

# Steel Valley Dolphins

Monthly Newsletter



## USS Seawolf SS-197



## 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**

April 12, 2025 @ 1230 hours

At Canonsburg VFW Post 191

### 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!

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## Tolling of the Boats for March

### USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth chargings in less than 200' of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war and six died as POWs.

### USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.

### USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4), pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.

### USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.

### USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.

### USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.

### USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

### USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.



## Submarines commissioned during the month of March

G-3 SS-31	3/22/1915	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
K-1 SS-32	3/17/1914	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
R-4 SS-81	3/28/1919	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-5 SS-110	3/6/1920	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
S-17 SS-122	3/1/1921	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
S-45 SS-156	3/31/1925	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Tarpon SS-175	3/12/1936	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Permit SS-178	3/17/1937	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Salmon SS-182	3/15/1938	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Stingray SS-186	3/15/1938	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Squalus/Sailfish SS-192	3/1/1939	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Mackerel SS-204	3/31/1941	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Grayling SS-209	3/1/1941	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Growler SS-215	3/20/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Haddock SS-231	3/14/1942	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Cobia SS-245	3/29/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Muskallunge SS-262	3/15/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Paddle SS-263	3/29/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Pompon SS-267	3/17/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Dragonet SS-293	3/6/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Roncador SS-301	3/27/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Seahorse SS-304	3/31/1943	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sealion SS-315	3/8/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Catfish SS-339	3/19/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Diodon SS-349	3/18/1946	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Hammerhead SS-364	3/1/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Macabi SS-375	3/29/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sterlet SS-392	3/4/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Queenfish SS-393	3/11/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Spadefish SS-411	3/9/1944	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Stickleback SS-415	3/29/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	<a href="#">Eternal Patrol</a>
Cutlass SS-478	3/17/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Diablo SS-479	3/31/1945	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Amberjack SS-522	3/4/1946	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Trigger SS-564	3/31/1952	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Grayback SSG-574	3/7/1958	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Seawolf SSN-575	3/30/1957	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Abraham Lincoln SSBN-602	3/11/1961	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Jack SSN-605	3/31/1967	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sam Houston SSBN-609	3/6/1962	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Thomas A. Edison SSBN-610	3/10/1962	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	
Sturgeon SSN-637	3/3/1967	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>	

Sunfish SSN-649	3/15/1969	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Billfish SSN-676	3/12/1971	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Omaha SSN-692	3/11/1978	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Cincinnati SSN-693	3/11/1978	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
New York City SSN-696	3/3/1979	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Bremerton SSN-698	3/28/1981	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Minneapolis–Saint Paul SSN-708	3/10/1984	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Atlanta SSN-712	3/6/1982	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Montpelier SSN-765	3/13/1993	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
New Mexico SSN-779	3/27/2010	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>
Colorado SSN-788	3/17/2018	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>	<a href="#">NavSource</a>





### Binnacle List

### Eternal Patrol

### In Remembrance

Judith Underkoffler  
Chuck Warren

Nancy Derr  
B. Asher

Paul Wassenberg	ETR3 (SS)	3/10/2023
Dr. Carol Sawyer	Sponsor SSN-720	3/11/2023
Bernard "Bernie" Sigler	RM2 (SS)	3/13/2020
Mathias J. Holzer	CS2(SS)	3/15/2016
George P. Elder	EM1(SS)	3/24/2015

### Birthdays

#### Member

#### Spouse

#### Anniversaries

Regis Dugan	4/4	Patricia Goron	4/2	Linda & Mike Allen	4/1
Rufino Guntang	4/4	Carol Poninsky	4/4	Alexandra Good & Brian Linville	4/1
Jean Lemieux	4/7	Patricia Junker	4/7	Charlene & Jimmy List	4/2
John Mack	4/7	Beverly Geyer	4/8	Heidi & Jeffrey Iliff	4/3
Alyssa Defilippo	4/10	Helga Iden	4/10	Kathleen & George Dolgos	4/4
Richard Simpson	4/10	Jacquelyn Kuhn	4/12	Nancy & Robert Clark	4/6
Jimmy List	4/11	Charlene List	4/17	Elizabeth & Robert Davis	4/6
Merlin Larsen	4/14	Barbara Zdarko	4/18	Rose & Frank Nicotra	4/7
Gerald Gaylor	4/15	Susan Ireland	4/23	Carol & M. David Cochenour II	4/8
Ronald Campbell	4/19	Liz Harris	4/25	Jacquelyn & Blaine Kuhn	4/13
Gary Ireland	4/19	Annette Romain	4/27	Elisabeth & Merlin Larsen	4/14
Lee Bookwalter	4/20	Debby Shrump	4/28	Mary & Gregory Bayne	4/16
Scott Holzwarth	4/25	Nancy Clark	4/29	Connie & Jon Bruce	4/24
Robert Laird	4/26			Kela Gary & Michael Gasparovic	4/24
				Robert & Sandra Carman	4/27
				Debby & Charles Shrump	4/27
				Amy & Robert Goldman	4/29





Shipmates,

I want to thank Vince Metz for running the March meeting while some of us were attending PCU Idaho SSN-799 Change of command.

The change of command was a success in that we were able to get information on who to work with to provide better support to Idaho. We also met Ross Carroll and Scott Ullsperger from the USSVI Hawkbill Base in Idaho. I look forward to expanding our relationship and hope to include other USSVI bases in Idaho. I spoke with Mrs. Stackley the ships sponsor and look forward to working with her as well in support of USS Idaho SSN-799.

