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Editor's Corner

Plenty of good stuff in this issue; hope you'll sit back and enjoy. Also, it turns out our annual picnic is on after all! (See pg. 27.) I'll be remembering our old friend LeRoy. Whatta guy—I sure miss him.

As usual, I'll be in the Yeoman's Shack if anyone needs me.—Jeff

Russian Submarine Sets Off Alarm Bells After Surfacing Near Alaska Amid Rash of Posturing

Russia Holds Its Largest Naval Drills in the Pacific in Recent Memory as the U.S. Navy Runs RIMPAC Wargames.

(Reproduced from The War Zone website - originally published August 28, 2020)

by Joseph Trevithick

(An article from last year I missed, but still an interesting read.—ed.)



Photo of Oscar II class submarine Smolensk highlights her distinctive wide-bodied design. (Reddit.)

Russia's Pacific Fleet has claimed that the surfacing of the guided-missile submarine *Omsk* in the Bering Sea off Alaska yesterday was "routine," despite it being a highly unusual event that set off alarm bells within the U.S. military. This sub is presently taking part in the largest Russian naval exercise in this area since the fall of the Soviet Union, which is tied to the country's increasing military activities in the strategic Arctic region. This comes amid a host of other instances of military posturing between Washington and Moscow, including the U.S. Navy's recent and equally rare decision to publicize a visit by the highly advanced, first-in-class USS *Seawolf* to Norway.

Russian state-run media outlet RIA Novosti published the comments downplaying *Omsk's* (continued on page 22)



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From the Wardroom...



Dave Vanderveen,
Base Commander

Shipmates and Ladies,

Welcome to Summer, 2021. Here's hoping it will be a safer, healthier, and more active summer than last year!

Those of you who linked into our June 19th Video Conference heard some chatter about the Navy closing Building 6 at the Weapons Station. Ten days ago, our Executive Board developed an action plan to learn and to address the Navy's concerns about the building's usability, and our willingness to consider absorbing the cost of repair work so we would not have to move all our memorabilia. Step One of the plan was for me to write to the SBNWS Command through Greg Smith explaining those two things.

Today (6/21), I received Greg's response. The building requires a new roof, new electrical work, new plumbing for fire suppression sprinklers, and other details. The cost will exceed \$100,000 (way beyond our ability or willingness to spend!) and the Department of Defense will not allocate money for such work because it is not mission critical. Additionally, the DoD and the local Command cannot allow us to pay for such work, or to do the work ourselves.

Greg showed me elements of DoD's cost reduction plans, and reduction of infrastructure on shore stations is a key part. Consequently, after we vacate Building 6 later this year, it will be demolished.

I have proceeded with Step Two of the Board's plan. I contacted the person in SBNWS Command who is coordinating activity on Building 6 and assured her we do want to remain on the Weapons Station. She told me that once I have met the Navy's documentation requirements, she will identify a facility on the Station which most closely meets our needs. I am working on that documentation now. The E-Board considered searching for a facility off military property, but the cost of rent, utilities, maintenance, etc., would place a big burden on our Treasury. DoD is willing to have us as tenants on SBNWS cost-free. We will have to bear the cost to move all our memorabilia and materials.

A separate element of DoD's plan to reduce costs and infrastructure is modification of access requirements for non-active/non-retired personnel. We will no longer be able to prepare an "Access List" for Base Security's use on our meeting days. I do not have all the details, but most of us will need to apply for access, have a background check, and if satisfactory we will be issued a biometric card as identification. Hmmm, I think most of us have been through this before!

I am confident we will find resolution to this problem, and I will communicate with you electronically as we proceed with the Navy. On the positive side, it's good to have a little excitement in our lives!

Enjoy your summer!

Dave Vanderveen

Commander

Los Angeles-Pasadena Base



Minutes of June 19, 2021 General Meeting on Zoom

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the Zoom General Meeting of the L.A.-Pasadena Base to order at 1100 hours.

Dave led us in a Moment of Silence for all our departed shipmates and lost crewmen now on Eternal Patrol.

Dave had bandwidth problems with Zoom and so had to hand the meeting over to Sam Higa. Bill Moak could also not attend so I took over as Secretary and took these minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

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

4th of July Parade:

Dave advised that the Independence Day parade in Huntington Beach is unable to accommodate our base's needs and therefore we will not attend this year. Willie Williamson mentioned that the *Bonefish* Base will be participating in the Corona 4th of July Parade and that the L.A.-Pasadena Base is invited to join them.

LeRoy Stone Picnic:

The annual base picnic is cancelled as of this time. The Weapons Station is currently not allowing us entry. Attempts are being made to find an alternative location. (*Late-Breaking Note: Status change! See Page 27.—ed.*)

Membership Update:

Marilyn Senior was not present to report on membership. Dave informed us that we currently have 109 members and twelve new members. Of all USSVI bases, we are among the very largest.

