

Mark & Jan Maynard
Depart on Eternal Patrol
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New Mtg. Location:
Taco Surf in Sunset Beach
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Editor's Corner

So sad to be reporting the loss of our beloved longtime shipmate Mark Maynard (and his sprite of a wife, Jan—everyone's favorite Dolphinette) in these pages. At least there's some comfort in their sailing off on Eternal Patrol together, Jan having pre-deceased Mark by only a few days. Mark leaves a SubVet service legacy perhaps unequalled among L.A.-Pasadena members, and we're certainly all most grateful to have known him. —Jeff

USS Batfish (SS-310) Sailor Created Wind-Up Talking Teeth Gag—and is Still Inventing Toys at 100 Years Old!

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by Tom Kisken

(My thanks to Bill Moak for bringing this wonderful story to my attention.—ed.)



Eddy Goldfarb has invented more than 800 toys, including Yakity-Yak Talking Teeth, Battling Tops, KerPlunk, Stompers and Vac-U-Form. (Juan Carlo/The Star.)

Inspired by dentures, Eddy Goldfarb invented the Yakity-Yak set of wind-up teeth that chattered their way into gift-wrapped boxes under Christmas trees everywhere.

He came up with a toy gun that shot soap bubbles. He patented "KerPlunk," a game that asked players not to drop their marbles.

The inventor has given birth to more than 800 games, gadgets and other toys in a career that started in a World War II submarine and is still going strong in a workshop at his Thousand Oaks garage.

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From the Wardroom...



Dave Vanderveen,
Base Commander

Shipmates and Ladies,

February is nearly upon us, and some interesting work is coming our way. We are approaching the conclusion of our agreement with the command at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach to use a facility within the station for our meetings. Additionally, we must vacate Building 6, including removal of all our memorabilia. I cannot give you a definitive answer regarding timing as I write this (during the last week of January), because there are still several steps to complete. Any one of them could become a barrier to completing the job quickly, but you can trust we are moving as fast as we can. However, even if we finalize an agreement, NWSSB Security will not be able to complete background checks for all of us in time to meet at a new facility on the base. So, our February meeting will now be held in a restaurant in Sunset Beach, and I will send the specific information to our members by e-mail.

January brought the sad news that we lost Jan and Mark Maynard within just a few days of each other. The death of someone I know, particularly shipmates, affects me deeply. I had grown close to Mark and Jan in the year after the Los Angeles area World War II Submarine Veterans organization closed its operations and folded into L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI. Mark was anxious to preserve the significant volume of historical information he and Jan had amassed about WWII submariners, and as the Base's Historian I was anxious receive it and to learn about what they had. I found them to be enthusiastic, humorous folks who were generous with their time and their friendship. So, I was especially affected by their passing. Mark did some impressive things in the submarine force, from War Patrols on fleetboats to leading the Engineering Department in one of our early nuclear boats. He closed out his Navy career in force staff work and Inspection and Survey work on seventy-plus submarines. Mark Maynard was among my personal heroes, and I will miss him. At the time I write this, arrangements for Jan and Mark's services have recently been completed by their family. Their burial at sea will be private for their family only, with a memorial service to be held in March/April. Additionally, we will work with their family to conduct a service for them at the WWII Submarine Memorial - West. As soon as that plan is complete, I will send it to our members by e-mail.

COVID continues to become less prevalent, perhaps due to vaccination levels and increasing immunities, and it's likely 2022 will be a less restrictive year. Beware that it is still a deadly disease for those with compromised immune systems and underlying health problems. As always, the decision about how to protect your health is your own personal choice, and I urge you all to take care of yourselves.

Dave Vanderveen

Commander

Los Angeles-Pasadena Base



Minutes of Jan. 15, 2022 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 opened with a recitation of the USSVI purpose, then noted our recent loss of Mark and Jan Maynard, requesting a moment of silence for *all* our departed shipmates. Dave expanded a bit on the circumstances surrounding Jan and Mark's passing within days of one another. Mark's contributions over the years were further discussed, plus the couple's deep involvement with both the WWII and L.A.-Pasadena Base subvet groups.

Dave mentioned the E-Board's acceptance of the November Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report during the Executive Board meeting earlier. (See the specifics of the latter contained within the E-Board Meeting's Minutes on page 15.)

Memorial Report:

Preparation and planning for our Memorial Day Ceremony is now in progress, since the event can require five months of work from start to fruition. While at this point it is not *certain* we will be able to hold our usual annual ceremony (given ongoing COVID concerns), it was easily deemed much better to be prepared and sadly forced to cancel at the last minute, than not to prepare and be unready for a ceremony ultimately permitted.

Paul described his proposed additions to the back of the Memorial Sign facing Seal Beach Boulevard, including large, molded Gold and Silver Dolphins and three plaques describing the origin and ongoing purpose of the site. While no timeline has yet been established for the installation or completion of the project, some discussion of the intended work took place. Joe voiced concern about the integrity of the concrete, and how attachments to the sign might specifically or successfully be handled. Paul feels the approach he proposes will ensure no damage, and also result in protection from vandalism. Dave reported he had recently checked on the condition of the site, and that it "looks good."

American Submariner:

Dave then mentioned having recently received his mailed copy of the *American Submariner*, and that he had almost finished its article on Bill Dillon. The article is a wonderful depiction of Bill and his time aboard *Sailfish*. Dave went on to praise an additional article on nuclear submarine dismantling, and everything that process involves, including the prevention of nuclear contamination. Jeff indicated he thinks the article is so professional it will at some point find its way into a more highly circulated magazine.

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January General Zoom Meeting Sailing List

- Ed Barwick
- Herb "Bo" Bolton
- Robert Frazier
- Sam Higa
- Joe Koch
- Jack Mahan
- Bill Moak
- Bruce Neighbors
- Jeff Porteous
- Paul Riggs
- Mike Swanson
- Ray Teare
- Dave Vanderveen
- Ron Wagner
- Dennis Walsh



AmazonSmile Charity Update

Good news, shipmates—this just in from AmazonSmile: “This is your quarterly notification to inform you that...U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. received a new donation of \$433.25.

AmazonSmile’s impact to date: \$5,877.93 to U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. Thanks for continuing to generate donations by shopping at smile.amazon.com.” (Note: it’s easy to set up your account to donate small amounts to this charity through your regular Amazon purchases. Check it out!—ed.)

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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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General Meeting Minutes...

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Good of the Order:

Joe inquired as to the disposition of the forms submitted to allow eventual L.A.-Pasadena member entry onto Seal Beach Base property. Dave explained he was holding onto the forms—with the exception of his own and Ed’s, so as to hasten the process for the eventual inspection of base facilities to potentially be offered for our future meetings and the display or storage of our memorabilia and needed Memorial Ceremony items. Ms. Atencia is apparently working on Dave’s application, but has indicated his previous Top Secret clearance would not influence the decision. (The latter report was in response to Joe’s suggestion that previous clearances of individuals might hasten their acceptance into the base.)

Dave went on to mention L.A.-Pasadena Base’s potentially conducting meetings at an alternate site(s). First off, he’ll check with the Joint Military Reserve in Los Alamitos, then with other potential veteran-related venues as well. Restaurants may also be considered. Dave opined he was missing the traditional in-person “Hobo Stew” associated with this January meeting in progress, but cautioned all to continue to be diligent with regard to safeguards and the ongoing virus situation.

Bruce Neighbors tickled us with a joke concerning a Caribbean cruise he was contemplating taking: one for \$4,000, or a different one for FREE! He said the expensive one featured all the COVID protocols, and the free one had none. Then upon return, all passengers would be tested to determine infection results. He got a big laugh when he revealed this as a joke. A little humor is a good thing—especially in these times. Thanks, Bruce.

