

Steel Valley Dolphins

Monthly Newsletter



USS New Jersey SSN-796



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

October 05, 2024 @ 1230 hours
At Golden Corral Hermitage, PA 16148

Base Location



American Legion Post 641
271 State St
Baden PA 15005

From the Editor

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

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

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ATTEND A MEETING!

Our Website

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

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Tolling of the Boats for September

USS S-5 (SS-110)

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

USS Grayling (SS-209)

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

USS Pompano (SS-181)

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

USS S-51 (SS-162)

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

USS Cisco (SS-290)

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



Submarines commissioned during the month of September

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Plunger SS-2 | 9/19/1903 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Porpoise SS-7 | 9/19/1903 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Shark SS-8 | 9/19/1903 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| D-3 SS-19 | 9/8/1910 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| K-6 SS-37 | 9/9/1914 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| L-2 SS-41 | 9/29/1916 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| N-1 SS-53 | 9/26/1917 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| N-2 SS-54 | 9/26/1917 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| N-3 SS-55 | 9/26/1917 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| R-11 SS-88 | 9/5/1919 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| R-12 SS-89 | 9/23/1919 | Wikipedia | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| R-18 SS-95 | 9/11/1918 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| R-27 SS-104 | 9/3/1919 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| S-10 SS-115 | 9/21/1922 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| S-39 SS-144 | 9/14/1923 | Wikipedia | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| H-5 SS-148 | 9/30/1918 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| H-6 SS-149 | 9/9/1918 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| S-47 SS-158 | 9/16/1925 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Bass SS-164 | 9/26/1925 | Wikipedia | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Darter SS-227 | 9/7/1943 | Wikipedia | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Flasher SS-249 | 9/25/1943 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Gurnard SS-254 | 9/18/1942 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Robalo SS-273 | 9/28/1943 | Wikipedia | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Scamp SS-277 | 9/18/1942 | Wikipedia | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Tunny SS-282 | 9/1/1942 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Devilfish SS-292 | 9/1/1944 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Archerfish SS-311 | 9/4/1943 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Burrfish SS-312 | 9/13/1943 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Boarfish SS-327 | 9/23/1944 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Charr SS-328 | 9/23/1944 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Kraken SS-370 | 9/8/1944 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Tiru SS-416 | 9/1/1948 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Pomodone SS-486 | 9/11/1945 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Spinax SS-489 | 9/20/1946 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Nautilus SSN-571 | 9/30/1954 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Swordfish SSN-579 | 9/15/1958 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Robert E. Lee SSBN-601 | 9/15/1960 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| John C. Calhoun SSBN-630 | 9/15/1964 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Von Steuben SSBN-632 | 9/30/1964 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Sand Lance SSN-660 | 9/25/1971 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Guitarro SSN-665 | 9/9/1972 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |
| Seahorse SSN-669 | 9/19/1969 | Wikipedia | NavSource | |

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|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pintado SSN-672 | 9/11/1971 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Batfish SSN-681 | 9/1/1972 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Houston SSN-713 | 9/25/1982 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Chicago SSN-721 | 9/27/1986 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Key West SSN-722 | 9/12/1987 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Michigan SSGN-727 | 9/11/1982 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Pennsylvania SSBN-735 | 9/9/1989 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Louisiana SSBN-743 | 9/6/1997 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Asheville SSN-758 | 9/28/1991 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Charlotte SSN-766 | 9/16/1994 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Cheyenne SSN-773 | 9/13/1996 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Texas SSN-775 | 9/9/2006 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Minnesota SSN-783 | 9/1/2013 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| Indiana SSN-789 | 9/29/2018 | Wikipedia | NavSource |
| New Jersey SSN-796 | 9/14/2024 | Wikipedia | NavSource |





Binnacle List

Eternal Patrol

In Remembrance

Huey Dietrich
 Eddie Dietrich
 Ed Derr
 Jerry Gaylor
 Charlie Warren
 Beverly Geyer