After the CoC we went to the Clubhouse on school street where we ran into our shipmate CDR Andy McGovern, CO of USS Texas SSN-775. Andy was having a get together with his officers and chiefs. We attended while they were presented LTJG Cosby with his dolphins. Welcome to the Phin LTJG Cosby.

This chance meeting was icing on the cake and made the trip memorable for me.

I want to thank USS South Dakota SSN-790 for the tour after the CoC. I also want to give a big shout out to my favorite chief, Chief Cox. Tony, I wish I had you as a mentor when I was active, but hey, you were a little young to be an undersea warrior.

This Saturday is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pittsburgh. Notification with details, has gone out via email.

I want to thank folks for the turnout that we have at our meetings. I have talked with several other bases and they are always impressed by the number of our shipmates that attend the meetings and participate in our events. Please remember to reply the messages in regards to attendance. This ensures that we have enough meals for everyone. As you know the meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of each month, if you are not getting the meeting notice call me. I will get you added and we can work together to look into why you are not getting the messages.

I want to thank John Held for giving the role of Newsletter Editor a shot. John's plate is overflowing with personal issues and can't continue as Editor. I am asking for someone to step up and assume the role of newsletter editor. Much like John, my plate is overflowing. Please consider accepting the role of newsletter editor. This vital role is an essential element for the success of our base.

I would like to get the USSVI Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program back up and running. I understand the issues with the hospital environments, this however is not the only avenue to make a difference in a child's life. Please consider becoming the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) chairman or member.

<https://www.ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund.html>

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday at the parade and in April at the Canonsburg VFW 191 where 6 shipmates will be inducted into the Holland Club.





## 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.**

March 8, 2025  
American Legion Post 641 Baden PA

**First Vice Commander Vince Metz** called the meeting to order.

**Attendees:** Mike Allen, Willard Ashmore, Eric Bookmiller, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Don Bright, Clair & Nancy Bouts, George Brown, Tom & Deneen Calabrese, Frank Certich, Ken Crosby, Larry Day, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Lyle Farmer, Dick & Beverly Geyer, Bob & Lynn Gourley, David Halliday, Marl Hoag, Jean Lemieux, Vince Metz, Bob & Jude Meyers, Frank Nicotra, Mike Pellegrino, Chuck Shrump, Harry Sills, Jeff & Eileen Simon, Jack Sutherin, Chad Underkoffler, Frank Vereb, Don Wood, Mike Wyckoff.

**Shipmate Dick Geyer** lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**First Vice Commander Vince Metz:** 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 PERCH (SS 176)	March 3, 1942
USS GRAMPUS (SS 207)	March 5, 1943
USS H-1 (SS 28)	March 12, 1920
USS TRITON (SS 201)	March 15, 1943
USS KETE (SS 369)	March 20, 1945
USS F-4 (SS 23)	March 25, 1915
USS TULLIBEE (SS 284)	March 26, 1944
USS TRIGGER (SS 237)	March 26, 1945

We also honor our departed shipmates of the Requin Base lost in March; George Elder, Matt Holzer, Dr. Carol Sawyer, Bernie Sigler and Paul Wassenberg. 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:** "What goes up, must come back down, However, what goes down, doesn't necessarily have to come up."

**Requin History:** None.

Members introduced themselves and the boats they served 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** gave an accounting of base assets, expenditures, and deposits. With no objections, the report was approved.

**Other Reports:**

Binnacle List: Judith Underkoffler, Chuck Warren

Eternal Patrol: Nancy Derr, B. Asher

Base membership stands at 202.

Storekeeper

Eagle Scouts presentations.

Upcoming events:

March 15 - St Patrick's Day Pittsburgh. Muster at German club by 0800. People Mover and Nautilus float will depart German Club at 0815.

April 11 - USS Requin Birthday

April 12 – Base meeting at VFW 191 Canonsburg PA. Holland Club Induction of 6 new members will be held.

**Old Business:**

Lunch with RADM Thomas Anderson, Program Executive Officer, Ships for NAVSEA and CAPT Matt Tardy, CO of Naval Surface Warfare Center on February 28. Discussed new USS Pittsburgh LPD-31 a San Antonio class amphibious transport dock ship tentative home port is San Diego CA.

Base members attended USS Idaho change of command on March 7.

USS Requin Base Scholarship program controlling document has been written, approved and will be posted on the Base website soon.

Beer Tap handle was donated to GSSCA Guardian of the Sea silent auction.

2025 Boosters have donated \$2176. \$1784.67 went to top off the Idaho Fund and the remainder went to the general fund.

**New Business:**

Donation for two Requin Base shipmates who went on Eternal Patrol was made to the National Charitable Foundation.

A volunteer is needed to replace Eric Bookmiller as Base Chaplain.

A coordinator is needed for Kaps(SS)4Kid(SS) program.

Backup float drivers are needed for upcoming parades. A truck with electronic trailer brake capability is needed for the People Mover.

**Good of The Order:**

Mike Allen reported on various veteran related activities occurring soon.

Members are encouraged to see Orange Heart Medal Foundation website for information about agent orange victims.

Refer to Project 33 on the internet regarding preparations for potential near term conflicts with China.

**Chaplain Eric Bookmiller** gave the Benediction.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:** VFW Post 191 Canonsburg PA at 1230 hours on April 12, 2025



# Month in Review

Lunch with RADM Tom Anderson PEO Ships. Discussing USS Pittsburgh LPD-31



★ **USS PITTSBURGH (LPD 31)** ★

**PCU Idaho SSN-799 Change of Command**  
Click the link below to watch the CoC on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=1012908787372664](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1012908787372664)





After the Idaho Change of Command we ran into our shipmates of the USS Texas. CDR Andy McGovern along with his officers and chiefs were having a get together at Sub Vets. Andy presented LTJG Cosby with his dolphins. Congratulations LTJG Cosby.