There being no further business, Joe Koch motioned the meeting be adjourned; Jack Mahan seconded and it was passed by all present, ending the meeting at 1146 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moak

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI



Feb. Meeting at Taco Surf Restaurant

Feb. Meeting

Date: Feb. 19, 2022

As we continue to wait while wheels turn to return us to the Weapons Station for in-person meetings (albeit in a different bldg.), arrangements have now been made to hold our *Feb. mtg. at 11:00 a.m. at:*

Taco Surf Restaurant
16281 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Surfside, CA 90743
562-592-2290

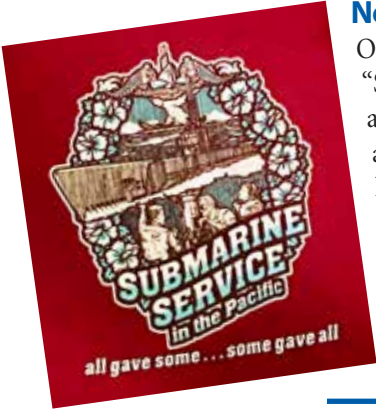
Base Birthdays in February...

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

- David Semrau..... 2/10
- Joe Koch..... 2/17
- Marlene Mahan..... 2/17
- Karen Silverman..... 2/23
- Berry Yolken. 2/24
- Dave Whittlesey..... 2/26



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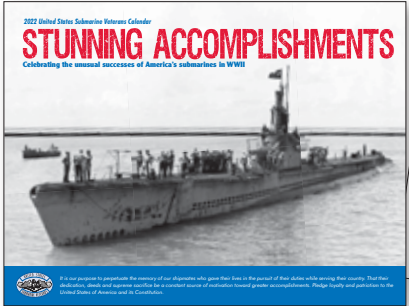


New Reduced Price on T-Shirts!

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!

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



USSVI Logo Patch
 (9¾ x 6¾)
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L.A.-Pasadena Base Patch
 (3¾ x 5)
\$5.00 ea.



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

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2022 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:

Joe Dow (Flower Fund) • Ken Dorn



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

FEBRUARY TOLLING OF THE BOATS



USS BARBEL (SS-316)



USS SHARK I (SS-174)



USS AMBERJACK (SS-219)

USS BARBEL (SS-316)

Lost on February 4, 1945 during her fourth war patrol. According to Japanese records, *Barbel* was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. Just the day before, she had reported having survived three depth charge attacks. Eighty-one officers and men went down with the boat.

USS SHARK I (SS-174)

Lost on February 11, 1942 during her first war patrol. *Shark* was the first American submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific—most likely falling prey to depth charges. Fifty-nine officers and men were lost.

USS AMBERJACK (SS-219)

Lost on February 16, 1943 somewhere off Rabaul on her third war patrol, where she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, a torpedo boat, and finally depth charged by a subchaser. Seventy-two officers and men perished, one additional man having been killed due to other action earlier in the patrol.

USS GRAYBACK (SS-208)

Lost on February 26, 1944 during her tenth war patrol. It appears she was caught on the surface in the East China Sea, the sad recipient of a bullseye by a Japanese carrier bomber. Earlier in the patrol, *Grayback* had sunk four ships for a total of 21,594 tons—tying her for eleventh among American submarines for number of ships sunk. Eighty officers and men were lost on the boat.

USS TROUT (SS-202)

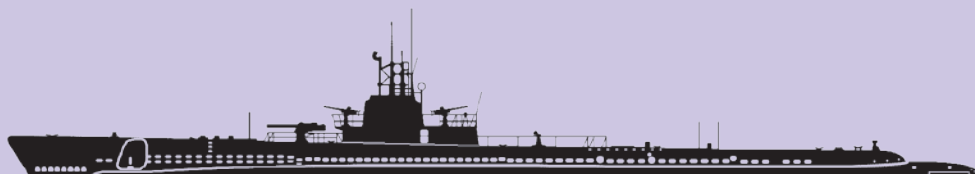
Lost on February 29, 1944 in the middle of the Philippines Basin during her eleventh war patrol. She was sunk by escorts after attacking a convoy and destroying a passenger-cargoman and damaging another ship. *Trout* had carried out several notable missions earlier in her career, including hauling over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February of 1942. Eighty-one officers and men went down with her.



USS GRAYBACK (SS-208)



USS TROUT (SS-202)



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

Damaged Sub USS Connecticut Appears in San Diego After Secret Journey from Guam

USS Connecticut's Covert Trek Across the Pacific Must've Been an Arduous and Complex Affair.

(Reproduced from The War Zone website - originally published December 12, 2021.)

by Tyler Rogoway



Damaged submarine USS Connecticut (SSN-22) in San Diego. (Photo c/o SanDiegoWebcam via @Warshipcam.)

The badly damaged *Seawolf*-class nuclear fast-attack submarine USS *Connecticut* (SSN-22) has just appeared in San Diego after making a covert transit from Guam, all but certainly sailing the entire way on the surface. It had been staged on that island for around two months following its collision with an underwater seamount in the South China Sea on October 2, 2021. Thanks to our friends at @Warshipcam who spotted and identified the submarine entering San Diego Bay on the local San Diego Webcam, we also get a far clearer look at the damage done to the prized submarine—its entire bow sonar dome is indeed missing.

We have more or less known for many days that *Connecticut* had left Guam, since the sub no longer appeared in satellite imagery at its berth there. We reached out to the Navy for information as to her whereabouts, but did not receive a response—further indicting she was secretly transiting the Pacific on the surface.

We had thought *Connecticut's* most likely destination would have been its home in Bremerton, Washington. That's where the three *Seawolf*-class submarines are based. Navy statements also supported that assumption. But now we know San Diego was where she was headed, at least first. Washington State is 5,600 miles from Guam. San Diego is farther at 6,200 miles, but the course to San Diego takes it close to islands where it could abort its voyage to safely, namely Hawaii. One of the Navy's main submarine bases is in San Diego at Point Loma. It's possible, if not probable, that she could still travel to Washington after this stop.

The reason she didn't stay in Guam is that there is no drydock

there to make any sort of significant repairs to the vessel. Pearl Harbor is the closest location with such capabilities, but considering there are only three boats in the *Seawolf* class, it may have been a challenge to take on such a unique repair job at that location. Its drydock facilities are also extremely heavily tasked and are a strategic asset in the Pacific; their capacity would have been significantly decreased—possibly for years—had *Connecticut* pulled in there for extensive repairs.

A 6,200-mile surface transit in a damaged submarine without her bow sonar dome must have been extremely unpleasant. We also don't know what sort of escorts *Connecticut* must have had for her trans-Pacific transit. Again, we have reached out to the Navy for comment and will update this post as soon as we hear back.

UPDATE:

This is all the Navy was willing to convey to us in response to our questions about *Connecticut's* journey:

“USS *Connecticut* (SSN-22) is in port in San Diego. The submarine remains in a safe and stable condition.”

It's also worth mentioning that the destroyer USS *Mustin* arrived in San Diego not long after the *Connecticut* did. It's possible that she provided security for the stricken submarine during at least part of her voyage.

Mustin left San Diego on November 26th and was in Pearl Harbor on December 1st, so the dates seem to line up. Still, U.S. warships can make this transit for a number of reasons.

Contact the author: Tyler@thedrive.com

Navies Are Falling in Love with a New Kind of Stealthy Submarine, But It Can't Do What the U.S. Navy Needs

(Reproduced from the 19fortyfive.com website - originally published December 16, 2021.)

by Robert Farley



Japan's AIP-powered submarine Oryu at its launch on October 4, 2018. (JMSDF/Twitter image.)

- Navies are quickly adding submarines with air-independent propulsion.
- AIP allows diesel-electric subs to operate without outside air, allowing them to be extremely quiet.
- But the U.S. Navy has a global focus, and one shortcoming of AIP subs is their limited range.

Over the past decade, air-independent propulsion (AIP) for submarines has spread rapidly around the world.

The technology, which allows conventionally powered submarines to operate without access to outside air, has the potential to shift the balance away from the big nuclear attack submarines (SSNs) that have dominated undersea warfare since the 1950s and back toward small conventional boats.

In global terms, this might again make submarines the great strategic equalizer; small, cheap weapons that can destroy the expensive warships of the world's most powerful navies. Does this mean that the United States should invest in these kinds of boats? Probably not.

