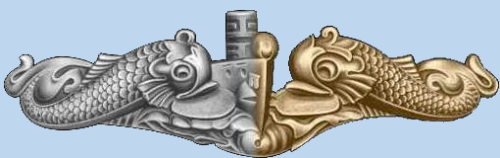


# Steel Valley Dolphins

Monthly Newsletter



## USS Albacore AGSS-569



## 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.

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

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ATTEND A MEETING!

### Our Website

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

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### Tolling of the Boats for July

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

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

#### USS Robalo (SS-273)

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

#### USS Grunion (SS-216)

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



## Submarines commissioned during the month of July

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

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



**Why C.O.s don't get much sleep**



### Binnacle List

### Eternal Patrol

### In Remembrance

Huey Dietrich  
Mike Pellegrino

All Hands Present  
And  
Accounted For

Robert D. Armstrong	TMSN(SS)	7/8/2014
John G. Grienberger	LT	7/13/2014
Stephen A. Kossler	EN2(SS)	7/27/2015
Joseph T. Brenkus	EN3(SS)	7/29/2015
Edward J. Covey	CAPT	7/3/2017
Ronald H. Shook	STC(SS)	7/12/2017
Fred Voskuhl	EM3 (SS)	7/23/2020
William A. Hawk	TM2 (SS)	7/18/2021
Herbert Hollingsworth	EM1(SS)	7/5/2022

### Birthdays

#### Member

#### Spouse

#### Anniversaries

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

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

Christine & Frank Certich	8/1
Nicole LaPietra & James Cowher	8/2
Brenda & Mark Winters	8/2
Agnes & Thomas Strang	8/3
Kyle & Martin Abel	8/4
Sondra & James Schwarz	8/7
Ashlee & Michael Amenti	8/10
Susan & Gary Ireland	8/10
Cindy & George Brown	8/12
Pamela & Ronald Lucas	8/15
Emma & Andrew Wolbrueck	8/17
Laura & Michael Cherock	8/21
Elizabeth & John Bistolas	8/23
Erin & Aaron Houpt	8/23
Connie & Keith Small	8/31





## Commanders Corner

From: Lou Hamill on behalf of Huey Dietrich (who is on the Binnacle list)

Shipmates,

Let me say “THANK YOU” to all those that continue to support our mission of perpetuating the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country.

Let’s not lose sight of why we are here. Let bygones be bygones, and let’s focus on the mission.

By being active in our base activities and participating in these community events you not only make the public aware of who we are but also remind them of the sacrifices of our shipmates that proceed us.

A great example of that is the July 4th parade in Canonsburg. What a great turn out from the public and our shipmates.

We also had the HONOR to attend the change of command for Submarine Squadron 2 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where Jason Deichler assumed command as Commodore. Jason we wish you the best. We know that you will show Pittsbrgh pride and gumption in getting the job done. Just remember what the Admiral said “Don’t screw up” :)

Tim Boyle, the gentleman who allows us to store the trailers at his place is having friendly get together on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Food is provided, just supply your own drinks!

The address is 328 Georgetown Road, Beaver Falls, PA; 15101

His phone number is 724-480-2966

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting in Monroeville at the American Legion Gold Star Post 820

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-- Pride Runs Deep --  
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**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.**

The July meeting of the USSVI USS Requin Base was suspended by the members in attendance at the June meeting, due to the trip to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for the Squadron 2 change of command.



U.S. Naval Institute

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**#OTD** in 1952, USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) performed a unique submarine-to-airship rescue when it towed the disabled K-86 blimp and its 10-man crew for 40 miles to NAS Key West.





Congratulations to CAPT Jason Deichler on assuming command of Submarine Squadron 2.





As always the July 4th parade in Canonsburg was a memorable event.



