) attacks a Japanese convoy in the southern Sea of Okhotsk and sinks destroyer Usugumo, 160 miles north of Etorofu, Kuril Islands. Additionally, USS Sunfish (SS 281) attacks Japanese fishing boats en route from Matsuwa to Uruppu, Kuril Islands, shelling and sinking No.105 Hokuyo Maru, No.5 Kannon Maru, Ebisu Maru, and Kinei Maru while USS Flasher (SS 249) sinks Japanese transport No.2 Koto Maru off Cape Varella, French Indochina. Lastly, USS Bonefish (SS 223) shells and sinks Japanese guardboat Ryuei Maru at the mouth of Tarakan Harbor, Borneo.

06/08/1943

USS Finback (SS 230) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks auxiliary minelayer Kahoku Maru about 100 miles north of Palau.

06/08/1959

The Navy and the Post Office deliver the first official missile mail when USS Barbero (SS-317) fires a Regulus I missile with 3,000 letters 100 miles east of Jacksonville, Fla., to Mayport, Fla.

06/09/1944

During her Fifth War Patrol, USS Harder (SS 257) sinks Japanese destroyer Tanikaze in the Sibitu Passage, about 90 miles southwest of Basilan Island. On June 6, she sinks the Japanese destroyer Minazuki 120 miles east-northeast of Tarakan, Borneo. On June 7, Harder sinks the Japanese destroyer Hayanami south of the Japanese fleet anchorage at Tawi Tawi, southeast of the Sibitu Passage, Borneo. On the morning of Aug. 24, Harder is sunk in Dasol Bay, Philippines, by enemy depth charges on its Sixth War Patrol. There are no survivors and the crew is never recovered. For his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" in sinking the Japanese destroyers during the Fifth War Patrol, Cmdr. Samuel D. Dealey, Harders CO, is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

06/09/1959

USS George Washington (SSBN 598), the first U.S. Navy nuclear-powered fleet ballistic missile submarine, is christened and launched at Groton, Conn. Her nuclear capability is removed in 1983, and she is classified as SSN 598 serving until 1985. USS George Washington is later processed in the nuclear recycling program at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in 1998.

06/10/1945

USS Skate (SS 305) sinks Japanese submarine (I 122) in the Sea of Japan.

06/12/1942

USS Swordfish (SS 193) sinks Japanese freighter Burma Maru northwest of Pulo Wai in the Gulf of Siam.

06/13/1992

USS Maryland (SSBN 738) is commissioned at New London, Conn. Two days later, the 13th out of 18 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines sails with her Gold Crew to her homeport at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga.

06/18/1983

USS Florida (SSGN 728) is commissioned at Electric Boat Division, Groton, Conn. The Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, is the first submarine to be named after the 27th state, but the sixth vessel in the Navy.

06/19/1943

USS Gunnel (SS 253) damages Japanese gunboat Hong Kong Maru (ex-Philippine Argus) and sinks freighter Tokiwa Maru off Shirase, Japan, and costal minesweeper Tsubame. Also on this date, USS Sculpin (SS 191) sinks Japanese guardboat No.1 Miyasho Maru and army cargo ship Sagami Maru off Inubo Saki, Japan.

06/20/1941

USS O-9 (SS 70) sinks off Portsmouth, N.H., during a test dive. Salvage ships located her in more than 400 feet of water, but she had suffered crushing damage from the water pressure at that depth and all 33 men on board had been killed.

06/20/1945

The coordinated submarine attack group, commanded by Cmdr. Earl T. Hydeman, continues operations against Japanese shipping in the Sea of Japan. USS Tinosa (SS 283) sinks army cargo ship Taito Maru and freighter Kaisei Maru. Also on this date, USS Kraken (SS 370) sinks Japanese auxiliary sailing vessel No.58 Tachibana Maru in Sunda Strait, off Merak.

06/21/1944

USS Bluefish (SS 222) sinks Japanese army cargo ship Kanan Maru off southern approaches to Makassar Strait while USS Narwhal (SS 167) sinks Japanese powered sailboat No.2 Shinshu Maru, 12 miles southwest of Culasi.

