



PRIDE RUNS DEEP



"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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Editor's Corner

Jack Mahan has asked me to pass along to shipmates planning to attend the Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 18th that he will indeed be on hand with **2022 USSVI SubVet Calendars to sell for \$10 apiece**—nearly a buck off the \$10.95 national price! (See ad on page 22.) I happen to know our calendars are exceptionally well-written this year (wink, wink), so you'll want to make sure you get your copy plus extras for gifts!—Jeff

Prized Navy *Seawolf*-Class Attack Sub Suffers Underwater Collision

USS Connecticut's nuclear reactor was unaffected by the undersea accident, but the Navy won't say exactly what the submarine hit.

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by Joseph Trevithick



USS Connecticut (SSN-22). (U.S. Navy photo.)

The USS *Connecticut*, one of the U.S. Navy's highly advanced and secretive nuclear-powered *Seawolf*-class submarines, is on its way back to port after suffering an underwater collision. The service says that there were no life-threatening injuries among the members of *Connecticut's* crew as a result of the accident. The submarine itself is in a "safe and stable condition" and its reactor plant was unaffected and remains fully operational.

USNI News was first to report on this accident, which occurred on Oct. 2. The Navy would not say where the submarine was at the time of the collision, beyond in international waters somewhere in the Indo-Pacific region, or what it hit. The service also only said that *Connecticut* was now headed to a port in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility, which includes the Western Pacific Ocean and a significant portion of the Indian Ocean, as well as various bodies of water in between. U.S. 7th Fleet has its main headquarters in Japan.

U.S. Pacific Fleet has issued a formal press release regarding the incident, which is as follows:

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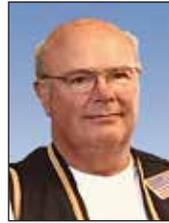
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From the Wardroom...



Dave Vanderveen,
Base Commander

Shipmates and Ladies,

Time seems to FLY, even in a pandemic! Although I am careful about crowds and exposure to people I do not know (and their maladies), I am fortunate to be busier than I have been in a couple of years. Some of my time goes to our base's business and the changes being driven by the Inspector General's recent report, some to renovation work on the Battleship *Iowa*, and most to my grandchildren's activities. I recognize that many others still have not returned to their earlier robust schedules, and that can be particularly hard, especially when families are geographically spread out. Travel can be difficult and it is certainly more costly than even a year ago. So, I am grateful for my good fortune!

I have responded to the IG's Report and we will change some of what we do behind-the-scenes to comply with new requirements. These are the three changes required:

- We must post the Federal non-discrimination requirements in our meeting space. The lead Inspector had asked about our selection criteria for membership in USSVI. I told him our only discrimination is that regular members must be Qualified in Submarines, and that non-quals must be sponsored by a regular member to become an associate member. He told me we must have that poster so people can seek help if discrimination occurs. He laughed when I told him we are submariners and if we called for help every time somebody "pinged" on us or tried to hurt our feelings we would run out of quarters. I have the poster and will put it up when we get back onto the Weapons Station.
- I asked to have the federal non-discrimination language included in the new USSVI National website, and Mike Swanson has added it to our local SoCalSubvets website, too.
- A "real estate agreement" must be established between L.A.-Pasadena Base and the Seal Beach Weapons Station for whatever facility we are allowed to use for meetings.

Building 6 will be demolished early next year, and I had sent a formal request to Captain Sherman, CO of NWSSB, to allow us to continue meeting in a facility on the Weapons Station. He has responded, assigning us to Building 16, which is also the Enlisted Recreation Facility. I have arranged to check it in mid-December and to talk with the woman responsible for liaison with groups such as ours about storage of our tools and supplies for the Memorial and for display space for our submarine memorabilia. I will keep you informed.

For the first time in two years, we will hold our "annual" Christmas Luncheon on December 18th. I am looking forward to seeing and chatting with shipmates again in person!

I hope you and your families can enjoy a happy, healthy holiday season this year, and please keep a thought for our military service members on duty around the world, especially those away from their own families.

Dave Vanderveen

Commander

Los Angeles-Pasadena Base



Minutes of Nov. 20, 2021 General Meeting on Zoom

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the Zoom General Meeting of the L.A.-Pasadena Base to order at 1105 hours.

Dave mentioned the E-Board’s acceptance of the previous month’s minutes.

Treasurer’s Report:

Mike Swanson provided monetary details for the account as of November 19, 2021. The specific numbers have been approved by, and are reported within, the E-Board Meeting Minutes.

Dave then addressed the \$24,000 in our treasury, the separate \$4,000 for flowers within that total, and the meeting of the Donation Committee, which had committed to donating 10% of our total treasury each year to deserving charity groups supporting veterans and on-duty personnel. Ed Barwick then explained the process for consideration— how much goes to administration versus the amount directly affecting those served, etc. Currently under consideration are the Honor Flights. Any group that demonstrates legitimate assistance for veterans/on-duty servicemen and -women will be reviewed.

Memorial Report:

Paul Riggs was not in attendance, so no report was made.

Membership Update:

Marilyn Senior had previously reported 106 current members, with 4 or 5 potential new members in the pipeline. Dave reported our base as being healthy in terms of membership and in our ability to perform our desired functions effectively.

Dave then introduced our newest member (happily in attendance): Charles Hinman, Director of Education and Outreach, Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum—who explained his position and mission. He’d attended USC, written a couple of books, and lives just outside Waikiki. USSVI uses the information he produces on shipmate eternal patrols. His website is provided information and photographs mostly from late shipmates’ families. Charles is always seeking photos to be used on his website: oneterminalpatrol.com.

Introduction of Owen Pate:

Dave indicated Owen was supposed to have joined our Zoom meeting, but unfortunately was not present. Owen, a British sailor, is seeking to exchange lapel pins with U.S. submariners. Jack will research what he has on hand. Jeff said Owen’s specific requests will be listed in the next *Periscope*. (See page 14.—ed.)

Inspector General’s Report:

Dave received a copy of the Inspector General’s Report and noted our discrepancies, i.e. the need to post non-discrimination policies. The Inspector General asked about our group’s requirement for membership acceptance, and was informed such requirements

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Nov. General Zoom Meeting Sailing List

- Armen Bagdasarian
- Ed Barwick
- Herb “Bo” Bolton
- Charles Hinman
- Joe Koch
- Jack Mahan
- Bill Moak
- Jeff Porteous
- Mike Swanson
- Ray Teare
- Dave Vanderveen
- Dennis Walsh
- Mike “Willie” Williamson





General Meeting Minutes...

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consisted of being Qualified in Submarines and in good standing as such (payment of dues, for instance)—except for Associate Members, who must be sponsored by an active member. Currently National posts no such policies, and Dave has requested they be added to the national website. They will also be added to our own website by Mike Swanson.

Dave also reported that he'd received a response from Base Commander Sherman saying that Building 16 had been designated for our use. However, this is unacceptable as we would be precluded from storing our necessary memorial, parade and additional items there, and also be unable to display our legacy memorabilia as we currently do in Building 6. Dave is working with the Commander's assistant, Ms. Atencia, to locate an alternative building on the base where such needs might be met. December would be the earliest we will hear back, and we would likely not be able to return to in-person meetings at the base until "the pandemic ends." Dave indicated Rocky Rockers found no such problems at San Diego nor Point Loma base locations. Southwest Command does not include Los Alamitos Base, so it may be pursued as an alternate. Jeff suggested that when onsite visits do restart, live streaming be continued for anyone unable/too uncomfortable to attend.

National Website Update:

It was noted that National is being cautious with its rollout due to bad past experience.