Our submarine beer tap handle was included in the Guardians of the Sea Silent Service Charities Auction.

Proceeds of this auction go to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation and the Submarine Veterans Scholarship Program.

The silent Auction was held at the Mystic Aquarium on March 01, 2025.



The Requin Base now has a happy “Honorary Submariner” in Houston, TX. Alexandra (Allie) Whatton is fighting leukemia. She is now in the maintenance chemo stage. She is hoping to go back to school this fall. About a week ago she received a KAP(SS)4KID(SS) certificate, cap, stocking cap, etc. and proudly wears her cap and salutes us all.

A big “Thank You” to Huey, Louy and Chad who came up with the idea and collected the package to send on to Allie.

Allie Whatton is the great granddaughter of Bill Lindsey.

A “Thank You” to all in the Requin Base.

Bill and Sandy Lindsey



## Lieutenant James E. Reynolds, United States Navy



A native of Westfield, New Jersey, Lieutenant Reynolds graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. At Annapolis, he was a member of the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team for four years and received the New York Yacht Club Excellence at Sea Award for excellence in academics and performance in Naval Academy Sail Craft.

After initial training, LT Reynolds reported to the USS BOISE (SSN 764) home ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Serving as Reactor Controls Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, and eventually Assistant Operations Officer, he brought BOISE into drydock to commence an engineering overhaul (EOH). During his division officer tour, he completed a deployment aboard the USS GEORGIA (BLUE) in the Arabian Gulf.

Ashore, Lieutenant Reynolds served as a Submarine Watch Officer and Assistant Special Operations Officer at Task Force 69 in Naples, Italy. He also earned a Master of Science in Cyber Security Operations and Leadership from the University of San Diego through the Graduate Education Voucher program.

Lieutenant Reynolds' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards).





<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 Lou Hamill 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](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>

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, troop 186 had a Court of Honor in Natrona Heights.

Two new Eagle Scouts were honored. Cash Jeffrey Wyble who was present and Andrew Matthew Wal-lander who was not present due to college attendance to Saturday's classes.

The percentage of Eagle Scouts is 4%, but Troop 186 has a staggering 41% of their scouts becoming Eagle Scouts.

Also honored was Dylan David Tarbi who received the Spirit of the Eagle Award. This is an honorary post-humous recognition of a registered youth member who has lost his life in an accident or illness.



## Say What???

**Zulu 5 Oscar** - Personnel making a deliberate attempt to board a ship unauthorized, usually at the direction of higher authority to test security procedures. The standard intruder drill.

**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

April 12, 2025  
1230 hours

VFW Post 191  
539 W Pike St  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

### Base activities

March 15

St. Patrick's Day Parade  
The people mover and float will depart the German Club at 8:15 to take folks to the parade route.



## Membership

Primary Members	170	Holland Club	104	USSVI Life Members	83
Secondary Members	13	WWII	1	Base Life Members	71
Associate Members	20	Eternal Patrol	84	Joined Last Year	7
Total Members	203			Joined This Year	1



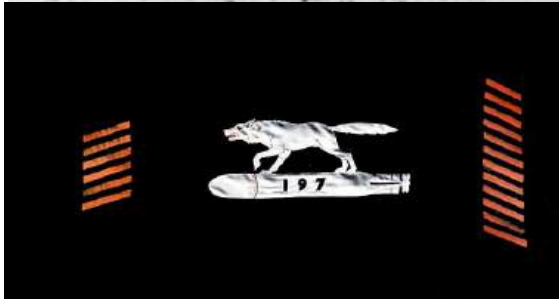
### New Members

Albert "Al" Cialone qualified on the Ulysses S. Grant SSBN-631 Blue as a PN.

Al lives in Natrona Heights with his first mate Kathryn. Please e-mail Al and welcome him aboard - [acialone@gmail.com](mailto:acialone@gmail.com)



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### History

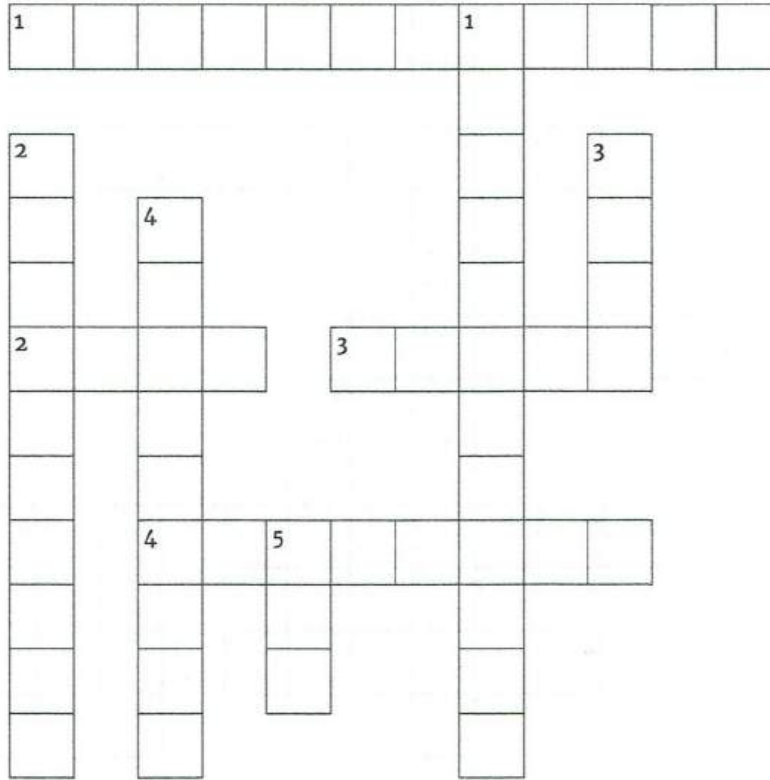
<b>Name</b>	<i>Seawolf</i>
<b>Namesake</b>	<u>Atlantic wolffish</u>
<b>Builder</b>	<u>Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine</u>
<b>Laid down</b>	27 September 1938
<b>Launched</b>	15 August 1939
<b>Commissioned</b>	1 December 1939
<b>Stricken</b>	20 January 1945
<b>Fate</b>	Probably sunk by friendly fire from <u>USS <i>Richard M. Rowell</i></u> off <u>Morotai</u> on 3 October 1944