Building Six Issues:

We currently do not have access to Bldg. 6; not only because of Weapons Station restrictions but there are several structural issues which need to be addressed. I spoke with Bo after the meeting, and he feels the problem is that when the glass in the front door was replaced, it was not re-hung correctly, which has caused it to not open or shut properly.

There being no further business, I motioned the meeting be adjourned; Gary Wheaton seconded and it was passed by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Walsh

Filling in for Bill Moak as *Secretary*, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI



June Zoom Gen'l. Meeting Sailing List

Armen Bagdasarian
Herb "Bo" Bolton
Robert Frazier
Sam Higa
Jeff Porteous
Mike Swanson
Dave Vanderveen
Ron Wagner
Dennis Walsh
George Walrath
Gary Wheaton
Mike "Willie" Williamson



July Meeting to be Picnic at Memorial Site

July Meeting

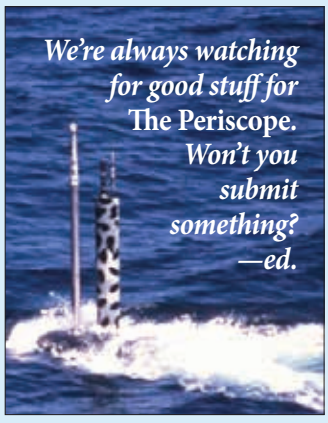
Date: July 17, 2021

Our regular July meeting will be replaced by our annual LeRoy Stone Memorial Picnic—this year in a modest form since we still can't get back on the SBNWS grounds. Please see page 27 for all the details from Dave. Hope to see your smiling face among the crowd!

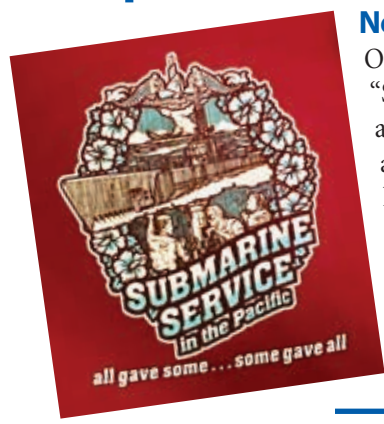
July Birthdays

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

- Mike Kish..... 7/5
- Beauchamp Tran 7/7
- Chuck Senior..... 7/9
- John Weisenberger 7/11
- Bill Moak 7/14
- M. Mark Hoffer 7/15
- Debra Miller 7/18
- Michael Grubbs..... 7/21
- Bob Koplin..... 7/25
- David Nates 7/29
- Ron Wagner..... 7/30



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!

2021 Calendars Now Available!

Get yours through the USSVI website or see details elsewhere in this issue. Don't miss it—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 (x7!) • Jack & Marlene Mahan • Mike Varalyia (x2!)
Ed Kushins • Sally Moran • Skip Loveless • Harold Staggs



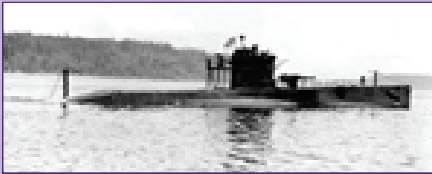
Booster Club and Flower Fund donations are welcome in any amount and are often also popular with 50/50 Drawing winners at our Base meetings. Contributions can be made in cash or by check payable to L.A.-Pasadena Base of USSVI. Checks may also be sent to Mike Swanson at 1149 W. Santa Cruz Street, San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

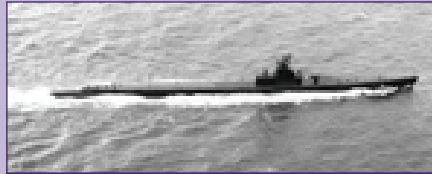
"I can assure you that they went down fighting and that their brothers who survived them took a grim toll of our savage enemy to avenge their deaths."

— Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN

JULY TOLLING OF THE BOATS



USS S-28 (SS-133)



USS ROBALO (SS-273)



USS GRUNION (SS-216)

USS S-28 (SS-133)

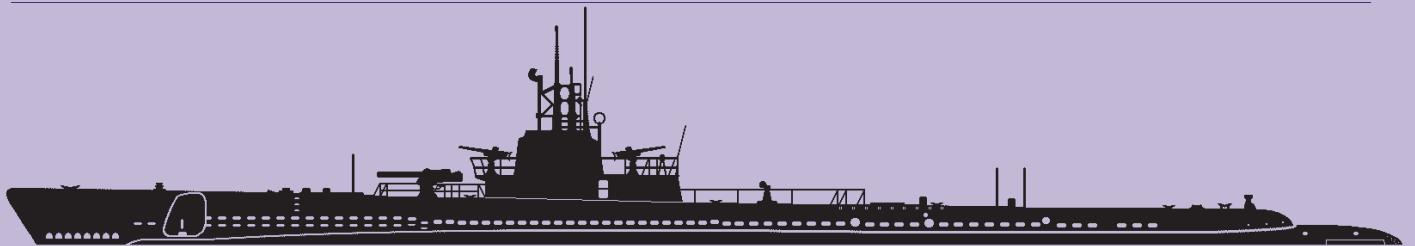
Lost on 4 July 1944 with the loss of 50 crew members. S-28 was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Reliance*. After she submerged for a practice torpedo approach, *Reliance* lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near her last known position. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.