Christmas/Holiday Luncheon:

As of this date, 17 reservations have been made for the luncheon toward the required 25 minimum; if necessary, the base will pay for any needed balance. Joe asked if Seal Beach Base Command had been invited, and Dave explained how new rules had prohibited this as inappropriately seeking "favored" treatment. (The last base CO to attend had been required to pay his own way.) Therefore, no invitation had been sent. Dave emphasized the December 6th signup deadline, and Mike mentioned he needed to submit a final attendance number on that date. Please submit your reservation by no later than 12/5. (*Note: a signup form appears again in this issue for any stragglers.—ed.*)

Good of the Order:

Dave and Bo had attended Blackie Blackwell's Riverside funeral service, and were unfortunately the only two representing our base. Dave encourages all of us to consider attending future services, since the families deeply appreciate our attendance.

Willie inquired as to the whereabouts of the sail of the USS *Los Angeles* (SSN-688), saying he saw picture of it in a warehouse. He wondered if was to be installed somewhere for display. There had been some understanding it was slated to become part of L.A.'s Maritime Museum, but that had been scuttled some years back. Dave will check later today with the folks on the *Iowa*, as some had mentioned a connection with that battleship's museum.

There being no further business, Joe Koch motioned the meeting be adjourned; Mike Swanson seconded and it was passed by all present, ending the meeting at 1145 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moak

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

Decorating for the Holidays!



December Meeting

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Los Alamitos Golf Course
On the Greens Conference Ctr.
5660 Orangewood Ave,
Cypress, CA 90630

Date: Sat., December 18, 2021

Social Hour: 11:30 a.m.

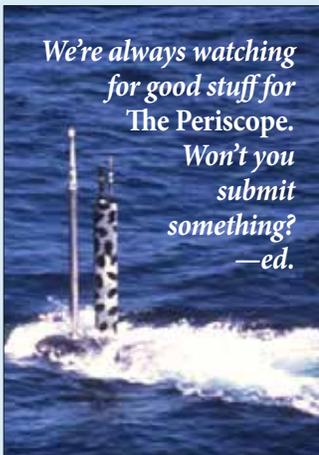
Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.

Sign up and choose your entrée by filling out the form on page 23 of this issue and getting it to Mike Swanson **ASAP** (if you haven't already). Hope to see you there for the usual fun holiday celebration. Don't miss it!

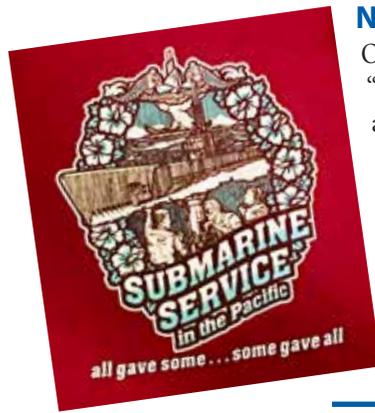
Base Birthdays in December...

We hereby extend the happiest of wishes to all our L.A.-Pasadena Base birthday celebrants!

Skip Loveless..... 12/1
Armen Bagdasarian..... 12/3
Keith Salazar 11/4
John Savela 12/7
Louis Myerson..... 12/9
Joe Dow 12/10
Marilyn Senior 12/10
Charles Hinman..... 12/19
Bo Bolton..... 12/20
Dave Vanderveen..... 12/29



Ship's Store



New Reduced Price on T-Shirts!

Our ever-popular L.A.-Pasadena Base "Submarine Service" tees are once again selling like fresh whites after a fall down the pump room hatch! Now a mere **ten bucks** apiece, there's no reason not to have a closetful. Contact Jack Mahan for yours, or just bring a few extra bucks to the next meeting, you skinflint!

2022 Calendars Now Available!

To order, click here: <https://bit.ly/3sM60PX>. Or see details elsewhere in this issue. Don't miss out—they're selling fast!



Get in touch with our Storekeeper, Jack Mahan, at 714-349-5878 for more purchasing information.



USSVI Logo Patch
(9¾ x 6¾)
\$11.00 ea.



L.A.-Pasadena Base Patch
(3¾ x 5)
\$5.00 ea.



Holland Club Member Patch (3x3)
\$6.00 ea.

LOS ANGELES - PASADENA BASE

2021 FLOWER FUND and BOOSTER CLUB

A special thank you to the following folks whose generous contributions this year have helped make our Base activities and charitable functions possible:

Ken Dorn (x10!) • Jack & Marlene Mahan • Mike Varalyia (x2!)
Ed Kushins • Sally Moran • Skip Loveless
• Harold Staggs • William Long



Booster Club and Flower Fund donations are welcome in any amount and are often also popular with 50/50 Drawing winners at our Base meetings. Contributions can be made in cash or by check payable to L.A.-Pasadena Base of USSVI. Checks may also be sent to Mike Swanson at 1149 W. Santa Cruz Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. To ensure proper credit, be sure to indicate Booster Club or Flower Fund on your check.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE FORCE LOSSES ON ETERNAL PATROL

“I can assure you that they went down fighting and that their brothers who survived them took a grim toll of our savage enemy to avenge their deaths.”

— Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN

DECEMBER TOLLING OF THE BOATS



USS CAPELIN (SS-289)



USS SEALION (SS-195)



USS F-1/CARP (SS-20)

USS CAPELIN (SS-289)

Presumed lost on December 2, 1943 during her first war patrol—but *Capelin*'s exact location and cause of death remain a mystery. She may have succumbed either to mines or an operational casualty. Seventy-six men were lost.

USS SEALION (SS-195)

Lost on December 10, 1941 when she was scuttled in Manila Bay to prevent her from falling into enemy hands after receiving severe damage from the initial Japanese airstrike on Cavite. Six *Sealion* crewmen were lost: four from the harbor bombing, and two from ill treatment in Japanese POW camps after being captured during the fall of the Philippines. A third sailor was also caught and imprisoned, but survived and was released at the end of the war.

USS F-1/CARP (SS-20)

Lost on December 17, 1917 while maneuvering at sea in exercises off San Clemente, California. *F-1 (Carp)* and *F-3 (Pickarel—SS-22)* tragically collided, the former sinking in just ten seconds, her port side torn open forward of the engine room. Three crew members were rescued by other submarines also operating in the area, but nineteen officers and men were lost.

USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 when she sank after being accidentally rammed by USCG *Paulding*. Tragically, forty officers and men rode her to the bottom. *S-4* was eventually salvaged and recommissioned in 1928.



USS F-4 (SS-109)



WE REMEMBER For those who gave their lives in defense of our country WE REMEMBER

USS Connecticut Suffers Collision

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USS Connecticut (SSN-22). (U.S. Navy photo.)

The *Seawolf*-class fast-attack submarine USS *Connecticut* (SSN-22) struck an object while submerged on the afternoon of Oct. 2, while operating in international waters in the Indo-Pacific region. The safety of the crew remains the Navy's top priority. There are no life-threatening injuries.

The submarine remains in a safe and stable condition. USS *Connecticut*'s nuclear propulsion plant and spaces were not affected and remain fully operational. The extent of damage to the remainder of the submarine is being assessed. The U.S. Navy has not requested assistance. The incident will be investigated.

In March, news had emerged that the submarine was suffering from an infestation of bed bugs, which turned into something of a controversy. (See *May issue of The Periscope—ed.*) The Navy announced in May that *Connecticut* had departed its homeport at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton in Washington State for a deployment in the Pacific. The submarine is known to have made at least two port visits in Japan, one in July and one in August.

Submarines hitting things while submerged is not necessarily as uncommon as one might think. Just in February of this year, the Japanese submarine *Soryu* hit a cargo ship while surfacing in the Pacific Ocean. In 2016, the U.K. Royal Navy's *Astute*-class nuclear attack submarine HMS *Ambush* also suffered an underwater collision with a commercial tanker off the coast of Gibraltar. The U.S. Navy is no stranger to these kinds of accidents, either, with the USS *San Francisco* infamously suffering major damage to its bow after hitting an underwater seamount in 2005. These are just some examples.