### General characteristics

<b>Class and type</b>	<u>Sargo-class diesel-electric submarine</u>
<b>Displacement</b>	1,450 long tons (1,470 t) standard, surfaced, 2,350 long tons (2,390 t) submerged
<b>Length</b>	310 ft 6 in (94.64 m)
<b>Beam</b>	26 ft 10 in (8.18 m)
<b>Draft</b>	16 ft 7+ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> in (5.067 m)
<b>Propulsion</b>	4 × <u>General Motors Model 16-248 V16 diesel engines</u> driving <u>electrical generators</u> , 2 × 126-cell <u>Sargo batteries</u> , 4 × high-speed <u>General Electric electric motors with reduction gears</u> , two shafts, 5,400 shp (4,000 kW) surfaced, 2,740 shp (2,040 kW) submerged
<b>Speed</b>	21 knots (39 km/h) surfaced, 8.75 knots (16 km/h) submerged
<b>Range</b>	11,000 nautical miles (20,000 km) at 10 knots (19 km/h)
<b>Endurance</b>	48 hours at 2 knots (3.7 km/h) submerged
<b>Test depth</b>	250 ft (76 m)
<b>Complement</b>	5 officers, 54 enlisted
<b>Armament</b>	8 × <u>21 in (533 mm) torpedo tubes</u> (four forward, four aft; 24 <u>torpedoes</u> { <u>Mark 14s</u> as designed, mixed with <u>Mark 10s</u> or <u>mines</u> during World War Two), 1 × <u>3 in (76 mm)/50 cal deck gun</u> , 4 × machine guns



### US Navy Crossword Puzzle 15



**ACROSS**

- 1. Document That Governs Our Land
- 2. Branch That Is Used For Controlling Land Forces
- 3. What Is Not Pass Ahead Of Me In The U.S Navy Signal Flags?
- 4. Security Council Identifies And Advices On Threat To Our Nation

**DOWN**

- 1. The First Ship To Circumnavigate The World
- 2. Commissioned Ship In 1779 By John Paul Jones, Was The First American Ship Built
- 3. K (Phonetic Alphabet)
- 4. In Chief Is The President Of The Us
- 5. Secretary Of The Navy Answers To The Secretary Of Defense

# MILE GLORIOSUS

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COMBAT ZONE  
QIN DYNASTY  
SQUARE BASH

GRIND POUNDER  
SKY MARSHAL  
WAR HAWK

HAN DYNASTY  
SONG DYNASTY

**03/02/1945**

USS Bowfin (SS 287) sinks Japanese transport Chokai Maru, and patrol bombers PB4Y-2 (VPB 119) sink transport Nichirin Maru in East China Sea.

**03/03/1942**

USS Perch (SS 176), after being depth-charged and irreparably damaged by Japanese destroyers Ushio and Sazanami, is scuttled by her crew in the Java Sea. All hands survive but are taken prisoner.

**03/04/1945**

USS Baya (SS 318) sinks merchant tanker Palembang Maru off Cape Varella, French Indochina, and USS Tilefish (SS 307) and sinks Japanese fishing vessel ShikoMaru.

**03/05/1945**

USS Sea Robin (SS 407) sinks three Japanese gunboats and USS Bashaw (SS 241) sinks two Japanese tankers.

**03/06/1944**

USS Nautilus (SS 168) attacks a Japanese convoy approximately 240 miles north-north west of Saipan and sinks transport (ex-hospital ship) America Maru.

**03/07/1942**

USS Grenadier (SS 210) torpedoes Japanese Asahisan Maru south of Shioya Saki, causing damage to the transport ship.

**03/07/1958**

USS Grayback (SSG 574) is commissioned. She is the first submarine built from the keel up with guided missile capability to fire the Regulus II missile.

**03/08/1961**

USS Patrick Henry (SSBN 599) returns from patrol to become the first ballistic missile submarine to use Holy Loch, Scotland, as a refit and upkeep anchorage.

**03/09/1944**

USS Lapon (SS 260), while pursuing a Japanese convoy in the South China Sea, sank two freighters and survived a counterattack by Japanese gunboat.

**03/10/1944**

USS Kete (SS 369) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks one cargo and two transport ships while dodging counterattacks.

**03/13/1993**

USS Montpelier (SSN 765) is commissioned at Naval Station Norfolk. The boat is the 15th in the Los Angeles-Improved class of attack submarines.

**03/14/1945**

USS Bream (SS 243) sinks the Japanese auxiliary submarine chaser Kihin Maru in the Java Sea, south of Borneo. Also on this date, USS Trepang (SS 412) sinks the Japanese guardboat Kaiko Maru off Inubo Saki, Japan.