Invention

Several navies experimented with AIP during the 20th cen-

ture. The earliest work began in World War II in the German and Soviet navies, although none of the experiments produced operationally suitable boats.

After the war, Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union took advantage of German research to produce their own experimental boats, but nuclear propulsion seemed to offer a more fruitful direction for submarine development.

In the mid-2000s, converging technological developments enabled several major submarine producers around the world to begin to develop practical AIP systems.

France, Germany, Japan, Sweden and China all laid down AIP-capable boats, in some cases exporting those submarines to customers around the world.

Engineering

AIP systems allow conventional submarines to recharge their batteries without surfacing for air, which enables them to remain underwater for extended periods of time and not expose themselves to detection.

Three main types of AIP are found in extant diesel-electric submarines:

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New AIP Subs Really What the Navy Needs?

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Swedish AIP-powered submarine HMS Gotland with other NATO and partner-nation ships during exercise Dynamic Mongoose, May 4, 2015. (U.S. Navy/Mass Comm. Splst. 2nd Class Amanda S. Kitchner.)

Closed Cycle Steam Turbines

Used on French-built submarines, closed cycle steam turbines mimic the energy production process found on nuclear subs (where a nuclear reactor provides heat that turns water into steam) by mixing oxygen and ethanol. This system (dubbed MESMA by the French) is complex, generates a lot of power, but is somewhat less efficient than the alternatives.

Stirling Cycle

A Stirling cycle engine uses diesel to heat a fluid permanently contained in the engine, which in turn drives a piston and generates electricity. The exhaust is then released into the seawater. This is slightly more efficient, and somewhat less complicated, than the French variant, and is used on Japanese, Swedish and Chinese boats.



German AIP submarine in NATO's Dynamic Mongoose anti-submarine exercise in the North Sea, May 4, 2015. (REUTERS/Balazs Koranyi.)

Fuel Cell

Fuel-cell technology is probably the state of the art in AIP. A fuel cell uses hydrogen and oxygen to generate electricity, and has almost no moving parts. They can generate a lot of energy with minimal waste product, and are very quiet. German-built submarines have successfully taken advantage of fuel cell technology, and the French, Russians and Indians are also moving in this direction.

Procurement Trends

The great thing about AIP is that the technologies involved can be retrofitted into older submarines through the insertion of a hull section.

Germany has done this with some boats, including a Type 209, and reports suggest Russia has managed to retrofit a Kilo. Sweden has retrofitted four older boats, and Japan at least one. For navies that want to maximize the lethality of their existing sub flotillas, retrofits can be cost effective.



India's first-in-class Kalvari submarine during floating at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai in October, 2015. (Indian Navy photo.)

However, most navies are more interested in new construction. Germany has four types of SSPs under construction for various navies. Newly constructed Type 209s may also have AIP.

Sweden has three classes of boats with AIP; the large Japanese *Soryus* will have AIP, as will the French *Scorpenes*, French-built *Agosta 90Bs* (for Pakistan) and *Scorpenes*-inspired *Kalvaris* (for India). The new Spanish S-80s have AIP, as do the two small Portuguese *Tridente* boats.

Russia's troubled *Lada* class has AIP propulsion, and it is expected that the next diesel-electric class (*Amur*) will also have it. China's 15 Type 041 (*Yuan*) boats have AIP, with another five on the way.

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New AIP Subs Really What the Navy Needs?

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The propeller of a Scorpene-class submarine at a DCNS facility near Nantes, France, April 26, 2016. (Thomson Reuters.)

Combat Implications

SSPs can exceed the performance of SSNs under certain conditions. They can take advantage of good endurance and extreme quiet to lay in ambush for approaching enemy vessels, although this requires good intelligence about enemy fleet deployments. They can also conduct short- and medium-range surveillance of enemy naval forces.

In situations that favor small, maneuverable boats (shallow littorals, for example) they can pose a serious combat threat to their larger nuclear cousins.

What This Means for the United States

Should the United States build SSPs? The United States has not built a diesel-electric submarine since 1959.

Much of the know-how associated with the construction of nuclear subs is transferable to their conventional cousins, but it would nevertheless involve a significant learning curve. The United States is a global leader in the development of fuel-cell technology, so it is likely that American sub builders would go that route.

However, the U.S. Navy is nearly unique for its global focus; it intends to fight in

areas distant from U.S. shores. Diesel electrics, even with AIP, have shorter ranges than nuclear boats and therefore require nearby bases.

Moreover, cost-consciousness in the U.S. Navy has manifested largely in terms of personnel reductions, meaning that the organization tends to prefer smaller numbers of high-end, expensive platforms to large numbers of inexpensive vessels.

Before investing in AIP boats, the U.S. Navy should also take care to rigorously game out future submarine-warfare scenarios that involve undersea unmanned vehicles.

Autonomous and semi-autonomous drone submarines potentially have many of the advantages of AIP boats, without requiring investment in new submarine designs.

All in all, there is no question that AIP-equipped boats pose a threat, under some conditions, to the large nuclear attack submarines that many great navies have come to rely on.

However, this does not necessarily mean that the best response for the U.S. Navy is to invest in these conventional subs. They cannot do many of the tasks that the Navy requires of its submarine force, and in coming years technology may eclipse many of the advantages that they bring.

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U.S. Navy fast-attack submarine USS Asheville alongside U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge in the Philippine Sea. (U.S. Navy/MC2 Adam K. Thomas.)

Meanwhile, Back at the Snake Ranch

by Bob “Dex” Armstrong

In an earlier diatribe on life in a non-rated man’s submarine-approved Snake Ranch, I mentioned our low-rent Shangri-La above Ocean View out on Willoughby Spit, going toward the bridge tunnel. It wasn’t one of the featured tourist attractions of the Norfolk area. I mean, you couldn’t buy postcards or tour books describing the place.

What it was, was a sanctuary and rest home for exhausted members of our undersea forces—men who guarded the saltwater expanse resting off our coast. It was a haven where submarine serfdom came to drink beer; listen to shit-kicking music; take hour-long hot showers; play cards; cuss Chief Petty Officers, nuke sailors, Nikita Krushchev and everyone in France; catch up on sleep and hold Bacchanalian feasts; and seek the pleasures beyond panty elastic.

Life at the Ranch was great. It was one of the best-kept secrets of the era. It was never mentioned in any Tom Clancy novel, nor did it find its way into one of those Discovery Channel documentaries about how we won the Cold War.

That’s a shame, actually, because it was both home to the world’s largest collection of randomly tossed Budweiser empties plus the location where naval personnel joined in a collective effort with civilian females to field test damned near every birth control method in existence except Saran Wrap then available in the Norfolk area.

It was the place where hanky-panky got raised to a Major League sport. We had no TV and nobody ever missed it. On a heavy beer drinking night you had to sign up for a place in the pee rotation on a clipboard nailed to the single-seat head’s door. In an emergency, you could always step out the rear door of our estate and hose down the world’s largest empty beer can collection.

And there were the card games! Jeezus, did we play cards! We wore out decks of playing cards at a rate that must have supported an extra shift at the Bicycle Card factory. We played Hearts and Straight Cowboy Poker. Five Draw, Seven Stud? No Girl Scout Camp? Over-and-Under Things with One Eye? Men with Axes? Clubs Wild if Wednesday is an Even Day? *None of that* shit. We allowed no activity at the Snake Ranch which took more than thirty seconds to explain to a drunk. This kept everyone happy.

There was a laundromat on the highway to Virginia Beach.

It was a great place to meet women. Most of the gals who became regulars at the Ranch were also regulars at the laundromat. We called trips to do laundry, “Going to check the traps...” After three or four weeks of punching holes in the North Atlantic, twenty minutes of watching girl’s panties passing by a dryer window over and over—and over—could have your average boat sailor barking at the moon.

In the evenings, we would grab a gal, a blanket, a cold six, and a radio, and walk over to the beach. We’d watch the Ocean View roller coaster, the ships passing old Point Comfort and the Thimble Shoals Light, and fumble with blouse buttons. If it got any better than that, they must’ve hid the instructions in the wardroom.