Connecticut is one of only three *Seawolf*-class boats ever built, all of which were originally designed in the twilight of the Cold War to serve as advanced attack submarines. A combination of U.S. defense budget cuts following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the growing costs of the program itself led the Navy to abandon its plans to acquire 29 of the submarines. In 1983, the estimated unit cost of each one of these boats was pegged at \$3.1 billion, more than \$8.5 billion in 2021 dollars, making them the

most expensive attack submarine ever designed.

Today, *Connecticut*, along with her sisters USS *Seawolf* and USS *Jimmy Carter*, are particularly well known for their ability to cruise quietly for extended periods of time under the ice in the Arctic and are understood to be heavily engaged in intelligence gathering operations, among other specialized mission sets. *Jimmy Carter* is itself the lone example of a distinct subclass, with that submarine featuring a 100-foot long extension called the Multi-Mission Platform (MMP), which, along with other modifications, give it additional capabilities to perform underwater espionage operations.

Given the small size of the *Seawolf* fleet and the already costly nature of the design, the Navy may be looking at a particularly large repair bill to return the submarine to active duty, depending on the severity of the damage that *Connecticut* suffered in this collision. There are no spare donor hulls to serve as ready sources for spare parts or even complete structural sections to help reduce or otherwise speed-up the process.

At the same time, the Navy may feel compelled to spend whatever it takes to preserve the advanced capabilities this boat offers. The service is only now in the early stages of developing a new class of attack submarines that it wants to have *Seawolf*-like capabilities.

Regardless, thankfully, it does not appear that anyone was severely injured in this accident.

Update since first publication:

USNI News has now reported that eleven sailors aboard USS *Connecticut* suffered minor to moderate injuries in the accident. *Military Times* reported separately that a U.S. official had described the injuries as "bumps, bruises and lacerations."

Connecticut is at present due to arrive in Guam today, where it is already Friday, Oct. 8. There are now reports that the collision occurred in the South China Sea.

U.S. Navy Engineer Charged in Attempt to Sell Nuclear Submarine Secrets

Jonathan Toebbe and his wife tried several times to pass information on nuclear propulsion systems to a foreign government, according to a criminal complaint.

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by Julian E. Barnes, David E. Sanger and Brenda Wintrode



A Virginia-class attack submarine in Hawaii last month. Nuclear propulsion technology used in U.S. submarines is highly sought after. (Credit: U.S. Navy, via Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON — A nuclear engineer for the U.S. Navy and his wife have been charged with trying to share some of the United States’ most closely held secrets on submarine technology with another country, according to court documents unsealed on Sunday.

The engineer, Jonathan Toebbe, was accused of trying to sell information on the nuclear propulsion system of *Virginia*-class attack submarines—the technology at the heart of a recent deal that the United States and Britain struck with Australia.

While rivals like Russia and China have long sought details of U.S. submarine propulsion, based on the details in the court documents, some experts thought the unsolicited offer could have been aimed at a friendly country, not an adversary.

There is no allegation from the F.B.I. or the Justice Department that the foreign country obtained any classified information. But Mr. Toebbe had high-level clearances in nuclear engineer-

ing, and his service record showed that as a member of the Navy Reserve, he worked for fifteen months from the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, the top officer in the Navy.

An F.B.I. affidavit described the Toebbes as employing somewhat sophisticated encryption methods but extremely sloppy practices as they communicated with who they thought were representatives of a foreign power but turned out to be F.B.I. agents. They insisted on careful use of cryptocurrency and encrypted their messages, but they were lured into depositing the information, usually on small digital cards, at sites where they could be easily observed.

Mr. Toebbe has worked for the military as a civilian since 2017. He was commissioned in the Navy and rose to the rank of lieutenant before moving to the Navy Reserve, which he left in December 2020—the month the F.B.I. began contacting him.

According to court documents, he has worked on naval nuclear

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Caught Selling Sub Secrets

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propulsion since 2012, including on technology devised to reduce the noise and vibration of submarines, factors that can give away their location. There is not much more detail in public Navy records. He worked on naval reactors in Arlington, VA, from 2012 to 2014. He then was a student at naval reactor school in Pittsburgh before returning to Arlington to work on reactors again.

The classified material in question included designs that could be useful to many countries building submarines. In the Australia deal, the United States and Britain would help the country to deploy nuclear-powered submarines, which are equipped with nuclear propulsion systems that offer limitless range and, under some circumstances, can run very quietly so that they are hard to detect.

Nuclear propulsion is among the most closely held information by the U.S. Navy, in part because the reactors are fueled by highly enriched uranium, which can also be converted to bomb fuel for nuclear weapons. Building compact, safe naval reactors is also a difficult engineering task. Until the deal with Australia,

the United States had shared the technology with only Britain, starting in 1958.

According to the court documents, the investigation into the Toebbes began in December, when the F.B.I. obtained a package that had been sent to another country with operational manuals, technical details and an offer to establish a covert relationship. The package was intercepted in the other country's mail system and sent to an F.B.I. legal attaché. The agency has such attachés in sixty-three countries.

"Please forward this letter to your military intelligence agency," a note in the package read. "I believe this information will be of great value to your nation. This is not a hoax."

The package was received by the foreign country in April 2020, although the F.B.I. did not gain access to it until December. The reason for the delay was unclear. The documents do not say whether the country that received the package gave it to the F.B.I. or the bureau obtained it through a secret source.

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The Virginia-class attack submarine Minnesota (SSN-783) under construction at Huntington Ingalls Newport News Shipbuilding, November 1, 2012. (U.S. Navy/courtesy of Newport News Shipbuilding.)

Caught Selling Sub Secrets

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The F.B.I. followed the instructions in the package and began an encrypted conversation, in which the sender offered Navy secrets in return for \$100,000 in cryptocurrency.

Over a series of exchanges, the F.B.I. persuaded the sender to leave information at a dead drop in return for cryptocurrency payments. The F.B.I. then observed Mr. Toebe and his wife, Diana Toebe, at the location of the drop, in West Virginia.

With Ms. Toebe acting as a lookout, Mr. Toebe left an SD card concealed inside half a peanut butter sandwich in a plastic bag, according to the court documents. After the undercover agent retrieved the sandwich, Mr. Toebe was sent \$20,000.

Agents then set up another dead drop in Pennsylvania and a third in Virginia, where they said Mr. Toebe deposited an SD card concealed in a package of chewing gum.

While working at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory, a little-known government research facility in West Mifflin, PA, Mr. Toebe would have had access to the documents that he is accused of passing to the undercover F.B.I. officer.

Many of the details of the exchanges were redacted in the court documents, but there was a reference to scaled drawings and maintenance details. The F.B.I. cited a note, which the affidavit suggests was written by one of the Toebbes, saying that the information “reflects decades of U.S. Navy ‘lessons learned’ that will help keep your sailors safe.”

Submarine secrets have been the stuff of spy games for generations. Although the Cold War is long over, the technology, if anything, is more important than ever, especially as the United States steps up patrols in the Pacific.

The ubiquitousness of imagery satellites and the proliferation of ship-killing missiles have led countries to put a premium on vessels that can travel undetected and strike suddenly. That was a key factor in admitting Australia into the small club of nations that can deploy nuclear-powered submarines.

Diesel-powered submarines can stay underwater for only a few weeks at most before they must surface for refueling; their nuclear-powered equivalents can remain submerged for months. Australia initially agreed in 2016 to buy a fleet of diesel submarines from France. But the project ran behind schedule and over budget, and Australia was lured away by the United States and Britain to join them in replicating their nuclear-powered submarines. It will be years, however, before those are deployed, Biden administration officials say.

The F.B.I. and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service arrested Jonathan and Diana Toebe on Saturday. They will appear in federal court in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on Tuesday.

The Toebbes live in a middle-class neighborhood in Annapolis, MD. Neighbors said about a dozen black S.U.V.s descended on their street shortly after 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. Agents poured out and knocked on the door of the Toebbes’ split-level house. Eventually some thirty agents were present.

Several of them spent hours searching the Toebbes’ Mini Cooper, removing its seats and other components. Agents also interrupted a neighbor who was hosting a birthday party across the street to ask about the couple.