06/22/1963

The nuclear-powered submarines USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628), USS Daniel Boone (SSBN 629), USS Flasher (SSN 613), and USS John Calhoun (SSBN 630) are all launched in one day, emphasizing the Navy's accelerated nuclear-submarine construction program.

06/24/1944

Navy submarines USS Grouper (SS 214), USS Redfin (SS 272) and USS Tang (SS 306) attack Japanese convoys off the coast of Japan, sinking seven enemy vessels.

06/25/1942

USS Nautilus (SS 168) sinks the Japanese destroyer, Yamakaze, southeast of Yokosuka, Japan.

06/26/1945

USS Parche (SS 384) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks gunboat Kamitsu Maru and freighter Eikan Maru seven miles of Todo Saki, southern Honshu.

06/27/1945

USS Blueback (SS 326) sinks Imperial Japanese Navy submarine chaser, (CH 2), north of Lombok, Java Sea.

06/28/1943

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

06/30/1942

USS Plunger (SS 179) sinks Japanese freighter No.5 Unkai Maru off the China coast near Shanghai.

06/30/1945

USS Baya (SS 318) and USS Capitaine (SS 336) attack the Japanese Makassar to Surabaya convoy MA-SU 705 and engage escorting submarine (Ch 5) and later sink cargo vessel Bandai Maru.





After nearly 80 years, the wreck of the USS Harder has been found

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<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2024/05/27/after-nearly-80-years-the-wreck-of-the-uss-harder-has-been-found/>



The wreckage of the submarine Harder has been found, nearly 80 years after it was sunk by Japanese forces during World War II. Some of the 79 men who died aboard the boat are shown here earlier in the war. (Navy)

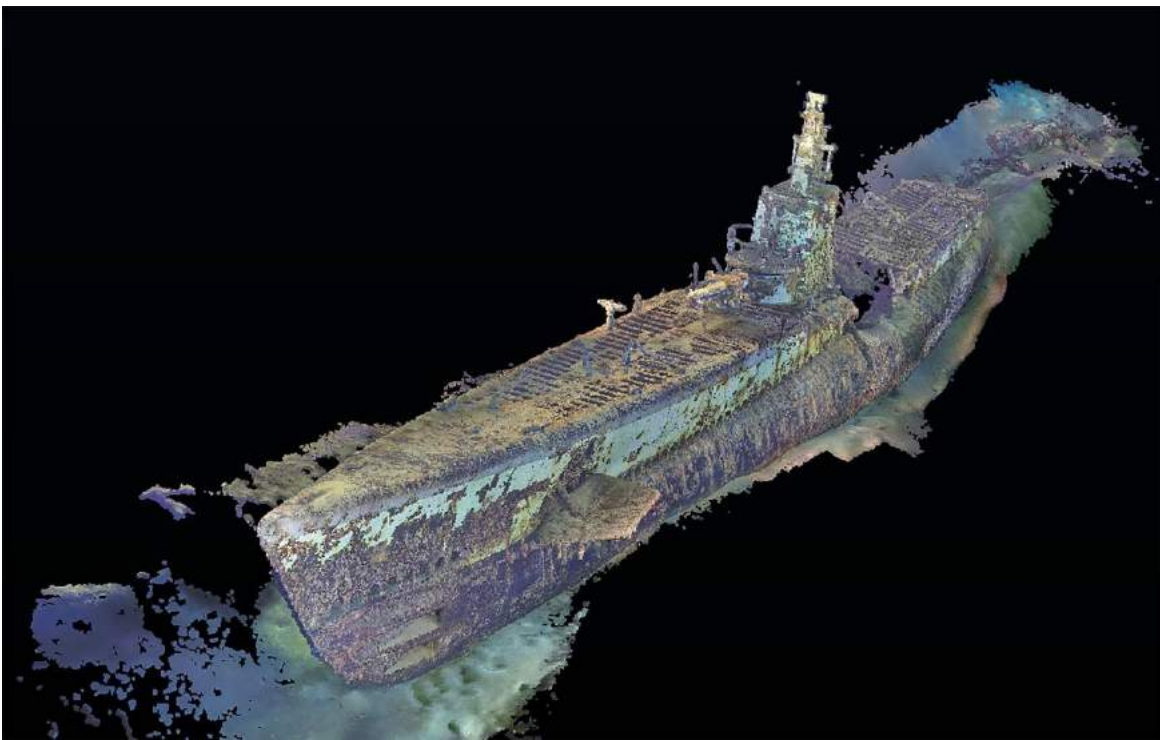
The final resting place of the 79 sailors aboard the submarine Harder has been found.