Huey Dietrich at the PNSY shipworkers memorial



# 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.



# SAVE THE DATE USSVI 2024 CONVENTION CLEVELAND, OHIO USSVI COD BASE SPONSOR

**DATE** AUGUST 20-24 / 2024

**EMBASSY SUITES ROCKSIDE**

## USSVI ANNUAL CONVENTION 2024 CLEVELAND, OHIO HOME OF THE USS COD SUBMARINE MEMORIAL

- SHUTTLE SERVICE TO EVENTS
- LAKE & RIVER CRUISES
- HELICOPTER TOURS
- JACK CASINO
- CLEVELAND FLATS
- ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME
- PLAYHOUSE SQUARE
- CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART
- SCIENCE CENTER
- CLEVELAND ZOO
- CLEVELAND AQUARIUM
- WOMENS AIR & SPACE MUSEUM
- CLEVELAND GUARDIANS
- FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
- BREWERY TOURS
- INDOOR & OUTDOOR GOLF



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# 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](mailto: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>





## Say What???

"There ain't no slack in a fast attack" - In reference to the heavy sea time schedule fast attack sailors keep, and their thought that they do the job better than everyone else.

**Ustafish** - General term for a previous submarine command one has served in. Often used as "That's not how we did it aboard the USTAFISH." Generally followed by various short, forceful comments from others present.



## Upcoming Events

### Meeting

August 10, 2024  
1230 hours

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

### Base activities

All Clear "for now".



## Membership

Primary Members	171	Holland Club	87	USSVI Life Members	83
Secondary Members	13	WWII	1	Base Life Members	67
Associate Members	19	Eternal Patrol	82	Joined Last Year	7
Total Members	203			Joined This Year	1



### New Members





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

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

Albacore AGSS-569 in Naval Encyclopedia

Albacore AGSS-569 in Naval History & Heritage Command



**General characteristics - Final Phase 4 Configuration**

<b>Displacement</b>	1606.62 tons surface 1823.51 tons submerged
<b>Length</b>	205 ft 4.75 in (62.6047 m) Length between perpendiculars 200 ft 0 in (60.96 m)
<b>Beam</b>	27 ft 3.75 in (8.3249 m)
<b>Draft</b>	Forward 19 ft 1 in (5.82 m) Aft 22 ft 3 in (6.78 m)
<b>Propulsion</b>	Two 7,500 shp, counter-rotating electric motors, Two 1,000 bhp/817 kW diesel/electric generators
<b>Speed</b>	Surfaced: 25 knots Submerged: 33 knots
<b>Range</b>	Varied with configuration
<b>Complement</b>	5 officers, 49 men
<b>Armament</b>	None