All Hands Present
 And
 Accounted For

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Robert A. Klein | QM3(SS) | 9/1/2019 |
| Monty Silvers | SN(SS) | 9/2/2015 |
| Donald L. Miller | TM2(SS) | 9/7/2011 |
| James T. Lasher | EM3 (SS) | 9/8/2018 |
| Donald R. Lennox | MOMM3(SS) | 9/11/2014 |
| Richard Biemer | RMSN (SS) | 9/12/2023 |
| Ronnie Horton | LCDR (SS) | 9/14/2022 |
| Salvatore A. Molitierno | TME3 (SS) | 9/18/2018 |
| Marion Irons | | 9/18/2014 |
| Carsten "Carl" Stigers | MMC (SS) | 9/24/2021 |

Birthdays

Member

Spouse

Anniversaries

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





It was a total pleasure to spend quality time with great shipmates. Our prayers are with all our shipmates and first mates who are having personal health issues. All the prayers that will be said come from the bottom of all our hearts – PLEASE GET WELL SOON!

We started to distribute our USSVI 2025 calendars to the members present and to the other members, they will be put in the mail over the next few months. The calendars and dues notice schedule us as follows:

September – Officers, Committee Person’s, Life Members and Associates!

October – PA Residence

November – Out of PA Residence

December – New Members who joined in 2024

The remaining months of the year will be quit active. Please look at the schedule listed below:

BASE MEETINGS

Oct 5th Golden Corral- Hermitage, PA

Nov 9th- Baden A.L.

Dec 14th- Baden A.L.

ACTIVITIES

Oct 11th Navy Ball- Edgewood Country Club

Oct 12 – Columbus Day Parade

Nov 3rd -Duffy’s Ashes Ceremony-on Requin

Nov 11th – Veterans Day Parade

Please check the schedule and hopefully, we all will be able to attend:

IN CONCLUSION – I personally want to thank everyone who expressed their concerns verbally and signing the “GET WELL” card for my first mate Edie! The MRI on Monday revealed that she had a ruptured tendon in her hip (lots of pain). All of you presented a card for me to give to Edie when I got home – I am still grateful by all the love, and believe me Edie is still beaming with happiness, such a lovely card with the healing messages – She really appreciates them. Also, a special “Thank You” to John Held for his kind words of his support for me and the applause from the membership. Both Edie and I are very humbled to experience such love!



Meeting Minutes

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.

September 14, 2024
American Legion Post 641 Baden PA

Base Commander Huey Dietrich called the meeting to order.

Attendees: George Brown, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Clair & Nancy Bouts, Tom & Daneen Cale'brese Joe Campisi, Ken Crosby, Huey Dietrich, Rick Flaugh, Dick & Beverly Geyer, Bob & Lynn Gourley, David Halliday, Lou Hamill, John Held, Jean Lemieux, Bill & Sandy Lindsey, Chuck & Nancy Loskoch, Vince Metz, Bob & Jude Meyers, Frank Nicotra, eff & Eileen Simon, Jack & Karen Sutherin, Chad Underkoffler, Don Wood.

Commander Huey Dietrich: Quotes of the day: "The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work."

Requin History: September 18, 1945, Requin arrived at Staten Island, New York, to begin what would be in the words of Commander Cutter, "a dull and boring assignment" essentially becoming a target for sonar school ships. September 30, 1963, Requin completed her 5000th dive. September 4, 1990, Requin arrived at the Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA

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

Boats Lost:

USS S-5 (SS 110) September 1, 1920
USS GRAYLING (SS 209) September 9, 1943
USS S-51 (SS 162) September 25, 1925
USS CISCO (SS 290) September 28, 1943

We also wish to remember our shipmates of the Requin Base: Robert A. Klein, Monty Silvers, Donald L. Miller, James T. Lasher, Donald R. Lennox. Ronnie Horton, Salvatore A. Moliterno, Marion Irons and Carsten "Carl" Stigers. Let us also remember the brave submariners who died performing their duties aboard submarines, some individually and some in groups, but where the submarine itself was not lost.

