



USS Texas SSN-775







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

February 08, 2024 @ 1230 hours

At Baden American Legion Post 641

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.

John Held - petecompost@aol.com

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Our Website

For additional information about what is happening at **YOUR** base, go to https://www.requinbase.org/



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Tolling of the Boats for January

USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on Jan 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Jap destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.

USS Swordfish (SS-193)

Lost on Jan 12,1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.

USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on Jan 20, 1942 with no loss of life, on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her.

USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on Jan 24,1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was rammed by the USS PC-460 and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.



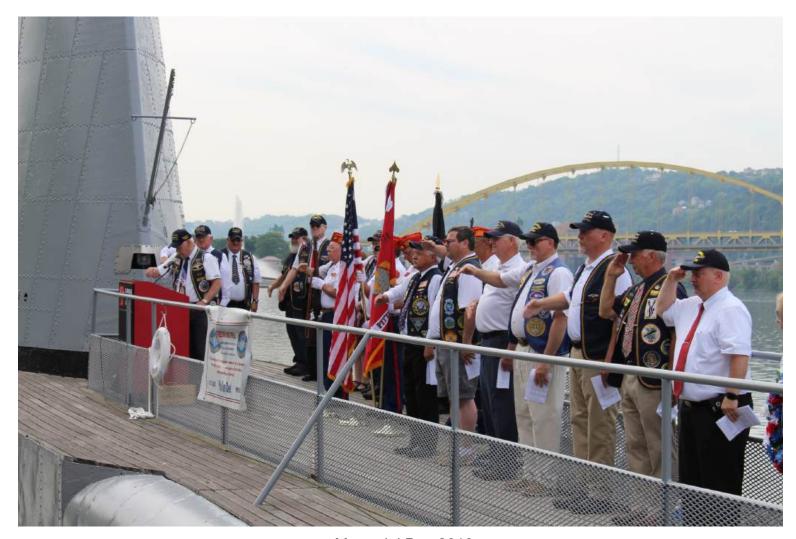


Submarines commissioned during the month of January

| Adder SS-3 | 1/12/1903 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Bonita SSK-3 | 1/11/1952 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Moccasin SS-5 | 1/17/1903 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| G-4 SS-26 | 1/22/1914 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| H-3 SS-30 | 1/16/1914 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| K-2 SS-33 | 1/31/1914 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| T-1 SS-52 | 1/30/1920 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| T-2 SS-60 | 1/7/1922 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| R-2 SS-79 | 1/24/1919 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| S-3 SS-107 | 1/30/1919 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| S-11 SS-116 | 1/11/1923 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| S-15 SS-120 | 1/15/1921 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| S-27 SS-132 | 1/22/1924 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| S-41 SS-146 | 1/15/1924 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Shark SS-174 | 1/25/1936 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Pickerel SS-177 | 1/26/1937 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Pollack SS-180 | 1/15/1937 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Sculpin SS-191 | 1/16/1939 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Tuna SS-203 | 1/2/1941 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Greenling SS-213 | 1/21/1942 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Finback SS-230 | 1/31/1942 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Trigger SS-237 | 1/31/1942 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | Eternal Patrol |
| Bream SS-243 | 1/24/1944 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Jack SS-259 | 1/6/1943 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Lapon SS-260 | 1/23/1943 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Pogy SS-266 | 1/10/1943 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Tinosa SS-283 | 1/15/1943 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Moray SS-300 | 1/26/1945 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Perch SS-313 | 1/7/1944 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | NavSource | |
| Capitaine SS-336 | 1/26/1945 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Guitarro SS-363 | 1/26/1944 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Pintado SS-387 | 1/1/1944 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Pipefish SS-388 | 1/22/1944 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Trumpetfish SS-425 | 1/29/1946 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Argonaut SS-475 | 1/15/1945 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Remora SS-487 | 1/3/1946 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Barbel SS-580 | 1/17/1959 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Halibut SSGN-587 | 1/4/1960 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Gato SSN-615 | 1/25/1968 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| Thomas Jefferson SSBN-618 | 1/4/1963 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |
| George Bancroft SSBN-643 | 1/22/1966 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> | |



| 1/5/1968 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
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| 1/30/1969 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/8/1971 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/26/1974 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/5/1980 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/30/1982 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/8/1983 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/19/1985 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/25/1986 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/26/1991 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/9/1993 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
| 1/8/1994 | <u>Wikipedia</u> | <u>NavSource</u> |
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Memorial Day 2016



| Binnacle List | Eternal Patrol | In Remembrar | nce | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Judith Underkoffler | All Hands Present And Accounted For | Thomas E. Stewart Edward D. Cramer Earl E. Wood John Good Edgar H. Paul Robert L. Godley Jr. Vincent B. Segeleon Robert Stahl | SN(SS) TM2(SS) QM2(SS) IC3(SS) FTG1(SS) TME2(SS) YNC (SS) | 1/2/2017 1/5/2018 1/9/2017 1/13/2004 1/14/2018 1/17/2013 1/20/2018 1/26/2019 |

| | Bi | thdays | | | | | | | | | |
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| Member | | | Spous | | Ann | iversa | ries | | | | |
| John Sutherin, Sr Ronald Weaver Russ Osborne Paul Coyle Richard Keys Dan Bagley Carl Capito Luke Walters Stephen McKinney James Cowher Lawton Gaines George Dolgos James Harris | 2/3 2/3 2/5 2/10 2/10 2/11 2/13 2/15 2/18 2/19 2/26 2/26 | Linda Gaylor 2/9 Rosemarie Riley 2/9 Lynn Gourley 2/10 Rosemary McCarthy 2/12 Patricia Day 2/18 Kim Bittner 2/19 Barbara Sorbie 2/23 Adele Wise 2/28 | | Flo & Michael Hemming Julie & Edward May Debra & Arthur Davis Yvonne & Paul McKenzie Barbara & Andrew Sorbie | | | | | 2/6 2/13 2/14 2/15 2/23 | | |
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Commanders Corner