We never had a parking problem—we only had one car. We owned stock in it. I sold mine for several reasons. First, the sonuvabitch always needed some kind of work and the “partnership” always needed money—it was a four-wheeled money evaporator. And the fool thing went to New York all the time. In short, the damn thing never went in any direction I was heading in. I can’t complain, I doubled my money. When I left SUBRON SIX, the “Tide-water Torpedo Joint Holding Company” was alive and well... And the torpedo had bad tires.

“Dixie” and “Tiger” were two barmaids who shared their delights with numerous subsurface afloat force members. Many a boat sailor has wonderful, long-ago memories of laying alongside a set of “double ‘Ds” on a chilly night, or having his back scratched by one—or both—of the greatest barmaids in the history of professional barmaiding. The guys who married Tiger and Dixie got wonderful gals who had done their part in the Cold War and could do stuff that would set a Hindu sex manual on fire. They were great gals!

The only interior decorations at the Snake Ranch were an RC Cola sign and a naked lady calendar from some welding equipment supply house—that is, if you don’t count all the carry-out menus tacked on the back of the kitchen door with the “Fill this for us, Santy Claus” sign.

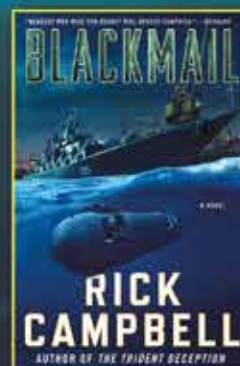
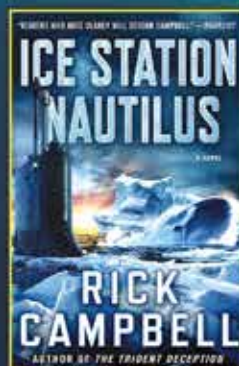
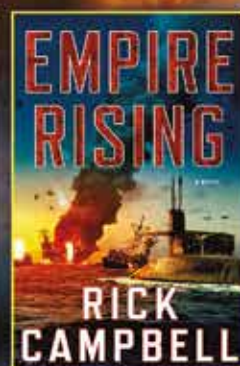
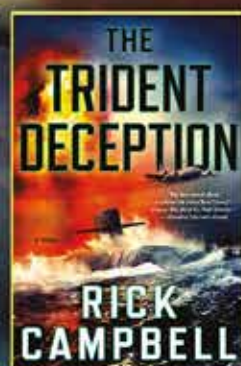
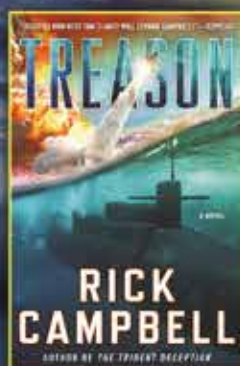
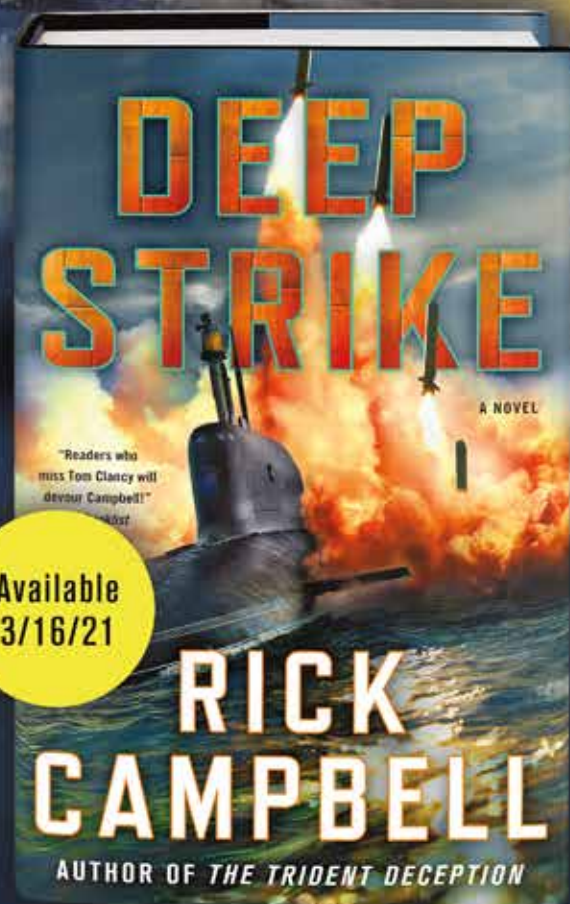
We didn’t have trash and garbage collection service, so we had to bag it and take it back to Pier 22. And we had water and electric bills comparable to an auto assembly plant! I’ve never personally had one close to what we shelled out then, and that includes damned near forty years of inflation. That industrial-grade cooling box and the large-capacity quick-recovery hot water heater sucked up kilowatts

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City of Corpus Christi (SSN-705)



"Get'cher Chapter News Here —Read All About It!—"

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

Mark and Jan Maynard Depart on Eternal Patrol within Days of One Another

Our good friend and shipmate was 97—and so was his beloved wife, Jan. They had been married 77 years. Mark was with Jan in the hospital when she passed on Sat., Jan. 8th. Mark then joined her on Thurs. Jan. 13th. Funeral services and other details are forthcoming. For now, check out Mark's amazing submarine service history below:



MARK MAYNARD enlisted in the Navy in Seattle in October of 1942, and finally mustered out in November of 1972. Mark enjoyed an illustrious thirty-year career in and out of submarines. His list of billets and accomplishments is breathtaking. Starting with boot camp and signal school, the earnest yet affable Mark went on to sub school, a fleetboat during the war, nuclear power school postwar, then nuke boat service—finally winding up on the nuclear submarine Board of Inspectors. During this lengthy turn in the Navy, Mark was a Quartermaster, an Electronics Technician, and eventually a Lieutenant after receiving his commission. At one point or another he served aboard all these vessels: USS *Sturgeon* (SS-187), USS *Marlin* (SS-205), USS *Cobbler* (SS-344), USS *Cusk* (SS/SSG, AGSS-348), USS *Taluga* (AO-62), USS *Cocopa* (AT/ATF101), USS *Sperry* (AS-12), USS *Capitaine* (SS/AGSS-336), USS *Sargo* (SSN-583), and USS *Orion* (AS-18). During the war itself, Mark was proud to have served aboard USS *Segundo* (SS-398) on her tenth and eleventh war patrols. On July 3, 1945, during that eleventh run, a nine-ship convoy was sighted—accompanied by air cover and numerous escorts. *Segundo* put three fish into the cargo ship *Tairin Maru*, blowing her bow off and opening up her side. The merchantman rolled to starboard, and while the sea closed over her, *Segundo* headed deep to try to avoid the 196 depth charges and bombs sent her way by the doomed ship's angry escorts. Her evasion successful, *Segundo* made a rousing return to Pearl on August 5th.

(More about Mark next time.—ed.)



John P. Holland

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

(75-year members noted with *)

Gerard A. Krudwig.....	2022
Gregory M. Paulson	2022
Michael J. Swanson	2022
Ralph J. Hansen.....	2021
Robert F. Schive, Sr.....	2021
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G. Judson "Jud" Scott, Jr....	2021
Edward E. Kushins	2020
Bruce Evan Neighbors	2020
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Philip J. Jaskoviak.....	2019
Dennis Bott	2018
James A. Burnett.....	2018
Robert "Mike" Cailor	2018
Robert Miller.....	2018
John A. Anderson.....	2017
Roger C. Dunham, MD....	2017
Richard McPherson	2017
Harry "Bill" Moak	2017
Louis A. Myerson	2017
Elliot Rada	2017
Ronald G. Wagner	2017
Dennis J. Walsh.....	2017
Michael Kish.....	2016
Gary Wheaton	2016
Lawrence R. Butler	2015
Samuel T. Higa	2015
Harry P. Ross	2015
Stephen C. Rowe	2015
Charles H. Senior	2015
Larry E. Smith	2015
Sam Aboulafia	2014