Shipmate Bill Lindsey gave the Invocation.

COB Chad Underkoffler 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 minutes were approved as published.

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

Other Reports:

Binnacle List: Huey & Edie Dietrich, Ed Derr, Bev Geyer, Lou Hamill's daughter, Pellegrino

Eternal Patrol: None

Base membership stands at 202.

Storekeeper Frank Nicotra reported on available small stores items.

Shipmate John Held reported on Eagle Scouts presentations.

Old Business:

Beer Tap handles were sold to State Senator Devlin Robinson and Bellisario's restaurant in Allison Park.

New Business:

Losing Sewell is moving

Shipmate Dan Bagley will be guest speaker at our next meeting regarding Navy recruitment efforts.

Reports on National Convention were given.

Report on recent visit to New England was given.

Motion to renew \$250 advertisement in the VBC Magazine fall edition was approved by the members present.

Report on stickers to be handed out at parades was given.

Good of The Order:

The VFW has two scholarships applicable to children and grandchildren of all veterans.

Veteran's Legacy/Planning Seminar will be held on September 28 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at Baden American Legion Post 641. A free lunch buffet will be served from 11:00 to 12:00 prior to the seminar.

Upcoming activities:

October 5 – Base meeting Golden Corral, Hermitage PA

October 11 – Navy Ball, Edgewood Country Club

October 12 – Columbus Day Parade

November 3 – Duffy's ashes ceremony on USS Requin.

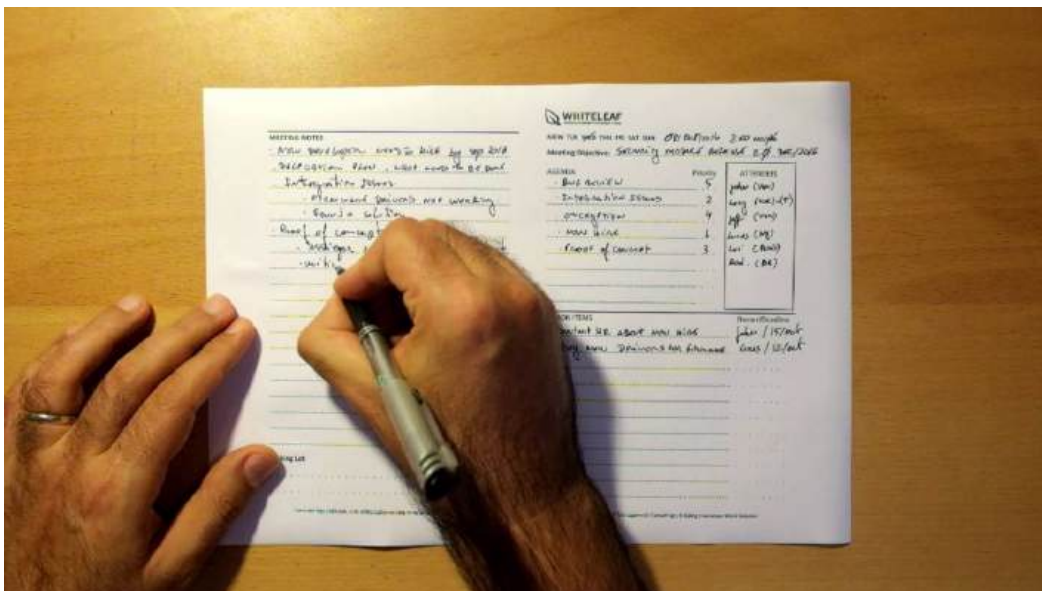
November 9 – Base meeting at American Legion Post 641 Baden PA

November 11 – Veterans Day Parade

December 14 – Base meeting at American Legion Post 641 Baden PA

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Golden Corral restaurant, Hermitage PA at 1230 hours on October 5, 2024





Month in Review



Thank you to Bellisario's Restaurant for supporting USSVI Requin Base. Bellisario's is the latest establishment to purchase one of our submarine beer tap handles.