Neighbors said the agents remained in the house until about 9 or 10 p.m., apparently taking photographs; flashes could be seen through the windows.

Few neighbors wanted to speak on the record about the family, but several said the Toebbes were standoffish, more likely to ignore waves than to return them.

Jerry LaFleur, who shares a backyard fence with the couple, said he had occasionally waved to Mr. Toebe, but the only time they spoke was when Mr. LaFleur asked permission to trim the weeds on Mr. Toebe’s side of the fence.

“He seemed like a nice, ordinary guy, nothing that would make me think twice,” Mr. LaFleur said.

According to neighbors, the Toebbes have two children, who briefly returned to their home on Sunday to collect items. Ms. Toebe is a humanities teacher at the Key School, a private school in the neighborhood known for a progressive philosophy. The school said on Sunday that she had been suspended indefinitely.

Julian E. Barnes reported from Washington, David E. Sanger from Vermont and Brenda Wintrode from Annapolis, Md. Adam Goldman and Eric Schmitt contributed reporting from Washington.



Japan Launches Second *Taigei*-Class Sub, *Hakugei*

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by Mike Yeo



Japan has launched the second of a new class of diesel-electric submarines, named *Hakugei*. (Japanese MOD photo.)

MELBOURNE, Australia – Japan has launched the second of a new class of diesel-electric submarines exactly one year to the day that the lead boat of the lithium-ion powered series took to the water.

The new submarine, which has been named the *Hakugei*, or White Whale, was launched at Kawasaki Heavy Industries shipyard in the city of Kobe on Thursday afternoon Japan time. The submarine will now undergo final construction and sea trials before commissioning into the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force or JMSDF, which is planned for March, 2023.

The *Hakugei* is the second *Taigei*-class submarine. This is a 3,000-ton, diesel-electric attack submarine measuring 84 meters (275 feet) long, and was previously known as the 29SS class, named after the 29th year of Emperor Akihito's reign in Japan.

The first boat of the class, the *Taigei*, was launched in October, 2020, and began sea trials in July this year. It is expected to be commissioned in March, 2022.

The commissioning will allow the JMSDF to continue efforts to recapitalize its submarine fleet, with the service keeping some older boats in service as it brought the number of submarines

in service to twenty-two.

The decision to increase the JMSDF submarine force from sixteen boats was announced in the 2010 national defense program guidelines. It comes as Japan continues to cast a wary eye on China's military modernization and increasing assertiveness in the region.

Like the last two boats of the preceding *Soryu*-class and the *Taigei*, the *Hakugei* will be equipped with lithium-ion batteries as a power source. Japan has conducted extensive research into the use of lithium-ion batteries on submarines since the early 2000s, and says they require less maintenance and are capable of longer endurance at high speeds while submerged compared to lead-acid batteries.

It is currently the only known country to have operational submarines using lithium-ion batteries.

The upsized submarine force will comprise eight older *Oyashio*-class submarines, twelve *Soryus* and the two *Taigei*-class boats. Japan has already laid down one more *Taigei*-class submarine and has funding approved for two more, the latest being \$602.3 million allocated for one more boat in the defense ministry's latest budget.

Banishing Boredom

by Bob “Dex” Armstrong

When you live in a 311-foot steel pipe, there isn’t a whole helluva lot you can do for entertainment. We showed movies, played hearts, acey-deucey, chess, wrote stupid letters, told lies to each other, listened to our toenails grow, and accumulated bellybutton lint. We didn’t rate a magician’s mate or a pony ring. Life in the boats was very basic.

Sometime during a run, the animals would organize some kind of a tournament: Chess. Gin Rummy. Hearts. We would go through preliminary challenges leading up to the crowning of our Grand Champion, who would issue a challenge to the wardroom.

At this point, Lt. Schilling would come aft, clean our clocks, declare himself Master of the Universe, and return forward. Didn’t matter the game; Lt. Schilling always took all the marbles. He had been a raghat many years before, and had an uncanny ability to unravel our plots and know when we were up to no good. No man ever understood the enlisted mind like Mr. Schilling did.

We loved him—he was the best advocate for our great unwashed mob. When it came to saving a lad who had strayed over the line of regulation behavior, he made F. Lee Bailey look like a rank amateur. He could extinguish the fires of Hell with some of the most convoluted logic from a silver tongue which never failed to amaze us all.

He would save you, then waltz you aft and light you up like Joan of Arc, blistering you with a verbal bullwhipping that would make you feel small enough to hide in a shot glass. His favorite line was: “Armstrong, let me disabuse you of the idea that the United States Navy was created for your personal amusement. This is a naval vessel with important missions to be carried out in a responsible manner—not a seagoing treehouse for idiots. When is that going to penetrate your thick skull?”

He would spend the better part of ten minutes reciting a litty of your accumulated transgressions, stupid stunts, and uncalled for aberrant behavior. This is not to imply I was the singular recipient of his volcanic invective. The man could incinerate butts at an incredible rate, but never once did he feed anyone to the UCMJ shark.

On nights when we had run out of mischief to get into, nights when our stern tubes were dragging and we just couldn’t muster the desire nor energy necessary to stir up the barnyard, we camped out in the crew’s mess. If riding on the surface, we listened to the R.B.O.

Have no gahdam idea what “R.B.O” stood for. It was a big radio with an amazing range of reception. Our favorite program was news in English on Radio Moscow. It was a hoot—kind of like a poor man’s peacetime Tokyo Rose. Nobody really cared about the number of tins of codfish the lovely ladies of the Murmansk Canning Factory turned out. We truly didn’t wonder if they ever exceeded their quota. But we *could* picture Olga—the people’s darling—stinking of codfish oil and leaving the plant to go and meet Ivan, our sweat-soaked hero fresh off the assembly line at the manure spreader factory. It was always good for a few smiles.

The BBC brought you cricket matches. They could run for days. We figured there must be some folks *somewhere* who cared, but certainly none did on *Requin*. One night when we were beginning to run low on smokes, some clown brought out a couple cartons of British cigarettes called “Player’s Navy-Cut Cigarettes.” For anyone out there who’s never had the amazing experience of firing up a Player’s, allow me to enlighten you: The Brits had figured out a way to package twenty little paper tubes filled with Easter basket grass and make them taste like Band-Aids off a mummy’s toe. If anyone ever breaks out a pack in your presence, run like hell.

We had trading marathons. A big session was one where hundreds of girlie mags, skin books, novels, packs of smokes, and assorted other junk changed hands. The entire after battery became a weird sort of bazaar. This was always good for some laughs—especially when crew members would announce the wonderful contents of a dog-eared book everyone had already owned at some point. More lies got told in less time than in any other situation. For example, if a boat sailor wanted to unload *Alice in Wonderland*, he would tell you something along the lines of: “Hey guys—great book here about a young virgin and all the weird stuff that happens to her when she gets lost and has to do a lot of strange stuff to get home.”

That exact kind of silly nonsense made it all a helluva lot of fun. Sounds stupid now, but at the time it was a hoot. It provided a much-needed break in lives thoroughly regulated by light switches and watch cycles.