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Los Angeles-Pasadena Base 2022 Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 15:	Monthly Meeting via Zoom Conference
February 19:	Monthly Meeting at Taco Surf Restaurant
March 19	Monthly Meeting - "Spring Fling"
April 16	Monthly Meeting Call for Memorial Day Prep Volunteers
May 21	Field Day at the Memorial Site - 0900 Monthly Meeting Nominating Committee Appointed Call for participants in the Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade
May 28?	Field Day at the Memorial Site - 0900
May 30	Memorial Day Service - 1100 Submarine Memorial, West
June 18	Monthly Meeting - Annual "Steakfest" Call for nominations for 2023 Base Officers
July 4	115th Annual... Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade
July 16	LeRoy Stone Memorial Picnic Bunker 33, Seal Beach Weapons Station
August 20	Monthly Meeting - "Hawaii" Theme 2023 Base Officer Candidates Announced
September 17	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Election of Officers
October 15	Monthly Meeting Annual Officer Installation Luncheon
November 19	Monthly Meeting - Thanksgiving Theme
December 10	Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Los Alamitos Golf Course

David Palagy..... 2014
Earl Thomas Peratt, Jr..... 2014
David D. Semrau, DDS 2014
Ray Tracy Teare..... 2014
Milton Harry Boudov 2013
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
Paul A. Riggs..... 2008
Rex L. Shields..... 2008
John L. Von Ulmen 2008
Francis R. Traser..... 2006
Ronald K. Thompson..... 2004
Michael Varalyai..... 2004
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
*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 Jan. 15, 2022

The Los Angeles-Pasadena Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Executive Board Zoom Conference was conducted on the morning of Saturday, January 15, 2022.

In attendance:

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

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

Treasurer's Financial Report: Mike Swanson

The Treasurer's Report as of January 14, 2022 was read into the Minutes by Base Treasurer Mike Swanson:

Checking	\$9,604.80
Savings	\$14,884.79
Cash On Hand	\$50.00
Uncleared Checks:	\$00.00
Total	\$24,539.59

All vendors have been paid up-to-date.

Income:	\$2,290.00
Expenses:	\$2,266.00

Flower/Booster Club Additions:

Ken Dorn	\$100.00
Joseph Dow	\$35.00

Inkind Donations:

\$00.00

Again, there were no questions or corrections. Bill Moak moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; it was seconded by Ed Barwick and approved by all.

Memorial Report:

Since Paul was unable to attend, Dave went over Paul's recent email regarding his planned Memorial site informational upgrades and some responses to same. Dave pointed out possible numerical discrepancies he'd come across regarding the exact number of submarine men lost during the war, and questioned which information was correct. Mike suggested Charles Hinman be consulted as a source for verification; this was echoed by Jeff.

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“When You Understand...”

by Chief Warrant Officer
Robert W. MacPherson,
Retired Submariner

(Another Internet find submitted
by Bill Moak. Thanks, Bill!—ed.)

When the hatch closes over your head, the OOD says “Last man down,” and the COB says, “Green Board,” you understand the meaning of adventure.

When the only thing between you and millions of gallons of seawater is a steel hull and some closed valves, you understand the meaning of courage.

When Sonar calls out to the conn, “High speed screws in the water!” in hostile waters, you understand the meaning of fear.

When the messenger passes out the only family grams the satellite could catch and yours isn’t one of them, you learn the meaning of loneliness.

When hissing water in the overhead turns from a slight annoyance to a terrifying rushing cascade bouncing off the hull and equipment, you understand the meaning of survival.

When you hear the quick sound a pulled curtain makes on your rack, indicating your watch is about to begin, you understand the meaning of irritation.

When you see a brother stand at attention while the Captain pins on the fish he worked so hard to earn, you understand the meaning of pride.

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E-Board Meeting Minutes...

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Membership Update:

Dave started the discussion noting the loss of Mark Maynard, and the many contributions having come from both Mark and Jan over the years. Everyone was in agreement with Mark’s importance to the history of the WWII Chapter, and the origin of the L.A.-Pasadena Base—Jeff referring to him as a “plankowner.” Also, Mark’s involvement in creating and sustaining the WWII Memorial itself was reaffirmed.

Dave stated we are now at 101 members since losing two new members just recently signed up. Those losses were expressly due to our continued inability to hold face-to-face meetings. Dave brought up the National push to contact Members at Large in our area and encourage them to convert their membership specifically to our base instead. Dave will work on a plan for shared efforts toward doing just that. Also, Jeff agreed to try to cold-contact a potential new base member he’d heard about who is residing in Avalon.

Base Access Plans:

There had been earlier discussion about (and hope for) the Weapons Station offering us Bldg. 16 for our meetings; however, they have been decidedly dragging their feet with any firm offer and even with letting us onto the base to make preparations. Dave’s contact, Jasmine Aten-cia, has now agreed to look into hastening the process. Mike suggested we consider alternate locations instead—even if only temporarily—since Weapons Station cooperation has been so lacking, even nill. Dave indicated a message from Commander Sherman committing us to a 90-day deadline for vacating Bldg. 6.—but we must first have base access approval to do so! (Thankfully, Jasmine has indicated a flexibility with that eviction timeline.)

Sam said he will look into an American Legion location near him, and a suggestion was made that a Legion location in Los Alamitos be checked into as well. Ed brought up the Joint Military Reserve location in Los Alamitos, and Dave said he’ll begin his search with that location, since it is thankfully not connected to Seal Beach Weapons Station command structure.

Good of the Order:

Ed suggested we post specifics regarding 2022 charitable donations, so submissions could begin.

Bill complimented Mike on our successful and enjoyable Christmas Luncheon. There were comments that the food and service were much improved over last year. Dave then thanked Marlene Mahan, Kathleen Carder and Kim De Rosa for the centerpieces and gifts they had prepared so nicely.

Sam mentioned Jack and Marlene Mahan as suffering through being diagnosed as COVID-positive. Bill mentioned he had been positive-diagnosed in the past few days as well. Happily, he described his COVID symptoms as being mild, more like a head cold than anything else.

There being no further business, Mike Swanson motioned the meeting be adjourned; Ray Teare seconded and it was passed by all present, ending the meeting at 1046 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moak

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

"When You Understand..."

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When you retire and they pipe you over the side for the very last time, you learn the meaning of great sadness.

When your eyes grow dim and your strength ebbs with age, you understand the meaning of envy every time you see a submarine getting underway.

When a shipmate from long ago passes away, and upon that occasion things are said which are wished had been said before the departed had slipped away, you understand real regret.



Note that the following e-bulletins from Regional and National appear in these pages in the order received. The most recent information therefore appears toward the back.—ed.

FOX Traffic:

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: December 31, 2021

Subject: Amazon Smile

Submitted by: Ken Earls

Every Amazon customer who has signed up for Smile.Amazon.com to support the U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. received the message below last week. We are now running at an annual rate of over \$1,700 coming from Smile.Amazon.com as donations to our Charitable Foundation. This is free money, and it only takes a short amount of time for you to designate the U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. as the charitable organization you wish to support.

The following is the latest donor email from AmazonSmile:

Dear Donor,

This is the quarterly notification to inform you that AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the charity you've selected (U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc.) in the amount of \$433.25 as a result of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers who have selected this charity.

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com or using the Amazon app with AmazonSmile ON, everyday purchases make an impact. So far, AmazonSmile has donated:

- \$5,877.93 to U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc.*
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How the Navy Surfaced Three Missile Submarines All At Once—and Freaked China Out

(Reproduced from 1945.com.)

by Ethen Kim Lieser



Ohio-class SSGN submarine.
(Image Credit: U.S. Navy.)

A stern message: Here's why the U.S. Navy surfaced three subs in Asia's waters – What modern history has shown is that military posturing among nuclear powers will only continue to ramp up in the years ahead.

Case in point: When three of the U.S. Navy's Ohio-class SSGNs suddenly surfaced in unison in the Pacific Ocean.

According to Forrest Morgan, an analyst for the RAND Corporation, such strategic military actions can be associated with what is known as "crisis stability"—which is the "building and posturing of forces in ways that allow a state, if confronted, to avoid war without backing down."