Bellisario's is located at:

1710 Duncan Ave
Allison Park, PA 15101

<http://www.bellisariosrestaurant.com/>



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>





Say What???

Smoke test – Slang for testing something at full power or turning on a piece of damaged equipment.

"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.



Upcoming Events

Meeting

October 05, 2024
1230 hours

Golden Corral restaurant
1025 N Hermitage Rd
Hermitage, PA 16148

October 5
October 11
October 12

November 3
November 9
November 11
December 14

Base activities

Base meeting Golden Corral, Hermitage PA
Navy Ball, Edgewood Country Club
Columbus Day Parade

Duffy's ashes ceremony on USS Requin.
Base meeting at American Legion Post 641 Baden
Veterans Day Parade
Base meeting at American Legion Post 641 Baden



Membership

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Primary Members | 170 | Holland Club | 87 | USSVI Life Members | 84 |
| Secondary Members | 13 | WWII | 1 | Base Life Members | 67 |
| Associate Members | 19 | Eternal Patrol | 82 | Joined Last Year | 7 |
| Total Members | 202 | | | Joined This Year | 1 |



New Members

This spot is getting pretty lonely. No new members to report.



| History | |
|---------------------|---|
| Namesake | <u>State of New Jersey</u> |
| Ordered | 28 April 2014 ^[2] |
| Builder | <u>Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia</u> |
| Laid down | 25 March 2019 ^[3] |
| Launched | 14 April 2022 ^[1] |
| Sponsored by | Susan DiMarco |
| Christened | 13 November 2021 ^[4] |
| Commissioned | 14 September 2024 |
| Motto | <i>Virtute Ignis pro Libertas</i> "Firepower for Freedom" |
| Status | In active service |

| General characteristics | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Class and type | <u>Virginia-class submarine</u> |
| Displacement | 7,800 <u>tons</u> |
| Length | 377 ft (115 m) |
| Beam | 34 ft (10.4 m) |
| Draft | 32 ft (9.8 m) |
| Propulsion | <u>S9G reactor</u> auxiliary diesel engine |
| Speed | 25 knots (46 km/h) |
| Endurance | Can remain submerged for up to 3 months |
| Test depth | Greater than 800 ft (244 m) |
| Complement | 15 officers 120 enlisted |
| Armament | 12 x VLS tubes for <u>BGM-109 Tomahawk</u> 4 x 21-inch (533 mm) <u>torpedo tubes</u> for <u>Mk-48 torpedoes</u> |

Virginia Class Attack Submarine: Named **New Jersey (SSN-796)** on 24 May 2015.