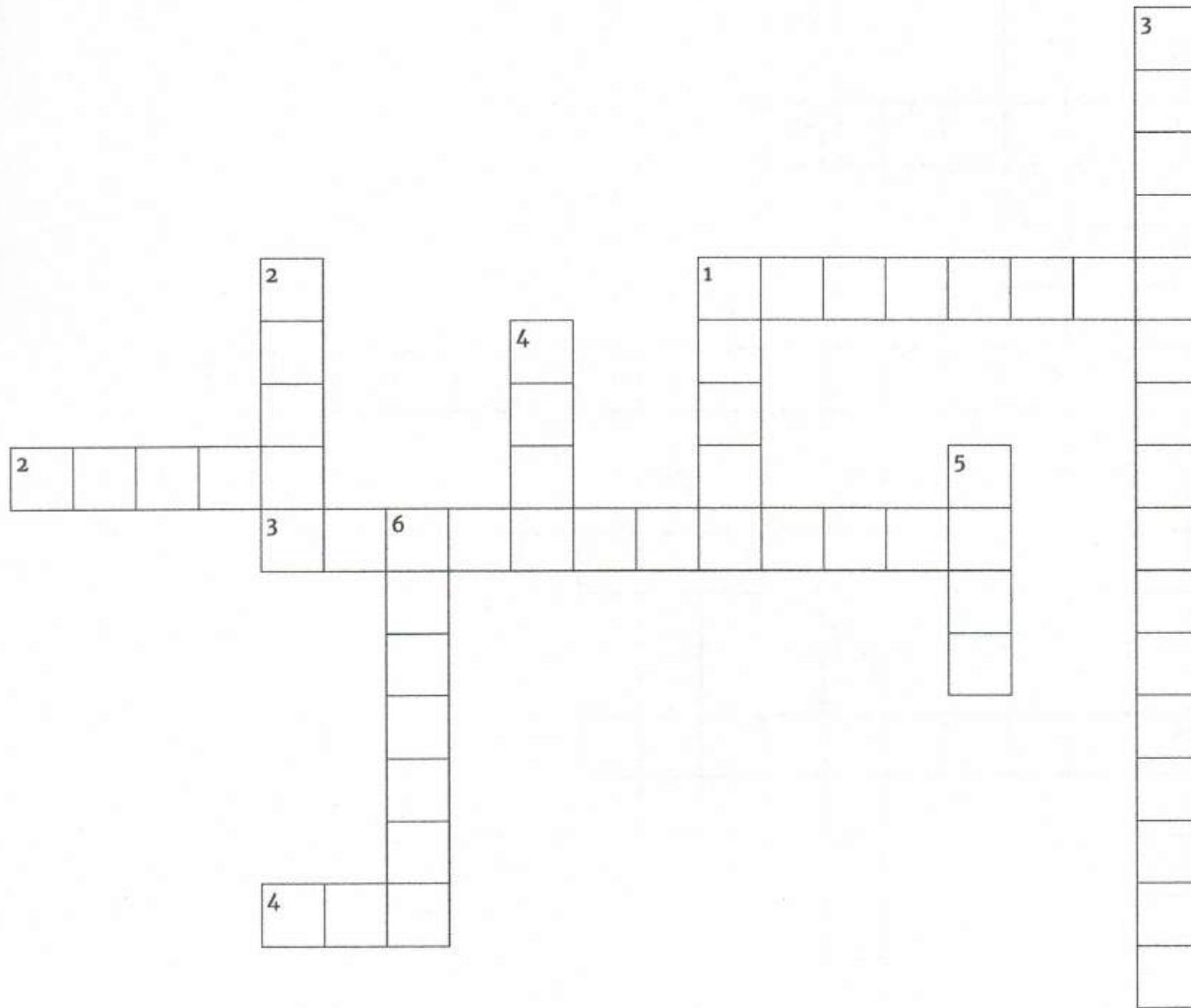
**History**

<b>Name</b>	<i>Albacore</i>
<b>Namesake</b>	<u>Albacore</u>
<b>Ordered</b>	24 November 1950
<b>Builder</b>	<u>Portsmouth Naval Shipyard</u> of <u>Kittery, Maine</u>
<b>Laid down</b>	15 March 1952
<b>Launched</b>	1 August 1953
<b>Sponsored by</b>	Mrs. J. E. Jowers, the widow of Chief Motor Machinist's Mate Arthur L. Stanton, lost with the second <i>Albacore</i> (SS-218)
<b>Commissioned</b>	6 December 1953
<b>Decommissioned</b>	9 December 1972
<b>Stricken</b>	1 May 1980
<b>Motto</b>	<i>Praenuntius Futuri</i> ("Forerunner of the Future")
<b>Status</b>	Donated as a museum and memorial in <u>Portsmouth, New Hampshire</u>





# US Navy Crossword Puzzle 7



### ACROSS

- 1. A Tattoo Of A Pig On One Leg Of A Sailor And A Rooster (Cock) On The Other Is A Charm Against What?
- 2. What Is Men Overboard In U.S Navy Flag Signals?
- 3. Where Are The Blue Angels Stationed?
- 4. Birthday Of The Navy

### DOWN

- 1. D (Phonetic Alphabet)
- 2. The Back End Of The Ship
- 3. Who Established The Purple Heart?
- 4. Vessel Is Stopped Or Making No Way?
- 5. What's Required A Tug In The U.S Navy Signal Flags?
- 6. Depth Of A Fathom