"In July 2010, three SSGNs surfaced nearly simultaneously in Western Pacific and Indian Ocean waters, allegedly to signal U.S. displeasure over Chinese missile tests in the East China Sea," Morgan says.

Not surprisingly, what occurred in the Pacific also caught the attention of local media outlets.

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A Message from the USSVI Western Roundup Committee:

Shipmates,

The USSVI Western Region Roundup is scheduled for April 25–29, 2022, at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada. After two years of being tied to the dock because of COVID we are finally back in action. As always, our goal is to provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register Online Today!

https://wrroundup.com/?page_id=1323

Our Best Wishes to You for a Happy New Year!

Western Region Round-up Committee

6039 Dublin Way

Citrus Heights, CA 95610-6512

Shipmates and Ladies,

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Dave

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

Date: January 3, 2022

Subject: 2022 Issue 1 *American Submariner* magazine online

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, National Commander

Shipmates,

To be assured all of our members receive this message it will be sent twice, first as a National Bulletin followed up by going through the Regional Directors and District Commanders.

Due to a continuing situation out of our control, we cannot upload the *American Submariner* 2022 1st Quarter Edition to our current website.

As a temporary workaround, we have made this latest edition available by the use of Google Drive.

Please click on or copy and paste the following link into your web browser which will open this current edition for your viewing.

<https://bit.ly/32KvbtC>

This link is for USSVI Members in good standing only. It is not to be shared with anyone outside of our organization.

All the Best and please take care,

Wayne Standerfer

USSVI National Commander

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Three Surfaced SSGNs

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“The appearance of the USS *Michigan* in Pusan, South Korea, the USS *Ohio* in Subic Bay in the Philippines, and the USS *Florida* in the strategic Indian Ocean outpost of Diego Garcia not only reflects the trend of escalating submarine activity in East Asia, but carries another threat as well,” Greg Torode wrote in the *South China Morning Post*.

“Between them, the three submarines can carry four hundred and sixty-two Tomahawk [missiles]—boosting by an estimated 60%+ the potential Tomahawk strike force of the entire Japanese-based Seventh Fleet: the core projection of U.S. military power in East Asia. One veteran Asian military attaché, who keeps close ties with both Chinese and U.S. forces, noted that four hundred and sixty-odd Tomahawks is a huge amount of potential firepower in anybody’s language,” he added.

Torode later concluded that the surfacing of the submarines “is another sign that the U.S. is determined to not just maintain its military dominance in Asia, but to be seen doing so—that is a message for Beijing and for everybody else, whether you are a U.S. ally or a nation sitting on the fence.”

More Help on the Way

Even more firepower will be on the way as the U.S. Navy appears that it will be getting its hands on the highly anticipated next generation of nuclear-powered attack

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Shipmates and Ladies,

For those of you who know Bea and Mike Varalyai, here’s new information about Mike. Their contact info., including address, is included below.

Dave

From: Marilyn Senior <marilyn.senior@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022

Subject: Mike Varalyai - 3rd Heart Attack

Hi Dave,

Received the note below from Bea Varalyai when I sent out the information on Flora Thomas. (See *Mail Buoy elsewhere in this issue—ed.*) They now live in Hawaii. Would you please let our membership know of his condition?

From Bea Varalyai:

Thank you for the information. I will be sure to get a card sent to her. To update on Mike, he had a severe heart attack on the 11th and since this was his third attack, the doctors offered hospice rather than hospital care. We all voted for the home care. So far he is doing okay—lots of sleeping, but lots of the time he is up and taking care of himself too. I am being told that time will tell. It is just a waiting time. So that is what I am doing. Again, thanks for the info., Bea

Here is contact information for those who wish to send a card or email, or give Mike a call:

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2713 Akalani Loop
Makawao, Hawaii 96768-8409
home: 808-298-0455
cell: 562-596-1398
email: grammabea12@aol.com

Regards,

Marilyn Senior, Membership
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cell: 310-503-3915

Shipmates and Ladies,

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Dave

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

Date: January 18, 2022

Subject: Retiree and Dependents ID info.

Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI VSO Officer

Please take note of this last-minute request from the DoD!

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Three Surfaced SSGNs

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submarines in 2031, according to a recently released Congressional Research Service In Focus report.

“We are looking at the ultimate apex predator for the maritime domain,” Vice Admiral Bill Houston, head of Naval Submarine Forces, Submarine Force Atlantic, and Allied Submarine Command, said during a Navy League event this past summer.

Houston added that the subs are expected to cull the best features of the U.S. Navy’s three previous designs—the *Seawolf*- and *Virginia*-class attack submarines and the still-in-development *Columbia*-class ballistic-missile submarines.

Ethen Kim Lieser is a Washington State-based Science and Tech Editor who has held posts at Google, The Korea Herald, Lincoln Journal Star, AsianWeek, and Arirang TV. Follow or contact him on LinkedIn.



PRIDE RUNS DEEP



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Renew Your ID Cards Now: ID cards for retirees and their dependents have changed to the Next Gen USID cards which are being issued now. To reduce the risk of exposure during the COVID-19 pandemic, DOD electronically extended the expiration dates of ID cards. DOD has requested that retirees and their dependents who were extended under the above conditions renew their cards before they expire on January 31, 2022. Extensions of ID cards for dependents of active-duty service members, and Reserve and National Guard service members and their dependents, expired on Oct. 31, 2021.

DOD will not issue any further extensions, so schedule your appointment today!

From: Western Region Roundup Committee

Shipmates,

Registration is now open for the USSVI Western Region Roundup scheduled for April 25-29, 2022 at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada. Our online Registration and Payment system makes short work of the process. Register Online Today! https://wr-roundup.com/?page_id=1323 or https://wrroundup.com/?page_id=1323.

We are also looking for Bases in the Western Region to help by sponsoring the event. For a \$50 Sponsor Fee we will print your logo on the Swag Bags and feature it on our website. https://wrroundup.com/?page_id=1949 or https://wrroundup.com/?page_id=1949.

As always, the goal of the Roundup is to provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Western Region Roundup Committee

*Shipmates and Ladies,
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Dave*

rom: “USSVI POC: William C. Andrea” <NJVC@ussvi.org>
Date: January 19, 2022
Subject: 2022 National Awards Manual
Submitted by: Harold W (Bill) Scott

Shipmates,

The 2022 National Awards Manual is posted on the USSVI.org website. See: <https://bit.ly/3tLfhdB>

The manual has been revised and includes several changes and editorial modifications, including removing redundancies. Some history and background about the awards program has been added. Also changed was the deletion of the on Committee members. The 2021 SelCommittee members will be asked to continue in that role for 2022 through a separate communication prior to the start of the nomination period.

Note the important timelines and deadlines for submitting USSVI National Awards Nominations.

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Honored to Serve,
Harold W (Bill) Scott II, STSCS(SS) USN RET.
USSVI National Awards Chair
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CTB Newsletter Editor,
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Dave*

“USSVI POC: William C. Andrea” <NJVC@ussvi.org>
Date: January 19, 2022
Subject: Expired Military ID Cards
Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI VSO

Shipmates,

I have received numerous emails concerning expired military ID Cards, even about members’ retired ID cards with expiration dates.

The quick answer is “YES,” they are required to be replaced. And the second one is, if your ID card still has a Social Security Number on the ID Card, it also needs to be replaced because the Social Security Number is being replaced with another number identifying you in the DEERS system.

The website shown below should answer a majority of your questions, but you can call the nearest ID Card facility for any more information you require.

Hope this helps answer the many emails I have received.

<https://bit.ly/3fNPI8M>

John Dudas
USSVI Veterans Service Officer

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From: “USSVI POC: William C. Andrea” <NJVC@ussvi.org>
Date: January 19, 2022
Subject: 2024 National Convention
Submitted by: Ozzie Osentowski, National Convention Chair

Shipmates,

The USSVI National Convention Committee is seeking a base or bases to serve as host for the 2024 USSVI National Convention. The 2021 National Convention in Orlando was co-hosted by the Central Florida and Snug Harbor Bases. This arrangement was very successful and the hosts split the \$16,000 convention profit.