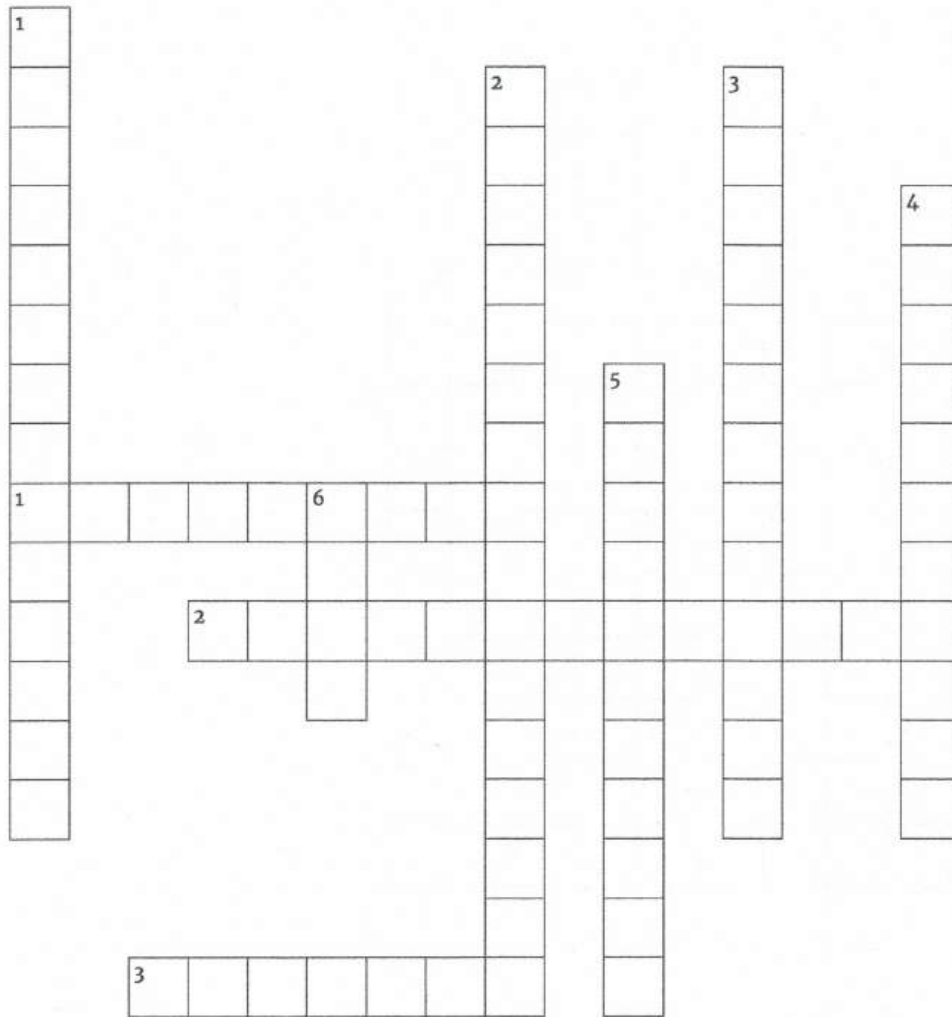
Christening on 13 November 2021.

Launched on 14 April 2022. **SSN-792** through approximately **SSN-801** are planned to make up the Fourth Block. The main improvement over the Block III is the reduction of major maintenance periods from four to three, increasing each ship's total lifetime deployments by one. (Partial text courtesy of wikipedia.org)

Specifications:Power Plant: One S9G pressurized water reactor, 29.84MW (40,000hp), one shaft with pumpjet propulsor, Improved Performance Machinery Program Phase III one secondary propulsion submerged motor. Displacement, 7,800 tons submerged. Length: 377 feet. Draft: 32 feet. Beam: 34 feet. Speed: 25+ knots submerged. Depth: Greater than 800 feet. 12 VLS & four torpedo tubes, capable of launching Mark 48 torpedoes, UGM-109 Tactical Tomahawks, Harpoon (missile)s and the new advanced mobile mine when it becomes available: Unmanned Undersea Vehicles, Special Warfare: Dry Deck Shelter. Advanced SEAL Delivery System. Sonars: Spherical active/passive arrays. Light Weight Wide Aperture Arrays. TB-16, TB-29, and future towed arrays. High-frequency chin and sail arrays. Countermeasures: 1 internal launcher (reloadable 2-barrel) 14 external launchers. Crew: 134 officers and men.



US Navy Crossword Puzzle 9



ACROSS

- 1. The Oceans That The Us Navy Has Sailed Or Sails In
- 2. Farther Of The Navy
- 3. F (Phonetic Alphabet)

DOWN

- 1. Chief Of Naval Operations
- 2. The Mission Of The Navy Is To Maintain Train And Equip Combat-Ready Naval Forces Capable Of Winning Wars Deterring Aggression And Maintaining Freedom Of The Seas
- 3. Father Of The Nuclear Navy
- 4. Who Was The First Known Chief In The Navy?
- 5. Biggest Ship In The Us Navy At 1106 Ft Long And 256 Ft Tall
- 6. E (Phonetic Alphabet)