The boat was sunk by Japanese depth charges on Aug. 24, 1944, while Harder was on patrol. Its last known location was in the South China Sea, near the Philippines, according to the Naval History and Heritage Command.

The command's underwater archaeology branch confirmed Harder's location with the help of Tiburon Subsea CEO Tim Taylor and the Lost 52 project, a group that works to find and memorialize the 52 U.S. submarines lost during World War II.

In addition to Harder, the group has located fellow fallen subs Grayback, Stickleback, R-12, S-26, S-28 and Grunion, according to the Navy, and Taylor received the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award in 2021 for his efforts.

Harder was found sitting upright with its keel "relatively intact" at a depth of more than 3,000 feet, with depth charge damage aft of the conning tower, the Navy said.



A 4D photogrammetry model of the submarine Harder's wreck site, provided by The Lost 52 Project. The group is dedicated to finding U.S. subs sunk during World War II. Lost 52 scanned the entire boat and stitched all the images together in a multi-dimensional model used to study and explore the site. (Image courtesy of The Lost 52 Project via Navy)

While it can be challenging to identify subs in such situations, the Navy credited the data collected by Lost 52 and the “excellent state of preservation of the site” as key to confirming that the wreck is Harder.

“Harder was lost in the course of victory,” Navy History and Heritage Command’s director, retired Adm. Samuel J. Cox, said in a statement. “We must not forget that victory has a price, as does freedom.”

“We are grateful that Lost 52 has given us the opportunity to once again honor the valor of the crew of the ‘Hit ‘em HARDER’ submarine that sank the most Japanese warships – in particularly audacious attacks – under her legendary skipper, Cmdr. Sam Dealey.”

Harder played a key role in disrupting Japanese forces in the lead up to the Battle of the Philippine Sea in June 1944, according to the Navy.

During its fifth and most successful patrol in May and June of 1944, Harder sunk three Japanese destroyers and crippled two others over the course of four days, attacks that prompted Admiral Jisaburo Ozawa to depart his fleet from Tawi-Tawi, Philippines, a day early, according to the Navy.

That earlier departure mucked up Japanese battle plans and forced Ozawa to slow down his carrier force in the Philippine Sea, which contributed to the Japanese defeat in the battle, according to the Navy.

The final days of the Harder and its sailors began during the boat’s sixth war patrol, when it joined fellow sub Haddo in attacking and destroying three Japanese escort ships off Bataan, Philippines, on Aug. 22.

As the sun rose the next day, Haddo attacked until it needed to leave for torpedo replenishment, and Harder and Hake stayed off Dasol Bay, prowling for new targets.

On Aug. 24, Hake went deep and silent to avoid a Japanese attack, and reported hearing 15 rapid depth charges at about 7:30 a.m.

Japanese records later showed that Harder fired three torpedoes at an escort ship, and that the ship sunk Harder with the fifth depth charge that it dropped, according to the Navy.



The Navy submarine Harder was commissioned on Dec. 2, 1942, with Cmdr. Samuel D. Dealey in command, and lost at sea with 79 souls aboard on Aug. 24, 1944. (Naval History and Heritage Command)

Harder's commanding officer, Cmdr. Dealey, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for Harder's fifth war patrol, and the sub received a Presidential Unit Citation and six battle stars for its service in World War II.

The Navy said the Harder's final resting place is protected under U.S. law and falls within the Navy's jurisdiction.

Any activity around the site must be cleared by the Navy as well.

"Most importantly, the wreck represents the final resting place of sailors that gave their life in defense of the nation and should be respected by all parties as a war grave," the Navy said.