First Meeting as Base Commander: Reflections and Gratitude

My first meeting as Base Commander was an eye-opening experience. The amount of effort and dedication that goes into ensuring the success of such gatherings is truly remarkable. I cannot thank Edie and Huey enough for their fifteen years of unwavering commitment to making the USS Requin base the success it is today. Their exceptional work has set a high standard for all of us to aspire to. BRAVO ZULU, Edie and Huey. You have left some very big shoes to fill, and I will always strive to "just do what is right" in carrying forward your legacy.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the shipmates, first mates, and family members who attend the meetings. It is one thing for us submariners to participate in submarine functions, but I am truly at a loss for words when it comes to expressing my admiration for the first mates who support their husbands by being a part of their lives that mean so much to them. The same appreciation goes to the family members who give of themselves to ensure their fathers can continue enjoying a part of their life that holds great significance to them. BRAVO ZULU.

We will continue to use the same caterer, as once again, they have delivered an outstanding service. During the meeting, it was agreed by all in attendance that the base would not incur the cost of a cake for dessert. In the past, Edie's family generously provided the cake at no cost to us. Moving forward, I am asking that the membership attending continue to bring desserts. If a few more shipmates contribute, it will more than make up for the absence of a cake.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the following shipmates for stepping up and taking on new roles:

Vince Metz for stepping up to be our 1st Vice.

George Brown for stepping up to be our 2nd Vice and Membership Chairman.

Rick Flaugh for stepping up to be the Assistant Membership Chairman.

Bob Meyers for stepping up to be our new COB.

John Held for stepping up to be our new Newsletter Editor and continuing as Eagle Scout Chairman.

Dick Geyer for volunteering to go on TAD as COB.

Dave Halliday for stepping up to assist Frank Nicotra with the ship's store.

It is acts like these that make our base successful. It takes all of us participating and taking an active role in our base to fulfill our mission. I understand that due to distance or health, not all of us can be as active as we would like, but every contribution, no matter how small, is deeply valued and appreciated.

Together, we can continue to build on the strong foundation laid by Edie and Huey. Their dedication and hard work have left an indelible mark on the USS Requin base, and it is our collective responsibility to carry their legacy forward. Let us all strive to do what is right and support each other in our shared journey.

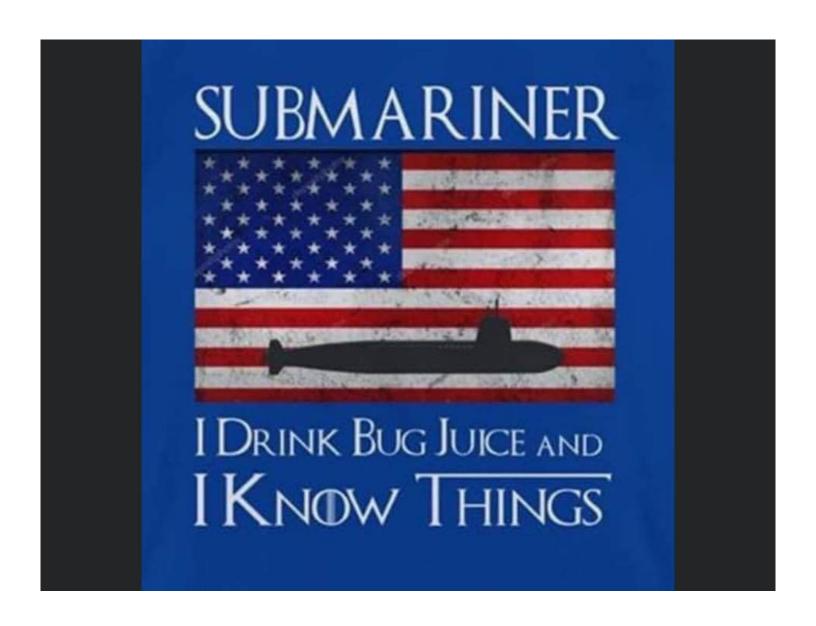


I would be remiss if I did not mention our attendance at the change of command for the USS Texas SSN-775 on January 10, 2025. Our shipmate Andy McGovern has assumed command of USS Texas. He graciously invited us to witness his assumption of command and provided us a tour of his new home, USS Texas. Thank you to the crew of USS Texas for welcoming us as well as all the other guests of the change of command. Tom, Denen, Joe, Alex, and I had a great time. We will forever remember this experience. From all of us at the USS Requin base, we wish you all fair winds and following seas.

Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed to the success of our base. Let us continue to work together, support one another, and make our base a place of pride and camaraderie.

Lou Hamill

Base Commander







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.