District and Base Commanders, please talk to your membership. If there is any interest in hosting or co-hosting the 2024 National Convention, please have them call me at (734) 658-9196 or e-mail me at ussronquil@yahoo.com.

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Richard "Ozzie" Osentoski
USSVI National Convention Chairman

*Shipmates and Ladies,
Here's a .pdf file for the Awards Manual in case you can't get the link to open on the USSVI website.
Dave*

From: Rocky Rockers <rockymt1ss@gmail.com>
Date: Wed., Jan. 19, 2022
Subject: 2022 Awards Manual

Shipmates:

Concerning the last POC Bulletin sent in reference to the 2022 Awards Manual, the link that was included goes directly to the USSVI website and will not work unless your computer has access to Internet Explorer.

As an alternative, you may use the .pdf attachment to access the manual directly.

Sorry for the inconvenience,

Take care and be safe,
Wayne Standerfer
NC

(Editor's Note: The .pdf in question is too large and too many pages to include in this newsletter; I include the above communication simply to let you know it is available if you can't get at it via the USSVI website. Simply request Dave to resend you the specific email to which the .pdf's Awards Manual is attached. Thanks.—Jeff)

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Dave*

From: USSVI POC: William C. Andrea <NJVC@USSVI.ORG>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022
Subject: January 2021 VSO Newsletter
Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI Veterans Service Officer on 1/20/2022

Navy Blasted as Ineffective on Capitol Hill as Budget Crisis Looms:
<https://bit.ly/3fLgFod>

Millions of Tricare Beneficiaries Left Out of COVID-19 Test Reimbursement Plan:
<https://bit.ly/3ImpTU9>

Five More States Make Military Retirement Tax Free:
<https://bit.ly/3GJGxwG>

You May Be Getting a Bigger Pay Raise than Expected This Year:
<https://bit.ly/3Ag3p4A>

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State Tax Information for Military Members and Retirees:
<https://bit.ly/3Ah8Mk2>

New Laws on the Books to Benefit California Veterans, Families:
<https://bit.ly/3ryVpYA>

Navy Adds Two Weeks to Boot Camp:
<https://bit.ly/3Kyratw>

Navy Boots First Batch of COVID-19 Vaccine Refusers:
<https://bit.ly/3nMZgQv>

Veterans with Other than Honorable Discharges May be Eligible for VA Benefits and Upgraded Discharge Status:
<https://bit.ly/3KuZENu>

2021 W-2 Distribution Schedule:
<https://bit.ly/3fLslrk>

You Can Now Renew Your Passport Online:
<https://bit.ly/3ryV1cA>

DoD Cuts Stateside Cost-of-Living Allowances for Thousands in 2022:
<https://bit.ly/3nLPdLv>

The VA Said It Would Cover Gender Affirmation Surgeries. Trans Vets Are Still Waiting:
<https://bit.ly/3IrLH0D>

More Marines Discharged Over Vaccine Refusal, Total at 169:
<https://bit.ly/3KoznQR>

Navy Will Offer Free Maternity Uniforms to Hundreds of Expectant Sailors:
<https://bit.ly/3AhYrV1>

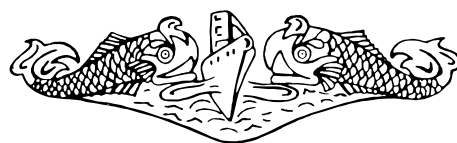
John Dudas
VSO

Shipmates and Ladies,

Updated information given to us by Jan and Mark Maynard's family regarding their funeral together is contained in a letter forwarded by Marilyn which appears on page 28 of this newsletter. Their desire was for a Burial at Sea, which will be limited to their family, with a memorial service to be held at a later date in Huntington Beach. As soon as that information is available, I will send it on to you. Meanwhile, we will organize a service at the World War II Submarine Memorial in Seal Beach with the family's concurrence, and I will also send that to you later as well.

Contact information for their family is noted at the bottom of the Marilyn's letter. *(Again, see page 28.—ed.)*

Dave Vanderween



PRIDE RUNS DEEP

Batfish Sailor Invented 100's of Toys

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Eddy Goldfarb has invented more than 800 toys, including the Yakity-Yak Talking Teeth. (Juan Carlo/The Star.)

He devised a Barbie video game, designed tiny squirt guns buried as prizes inside boxes of Froot Loops and brushed elbows with Elvis Presley.

Now at age 100 and still inventing, Goldfarb has never looked at his work as just amusement. Toys, in his eyes, are magical.

“If I invented a game and it sold one million copies, which happened over and over again, we know one million families were playing that game,” he said. “They were together. They were happy, and the kids were learning something.”

Goldfarb’s creations are pop culture icons that spawn memories and comfort for legions of baby boomers. His chattering teeth frustrated Johnny Carson on *The Tonight Show* and saved the day in the 1980s movie classic, *The Goonies*.

In the world of toys, everyone knows his name.

“He’s a legend. I don’t know how else to say it,” said Mary Couz-



Eddy Goldfarb’s Stompers vehicles were his biggest selling item and are collectibles. (Juan Carlo/The Star.)

in, founder of the Chicago Toy & Game Group, which presented Goldfarb with a lifetime achievement award to go along with his earlier induction into the Toy Industry Hall of Fame.

“The guy has nearly 300 patents and more than 800 toys,” she said. “It’s crazy how prolific that guy is. Total star.”

The Teeth That Talked

His story is told in the “Eddy’s World” documentary made by his filmmaker daughter, Lyn Goldfarb, and streamed on KCET-TV and also shown in film festivals. In the 28-minute documentary, the inventor traces a remarkable life that started in Chicago in 1921.

The son of Jewish immigrants, he was a tinkerer from the start who remembers devouring his brother’s Popular Science magazine every month and took apart the battery-powered radio his father brought home one day.

He knew as a boy he was going to be an inventor and decided later to focus on toys because they were less expensive to make and he was short on money.



Eddy uses his 3D printer. (Juan Carlo/The Star.)

His first inventions came aboard the USS *Batfish* (SS-310), a submarine that patrolled the Pacific during World War II. Goldfarb, a radar technician, came up with three educational toys but couldn’t find a buyer.

His fortunes turned after the war. He saw an ad about a container called a “tooth garage” used to store dentures.

“I was young. I thought false teeth were funny,” Goldfarb said. “I went to my dentist and asked for an old pair.”

The dentures served as a model for the wooden Yakity-Yak Talking Teeth, an invention that was sold for \$2,500. Goldfarb’s partner, legendary promoter Marvin Glass, talked his way into the bigger cut. The inventor was left with \$900 that he used to prepare for a Chicago winter.

“It wasn’t a bad deal, and I was able to buy a overcoat,” he said.

One of his most successful toys almost didn’t make it onto the market. He invented a plastic gun that fired soap bubbles and named it the Bubble Gun. No toy company would touch it.

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Batfish Sailor Invented 100's of Toys

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“They said, ‘Who’s going to pay close to \$5 when they can buy a bottle of bubble soap for 39 cents?’” he remembered. Finally, he met with entrepreneur John Osher, who later made millions by developing a battery-powered toothbrush. Osher brought along his girlfriend, who fell in love with the soap gun.

“She said, ‘John, you’re going to make that.’ He said, ‘No I’m not.’ They argued back and forth, and she won,” Goldfarb said with a laugh. The couple later married and divorced.

Meeting Elvis

The gun was a huge hit and inspired a long line of bubble-producing devices, helping Goldfarb establish a reputation for opening up new toy frontiers. His Barbie and Hot Wheel video games were among the first of the genre.

There were tough years, too. When Goldfarb’s wife, Anita, went to the hospital to give birth to their daughter Fran, they had no money. In a story told in the documentary, Goldfarb sold an idea for a new toy that night so he could pay the hospital.

He worked independently, selling his inventions to different toy companies. As his successes grew, he opened his own three-building workshop, hiring 39 employees.

One of his gigs involved designing miniature whistles and gadgets that were used as prizes inside boxes of Kellogg’s cereals. He worked with a man who merchandised Elvis Presley products.