ANCIENT ROME

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

CARGO SHIP
FISHING BOAT
SOVIET NAVY

COLD WAR
FLOATPLANE
TRAINER

CONNING TOWER
PEARL HARBOR

09/02/1944

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

09/06/1997

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

09/07/2013

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

09/08/1944

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

09/09/1944

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

09/09/1989

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

09/09/2006

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

09/11/1942

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

09/11/1944

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

09/11/1982

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

09/12/1944

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

09/12/1987

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

09/13/1996

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

09/15/1944

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

09/16/1944

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

19/16/1958

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

09/16/1994

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

09/19/1944

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

09/19/1957

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

09/20/1943

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

09/21/1944

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

09/21/2017

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

09/22/1959

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

09/24/1943

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

09/25/1925

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

09/25/1944

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

09/25/1982

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

09/26/1944

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

09/27/1944

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

09/27/1986

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

09/28/1964

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

09/28/1991

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

09/29/1944

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

09/30/1943

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

09/30/1944

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

09/30/1954

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

09/30/1981

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

09/14/2024 USS New Jersey SSN-796 Commissioned.





U.S. Navy commissions Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Jersey (SSN-796)

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Sailors attached to USS New Jersey (SSN 796) ceremonially man their ship during a commissioning ceremony at Naval Weapons Station Earle, New Jersey on September 14, 2024. (US Navy photo)

The ceremony culminated a years-long process for commissioning the New Jersey, the third U.S. Navy ship named after the state of New Jersey, the most recent being the decorated battleship BB-62 which saw action during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

New Jersey's commanding officer Cmdr. Steve Halle called the event "a truly historic moment" during his speech, praising all the distinguished guests, shipbuilders, and supporting organizations before addressing his crew.

"To the crew, the plank owners, this ceremony... is about you. You operate the most complex platform on the planet and you continuously strive for excellence. I'm amazed and humbled at what we have accomplished. Our superior professionalism is enhanced by our crew integration and our diversity. We have exceeded expectations at every turn and overcome every obstacle set before us."

Cmdr. Steve Halle, New Jersey's commanding officer

Halle also spoke to the people of New Jersey stating “I know that the legacy we have inherited from the state of New Jersey and BB-62 will carry forward in our pursuit of greatness.”

“Today, we commissioned our ship, and she is the fastest, most advanced, fully integrated fast-attack to date,” Halle said in closing.



2Cmdr. Steven Halle, commanding officer of USS New Jersey (SSN 796), delivers remarks during a commissioning ceremony at Naval Weapons Station Earle, New Jersey on September 14, 2024. (U.S. Navy photo)

Susan DiMarco, New Jersey’s sponsor and wife of former Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, gave the crew the traditional order to “man our ship and bring her to life,” after which New Jersey’s sailors responded “aye aye ma’am” before ceremonially running aboard the submarine.

Other speakers at the commissioning ceremony included New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, Ms. Jennifer Boykin, president of Newport News Shipbuilding, and Mr. Larry Runkle, vice president of General Dynamics Electric Boat. Adm. William Houston, director of the Navy’s Nuclear Propulsion program, served as the senior Naval officer and Submarine Force commander Vice Adm. Robert Gaucher as the presiding officer. Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Hutchison, the ship’s executive officer, served as master of ceremonies.

The submarine is 377 feet long, has a 34-foot beam and is able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots. New Jersey has a crew of nearly 135 Navy personnel.

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.



Austal USA Awarded \$450M to Build a Submarine Construction Facility in Mobile

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Austal USA's Mobile, Ala., on Aug. 28, 2024. USNI News Photo

An Alabama shipyard won a \$450M contract from submarine builder General Dynamics Electric Boat to expand its submarine construction business, according to a Friday regulatory filing.

Austal USA, the U.S. subsidiary of Australian shipbuilder Austal, won the award to build a modular fabrication and outfitting facility for modular components of submarines at its yard in Mobile.

"Construction of the new building will start this U.S. autumn and be complete in 2026. When fully operational, the building will support approximately 1,000 jobs and provide capability to fabricate, outfit, and transport submarine components," reads the Sept. 13, notification to the Australian Stock Exchange.

"This contract award will fund Austal USA to enhance its existing infrastructure by designing, building and outfitting a new module fabrication and outfitting facility at its Mobile shipyard to support the U.S. Navy goal of delivering one Columbia-class and two Virginia-class submarines annually."