Requin Base Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2025

Executive Members Present: Lou Hamill, Vince Metz, George Brown, Lee Bookwalter, Jeff Simon Appointed Members Present: Eric Bookmiller, Huey Dietrich, Dick Geyer

Topics Discussed:

Base Budget: As required in the Requin Base By-Laws, the following budget for 2025 was approved by the Executive Board. All other significant expenditures will be brought to the membership at monthly meetings.

| <u>Activity</u> | Expendi- |
|---|-------------------------|
| Scholarship (Eternal Patrol) | <u>ture</u> \$400.00 |
| College Scholarship | \$500.00 |
| Website Hosting 3 yr (\$505 due 2026) | \$0.00 |
| Base Website Domain Name | \$18.00 |
| Boat Sponsorship | \$30.00 |
| Eagle Scouts (coin/patch/ certificate) | \$300.00 |
| USS Requin Memorial Service | \$500.00 |
| Guest Speakers (gifts) | \$100.00 |
| Holland Club hats/pins | \$156.00 |
| Loyalty Pins | \$200.00 |
| Advertising (Veterans Day, etc.) | \$1000.00 |
| Operating Expenses | \$1200.00 |
| Nautilus construction gift | \$150.00 |
| Nautilus float expenses | \$1000.00 |
| Nautilus storage | \$200.00 |
| American Legion Home Association | \$200.00 |
| Christmas Party | \$250.00 |
| Total: | \$6204.00 |

Meeting Locations: Unless indicated normal base meetings are on the second Saturday of the month at American Legion Baden PA. The practice of holding one meeting per quarter at a location other than Baden PA will continue this year. Shipmates responsible for coordinating these meetings are listed.



January 4 - Executive Board meeting, American Legion, Baden PA

January 18 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

February 8 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

March 8 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

April 12 - meeting at VFW 191 Canonsburg, PA (Bookmiller/Underkoffler)

May 10 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

June 14 - meeting at American Legion Post 290 in Columbiana OH (Sutherin/Warren)

July 12 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

August 9 - meeting at American Legion Post 820 in Monroeville PA (Pellegrino)

September 13 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

October 11 - meeting at Golden Coral in Hermitage PA (Derr/Cochenour)

November 8 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

December 13 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA (Brown)

Parades/Memorials:

January 10 - USS Texas change of command

March 15 - St Patrick's Day Pittsburgh

April 11 - USS Requin Birthday

May 8 - VFW 3945 Fish Rodeo

May 23/24 -Wall That Heals, Shaler PA (Nautilus float)

May 25 - Memorial Service USS Requin

May 25 - Carnegie Parade (both floats)

May 26 - Sewickley Parade (Nautilus float)

May 26 - Lawrenceville Parade (People Mover float)

May 26 - Coraopolis Parade (both floats)

July 4 - Canonsburg Parade (both floats)

July 4 - Leetsdale Parade (tentative)

July 19 -Deichler change of command

Aug - SubVets National Convention

Sept 1 - Requin Base Birthday

Oct 10 - Navy Ball

Oct 11 -Bloomfield Columbus Day Parade

Nov 11- Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade

Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Day

Appointed Committees:

Standing Committees:

Storekeeper - Nicotra

Chaplain - Bookmiller

Newsletter Editor - Vacant

COB/Historian - Vacant

Photographer - Flaugh

SVD - Hard Copy - Vacant

Holland Club Chair - Campisi

Asst. Holland Club - Geyer

Eagle Scout Chair - Held

Technology Chair - Hamill

Webmaster - Bookwalter

Awards Chairman - Geyer

Master At Arms - Vacant

Public Affairs - Derr

Charitable Foundation Chair - Halliday

Fund Raisers: Parades, candy sales, 40-40-20 raffle, Booster Club donations, small stores sales, challenge coin sales, etc.



Miscellaneous Topics:

Mush Morton Award status
Parade trailer status
Members where dues were waved or promised
Members dropped for base
Setup and takedown for Base meetings
Holland Club inductees
Streamlining of new member onboarding process

Discussion of Base matters.

Setting up and take down at American Legion meetings Additional sources of income to the Base

Requin Base Meeting Minutes January 18, 2024 American Legion Post 641 Baden PA

Base Commander Lou Hamill called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Eric Bookmiller, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Don Bright, Tom & Deneen Calabrese, Joe Campisi, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Rick Flaugh, Dick Geyer, Bob & Lynn Gourley, David Halliday, Lou Hamill, Mark Hoag, Bill & Sandy Lindsey, John Mack, Vince Metz, Bob & Jude Meyers, Mike Pellegrino, Frank Nicotra, Jim & Sandra Schwartz, Harry Sills, Jeff & Eileen Simon, Jack & Karen Sutherin, Chad Underkoffler, Mike Wyckoff.

Shipmate Dick Geyer lead the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Base Commander Lou Hamill: 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. 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.

Boats Lost:

USS ARGONAUT (SS 166) January 10, 1943 USS SWORDFISH (SS 193) January 12, 1945 USS S 36 (SS 141) January 20, 1942 USS S 26 (SS 131) January 24, 1942

We also honor our departed shipmates of the Requin Base: Robert Stahl, Vincent Segeleon, Edgar Paul, Edward Cramer, Earl Wood, Thomas Stewart, Robert Goodley, John Good, and Charles Hilgendorf. Finally let us remember all the brave submariners who died performing their duties aboard submarines, some individually and some in groups, but where the submarine itself was not lost.

Chaplain Eric Bookmiller gave the Invocation.

Quote Of The Day: "These dolphins, once you pin them on your chest, leave deep marks, right over your heart, long after the uniforms have been put away."