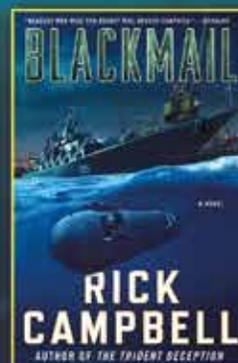
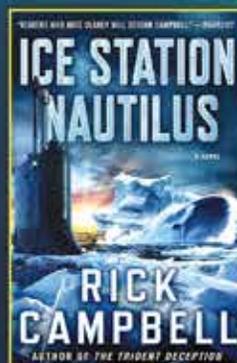
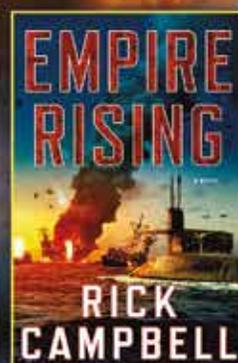
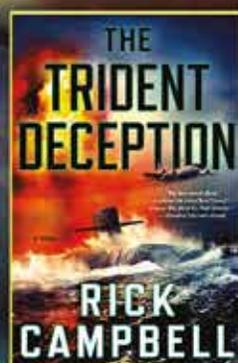
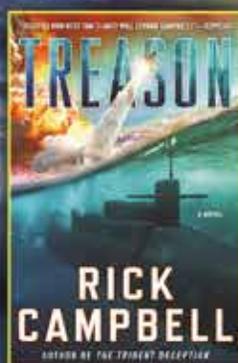
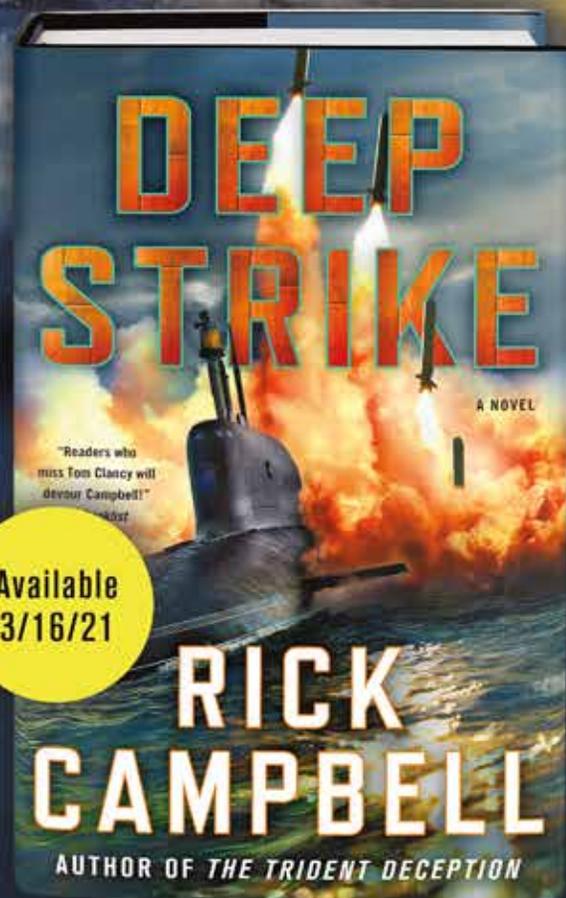
Being at the forward edge of Western Defense was as boring as hell. Not a whole lot different from mushroom farming or watching snails mate. It was your messmates who made it great though. To those of us who refer to each other as “shipmate,” it holds wonderful memories.

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"Readers who miss Tom Clancy will devour Campbell." —*Booklist*
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We proudly welcome aboard our newest base shipmates:

Charles R. Hinman

(Associate Member)

Wife: Keito

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charles.hinman@gmail.com
Phone number at *Bowfin*
Museum: 808-423-1341

Dr. Darin Steven Detwiler

(E5-MM2SS; served 1986-1994)

Wife: Gennette Zimmer

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ddetwiler680@gmail.com

Qualified in 1989 on the
USS *William H. Bates* (SSN-680)

Robert "Bob" John Frazier

EMC-SS E-7 CPO; served '78-'94)

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Uboatman@gmail.com

Qualified in 1981 on the
USS *Tautog* (SSN-639)—'80-'85
USS *Rich. B. Russell* (SSN-687) '89-'92

Robert "Mike" Cailor (returning)

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Qualified in 1968 on the
USS *Guardfish* (SSN-612)

Edward "Ed" Elliot Kushins

(LT-03SS; served '68-'79)

Wife: Mary Hamilton

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edkushins@gmail.com

Qualified on the USS *Flasher*
(SSN-613)—'69-'71, LTJG.

Ramon O. Aguilar (returning)

(E5-ET Radio Div.; 1996-2001)

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octiviano89@gmail.com

Qualified in 1998 on the USS
City of Corpus Christi (SSN-705)



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When News Breaks, We Pick Up the Pieces...



Dear L.A.-Pasadena USSVI Base,

Hi and greetings from England! I'm a retired British Royal Navy submariner and a collector of submarine insignia and badges from the world's navies. I'm contacting you in the hope you might be able to help me out with a request.

I'm trying to assemble a collection of metal or enameled lapel badges of USN submarines—or alternatively, enameled emblems of the boat's patch—that were once attached to Zippo-type lighters, tie tacks, cuff links, etc. (See photos above.)

Would any of you possess such items from the boats listed below and be willing to part with them? I'm offering to purchase them via PayPal or also am willing to make an exchange if desired. Also, a fellow American collector has offered me the use of his U.S. address in order to avoid having to fill out Customs forms.

SSB(N): 601, 602, 608, 610, 611, 617, 620, 622, 625, 626, 627, 633, 641, 655, 657 and 659.

SS(N): 571, 585, 591, 594, 603, 605, 612, 621, 638, 639, 646, 647, 653, 662, 666, 669, 672, 674, 676, 677, 680, 682, 684 and 687.

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I can be contacted at the email address below.

Best regards,

Owen M. Pate

o.m.pate@outlook.com



John P. Holland

**L.A.-Pasadena
Base 50-Year
Holland Club**

(75-year members noted with *)

- Larry D. Long2021
 - G. Judson “Jud” Scott, Jr....2021
 - Edward E. Kushins2020
 - Bruce Evan Neighbors2020
 - David H. Vanderveen2019
 - Philip J. Jaskoviak.....2019
 - Dennis Bott2018
 - James A. Burnett.....2018
 - Robert “Mike” Cailor2018
 - Robert Miller2018
 - John A. Anderson2017
 - Roger C. Dunham, MD....2017
 - Richard McPherson2017
 - Harry “Bill” Moak2017
 - Louis A. Myerson2017
 - Elliot Rada2017
 - Ronald G. Wagner2017
 - Dennis J. Walsh.....2017
 - Michael Kish.....2016
 - Gary Wheaton2016
 - Lawrence R. Butler2015
 - Samuel T. Higa2015
 - Harry P. Ross2015
 - Stephen C. Rowe2015
 - Charles H. Senior2015
 - Larry E. Smith2015
 - Sam Aboulafia2014
 - David Palagyi.....2014
 - Earl Thomas Peratt, Jr.2014
 - David D. Semrau, DDS2014
 - Ray Tracy Teare.....2014
 - Milton Harry Boudov2013
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**Los Angeles-Pasadena Base
2021 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- January 16: Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
- February 20: Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
- March 20 Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
- April 17 Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
- May 15 Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
Nominating Committee Appointed
Call for participants in the Huntington
Beach 4th of July Parade (?) TBD
- May 31 Private Memorial Day Service - 0930
(L.A.-Pasadena Base Subvets Only -
Public Service Disallowed by Weapons Station)
Submarine Memorial, West
- June 19 Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
~~Call for nominations for 2022 Base Officers~~
- July 4 ~~Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade~~
Base Participation Cancelled
- July 17 LeRoy Stone Memorial Picnic... Now to
take place at the Memorial Site
- August 21 Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
2022 Base Officer Candidates Requested
- September 18 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING via Zoom
Election of Officers
- October 16 Monthly Meeting via Zoom
Annual Officer Installation
- November 20 Monthly Meeting via Zoom
- December 18 Annual Christmas Luncheon
at the Los Alamitos Golf Course**

(Holland Club Roster, continued)