**03/17/1898**

John Holland's submarine, Holland IV, performs the first successful diving and surfacing tests off Staten Island, N.Y.

**03/17/1945**

USS Sealion (SS 315) sinks Bangkok-bound Thai oiler Samui off Trengganu coast, while USS Spot (SS 413) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks army cargo vessel Nanking Maru off Yushiyama Island and damages cargo Ikomasan Maru, beached off Matsu Island.

**03/17/1959**

USS Skate (SSN-578) becomes the first submarine to surface at the North Pole, traveling 3,000 miles in and under Arctic ice for more than a month.

**03/19/1945**

Submarine USS Balao (SS 285) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks one troopship and three fishing vessels and damages another off the Yangtze estuary about 90 miles north-northwest of Shanghai.

**03/20/1944**

USS Angler (SS 240) completes the evacuation of 58 U.S. citizens, including women and children, from the west coast of Panay, Philippine Islands. The sub had been told there were only 20 people, straining the boats supplies until it arrived at Fremantle April 9.

**03/21/1943**

USS Herring (SS 233) sinks the German submarine U 163 off the Bay of Biscay. The German submarine was responsible for sinking USS Erie (PG 50) on Nov. 14, 1942.

**03/21/1945**

USS Baya (SS 318) sinks the auxiliary netlayer Kainan Maru off Cam Ranh Bay.

**03/22/1943**

USS Gudgeon (SS 211) attacks a Japanese convoy 30 miles north Surabaya, Java, sinking an army cargo ship while surviving the depth charge attack by her escort vessels. Also on this date, USS Tambor (SS 198) damages a Japanese transport in the Sulu Sea, off Negros, Philippines.

**03/23/1944**

USS Tunny (SS 282) sinks the Japanese submarine I 42 off the Palau Islands.

**03/24/1944**

USS Bowfin (SS 287) attacks a Japanese convoy, sinking both a transport and army cargo ship.

**03/25/1915**

The submarine, F-4 (SS 23) sinks off Honolulu, Hawaii, with the loss of 21 lives. It is the first commissioned submarine loss for the U.S. Navy.

**03/27/1944**

USS Hake (SS 256) torpedoes and sinks Japanese merchant tanker Yamamizu Maru about 75 miles south of Borneo. Also on this date, USS Rasher (SS 269) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks army cargo ship Nichinan Maru about 50 miles north of Bali.

**03/28/1944**

Submarines USS Barb (SS 220) and USS Silversides (SS 236) sink Japanese cargo freighter Fukusei Maru off Rasa Island and Japanese cargo ship Kairyu Maru off Manokwari, New Guinea, respectively.

**03/29/1944**

USS Haddo (SS 255) torpedoes and sinks Japanese army cargo ship Nichian Maru in South China Sea. Also on this date, USS Tunny (SS 282) torpedoes the Japanese battleship Musashi off Palau, necessitating for her to be repaired in Japan.

**03/30/1944**

USS Darter (SS 227) sinks a Japanese army cargo ship near New Guinea, despite the presence of an escort vessel. Also on this date, USS Picuda (SS 382) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks a transport ship near Guam while USS Stingray (SS 186) sinks a transport ship near Saipan.







## Misadventures on a Nuclear Submarine:

A Swollen Knee, a Gush of Water, and a Man Overboard

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The War Horse | By David Chetlain  
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When you're serving on a Navy submarine with dozens of torpedoes and nuclear-tipped missiles, the best days are the boring ones. Boring on a submarine is good. Boring means everything is working like it should and everyone is doing what they are supposed to do.

But, like with so many aspects of military life, there are a million and one things that can go wrong. And when they do, the crew must lean on its training and respond within seconds—or everyone dies.

In October 1988, I faced such a day when a humanitarian transfer in rough seas led to a man overboard in frigid waters.

In the 1980s, finding and retaining enough qualified submariners to meet the character, physical, and aptitude requirements to serve beneath the ocean's surface was a constant challenge. So deployments were often completed using crew borrowed from other subs or bringing people out to sea who didn't quite meet minimum standards.

That explains the fix we were in when interior communications electrician Mike Kent injured his knee 48 hours before the USS *Nevada* SSBN 733 had to depart for a 78-day patrol. The injury was severe enough that under normal circumstances, he would have been replaced and left behind. But in this case, Mike was the only person trained and qualified on the oxygen generators, the machines that allowed us to remain submerged for months at a time. There wasn't enough time to find a replacement, and we couldn't leave port without his expertise. So even though he could barely walk up and down ladders, Mike joined the rest of the crew when we departed Bangor Base, Washington.

A few days into patrol, Mike's knee started to swell until it reached the size of a softball. The corpsman worked to drain his knee and get him back to work, but not long after, Mike's knee became infected and started to swell up even more. His mobility became so limited he was confined to the crew's lounge, and if the injury was left untreated, there was a risk that Mike might lose his leg or even his life.

We didn't have the medical facilities on board to handle an amputation or properly deal with such an infection. At this point in the story—in just about any other part of the military—Mike would have been evacuated and given proper medical care. But we were in our designated and classified “patrol box” and on “alert”—meaning we were on standby to launch Trident missiles at a moment's notice. This was during the Cold War, and we were not allowed to break radio silence or surface as it might reveal our position in the Gulf of Alaska and compromise national security.

We had brought Mike on patrol because of his skills, but now he was not only useless, he had become a liability. The crew's morale sank as we all fretted about his declining state and the command's inability to do anything about it.