# WEST POINT

X	E	W	Y	N	Q	Q	F	H	R	U	G	W	M	P
Y	S	X	E	T	A	L	Z	S	M	S	I	R	G	P
L	D	T	A	D	S	V	M	F	B	S	L	Q	X	M
N	L	A	O	N	V	A	Y	S	U	C	A	N	B	H
P	A	O	U	R	I	V	N	F	R	W	K	J	E	M
V	U	Y	M	Q	M	A	M	Y	K	F	F	W	E	G
X	U	A	V	Q	S	C	T	K	D	H	S	U	N	Z
M	I	D	U	A	A	E	A	P	D	A	D	N	T	J
C	K	O	W	U	N	E	R	S	A	Y	L	L	M	P
R	B	R	P	U	K	A	L	I	T	C	J	O	Y	X
T	X	B	G	N	H	A	L	T	F	L	G	D	H	L
C	O	M	M	A	N	D	P	O	S	T	E	A	P	C
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**07/02/1945**

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

**07/05/1942**

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

**07/06/1944**

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

**07/09/1960**

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

**07/09/1994**

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

**07/10/1945**

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

**07/10/1993**

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

**07/11/1944**

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

**07/11/1987**

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

**07/13/1991**

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

**07/15/1942**

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

**07/17/1944**

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

**07/18/1981**

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

**07/19/1997**

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

**07/20/1945**

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

**07/20/1960**

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

**07/24/1942**

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

**07/24/1993**

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

**07/27/1943**

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

**07/27/1985**

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

**07/28/1926**

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

**07/29/1944**

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

**07/29/1995**

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

**07/31/2010**

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

## Commander, Submarine Squadron Two Holds Change of Command

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KITTERY, Maine – Captain Jason Deichler relieved Daniel Reiss as Commodore of Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) Two in a traditional change of command ceremony held Friday, July 12, at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

Adm. Robert Gaucher presided over the ceremony as he praised Reiss for being the squadron’s first commodore and said, “I’m going to tell you what it meant to stand up this squadron. We did not have a squadron here at Portsmouth, we only had a representative. It was important to meet the Chief of Naval Operations’ goals and make sure we were really pressing both in the maintenance and, more importantly, the readiness of the crew that the second that submarine is available the crew is ready to go out and operate for our country’s needs. Captain Reiss did a phenomenal job at that.”

Reiss praised his staff, submarine commanding officers, and their crews during his remarks stating, “Today I am filled with gratitude. It is an overwhelming feeling of gratitude and indebtedness to many of you here for your support, your support to Submarine Squadron Two, support to our boats, their crews, and their families; and support to me and my family.”

Reiss, a Massachusetts native and graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will be transferring to Joint Force Command Naples, Italy. His previous submarine tours include USS Virginia (SSN 774), USS Mississippi (SSN 782), and USS New Mexico (SSN 779). He is also a graduate of the UK Submarine Command Course “Perisher.”

Submarine Squadron Two was first established in New London, Connecticut in the late 1930s and was active until they were disestablished in January 2012. After finding a need to oversee submarines undergoing maintenance and overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Squadron two was re-established December 12, 2021.

“The mission was clear in December of 2021,” said Reiss. “Establish a full squadron to one, support our boats in every aspect from personnel, training, and logistics; two, across every department from operations to weapons, engineering, executive, and supply; three, get our submarines down the Piscataqua River as soon as possible and four, be more ready to go into combat than ever before. Admiral Gaucher, I am proud to report that this team has done that through their incredible dedication, labor, and close work with many of the folks assembled here.”

Captain Jason Deichler spoke briefly during the ceremony, beginning with referencing Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and his iconic quote “Don’t Give up the Ship.”

“Here we stand today, at the single best public submarine shipyard in the entire fleet,” said Deichler. “Needing more parts and more personnel, with near peer competitors China and Russia looming and threatening our world’s stability and peace. Commodore Perry didn’t beg for parts, and he didn’t beg for Sailors. He made it happen. He rallied his captains to “Never Give up the Ship”.”