The Submariner

An article by Dr. Joyce Brothers after the sinking of the USS Thresher (SSN-593)

The tragic loss of the submarine Thresher and 129 men had a special kind of impact on the nationa special kind of sadness, mixed with universal admiration for the men who choose this type of work. One could not mention the Thresher without observing, in the same breath how utterly final and alone the end is when a ship dies at the bottom of the sea..... and what a remarkable specimen of man it must be who accepts such a risk. Most of us might be moved to conclude, too, that a tragedy of this kind would have a damaging effect on the morale of the other men in the submarine service and tend to discourage future enlistment. Actually, there is not evidence that this is so. What is it then, that lures men to careers in which they spend so much of their time in cramped quarters, under great psychological stress, with danger lurking all about them?

Togetherness is an overworked term, but in no other branch of our military service is it given such full meaning as in the so called "silent service". In an undersea craft, each man is totally dependent upon the skill of every other man in the crew, not only for top performance but for actual survival. Each knows that his very life depends on the others and because this is so, there is a bond among them that both challenges and comforts them. All of this gives the submariner a special feeling of pride, because he is indeed a member of an elite corps. The risks, then, are an inspiration rather than a deterrent. The challenge of masculinity is another factor which attracts men to serve on submarines. It certainly is a test of a man's prowess and power to know he can qualify for this highly selective service. However, it should be emphasized that this desire to prove masculinity is not pathological, as it might be in certain dare-devil pursuits, such as driving a motorcycle through a flaming hoop.

There is nothing daredevilish about motivations of the man who decides to dedicate his life to the submarine service. He does, indeed, take pride in demonstrating that he is quite a man, but he does not do so to practice a form of foolhardy brinkmanship, to see how close he can get to failure and still snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

On the contrary, the aim in the submarine service is to battle the danger, to minimize the risk, to take every measure to make certain that safety rather than danger, is maintained at all times.

Are the men in the submarine service braver than those in other pursuits where the possibility of sudden tragedy is constant? The glib answer would be to say they are. It is more accurate, from a psychological point of view, to say they are not necessarily braver, but that they are men who have a little more insight into themselves and their capabilities.

They know themselves a little better than the next man. This has to be so with men who have a healthy reason to volunteer for a risk. They are generally a cut healthier emotionally than others of the similar age and background because of their willingness to push themselves a little bit farther and not settle for an easier kind of existence.

We all have tremendous capabilities but are rarely straining at the upper level of what we can do, these men are.

The country can be proud and grateful that so many of its sound, young, eager men care enough about their own stature in life and the welfare of their country to pool their skills and match them collectively against the power of the sea.

We Are Submarine Sailors

by Mike Hemming

We are not the first of them and we will not be the last. Our heritage runs back to the first submarine. This heritage line continues forward into an unseen future. Each generation is trained by the one before. This will remain so until there is no more use for submarines, which will be never. If one of us goes aboard a new or old submarine, we are comfortable with the men there. For they are us and we are them. Stand us in a line in all our dress uniforms or naked in our coffins, we are the same. We are and forever will be submarine sailors. We are one.

We can have everything taken from us, uniforms, medals, our sanity and our lives, but we will always be recognized by others and ourselves as a submariner. This status cannot be removed from us. Our Dolphins worn on our chests then, hung on our walls now, or later pinned on molding uniforms in our graves mark us forever. We are first, last, and always men that stepped forward and worked long and hard to become what we are. We are unique among sailors for we sail down deep into dark and always dangerous waters. We do this not with foolhardy go-to-hell bravery, but with cool calculation and care. We challenge the dangers with training and practice. We know that the time for bravery will come when two shipmates close themselves in a flooding compartment, knowing that the whole boat and crew depends on them to control the flooding.

We believe in each other, because we must. Alone at sea, the crew and a pressure hull are all we have to reach the surface again. Men with confidence in each other dive and surface submarines countless times. Each man trained by others holds the lives of those shipmates in his hands. Dolphins are the symbol of this tradition.

Submarine hulls have numbers and men have hearts and souls. We carry those numbers in our hearts in life, and they mark our souls in death. Silver or Gold, Dolphins are the symbol of this.