Requin History: Launched January 1, 1945. January 20, 1948, given hull classification OSSR-481 and modified to the Migrain II radar picket configuration. January 15, 1951, entered Mediterranean until May when she returned to normal operations on the US east coast and in the Caribbean. January 1, 1953, maintained her schedule of Second and Sixth Fleet operations but at the end of the year put into Philadelphia PA for extensive modernization overhaul that among other things removed her last remaining antiaircraft cannon.



Members introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

Presentation of gifts and recognition to Edie and Huey Dietrich,

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

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

Other Reports:

Binnacle List: Judith Underkoffler

Eternal Patrol: None

Base membership stands at 202.

Eagle Scouts presentations.

Mush Morton awards.

Report on annual Executive Board Meeting:

USS Requin Base Scholarship Program was approved. Huey Dietrich donated \$1000 from his candy sales and George Brown donated \$500 to get the program started.

Discussed Act 66 and other Requin Base fund-raising efforts.

Per the Base By-Laws, the 2nd Vice Commander George Brown is responsible for membership. Meetings will be held in March to discuss membership goals and methods.

In May, the board will review and update the existing base by-laws.

Change Of Command for USS Texas SSN-775 was attended by members of the base on January 10,

Upcoming events for this year:

February 8 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA

March 8 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA

March 15 - St Patrick's Day Pittsburgh

April ? - USS Requin Birthday

April 12 - meeting at VFW 191 Canonsburg, PA

May? - VFW 3945 Fish Rodeo

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October 10 - Navy Ball

October 11 - Columbus Day Parade, Bloomfield PA



October 18 - meeting at Golden Coral in Hermitage PA November 8 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA November 11 – Veterans Day Parade, Pittsburgh PA December 13 - meeting, American Legion, Baden PA

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Meeting Setup Coordinators:

Canonsburg VFW 191 (Bookmiller/Underkoffler)

Columbiana AL Post 290 (Sutherin/Warren)

Monroeville AL Post 820 (Pelegrino)

Baden AL Post 641 (Brown)

Motion to no longer provide a cake at each meeting was approved by the members present.

Good of The Order:

Base Officers:

Commander Lou Hamill
1st Vice Commander Vince Metz
2nd Vice Commander George Brown

Secretary
Treasurer
Storekeeper
Chaplain

Jeff Simon
Lee Bookwalter
Frank Nicotra
Eric Bookmiller

Past Base Commander Huey Dietrich

Newsletter Editor John Held Webmaster Lee Bookwalter COB/Historian Bob Meyer

Photographer Rick Flaugh/David Halliday

Holland Club Joe Campisi
Asst, Holland ClubDick Geyer
Technology Lou Hamill
Eagle Scouts Open
Awards Dick Geyer
Public Affairs Ed Derr

Charitable Foundation David Halliday

Scholarship Eric Bookmiller

Requin Base has two Facebook pages which will be consolidated into one private page. Attempting to find the most cost-effective means to obtain embroidered letterman jackets.

Chaplain Eric Bookmiller gave the Benediction.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: American Legion Post 641 Baden PA at 1230 hours on February 8, 2025



Month in Review





Thank You Edie and Huey for 15 years of outstanding leadership of USS Requin Base.



Requin Base attends USS Texas Change of Command 01/10/2025.

USS Texas SSN-775, Fair Winds and Following Seas.



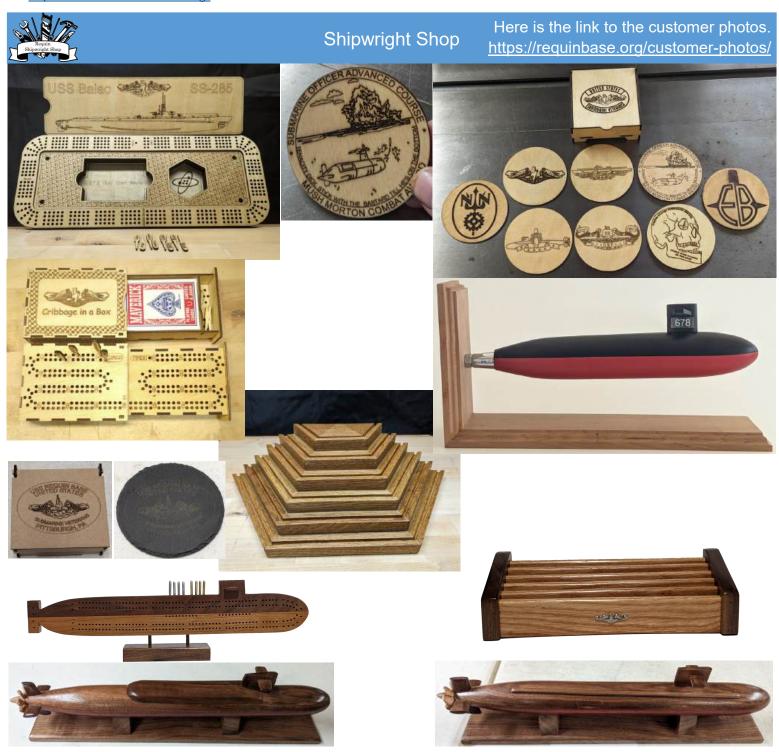








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If you would like any of these items, contact Frank Nicotra.

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

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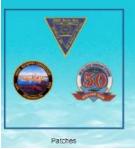






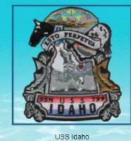


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Say What???