Deichler, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, comes to Submarine Squadron Two after serving as Deputy Commander Submarine Squadron 12. His previous submarine tours include USS Springfield (SSN 761), USS Asheville (SSN 758), and USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720).

“It is imperative that our squadron, our captains, and our shipyard sisters and brother never lose sight of the importance of our mission here in beautiful Portsmouth and Kittery,” said Deichler. “We must return our submarines to the fight. We must, like Commodore Perry, remain relentless in our determination to return our apex predators in a condition ready to meet the enemy with the tenacity that has defined our force and this shipyard throughout the years from sails to atoms. We deliver lethality. Squadron Two, here we go.”

Submarine Squadron Two’s mission is to provide attack submarines that are ready, willing, and able to meet the unique challenges of undersea combat and deployed operations in unforgiving environments across the globe.

Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities – sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.



# Stars, Stripes & Submarines

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USS *Cheyenne* (SSN 773) has a new flagpole made from wood that was once part of the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571). Commissioned in September 1954, *Nautilus* was the world's first nuclear-powered submarine. Decommissioned in March 1980, *Nautilus* is now a museum ship, designated a U.S. National Historic Landmark and operated by the Naval History and Heritage Command at Groton, Connecticut.

Senior Chief Chris Born was recently stationed in Groton, where *Nautilus* was undergoing repairs and restoration. "When I came to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard with *Cheyenne*, I knew that the boat would need to replace the flagpole, coinciding with normal repairs. I salvaged some of the wood that had been removed from *Nautilus* and would have been scrapped. The ipe (pronounced ee-pay) wood from the decking is denser than teakwood and would lend itself to a strong and seaworthy flagpole."

In March, Born was working with PNSY Shop 64 on another project. The idea for the flagpole was brought up. Shipwright Dave Dearborn said, "I took on this project because this is something I have been wanting to do with our rotary playback for the CNC router I program and operate. Chris provided us with decking boards from the *Nautilus* to make the flagpole. I incorporated the hull number for the *Nautilus*, 571, and the *Cheyenne's* hull number, 773, on either side of the flag pole. This is the kind of project that I really enjoy, it brings back a piece of history and shows off the work that shipwrights can do."

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### The Line

I saw a line of sailors,  
They seemed so far away.  
Their uniforms were brilliant white  
Despite the cloudy day.

I couldn't see their faces  
Their rates, left arm and right,  
But on and on the column grew  
It really was a sight.

And then I saw another group  
Quite different from the first.  
Their beards and shaggy haircuts  
Their uniforms the worst.

Playing Acey Ducey  
And smoking cigarettes  
And endless games of poker  
Drinking coffee, making bets.

I asked a nearby sailor,  
Who are those wretched lads?  
"Oh, them, they're submariners,  
They're altogether bad."

They hid beneath the surface  
On submarines of old.  
Their missions were so secret,  
They never could be told.

And every one a scoundrel  
With language foul and blue.  
They just weren't proper sailors  
Believe me, it's all true."

And suddenly a rush of wind  
Blew all the clouds away  
The angels came and passed the line  
The gamblers stopped their play.

The other sailors grumbled  
"We've been standing in this line  
For what seems an eternity?  
And faithful all this time."

The angel said, "Just wait a bit  
Your time will come soon well.  
But these boys get to go home now,  
They've done their time in hell.

"Their boat went down so quickly,  
There wasn't time to pray.  
But God heard every mother,  
Who lost her son that day."

The submariners rose as one  
And walked into the light  
They all went down together,  
As one, they all took flight

So pray for submariners  
When you think of those we've lost  
The freedom we enjoy today  
Came with a heavy cost.



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# First US Navy Submarine Will Deploy with New UUV Capability This Year

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*The US Navy (USN) Virginia-class submarine USS Delaware will deploy later in 2024 to the European theatre, fitted with a TTL&R capability for UUV operations. The boat is pictured in 2022, alongside at Naval Submarine Base New London, Connecticut. Credit: US Navy*

The US Navy (USN) has announced that it is set to deploy a torpedo-tube launch-and-recovery (TTL&R) uncrewed underwater vehicle (UUV) capability onboard an operational submarine for the first time, with the operational deployment set to commence by the end of 2024. The deployment will take place in the European theatre of operations.