Kenneth Jon Dorn..... 2013
 M. Mark Hoffer 2013
 Michael P. Klein..... 2013
 Ronald L. Levenson..... 2013
 Edward L. Arnold..... 2012
 T. Michael Bircumshaw.... 2012
 Raymond Cheesebrough . 2012
 Bobby O. Mahaffey..... 2012
 John V. Mahan..... 2012
 Lee Melody 2012
 Clyde Matthew Turner..... 2012
 George R. Walrath..... 2012
 John L. Weisenberger 2012
 Edward A. Barwick..... 2011
 Joseph W. Koch, Jr. 2011
 Stephen D. Diument 2009
 David Whittlesey 2009
 Dennis A. Yure..... 2009
 Armen Bagdasarian..... 2008
 Bernard M. Kauderer 2008
 Paul A. Riggs..... 2008
 Rex L. Shields..... 2008
 John L. Von Ulmen 2008
 Francis R. Traser..... 2006
 Melquiades Mares, Jr. 2005
 Ronald K. Thompson..... 2004
 Michael Varalyai 2004
 Hughie T. Blackwell..... 2003
 Robert L. Conboy..... 2003
 James Rogers 2003
 John E. Savela, Jr..... 2003
 Ben Van Devender..... 2002
 Berry S. Yolken 2002
 James E. Carter 1999
 William F. Long 1999
 Herbert J. "Bo" Bolton 1998
 Kenneth E. Chunn..... 1998
 *Clifford Bernard Murr ... 1996
 *Royal Harrison, Jr..... 1995
 *Sterling F. Higgins 1995
 *Robert Clair Koplin..... 1995
 *Mark Maynard..... 1994
 *William J. Dillon..... 1993
 *Harold Staggs..... 1992



E-Board Zoom Conference Minutes of Nov. 20, 2021

The Los Angeles-Pasadena Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., E-Board Zoom Conference was conducted on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

In attendance:

- Dave Vanderveen, Base Commander
- Ed Barwick, Base Vice Commander
- Bill Moak, Secretary
- Mike Swanson, Treasurer
- Herb "Bo" Bolton, Director
- Chuck Senior, Director
- Jeff Porteous, *Periscope* Editor

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the Zoom Conference to order at 10:02 hours. Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. There were no questions asked nor corrections requested. Ed Barwick moved to accept the minutes; this was seconded by Mike Swanson and approved by all.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Mike Swanson

The Treasurer's Report as of November 19, 2021 was read into the minutes by Base Treasurer Mike Swanson:

Checking	\$9,184.40
Savings	\$14,885.54
Cash On Hand	\$50.00
Uncleared Checks:	\$00.00
Total	\$24,119.94

All vendors have been paid up-to-date.

Income:	\$200.00
Expenses:	\$25.00

Flower/Booster Club Additions:

Ken Dorn	\$100.00
William Long	\$100.00

Inkind Donations:

\$00.00

Again, there were no questions or corrections. Bill Moak moved to accept the report; it was seconded by Dave Vanderveen and approved by all.

Memorial Report:

Paul was unable to attend; Dave reported no change at the site. Old flowers had been removed, and some small flags added. No word from National concerning plans for the site.

Membership Update:

Dave mentioned a new member, Charles Hinman, involved in the Bowfin Base Museum, who had chaperoned Jeff and others at Pearl Harbor in the past, and how he could benefit our base in the future. Per Marilyn Senior, Charles is responsible for reporting men lost and on Eternal Patrol.

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General Dynamic Wins Deal for Virginia-Class Subs

(Reproduced from Zacks Equity Research website—published October 14, 2021.)

General Dynamic Corporation GD business unit, Electric Boat, recently clinched a modification contract to support Virginia-class submarines. The deal has been awarded by the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

Valued at \$482.1 million, the contract is expected to conclude by October, 2022. The latest modification has been made to provide lead yard support for Virginia-class submarines. It includes development studies and design efforts for the fleet of this nuclear-powered submarine. The majority of the work related to this deal will be done in Groton, CT.

In recent times, the United States and other countries globally have increased their spending manifold for upgrading and betterment of defense systems fueled by rising geopolitical tensions. Notably, missile submarines with undersea warfare capabilities form an integral part of any nation's defense system. To this end, it is imperative to mention that General Dynamic remains one of the two defense contractors worldwide equipped to build stealth missile submarines.

In fact, the Virginia-class submarine, co-designed by General Dynamics and Huntington Ingalls (HII), is one of the most advanced nuclear-powered multisession stealth submarines suitable for marine warfare. The

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E-Board Meeting Minutes...

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Dave stated we are still at 107 members, even given recent losses. We're expecting to be up to 109 or 110 once new member paperwork clears National.

Inspector General's Report:

Dave had reviewed the report, and noted certain discrepancies. A point regarding the posting of anti-discrimination policies was discussed. The Inspector General asked about our group's requirement for membership acceptance, and was informed such requirements consisted of being Qualified in Submarines and in good standing as such (payment of dues, for instance)—except for Associate Members, who must be sponsored by an active member. Dave said the IG got a good laugh out of our requirements. Just the same, we will need to post our non-discrimination policy in any location we ultimately land. There is also a venue requirement for in-person meetings, although the Southern Section Command didn't seem to exist. Dave has sent an application to Base Commander Sherman, requesting to continue to meet somewhere on the Weapons Station. We were informed that Building 16 has been designated for our use, but it will not allow needed storage nor permit our memorabilia to be displayed. So, we are seeking an alternative site on base which can meet these needs. Either way, a real estate requirement must be met. Rocky Rockers has pointed out that San Diego and Point Loma bases no longer ban in person meetings, calling into question the Weapons Station's continuing strict regulations.

Jeff asked where we currently are in our Memorial Brick program, eager to see purchased bricks eventually installed *somewhere*. Dave said he was told those involved with the decision-making process that they were busy, and that a decision might not come until the "end of the pandemic." Dave indicated another path to eventual success might be through Congresswoman Steel.

National Website Update:

Deliberate time and caution is being taken with the development of the new national website. Even so, rollout should be coming soon. (Mike Swanson mentioned he would add the newly required non-discrimination wording to our local website.)

Christmas/Holiday Luncheon Update:

Mike indicated he has received reservations for 17 attendees to date. Dave indicated he is working on a presentation in recognition of WWII members. Jeff noted that recently updated information concerning WWII sub losses in our monthly *Periscopes* has been the result of Charles Hinman's up-to-date work and recent suggestions.

Good of the Order:

Ed brought up the annual donations we make to charity groups providing services to vets and active duty personnel. Dave asked that the committee go over the basic criteria for charity group consideration at our general meeting. Mike noted that we have \$24,000 in treasury, and that \$4,000 is specifically allocated to the Flower Fund. He suggests prudence in the coming year's charity allocations. Bill brought up that we still have members without computers or access to same, and since the holiday luncheon signup sheet didn't make the October *Periscope*—which he U.S.-mails to those individuals—these members ought to be informed of the luncheon by telephone so they don't miss out. Bill will send E-Board members the needed phone numbers and ask that they make these calls.

Dave and Bo had attended Blackie Blackwell's funeral service in Riverside, and Dave made it a point to suggest that our members make a concerted effort to be present at future such shipmate services. He indicated Blackie's family was deeply appreciative of their presence there, and he hopes greater numbers will be in attendance showing their support for shipmates on Eternal Patrol in the future.

There being no further business, Bill Moak motioned the meeting be adjourned; Mike Swanson seconded and it was passed by all present, ending the meeting at 1032 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moak

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

General Dynamic Deal

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submarine excels in littoral and open-ocean environments, and collects intelligence critical to the full spectrum of warfare. They are also capable of extended submerged operations with superior stealth, endurance, mobility and firepower.

Such enhanced features make the *Virginia*-class submarine an ideal choice for the U.S Navy. This provides General Dynamic an edge as it enjoys a dominant position as the manufacturer of nuclear submarines. The latest contact win is a testament to that.

In a bid to expand and modernize its facilities to support an increased rate of submarine construction, the company continues with its plan to invest \$1.8 billion. Consequently, such huge investment will aid General Dynamic in meeting the solid demand that it enjoys for its submarines, which in turn will boost its top-line performance.

Evidently, General Dynamic/Electric Boat aims to build two submarines each year for a period of five years. The company has eighteen *Virginia*-class submarines in its backlog, which are scheduled for delivery by 2029, thereby reflecting solid revenue growth opportunities.