Burn the flick – Indicates to start the movie.

Cadillac - A mop bucket, usually with wheels and a wringer.

Channel Fever - Said if a sailor is anxious when approaching port to get leave.

Check Valve – Also known as a "one way check valve". A submariner who does things for himself/herself but does not reciprocate.



Upcoming Events

Meeting
February 08, 2024

Base activities

1230 hours March 15, 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade

American Legion Post 641 271 State St Baden PA 15005

| MEMBER | Membership | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| Primary Members | 169 | Holland Club | 104 | USSVI Life Members | 83 | | | | |
| Secondary Members | 13 | WWII | 1 | Base Life Members | 70 | | | | |
| Associate Members | 20 | Eternal Patrol | 84 | Joined Last Year | 5 | | | | |
| Total Members | 202 | | | Joined This Year | 0 | | | | |



New Members

New Year = New Members

Let's encourage our shipmates to join and partake in the comradery of qualified in submarines.









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| Name | USS Texas | | | | | | | |
| Namesake | State of Texas | | | | | | | |
| Awarded | 30 September 1999 | | | | | | | |
| Builder | General Dynamics Electric Boat | | | | | | | |
| Laid down | 12 July 2002 | | | | | | | |
| Sponsored by | <u>Laura Bush</u> | | | | | | | |
| Christened | 31 July 2004 | | | | | | | |
| Launched | 9 April 2005 | | | | | | | |
| Commissioned | 9 September 2006 | | | | | | | |
| Homeport | Pearl Harbor, U.S. | | | | | | | |
| Motto | " <u>Don't Mess with Texas</u> !" | | | | | | | |
| Status | in active service | | | | | | | |

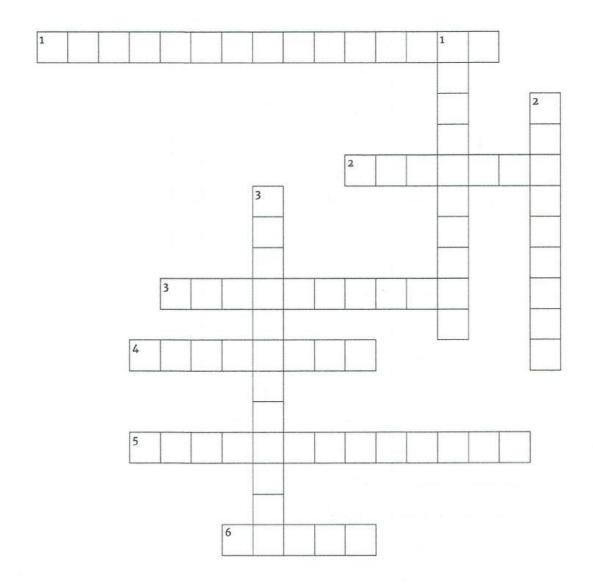
| | General characteristics | | | | | | | | |
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| Class and type | Virginia-class submarine | | | | | | | | |
| Displacement | 7,900 tonnes (7,800 long tons) | | | | | | | | |
| Length | 114.9 m (377 ft) | | | | | | | | |
| Beam | 10.3 m (34 ft) | | | | | | | | |
| Propulsion | 1 × <u>S9G PWR</u> nuclear reactor 280,000 <u>shp</u> (210 MW), <u>HEU</u> 93% 2 × steam turbines 40,000 shp (30 MW) 1 × single shaft <u>pump-jet</u> propulsor 1 × secondary propulsion motor | | | | | | | | |
| Speed | exceeds 25 kn (29 mph; 46 km/h) | | | | | | | | |
| Range | Measured in terms of time (life-of-the-ship; approx. 33 years) | | | | | | | | |
| Complement | 134 | | | | | | | | |
| Armament | 12 × <u>VLS</u> (<u>BGM-109</u> Tomahawk cruise missile) 4 × 533 mm torpedo tubes (<u>Mk-48 torpedo</u>) | | | | | | | | |







US Navy Crossword Puzzle 13



ACROSS

- 1. First 3 Officers To Hold The Rank Of Admiral
- 2. The Reason The Navy Was Brought Back
- 3. Historical Bay
- 4. A Small Fleet
- 5. The Last Sail-Only Ship Built By The Us Navy
- 6. I (Phonetic Alphabet)

DOWN

- 1. The First U.S. Air Craft Carrier
- 2. After The Revolutionary War The Navy...
- 3. One Of The First Warships Built After The Us Navy Was Revived



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This month in US submarine history

01/01/1943

USS Nautilus (SS 168) evacuated 29 civilians from Teop Island, Solomons. Also on this date, USS Porpoise (SS 172) attacked a Japanese convoy and sank the freighter Renzan Maru off northeastern coast of Honshu, Japan.

01/01/1944

USS Ray (SS 271) sinks a Japanese gunboat at the mouth of Ambon Bay, while USS Puffer (SS 268) attacks a Japanese convoy at the western entrance of the Mindanao Sea, sinking an army cargo ship. On the same day USS Herring (SS 233) attacks a Japanese convoy, sinking an aircraft transport ship 220 miles off Tokyo Bay.

01/02/1943

USS Argonaut (SM1) sinks the Japanese guard boat Ebon Maru in the Bismarck Sea.

01/02/1944

USS Finback (SS 230) sinks a Japanese merchant tanker in the East China Sea.