While submarines have deployed with UUVs in the past, the TTL&R option allows for ease of system deployment and retrieval, increasing capability, reach, and manoeuvre in the undersea domain.

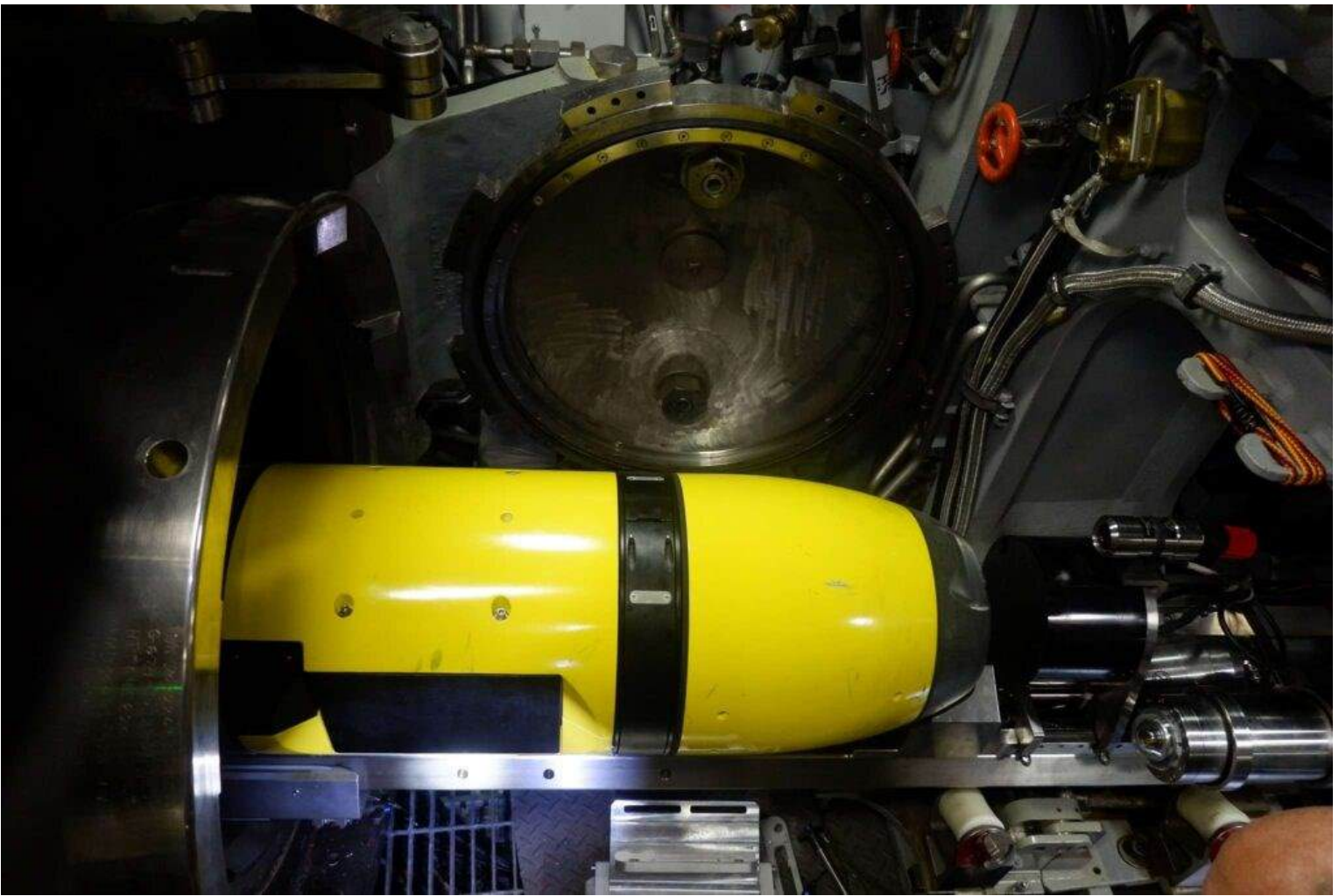
Vice Admiral Rob Gaucher, the US Navy's Commander Submarine Forces, told the Naval Leaders' Combined Naval Event 2024 (CNE 24) conference in Farnborough, UK in late May:

"We're going to install UUVs on a submarine, USS Delaware, starting in a couple of weeks, and they will deploy by the end of the year,"

*"We're already looking at who's going to be next to start installing, so that we continuously have a submarine-operated vehicle,"* Vice Adm Gaucher added.

*Delaware* is a Virginia-class nuclear-powered attack submarine (SSN). Commissioned in April 2020, the Block III Virginia boat is the 18<sup>th</sup> of a planned force level of 66 Virginia hulls.

Vice Adm Gaucher explained that delivering a fully integrated SSN-based UUV capability is a key development priority, as part of building the USN submarine force's future operational posture. *"From my perspective, we are not operating UUVs enough in the submarine force,"* he added.



*A REMUS UUV aboard USS Delaware during the “Yellow Moray” test in December 2023. When Delaware deploys across the Atlantic later in 2024, the US Navy’s regional commanders will look for exercises and other opportunities to test the boat’s TTL&R-based UUV capability. Credit: US Navy*

This capability development process will be accelerating in 2024, Vice Adm Gaucher said. *Delaware*’s deployment will involve an HII REMUS 600 UUV. This type of UUV was launched from the *Delaware*’s torpedo tube and was recovered the same way during a test in late 2023.

*“The intent is we’ll start installing it in about a month, Delaware will deploy about six months later, and then – when the boat gets over to the European theatre – we’re going to look for opportunities to do exercises,”* said Vice Adm Gaucher. On deployment, the boat will be tasked by operational commanders in the region. *“They’ll base that on what the exercise opportunities are, or what challenges they have that we might be able to employ those vehicles against,”* the admiral added. *“There are a number of different things we can do with the vehicles, and we’ll certainly look for every opportunity.”*

*“We want to get out there and get ‘sets and reps,’”* said Vice Adm Gaucher.

In December 2023, *Delaware* was used in the navy’s second successful test of a TTL&R capability. The first test took place earlier that same month, in the Pacific.

Vice Adm Gaucher explained to the CNE 24 conference that a TTL&R capability is integral to bringing UUVs – an emerging technology being developed largely in the commercial world – into more regular current naval operational use.

The navy is still developing both its use of UUVs and TTL&R integration, and will spend the coming months trialling options for deploying the UUV from *Delaware*. *“We just need to get out and operate,”* said Vice

Adm Gaucher. *“Sure, there is a chance things don’t go right – but we need to take the training wheels off and learn faster, particularly when we can shift risk from people to robots.”*

The TTL&R capability is an example of new concepts and technologies being developed under Pillar 2 of the trilateral AUKUS (Australia/UK/US) strategic partnership. Development of the capability demonstrates how the three navies are now starting to move out on delivering outputs from Pillar 2, Vice Adm Gaucher said.

TTL&R for UUVs will also help SSNs contribute to subsea and seabed warfare operations. *“Seabed warfare is a burgeoning area .... Everybody recognises the need to defend our underwater infrastructure,”* said Vice Adm Gaucher. Uncrewed capabilities like remotely operated vehicles are a primary option for use in defending or attacking seabed infrastructure. *“That’s another priority we’re going to move out on, and start building the ‘sets and reps’ to be able to cover that mission area,”* he added.

Overall, Vice Adm Gaucher concluded, *“We’re going to push to more exercises and development, to be able to realise our goal to do more and more uncrewed [activities]. We’re ready to get the curve bending, to drive exponential growth in how often we’re operating our uncrewed systems.”*





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