Over the last year, Austal USA's Mobile-based shipyard has played host to General Dynamics submarine workers who are building components for Virginia-class submarines to be installed on attack boats under construction at Electric Boat's shipyard at Groton, Conn.

“General Dynamics Electric Boat has recognized that Austal USA is a solid partner to deliver high-quality components for Virginia- and Columbia-class submarines. This growing partnership demonstrates confidence in Austal USA’s commitment to meet the needs of the U.S. maritime industrial base and support the most critical needs of the U.S. Navy,” Austal Limited CEO Paddy Gregg said in the Friday statement to the Australian Stock Exchange.

Submarine construction outsourcing is a major initiative for the Navy as the service steps up its rate of production for Virginias to support the U.S. commitment to the Royal Australian Navy for nuclear submarines. The Program Executive Office for Submarines is managing a \$17 billion pot of money to develop the submarine industrial base.

Originally founded to build aluminum ships, including the Independence-class Littoral Combat Ship (LCS-2) and the Spearhead-class Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF-1) the yard as expanded. Over the last two years, the yard has shifted to steel production that includes Heritage-class Offshore Patrol Cutter for the Coast Guard and the Navy’s T-AGOS-25 ocean surveillance ship. The yard is also building the Navajo-class towing, salvage and rescue ship (T-ATS) as well as the submarine outsourcing work.

Austal USA broke ground in July on a \$250 million, 192,000-square-foot facility final steel assembly facility to expand the capacity for steel ships.



USS Georgia Now in Middle East, Houthis Take Week-Long Pause on Ship Attacks

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Marines from the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, assigned to Task Force 61/2, conduct dive operations with Ohio-class guided-missile submarine USS Georgia (SSGN-729) while underway in the Mediterranean Sea July 31, 2024. US Navy Photo

USS *Georgia* (SSGN-729) is officially in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, the Pentagon announced Tuesday.

The Ohio-class guided-missile submarine joined other U.S. assets, including two carrier strike groups, in the Middle East as part of the U.S. response to a possible Iranian attack on Israel, as well as continued efforts for Operation Prosperity Guardian.

It's unclear when exactly the submarine crossed into CENTCOM's area of response. Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh told reporters Thursday that *Georgia* was in the Eastern Mediterranean, with Pentagon Press Secretary Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder announcing the sub's arrival in CENTCOM during a Tuesday press briefing.

CENTCOM referred USNI News to Ryder's comments when asked for more details.

Currently, the Navy has two independently-deployed destroyers in the Red Sea – USS *Michael Murphy* (DDG-112) and USS *Frank E. Petersen Jr.* (DDG-121) – while two carrier strike groups are currently in the Gulf of Oman, according to USNI News’ Fleet Tracker.

The Houthis have not attacked a ship in the Red Sea since Sept. 2, Houthi spokesperson Brig. Gen. Yahya Sare’e said on social media site X, where he often posts updates. However, the Houthis claimed to have shot down an American MQ-9 Reaper on Sept. 7. It’s at least the third time the Houthis have claimed to shoot down a MQ-9 Reaper, although the Department of Defense has denied this happened the other two times.

On Sept. 2, the Houthis attacked M/V *Blue Lagoon I*, a Panamanian-flagged and owned crude oil tanker operated by a Greek company, and M/V *Amjad*, a Saudi-owned, -operated and -flagged tanker, [USNI News previously reported](#).

Ryder did not have updates on the two tankers, but he told reporters that M/V *Delta Sounion*, attacked by the Houthis on Aug. 21, is still on fire in the Red Sea. The oil tankers have not leaked into the waters, with any spillage likely the ship’s own fuel, Ryder said Tuesday.

“But clearly, that presents a — the potential for a significant environmental disaster. And I know that there are third parties that are looking at how to salvage that and — and get the — the oil tanker out of there. But again, just an indication of the kinds of malign activity that we’re seeing from the Iranian-backed Houthis,” Ryder said.





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