Submarines play a very vital role in any defense system and demand for more reliably equipped submarines is expected to grow in the days ahead as nations strengthen their naval power. Evidently, per a report from the Research and Markets firm, the global submarine market is projected to witness a CAGR of 4%

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Bulletins from USSVI—Regional and National

Shipmates and Ladies,

Forwarding USSVI correspondence to L.A.-Pasadena Base members.

Dave

From: "USSVI POC: William C. Andrea" <NJVC@ussvi.org>

Date: October 27, 2021

Subject: *American Submariner* address labels SNAFU

Submitted by: Jon Jaques, NSVC1

Shipmates:

We are aware of a printing issue with the latest issue of the *American Submariner* where an incorrect first name is attached to the correct last name.

We have made corrective actions.

Please do not contact the National Office. They are aware of the issue.

Thank you,

Jon Jaques

NSVC

Shipmates and Ladies,

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Dave

From: USSVI POC: William C. Andrea <NJVC@USSVI.ORG>

Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021

Subject: USSVI VSO News for November

Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI VSO

Our friends at the Military Veterans Advocacy (MVA) are asking for our support of the Lonnie Kilpatrick Central Pacific Relief Act H.R. 3368. It supports a lot of submarine veterans who spent time in Guam, American Samoa, and Johnson Atoll. This bill provides a presumption of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents to veterans who served on (1) Guam or American Samoa, or in the territorial waters thereof, between January 9, 1962 and July 31, 1980, or (2) Johnston Atoll or a ship that went to Johnston Atoll between January 1, 1972 and September 30, 1977. You might or might not have served on a submarine fitting this timeframe, but you can support HR 3368 regardless at this link:

<https://bit.ly/3CC3jo5>

Here Are Your 2022 Military FEDVIP Dental and Vision Rates:

<https://bit.ly/3khY1r1>

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General Dynamic Deal

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during the period of 2020-2024. Consequently, such strong growth trends highlight ample growth opportunities for General Dynamic as it enjoys a lucrative position in the submarine market.

Other submarine makers likely to benefit from such favorable trends are BAE Systems and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

Notably, BAE System's *Astute*-class submarines are the U.K.'s largest and most powerful attack submarines and can strike at targets up to 1,000km from the coast with pinpoint accuracy. On the other hand, Mitsubishi is well-known for its two submarines, namely *Setoshio* and *Soryu*.

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Just the Place for Killer MidRats!

Hey, know anyone on boats out of New London? Or, planning a visit to Groton yourself? Drop anchor at this local dive: **Wings'n'Pies** at 924 Route 12, just down the road from the Base's Main Gate. Your editor enjoys firsthand knowledge that the pizzas here are some of the tastiest and sloppiest around. Forget those extra napkins—just wipe your greasy fingers on your shirt and they'll think you've been hanging out with the A-Gang!

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Threat to Military Pay and Benefits Delayed as Congress Punts Debt Ceiling Debate:
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Marines, Special Ops Troops Secretly Deploying to Taiwan Amid China Tensions, Report Says:
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Navy Engineer and Wife May Face Life in Prison for Allegedly Trying to Sell Nuclear Sub Secrets:
<https://bit.ly/31gSYQF>

Walmart Out, CVS In: Changes Coming to Tricare's Pharmacy Network:
<https://bit.ly/3BwcZ2l>

The Navy Is the Best Service for Access to This Care:
<https://bit.ly/3Ewqjp8>

Pentagon Abandons Its Support for Merging the Commissary and Exchange Systems:
<https://bit.ly/3BzFSKL>

FDA Making a Big Shift on Hearing Aids:
<https://bit.ly/3GAMNXU>

Boost to Enlisted Pay and Benefits Eyed by Top House Lawmakers:
<https://bit.ly/3BzM7hN>

Congress Faces Decision on Military Justice Overhaul:
<https://bit.ly/3ED751i>

2021 Veterans Day Free Meals and Restaurant Deals and Discounts:
<https://bit.ly/3q1V5Ci>

Boost to Enlisted Pay and Benefits Eyed by Top House Lawmakers:
<https://bit.ly/3bu2qlM>

Walmart Says It Was Blindsided by Its Ouster from Tricare Network:
<https://bit.ly/3jVNYRE>

VA and Tricare Warn Sleep Apnea Patients of CPAP Machine Recall:
<https://bit.ly/2YclX7i>

VA Will Hire 2,000 New Staffers as It Seeks to Cut Back on Increasing Backlog of Claims:
<https://bit.ly/2YaMDFs>

Navy Prepares for Discharges of Sailors Who Refuse COVID Vaccine:
<https://bit.ly/3waTuuX>

Military Retirees, Disabled Veterans to See Largest Pay Raise in Decades for 2022:
<https://bit.ly/3EGiU6V>

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Dave*

From: USSVI POC: William C. Andrea <NJVC@USSVI.ORG>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021
Subject: National Chaplain
Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, National Commander

Shipmates,

Following National Chaplain Carsten Stigers' departure on Eternal Patrol, Past National Chaplain Raymond Fritz volunteered to serve in his place until someone was approved to assume the position on a full-time basis.

I am proud to announce that James (Jim) A. Sandman, a member of the Volunteer Base located in Tennessee, stepped up and asked to assume the responsibilities as our National Chaplain. Jim's spiritual attributes more than qualify him to assume this post. He has been approved by the National BODs and after going through an indoctrination period over the last few weeks with Ray Fritz, Jim is now officially USSVI's National Chaplain.

Please refer any matters that you feel pertain to this position to:

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615-975-4792
Jsandman85@gmail.com

Regards and please take care,
Wayne Standerfer
National Commander



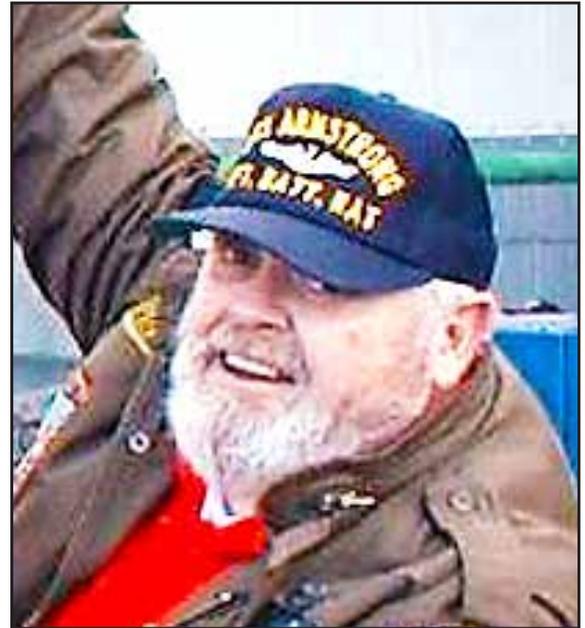
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Original monkey business made life worth living. We worked hard; we performed our jobs very professionally and gave the boat a good reputation for dependability and performance. They used us a lot because we were good at what we did. I never fully understood what the Big Picture was, or what contribution we actually made toward winning the Cold War—other than giving the finger to Russian ships at sea...“The Portachenko Salute.”

But we did know Arleigh Burke had the Big Picture—and that was good enough for us. Granted, there were times when we thought we might take a run out to the pay phone at the head of the pier and call him up to get the straight dope. But who knows? We might have caught him on one of those big admiral trading nights. We heard those guys unloaded complete sets of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Gutenberg Bibles and original oil paintings by Michaelangelo showing Rickover explaining stuff to God.

Nah, I’m sure Admiral Arleigh would have been hawking a first edition of *Swamp Girl* and loving every minute of it.