01/03/1909

USS Scorpion arrives to help the survivors of the Messina, Sicily earthquake. With the Great White Fleet making its way through the Suez Canal, President T. Roosevelt orders the U.S. Navy to assist.

01/03/1945

USS Kingfish (SS 234) attacks a Japanese convoy in the Bonin Islands sinking a Japanese army cargo ship and two freighters 200 miles north of Chichi Jima.

01/04/1943

USS Shad (SS 235) sinks German minesweeper M 4242 (ex-French trawler Odet II) in the Bay of Biscay.

01/04/1944

USS Bluefish (SS 222) and USS Rasher (SS 269) attack a Japanese convoy off French Indochina; Bluefish sinks a merchant tanker while Rasher damages another tanker. Also on this date USS Cabrilla (SS 288) sinks a Japanese freighter off Cape Padran, French Indochina while USS Tautog (SS 109) sinks a Japanese freighter off southern Honshu.

01/07/1945

Submarine Spot (SS 413) sinks the Japanese gunboat No.2 Nichiei Maru in the Inland Sea.

01/08/1983

Fast Attack Submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) is commissioned.

01/08/1994

Fast Attack Submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) is commissioned.

01/09/1942

Submarine USS Pollack (SS 180) sinks the Japanese freighter Teian Maru (ex-Yugoslav Tomislav) 40 miles south-southwest of Inubo Saki, Japan.

01/09/1959

Non-strategic submarine Halibut (SSGN 587), launches. Redesignated an attack submarine in 1965, she serves until decommissioned in 1986.



01/09/1993

Fast Attack Submarine USS Springfield (SSN 761) is commissioned.

01/10/1943

Submarine Trigger (SS 237) sinks the Japanese destroyer Okikaze off Yokosuka, Japan.

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Submarines Seawolf (SS 197) and Steelhead (SS 280) attack a Japanese convoy about 70 miles north of Naha, Okinawa, sinking three ships, including one while in the middle of a typhoon.

01/12/1943

Submarine Guardfish (SS 217) sinks Japanese Patrol Boat No.1 about 10 miles southwest of the Tingwon Islands, located just southwest of the northern tip of New Hanover, Bismarck Archipelago.

01/14/1943

USS Gudgeon (SS 211) lands six men, 2,000 pounds of equipment and supplies on Negros Island for first resupply mission for a submarine.

01/14/1944

Five U.S. Navy submarines sink five different Japanese vessels in and around the Pacific Ocean. USS Albacore (SS 218) sinks Japanese destroyer Sazanami 300 miles off Yap; USS Scamp (SS 277) sinks the tanker Nippon Maru off Sorol Island; USS Guardfish (SS 217) sinks tanker Kenyo Maru southeast of Palau; USS Seawolf (SS 197) sinks tanker Yamazuru Maru off Okinawa, and USS Swordfish (SS 193) sinks transport Yamakuni Maru off Hachijo Jima.

01/14/1945

USS Cobia (SS 245) sinks the Japanese minelayer Yurijima off the east coast of Malaya.

01/15/1916

The submarine E-2 explodes at the New York Navy Yard because of escaping gases during an overhaul. The interior ship is severely damaged and four men are killed.

01/17/1943

Submarine USS Whale (SS 239) sinks the Japanese transport Heiyo Maru.

01/18/1942

Submarine USS Plunger (SS 179) sinks the Japanese freighter Eizan Maru (ex-Panamanian Aurora) off the mouth of Kii Strait, Honshu.

01/19/1943

USS Swordfish (SS 193) sinks army cargo ship Myoho Maru, which was part of the Japanese Solomons reinforcement convoy, while USS Greenling (SS 213) damages Japanese cargo ship north of Rabaul.

01/20/1944

USS Batfish (SS 310) and USS Gar (SS 206) attack Japanese convoys and sink transport Hidaka Maru south of Shiono Misaki and army cargo ship Koyo Maru about 50 miles south-southwest of Palau.

01/21/1943

Submarines USS Pollack (SS 180) and USS Gato (SS 212) attack and cause the sinking of two Japanese ships.

01/21/1954

The world's first nuclear submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN-571), is christened and launched at Groton, Conn.



01/21/1961

USS George Washington (SSBN 598) completes the first operational voyage as a fleet ballistic missile submarine, staying submerged 66 days.

01/23/1943

Submarine USS Guardfish (SS 217) sinks the Japanese destroyer Hakaze off New Ireland.

01/24/1945

Submarine Blackfin (SS 322) sinks the Japanese destroyer Shigure in the Gulf of Siam.

01/24/1956

1956—USS Jallao (SS 368) becomes the first U.S. Navy submarine to transit the Suez Canal traveling from the Mediterranean to Massawa, Eritrea, Ethiopia.

01//25/1943

USS Shad (SS 235) encounters German blockade runners transporting ore in the Bay of Biscay. Shad fires on Nordfels, but the torpedo fails to explode, and Nordfels returns to Bilbao, Spain.

01/25/1945

USS Silversides (SS 236), despite the presence of auxiliary submarine chasers, sinks the Japanese army cargo ship Malay Maru off Kuro Jima.

01/26/1943

USS Wahoo (SS 238) sinks entire convoy of four Japanese supply ships north of New Guinea.