Goldfarb tried to come up with a plastic statuette of Presley, but it was never released. He and his wife, Anita, got to know the rock ‘n’ roller. She even answered his fan mail for him.

“He was a very nice guy,” Goldfarb said.

Finding the Fountain of Youth

Always a storyteller, Goldfarb is a prolific author who specializes in 100-word stories. One tells of the first time he met Anita. They danced all night.

“I didn’t want to rush her or look like a weirdo, so I waited till the next day to ask her to marry me,” he wrote.

His daughter talks of publishing the stories in a book. The working title is “100 100-word stories by a 100-year-old.”

Goldfarb and his wife moved 14 years ago from Westlake Village to the University Village senior community in Thousand Oaks. She had Parkinson’s disease and died in 2013. They were married for nearly 65 years.

As he grieved, Goldfarb started walking every day. His own physical ailments began to improve.

“He walked himself back to health,” his daughter Lyn said.

He still meets deadlines, still invents new toys in partnership with his son, Martin. He comes up with ideas and immediately visualizes how to build them.

“I’m working on several games, but I can’t talk about it,” he said, citing the competitive nature of his industry.

He embraces technology and uses a 3D printer to create lithophane photos – three-dimensional translucent images that are illuminated and turned into art by natural light.

Goldfarb lives in a community where widows and widowers sometimes find each other. He met Greta Beth Honingsfeld while watching TV at a friend’s residence. They argued over politics and started dating.

She’s 91

“I like them young,” Goldfarb said.

He writes jokes too, and loves to tell them at family gatherings. He remembered how he was inducted into the Hall of Fame and years later given a Toy & Game International Excellence Award for lifetime achievement. He also won the International Designer and Inventor of the Toys Award.

“I was the IDIOT of the year,” he said.

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The famed Thousand Oaks inventor—who is 100—chats on the phone with his 91-year-old girlfriend. “I like them young,” he jokes. (Juan Carlo/The Star.)

Meanwhile, Back at the Snake Ranch

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like an atom smasher.

We used the phone at the Esso station since we didn't have one at the Ranch. Going down to make phone calls meant picking up a couple of free (remember FREE?) road maps. Someone made the incredible discovery that an unfolded Esso map would cover our entire kitchen table for crab feasts.

Some of my finest memories center around that place. Always referred to as "The Ranch," it was there long before there was anything called recycling. We left enough drained aluminum beer cans in its backyard to build a 747 or 1500 Yugos.

No one above an E-4 was ever told of the existence of the place: all "Rancheros" were single, mostly broke and could survive for long periods on beer and pork rinds.

The Ranch is actually still there. It's painted. It looks respectable, and nice people live there now. But there was a time...

Remember the line from that song... "Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam..."?

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Editor's Note: We just learned of Bill Thomas's widow Flora having reached her Century mark this past year. We all remember Flora as a wonderful and integral part of our wives groups. Here's a note from Marilyn suggesting we get in touch with her—great idea!—ed.

From: Marilyn Senior <marilyn.senior@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 16, 2022
Subject: Flora B. Thomas

Hi members,

I wanted to bring you up to date on one of our WWII Submarine Veterans, William M. Thomas, who departed on Eternal Patrol in February of 2018. His wife, Flora B. Thomas, is 100 years young and will be 101 in April.

I had a long telephone conversation with Flora this afternoon. She sounds really great. She has her hair done every Friday morning with the same beautician she's seen for the past 43 years! She still lives in the same house in Santa Ana and has caregivers who take really good care of her.

She would love to have some of our members give her a call. She doesn't get a lot of visitors. She has a hard time seeing the numbers on the telephone, so it's difficult for her to call us...

I am enclosing her telephone number and address; she'd love to hear from some of her friends. It would mean a great deal to her.

Flora B. Thomas
10931 Pembroke Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92705-2360
Phone: 714-838-8303

Thanks much,

Marilyn Senior

Marilyn Senior, Membership
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cell: 310-503-3915

Dear members,

I have received the following from Mark and Jan's grandson, John Junker.

Marilyn, good morning. Yes, we are quite overwhelmed with dealing with the estate obligations in addition to managing the repairs to the house. My grandfather had requested that the ashes of himself, his wife, and his deceased son would be scattered in the ocean organized by the Neptune Society. We will be having a memorial service at a family friend's home in Huntington Beach sometime in March/April. Beyond that, we will be reaching back out to his navy-affiliated groups to inquire about if there is a desire by them to have a specific ceremony. Thank you for getting back to me.

Marilyn here again. I had informed the family of their the option to have Mark and Jan's ashes interred at Riverside National Cemetery, but as noted above, Mark and Jan had specifically requested their ashes be buried at sea along with their deceased son, with the Neptune Society providing the service.

Perhaps the E-Board could plan a Memorial Service with the help of the family at the World War II Submarine National Memorial West, where Mark and other WWII members made the Memorial a reality. *(This is apparently already in progress—ed.)* With hands-on tenacity, plus blood sweat and tears, they have given us the legacy of a historical memorial to the fifty-two submarines and their crews lost in WWII—and later, the USS *Scorpion* and USS *Thresher* as well.

Mark and Jan lost their 68-year-old son, Loren S. Maynard, very unexpectedly on October 19, 2019. They have one daughter, Janice K. Maggio, and two grandsons, Michael Karl Junker and John Loren Junker.

John has advised me that Sympathy Cards for the family should be sent to his brother Michael at the following address:

Michael Junker
9172 Kneeland Court
Elk Grove, CA 95624-3517

Regards,

Marilyn Senior

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cell: 310-503-3915

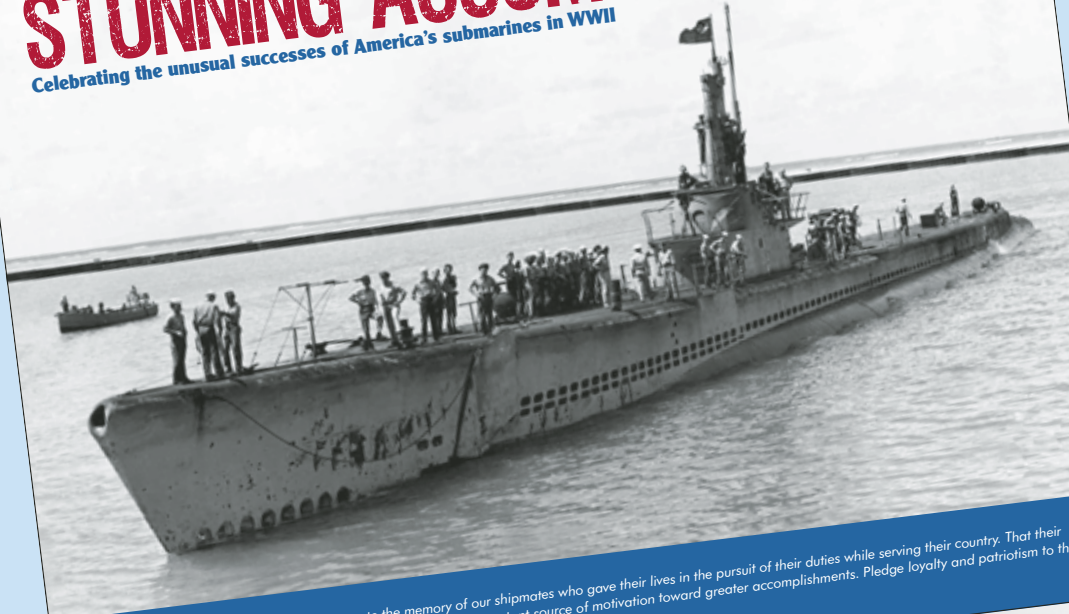


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USS Barb Derails Home Island Train Schedule
Her late-war patrol report reads almost like a movie script. The renowned USS Barb (SS-220), put through her paces by the fearless Eugene Buckley and his crew of creative cutthroats, sets out to do something 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 light up the night, exposing the sub to shore batteries and who knows what else. While the submerses 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)

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L.A.-Class Fast Attack

The crew of a Los Angeles class attack submarine pulls into port. (U.S.N. photo.)



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