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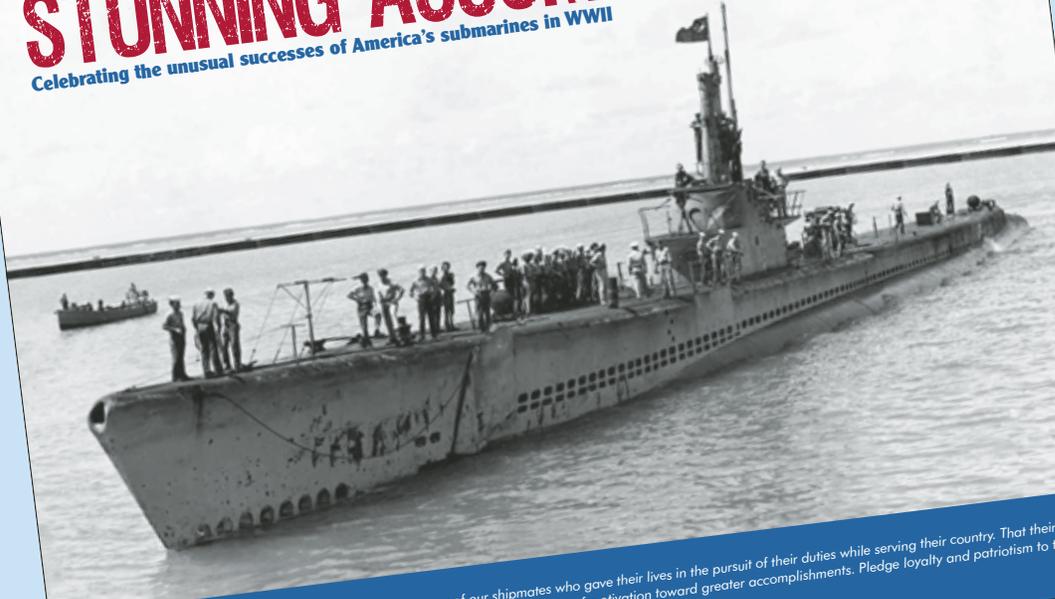
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USS Barb Derails Home Island Train Schedule
 Her late-war patrol report reads almost like a movie script. The renowned USS Barb (SS-220), put through her paces by the fearless Eugene Buckley and his crew of creative cutthroats, sets out to do something really unique and impressive. Launch rockets from her foredeck at Japanese targets in a prescient take on postwar missile subs! No, that would come later. Right now, they want something really unusual, super-standout. So a plot is hatched to send a raiding party ashore in rubber boats—the only Allied incursion on Japanese home island soil in WWII—with a daring mission in mind. Trains have been observed running close to shore. Why not take a scuttling charge, plan it on the track, and blow one sky high? Easy-peasy. So, under cover of darkness, this band of marauders does exactly this, jury-rigging an ingeniously simple pressure switch as a detonator. But the train shows up a little early, eliciting a mad scramble to finish up and paddle like crazy back to the waiting *Barb* before the explosion can tip the night, exposing the sub to shore batteries and who knows what else. While the submersers barely made it back in time and *Barb* lagged it out of three foot suite. Afterwards, the Karafuto train schedule was never quite the same.

July 2022

(Three submarines and 204 men lost)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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THE L.A.-PASADENA BASE, USSVI ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Saturday, December 18, 2021 the L.A.-Pasadena Base USSVI will hold their annual Christmas luncheon for the year 2021. The luncheon will be held at the Los Alamitos Golf Course; On the Greens Conference Center, 5660 Orangetwood Ave., Cypress, Ca 90630

It is a time of year to visit with our submarine friends and their guests. More time will be devoted to this activity. This year rather than the Tolling of the Boats, Dave Vanderveen is preparing a special presentation.



Social Hour: 11:30AM. - Luncheon served 12:15PM

This Year's Menu is as Follows:

Tossed Garden Salad with Ranch and Italian dressings on the side

Entrée Selection:

Chicken piccata

Oven-roasted Potatoes and Green Beans Almondine, Dinner Rolls and Butter

Grilled flat iron Steak

Oven-roasted Potatoes and Green Beans Almondine, Dinner Rolls and Butter

Vegetarian Option

*Mushroom Raviolis
Dinner Rolls and Butter*



Beverage: Coffee, iced tea

Dessert: Cheesecake with Raspberry Drizzle

Sparkling Cider/Champagne Toast

As always, it is very important that you get your reservations in ASAP so that we can give the Golf Course a firm headcount no later than 12 days before the luncheon.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$30.00 per person. Cocktails will be available from the main bar.

Please send your check and reservations (checks made out to LA/Pasadena Base USSVI) to the address shown below. Be sure to indicate your choice of entrée and how many of each.

Name: _____

Chicken piccata _____

Name: _____

Flat iron steak _____

Guest: _____

Mushroom ravioli _____

Guest: _____

Total # of dinners _____ X \$30.00 \$ _____

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

by Anonymous Bubblehead

(with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore;
provided by Paul Riggs from the internet)



'T was the night before Christmas and what no one could see,
the men with the Dolphins were under the sea.
Most of the crew lay out flat on their backs,
snoring and dreaming all snug in their racks.

Those men on the watch were making their rounds,
some manning the planes or listening for sounds.
Back in maneuvering or down in the room,
they all hoped the oncoming watch would come soon.

I'd finished some PM's whose time were now due,
and hoped for some sleep, just an hour or two.
Against better judgement I took a short stroll,
and found myself wandering into Control.

The NAV had the Conn, the COW was in place,
the COB had the Dive with a scowl on his face.
The helm and the planes were relaxed but aware,
the QM and ET were discussing a dare.

To comply with Night Orders the NAV told the Dive
to bring up the boat with a minimum rise.
The bubble came up and soon they were there,
at periscope depth with a 'scope in the air.

The QM confirmed our position with care;
the broadcast was copied, we brought in some air.
The NAV on the 'scope let out a small cry—
he shook his head twice and then rubbed his eyes.

He looked once again to find just what it was
interrupting his sweep and causing this pause.
Try as he might there was nothing to see,
so down went the 'scope and us to the deep.

I asked what it was that had caused his dismay.
He sheepishly said, "I'm embarrassed to say.
It could've been Northern Lights or a cloud,
or a meteorite, perhaps," he wondered aloud.

"But to tell you the truth I guess I must say,
whatever it was, it looked like a sleigh.
And though it passed quickly and never was clear,
I almost believe it was pulled by reindeer."

We laughed and we teased him and got up to go,
when the moment was broken by "Conn, Radio."
They told us a message was just coming in...
We looked at the depth gauge and started to grin.

"Radio, Conn, I feel safe to say,
your attempt at a joke is too far delayed.
If it had been sooner it might have been neat,
but I doubt we're receiving at four hundred feet."

"Oh Conn, Radio, you can come down and see,
we're not playing games to any degree."
I then headed aft—nothing better to do—
surprised by the fact it was still coming through.

Once ended, 'twas sent to Control to be read;
the NAV checked it slowly and then scratched his head.
Once again he began, but this time aloud,
to all those who waited, a curious crowd:

"Denizens of the deep are you men of the sea,
who risk your lives daily so others stay free...
I rarely have seen you, on this my big night,
for so many times you're all hidden from sight.

But purely by luck I did see you tonight...
as your 'scope coaxed the plankton to glow with a light.
And lucky for me I have finally won
the chance to say thanks for all you have done.

I know that you all miss your families back home,
and that sometimes you feel as if you're alone.
But trust what I say and I'll do what is right:
Something special will go to those families tonight.

Along with the gifts I'll drop off with your kin,
I'll visit their dreams and leave word within.
They'll hear of your love and how sorely you miss them;
I'll tell them that soon you'll be once again with them.

It might not be much, I know that is true,
to thank you for all the things that you do.
But I'll do what I can, while you do what is right,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

With Warmest Holiday Wishes from The Periscope

USS Connecticut (SSN-22)

A little bit of snow for Christmas: a Seawolf-class attack submarine surfaced in the Arctic Circle during Ice Exercise (ICEX) 2020. (U.S.N./ Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michael B. Zingaro.) (See lead story about this boat's collision on Page One.—ed.)



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