01/26/1944

USS Skipjack (SS 184) sinks the Japanese destroyer Suzukaze and the aircraft ferry Okitsu Maru in the Caroline Islands area. Also on this date, USS Hake (SS 256) sinks the Japanese auxiliary netlayer Shuko Maru off Ambon and USS Crevalle (SS 291) sinks the Japanese gunboat Busho Maru 175 miles southeast of Cape St. Jacques, French Indochina.

01/27/1942

Submarine USS Gudgeon (SS-211) becomes the first US Navy submarine to sink an enemy Japanese submarine in action during World War II.

01/28/1945

Submarine USS Spadefish (SS 411) attacks Japanese convoy west of Chuja Kundo, Korea and sinks escort vessel Kume and transport Sanuki Maru.

01/31/1945

USS Boarfish (SS 327) attacks Japanese HI 88 convoy and sinks freighter Enki Maru 50 miles southeast of Tourance, French Indochina. She also damages a cargo ship that runs aground and 14th Air Force aircraft destroys it the next day.







PNSY Delivers Texas as Battle-Ready Asset to the Fleet

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KITTERY, Maine (Dec. 17, 2024)-USS Texas (SSN 775) successfully completed sea trials off the coast of New England this week, marking the successful conclusion of its Depot Modernization Period (DMP) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY).

The Texas Project Team, encompassing various trade workers, engineers, and material support personnel at PNSY, worked alongside the boat's crew to get Texas returned to the fleet battle-ready. Getting advanced systems and capabilities into the hands of warfighters at the tip of the spear is the ultimate goal, and PNSY's highly skilled workforce enabled Texas to get back in the fight.

PNSY's success in delivering Texas demonstrates how the nation's public shipyards are looking beyond traditional workflows to meet the Chief of Naval Operations' objective of putting more ready players – combat-ready platforms – on the field. "We used an aggressive strategy to have a 'get real' date and a 'get better' date to return this vital asset back to the fleet," said Shipyard Commander Capt. Michael Oberdorf. "By moving 'all ahead flank,' with urgency and purpose, we were able to pull Texas' delivery to the left from our agreed 'get real' date."

Submarine Squadron Two, located at the shipyard, supported Team Texas and all they

achieved while in a maintenance environment. "Texas represents a shining example of resilience and readiness, returning to the fight tougher and stronger than ever," said Commodore, Submarine Squadron Two Capt. Jason Deichler. "The team faced every challenge with determination and delivered outstanding results, ensuring the submarine force remains the world's most lethal apex predator. Their exceptional teamwork, innovative maintenance practices, and tireless commitment to mission success set a new standard for excellence."

"Serving as Commanding Officer of Texas is an honor and a privilege. I have had the opportunity to lead and mentor the finest Sailors in the Navy [and] to work with talented members of the Texas project team," said Commanding Officer of Texas Cmdr. Chad Ingle. "Kevin Belisle, Texas project superintendent, led an

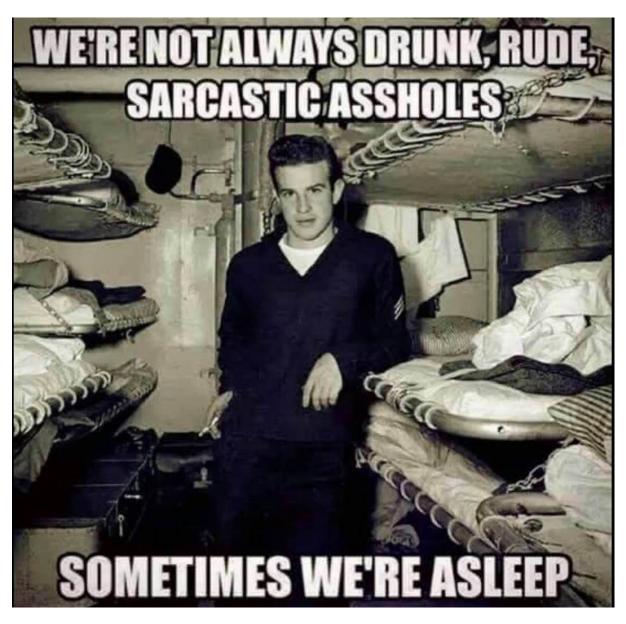


outstanding team at our Navy's best shipyard. I am incredibly proud of what the officers and crew of Texas have accomplished. The depot modernization period has been challenging for the crew, and the last six months of testing have been extremely tough. The reward for the crew's hard work is returning a fully repaired and modernized battle-ready submarine to the fleet," said Ingle.

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. Attack submarines project power ashore with special operation forces and tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

A DMP is a maintenance and modernization period in which a Navy submarine is placed in dry dock and undergoes extensive repair and modernization. During a DMP, a submarine receives major overhauls, repairs, structural inspections, and mechanical and electrical system replacements.

As America's leader for attack submarine maintenance and modernization, PNSY is enhancing critical warfighting capabilities by safely delivering first-time quality work enabling our undersea warfighters to be battle-ready when called upon.





Future USS Iowa Delivered to U.S. Navy

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GROTON, Conn. – The U.S. Navy Submarine Force's newest attack submarine, the future USS Iowa (SSN 797) was delivered to the Navy on Dec. 21, 2024, marking the 12th battle force ship delivered to the Navy this calendar year.

SSN 797 is the 24th Virginia-class submarine (VCS) co-produced by General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) and HII-Newport News Shipbuilding through a long-standing teaming agreement and the 13th attack submarine delivered by GDEB.