Miraculously for Mike, he was given a reprieve. Another shipmate had a death in the family and the family contacted the Red Cross. We couldn't break radio silence to inform headquarters about Mike, so ComSub-Pac had no idea of the opportunity it gave us when authorities directed the *Nevada* to leave the patrol area so the grieving crew member could transfer off via helicopter. We took advantage of this window to include

Mike in the transfer.

We left the patrol area and signaled our proximity once we were within helicopter range. It was a cold October day, the seas were rough and the water was 34 degrees Fahrenheit. The transfer was delayed for a few hours while we waited for a break in the weather. A Trident submarine displaces 18,700 tons while submerged. Normally when we would surface, we would blow 2,000 tons of water out of the ballast tanks so we could sit higher in the water. But since we were only intending to surface for a few minutes, we drove to the surface with the ballast tanks full, causing us to sit low in the water. An ominous decision.

My role as ship's photographer was to document the transfer for the patrol report. The plan was for me to climb into the bridge where I could safely take photos from an optimal vantage point. But once we surfaced, officers went up to the bridge first for some sightseeing while I waited at the bottom of the ladder since there was no more room. Nobody wanted to leave the bridge so the officer of the deck eventually ordered me to head back to the missile compartment hatch and take photos from there.

I walked 80 yards to the hatch, and by the time I arrived I heard, "Helicopter inbound, send photographer topside ASAP!" I didn't have a safety harness or life jacket on so I said, "I can't safely go topside yet." The response: "Petty Officer Chetlain, this is an order—you will go topside NOW to take photos!"

So here we were in the Gulf of Alaska wallowing with 20 degree rolls, sitting low in the water, and I'm being ordered into harm's way for pictures. I was pondering what to do when Brian Friends stepped up.

Brian was already properly suited and worked as one of my assistant photographers. I gave him the camera and he climbed up out of the hatch behind Mike and the grieving shipmate.

Suddenly an ocean swell came over the sub and pushed it down into the ocean while the hatch was open. I was standing at the bottom of the hatch when a solid wall of icy green water suddenly poured into the boat. We were underwater and sinking with a 30-inch hole to the ocean above us! For a second everyone stood paralyzed. Then Petty Officer Phil Dornes plunged into the breach and grabbed the cable lanyard that hung on the bottom of every lower hatch and muscled it closed. Authorities estimated that we took on over 30,000 pounds of water in just a few seconds. Water made it all the way to the mess decks hundreds of feet away.

While we were shutting the lower hatch, the upper hatch slammed down on Petty Officer Randy Taylor's leg—pinning him in the hatch and dragging him underwater.

That's when we heard, "Man overboard port side!"

It was Brian. He later recalled snapping a few photos before strapping Mike into the litter for transport. "We had just given the signal to hoist Mike up when I saw his eyes get as big as saucers. The next thing I knew, I was in the ocean. I was wearing a lifejacket, but in my haste I had forgotten to clip my harness into the safety track."

The swell washed him into the sea. The submarine was moving at a fast clip to weather the rough seas, and Brian's first thought was to start swimming as fast as he could to avoid getting chopped up in the propeller. His next thought was, "Holy crap it's cold," as his muscles started to freeze up. Then he blacked out.

Fortunately, the helicopter pilot saw this unfold and left the sub to follow Brian's track and pulled him to safety. The Helo crew revived Brian and told him he had been in the water for about two and a half minutes. The pilot was ready to take all three crew members back to shore when he was ordered to drop Brian back on board, which he did.

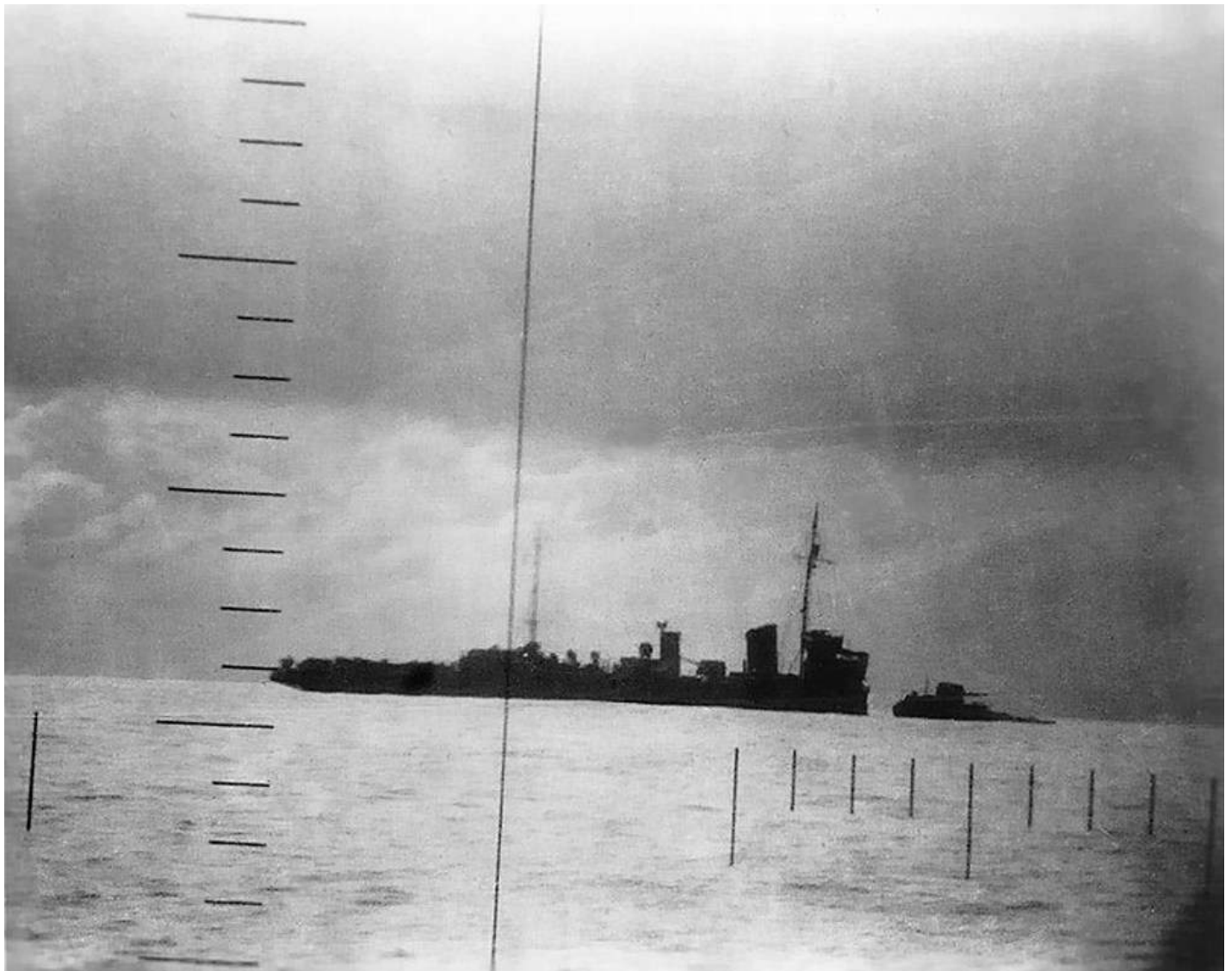
Brian and Randy made it below decks and both had to be treated for hypothermia. Randy's leg wasn't broken by the hatch, but he had a nasty bruise for a few weeks. Mike made it to an ER in Alaska; he was given