To us Dolphins are it, no other symbol matters or means anything as important as they do.

“No one has done more to prevent conflict – no one has made a greater sacrifice for the cause for Peace – than you, America’s proud missile submarine family. You stand tall among our heroes of the Cold War.”

— **General Colin Powell**

“I saw the submariners, the way they stood aloof and silent, watching their pigboat with loving eyes. They are alone in the Navy. I admired the PT boys. And I often wondered how the aviators had the courage to go out day after day and I forgave their boasting. But the submariners! In the entire fleet they stand apart!”

— **James Michener, Tales of The South Pacific**

“In over one hundred years of US Submarine Force history, sixty six submarines have been lost, almost 10% of all the submarines commissioned. During World War II, the U.S. Navy’s submarine service suffered the highest casualty percentage of all the American armed forces, losing one in five submariners. Forty-eight submarines of the United States Navy were lost in action during World War II. Some 16,000 submariners served during the war, of whom 375 officers and 3131 enlisted men were killed.”

During the Cold War with the Soviet Union from 1948 to 1991, the U.S. Navy launched more than 2,000 secret missions against the Kremlin. The men who manned these “underwater U-2s” have gone largely unheralded.

— **David Colley**

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I served on the Holland over a century ago.
I still serve to this day on the Trident, Los Angeles & Seawolf class boats
and look forward to shipping on the Virginia, Texas, and Hawaii.
Places like Fremantle, Rota, LaMadd, Chinhae, Pattaya, Sasebo, and Subic stir my soul.

For I am a Submariner.

I rest in peace beneath many seas across this earth.
I was on the Barbel off Palawan, the Scorpion off the Azores and
the Bonefish in the Sea of Japan. We gave them hell in the
harbors at Wewak and Namkwan.
I am a Shellback, a Bluenose, a Plank Owner, a MCPO of the Navy, a CNO, and a President.

For I am a Submariner.

I heard Howard Gilmore's final order, "Take Her Down."
I heard the word passed, "Underway on Nuclear Power."
I have done every job asked of me, from Messcook to Torpedoman to
Motormac to COB to Skipper.
I know "Snorkel Patty" and Admiral Rickover.

For I am a Submariner.

I have twin Dolphins tattooed on my chest and twin screws tattooed on my ass.
I know the difference between a Lady and a Hooker but treat both with equal respect.
I know Georgia Street and Magsaysay drive.
And although the Horse & Cow keeps moving I will always find her.
I know the meaning of "Hot, Straight, and Normal."

For I am a Submariner.

I have stood tall and received the Medal of Honor and been
thrown in the Brig for being Drunk & Disorderly.
I know the reverent tone of "Diesel Boats Forever"
and the Gudgeon's "Find em, Chase em, Sink em."
I was on the Spearfish evacuating nurses from Corregidor
and the Skate when she surfaced at the North Pole.
I have spent time in the Royal Hawaiian.

For I am a Submariner.

I have gone by names like Spritz, Cromwell, O'Kane, Ramage,
Breault, "Mush" and Lockwood.
I have served on boats like the Nautilus, Thresher, Parche,
Squalus, Wahoo and Halibut.
On December 7th I was onboard the Tautog at Pearl Harbor.
I was also on the Tusk in 49 and sacrificed myself for my shipmates on the Cochino.

For I am a Submariner.

I have stood watches in the cold of Holy Loch and the heat of the South Pacific.
I know what the "41 For Freedom" accomplished.
I was on the Sealion at Cavite in 41 and the Archerfish in Tokyo Bay in 45.
I have endured depth charges and POW camps.
I was on the Seafox when we lost five sailors to a Japanese ambush on Guam.

For I am a Submariner.

I tip beers over sea-stories with my shipmates at yearly conventions.
We toll the bell and shed a tear for our buddies who are on eternal patrol.
Many pilots have been glad to see me, including a future president.
I have completed numerous highly classified missions during the Cold War.
Because "Freedom Is Not Free," be assured that I am out there at this very moment.

For I am a Submariner.

By John Chaffey of Powell, Wyoming, SSN639, SSN687, SSBN619



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