The boat's delivery represents the official transfer of the submarine from the shipbuilder to the Navy. The submarine and crew will now undertake a series of tests and trials before commissioning into active service and providing additional capability to the fleet.

"The Virginia-class submarine represents a Navy and industry commitment to deliver warfighting excellence to the fleet," said Capt. Mike Hollenbach, Virginia Class Submarine program manager. "Iowa is the second Virginia-class submarine delivered this year. With each delivery, the Navy continues to strengthen our Nation's undersea advantage."

Virginia-class fast-attack submarines provide the Navy with the capabilities required to maintain the nation's undersea supremacy well into the 21st century. They have enhanced stealth, sophisticated surveil-



lance capabilities and special warfare enhancements that enable them to meet the Navy's multi-mission requirements.

lowa is the sixth of 10 VCS Block IV configured attack submarines. NAVSEA will continue to put more players on the field—to ensure readiness for sustained high-end joint and combined combat.

SSN 797 is the fifth U.S. naval vessel, and first submarine, named after the Hawkeye State. Previous ships named USS lowa have included the highly decorated USS lowa (BB 61), commissioned in 1943, which served in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

SSN 797 was christened at GDEB shipyard in Groton, Connecticut, Jun 17, 2023, by the ship's sponsor, Ms. Christie Vilsack. The submarine's commissioning ceremony is slated for Apr. 5, 2025 in Groton.

Recognized as the Force Behind the Fleet, NAVSEA translates warfighter requirements into combat capability, enabling our Nation and our allies to project presence in peace, power in war, and assured access always.





HII Christens Virginia-Class Attack Submarine Arkansas (SSN 800)

December 7, 2024 Unknown author

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Photo caption: HII christened Virginia-class submarine Arkansas (SSN 800) at the company's Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) division Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 (Photo by Chris Rose/HII).

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., (Dec. 7, 2024) — HII (NYSE: HII) today christened *Virginia*-class submarine *Arkansas* (SSN 800) at the company's Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) division.

"Today we celebrate the mighty submarine *Arkansas*, and we honor bravery and impact: the heroes and heroic moments that shape our future and make us who we are," NNS President Jennifer Boykin said. "As high school students, the Little Rock Nine exhibited courage, and showed the American people what determination and perseverance look like. Their spirit guided them then, and today SSN 800 will be instilled with this same spirit of courage, determination, and resilience."

The ship's sponsors are the six women of the historic group known as the Little Rock Nine, the first African American students to attend all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas during desegregation. NNS honored all nine members during Saturday's ceremony.

The Little Rock Nine made history in 1957 with their response to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, declaring racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. Faced with shouting mobs, threats of violence and hostile state leaders who blocked their way, the teenagers were escorted into the school by federal troops at the direction of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

On behalf of the other members, sponsor Carlotta Walls LaNier performed the traditional honor of breaking a bottle of American sparkling wine across the submarine's bow during the ceremony. She also addressed



the assembled crowd in-person and those joining virtually from around the world, thanking the shipbuilders who have helped construct *Arkansas*.

"You are part of the crew who built *Arkansas*," LaNier said. "Your craftsmanship, your attention to detail, and your support for each other in the workplace made today a reality. Being able to point to something you have done that will outlast and outlive you is a worthy achievement. We offer a grateful nod to each of you who had some part in building *Arkansas*. Surely, this is an achievement to which you can point with pride."

Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro provided the keynote address.

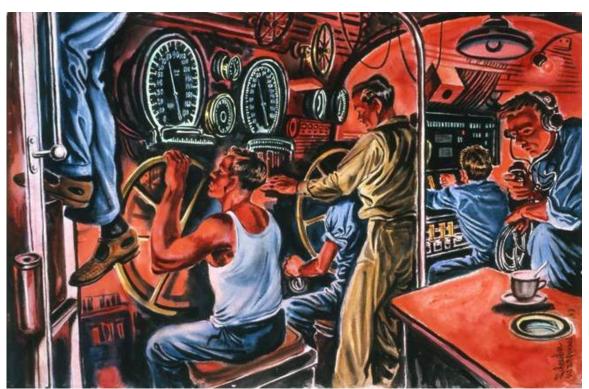
"Arkansas represents the very best of our submarine force capabilities and will operate confidently with her crew at sea," Del Toro said. "She will always be propelled by the proud legacy of her namesake, represented here today by three of her courageous sponsors, who overcame tremendous adversity as members of the Little Rock Nine."

Arkansas is the 27th Virginia-class submarine and the 13th to be delivered by NNS.

"The christening of *Arkansas* demonstrates the power of innovation and the dedication of our shipbuilders," said Cmdr. Michael Huber, commanding officer of the pre-commissioning unit. "Today, *Arkansas* is one step closer to sailing away from our shores, building on the brave example set by her sponsors, defending American ideals and protecting freedom around the world."

NNS is one of only two shipyards capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines for the U.S. Navy. The advanced capabilities of *Virginia*-class submarines increase firepower, maneuverability and stealth.

video of the ceremony, along with additional information on *Arkansas*, the Little Rock Nine, and the *Virginia* -class submarine program, can be found at: www.HII.com/SSN800.



"Eighty Feet Below" depicts submariners in the control room of the USS Dorado on her "shakedown cruise" before she left for her ill-fated war patrol. Belgianborn artist Georges Schreiber said when he heard the Dorado was lost, "It was the greatest personal loss I have had in this war."

Georges Schreiber, Naval History and Heritage Command, 88-159-JK





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