some painkillers and then flown back to Bangor where he spent the following week in the Navy hospital recuperating under doctor's supervision. Mike and his leg both made it home intact. He met us on the Delta Pier when we returned home in December.

In the end, everyone survived, and that's more than I can say for the camera I handed Brian and the mailbag, which are still sitting on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. In typical submarine gallows humor, Brian was immediately given the nickname "Splash."

I spent nearly six years assigned to submarines. In that time, I experienced fires, flooding, a collision at sea, loss of depth control, countless reactor scrams, and multiple losses of life. In each situation, the training and readiness of the crew kept bad situations from becoming catastrophic ones. That's what happened here with crew members closing the hatch and the pilot rescuing Brian. Our sub could have never reached him in time.

It's not a stretch to believe that Brian saved my life that day by taking the camera from me and going topside with it. Had I been washed overboard without a life jacket, odds are I would not have survived in the frigid waters. And that's why when anyone asks for stories about my time on a submarine, eagerly awaiting tales of adventure, I tell them about the comfort of the boring days. For Brian's intervention that day I will be eternally grateful. Thanks, shipmate! But I'm still calling you Splash!



# Continuing Resolution Proposal Includes \$1B in Anomalies for Columbia Sub, Shipbuilding Programs

Sam LaGrone March 3, 2025

<https://news.usni.org/2025/03/03/continuing-resolution-proposal-includes-1b-in-anomalies-for-columbia-sub-shipbuilding-programs>

A proposed stop gap funding deal to keep the federal government operating includes \$1.06 billion in anomalies to cover the costs to complete 22 ships and incremental funding for the Columbia-class ballistic missile nuclear submarine program, according to a summary of the effort reviewed by USNI News.

According to the summary reviewed by USNI News, the proposal would include \$419 million to incrementally fund the Columbia program and \$640 million in cost to complete funds to cover prior year contracts to finish ships under construction.

“Without these final increments of funding, 22 nearly-completed ships would remain unfinished in their shipyards,” reads the summary of the proposal. “This anomaly would ensure that these high-demand ships are delivered to the fleet.”

In addition to the shipbuilding funds, the proposed anomaly would include \$1.57 billion for a 10 percent pay increase for junior enlisted service members that would go into effect on April 1.

The current continuing resolution keeps the government running through March 14 and Congress is working through a new temporary funding bill ahead of passing a full Fiscal Year 2025 funding bill.

The new proposal follows two previous continuing resolutions passed last year to extend government funding while lawmakers work out a spending deal. December’s continuing resolution for Fiscal Year 2025 included a \$5.6 billion anomaly for submarine construction that sought to put three Virginia-class attack submarines under contract and provide additional support to increase worker wages and build infrastructure, [USNI News has reported](#).

On Sunday, House Speaker Rep. Mike Johnson (R-La.) said in an appearance on NBC’s *Meet the Press* that the intent is to pass a new stopgap funding bill ahead of a wider effort to seek additional cost savings as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

“We’re looking to pass a clean CR, to freeze funding at current levels, to make sure that the government can stay open,” Johnson said.

“And then for FY26, for the next fiscal year, you’re going to see a very different process and a lot more efficient and effective spending for the people,” he added.



# U.S. Starts Two Pacific Submarine Drills, Chinese Surface Group Operating Near Australia

Dzirhan Mahadzir March 6, 2025

<https://news.usni.org/2025/03/06/u-s-starts-two-pacific-submarine-drills-chinese-surface-group-operating-near-australia>



Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Montana (SSN-794) gets underway from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in preparation for exercise Black Widow 2025, March 3, 2025. US Navy Photo

The U.S. Navy began anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercises in Hawaii and Guam on Tuesday. Meanwhile, a Chinese and a Russian surveillance ship have been conducting separate sails around Japan's southwest islands and Australia has now tasked three frigates to shadow a People's Liberation Army Navy task group that has been operating around Australia since mid-February.

On Tuesday, U.S. Navy submarines, ships and aircraft began exercise Black Widow 2025 off Hawaii, reads a Navy [release](#). The drill combines submarines, surface ships and aircraft into a team tasked to track and engage a simulated adversary submarine.

Commander, Task Force (CTF) 34 will serve as the unit commander during Black Widow 2025, responsible for exercising command and control over exercise units.

"The Black Widow exercise series is our annual pinnacle event to deliver high-end integrated theater undersea warfare tactical development and combat readiness. It's incredibly valuable to work across domains to deliver cutting edge capabilities that make us more capable and more lethal," said Rear Adm. Rick Seif, commander of the Pacific Submarine Force and CTF 34, in the release.

Commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23 will embark aboard destroyer USS *Frank E. Petersen Jr.* (DDG-121). Other units participating in the exercise are destroyers USS *Michael Murphy* (DDG-112), fast-attack submarines USS *Mississippi* (SSN-782) and USS *Montana* (SSN-794), P-8A Poseidon aircraft from

Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, and an MH-60R Sea Hawk from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 37, embarked aboard *Michael Murphy*, according to the release.

In Guam two U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft operating under CTF 72, one from VP-16 and one from VP-47, joined Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance (MPRA) communities from Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Indian Navy (IN), Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) for the Sea Dragon 25 exercise according to a navy [release](#) on Tuesday.

The exercise, which has been held annually since 2019, will see pilots and aircrew from the participating countries coordinate to build plans and discuss tactics incorporating their respective capabilities and equipment for ASW with the exercise culminating in a final battle problem in the vicinity of Guam, during which participants will track a live U.S. Navy submarine.

The “War Eagles” of VP-16, part of CTF 72, are stationed in Jacksonville, Florida, and are currently forward-deployed to Misawa Air Base in Misawa, Japan. The “Golden Swordsmen” of VP 47, also a part of CTF 72, are stationed in Whidbey Island, Washington, and are currently forward-deployed to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. While deployed, both squadrons will conduct maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations, according to the release.

A JMSDF [release](#) stated that a single P-1 Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) will participate in the exercise while a ROKN [release](#) stated that it is participating with a P-3 Orion MPA. Both the RAAF and Indian Navy have not disclosed details of their participation, but the RAAF is likely to send a P-8A Poseidon MPA while the Indian Navy will deploy a P-8I Poseidon MPA.

Meanwhile, Chinese and Russian surveillance ships have been operating around Japan’s southwest islands according to Japan Joint Staff Office (JSO) releases this week. On Monday the JSO issued a release stating that on Feb. 28 at 1 p.m, PLAN Dongdiao class surveillance ship *Tianshuxing* (795) was sighted sailing west in an area 87 miles northeast of Cape Sata, which lies on the southern tip of the Ōsumi Peninsula of the main island of Kyushu and subsequently sailed west through the Osumi Strait to enter the east China Sea on the same day.

The release added that on Monday, *Tianshuxing* sailed southeast through the waters between Miyako Island and Okinawa to enter the Philippine Sea. JMSDF destroyer JS Harusame (DD-102) and JMSDF P-3C Orion MPA of Fleet Air Wing based at Naha Air Base, Okinawa, shadowed the PLAN surveillance ship, according to the release.

A Wednesday JSO release stated that on Tuesday at 11 a.m., Russian Navy surveillance ship *Kareliya* (535) was sighted sailing west in an area 49 miles southwest of Okinawa and subsequently sailed within the contiguous zone southwest of Okinawa to west of Iotourishima Island. The contiguous zone is a band of water which begins at the 12 nautical mile (nm) territorial sea limit to up to 24nm from a country’s baseline and countries are given limited jurisdiction in the contiguous zone to enforce laws relating to customs, fiscal, immigration or sanitary matters.

*Kareliya* left the contiguous zone in an area west of Iotourishima Island and sailed into the East China Sea. A JMSDF P-3C Orion from Fleet Air Wing 5 carried out surveillance on the Russian ship. The release noted that *Kareliya* earlier sailed southwest through the Tsushima Strait on Feb. 16-17, sailed through the contiguous zone from north of Iotourishima to southeast of Okinawa on Feb. 19 and then left the contiguous zone southeast of Okinawa on Feb. 20.

On Wednesday, Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles in a doorstep interview stated that three Royal Australian Navy (RAN) frigates, namely HMAS *Warramunga* (FFH152), HMAS *Stuart* (FFH153), and HMAS *Toowoomba* (FFH156) were shadowing the PLAN task group comprising of cruiser CNS *Zunyi* (107), frigate CNS *Hengyang* (568) and fleet oiler CNS *Weishanhu* (887), “They’ll

continue to be on the task of surveilling this task group whilst it's in the vicinity of Australia. We've also had over flights of P-8 aircraft to keep a close eye on what this task force is doing.”, said Marles, according to a [transcript](#).

Marles stressed that the PLAN task group had been complying with international law in its movements but Australia had the right under international law, to carry out surveillance to monitor what the PLAN task group was doing, “We will continue to stay with them so long as they are within the vicinity of Australia, so that we can completely understand what it is they were trying to achieve with this mission.”, said Marles.

Australia’s Department of Defence’s running [update](#) on the PLAN task group stated on Thursday that the PLAN task group was operating 630 nautical miles north west of Perth, Western Australia.





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### Allegheny Country Rifle Club

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### Main Street Bar and Billiards

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### Verdetto's Bar & Restaurant

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