USS ROBALO (SS-273)

Lost on 26 July 1944 with the loss of 84 crew members while on her third war patrol. *Robalo* struck a mine about two miles off the coast of Palawan. Three men survived and swam ashore, and were captured and imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.

USS GRUNION (SS-273)

Lost on 30 July 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. *Grunion* radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Her loss remains a mystery.



For those who gave their lives in defense of our country

WE REMEMBER

USS *Seawolf* Earns Special Award for European Deployment Via the Arctic

(Reproduced from the Kitsap Sun website—published May 10, 2021)

By Josh Farley



The Bremerton-based USS *Seawolf* makes a port visit in Gibraltar on Dec. 1. (U.S. Navy photo.)

KEYPORT — A journey under Arctic ice and halfway around the world earned the crew of the Bremerton-based USS *Seawolf* recent accolades from the Navy.

The *Seawolf*, among a trio of the country’s most elite and secretive submarines, spent much of the pandemic on deployment in European waters, earning the vessel what is known as the Battle Effectiveness Award, or Battle “E.”

“By their expertise, professionalism, and unflinching devotion to duty, the officers and sailors of *Seawolf* reflect a credit on themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. naval service,” Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael Gilday said in a letter, noting the *Seawolf*’s deployment was extended a month and that the boat remained free of the novel coronavirus.

After maintenance at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in summer 2020, the Navy announced the *Seawolf*, whose movements often go unannounced, had arrived in Tromsø, Norway, north of the Arctic Circle, in late August. In December, *Seawolf* also stopped at the British overseas territory of Gibraltar on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea, prompting more publicity. The vessel arrived home in Bremerton in February.

The Navy had not confirmed the *Seawolf* had sailed to Europe via the Arctic until this past week, following a change of com-

mand in which Cmdr. Jeffrey Fassbender, from St. Marys, Kansas, relieved Cmdr. Jeremy Johnston, from Crescent, Oklahoma, at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport.

“It was my honor and pleasure to command one of the most formidable submarines ever created,” Johnston said of the mission. “The crew and officers of *Seawolf* are a lethal, combat-ready team prepared to answer the nation’s call.”

The *Seawolf* is, along with its sister boats USS *Connecticut* and USS *Jimmy Carter*, “exceptionally quiet, fast, well-armed, and equipped with advanced sensors,” according to the Navy. It was commissioned in 1997 and designed during the cat-and-mouse patrols of the Cold War between the United States and Soviet Union. The Navy is currently building a pier at Bangor that will be able to homeport all three subs there; currently the *Seawolf* and *Connecticut* moor in Bremerton.

The Navy has made Arctic trips by submarines to and from Naval Base Kitsap in recent years, including *Seawolf*’s punching through the North Pole ice in 2015 and the USS *Pittsburgh*, which made the trek through the Arctic from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to its decommissioning at Naval Base Kitsap in 2019.

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A U.S. Navy Nuclear Submarine Once Submerged in a River to Ride Out a Hurricane

During Hurricane Hugo, a wayward nuclear sub skipper came up with a novel idea—dive!

(Reproduced from the The War Zone website—published August 29, 2017.)

by Tyler Rogoway



USN photo.

In September of 1989, Hurricane Hugo came roaring towards America's southeastern seaboard. People rushed to prepare for the storm's arrival, including the U.S. Navy. At Charleston Naval Base in South Carolina, submarines scrambled out to sea, but a handful which were undergoing or awaiting heavy maintenance had no way of escaping Hugo's onslaught. One of these vessels was the Navy's 100th nuclear submarine, the USS *Narwhal* (SSN-671).

Hugo made landfall in South Carolina on September 22nd as a Class Four hurricane. Twenty-foot storm surges and ten inches of rain were experienced in some areas along the coast. *Narwhal's* crew were aboard the submarine, which had its nuclear reactor off-line as it was awaiting its turn in drydock for a complex refueling and overhaul, as the center of the storm approached the base.

Narwhal's mooring lines were fortified in preparation for the storm's arrival. Two three-inch lines and nine double wires were supposed to keep the 314-foot sub in place, but as the first half of the storm hit, all but one line had snapped and the submarine began to drift out into the Cooper River.

As the eye of the storm passed over, brave tugboat crews and the *Narwhal's* own crew tried to keep the nuclear fast attack sub from being pulled away, but the winds and currents were too strong. With the second half of the storm fast approaching,

the *Narwhal's* Commanding Officer had to make a very tough call. He could either let the nuclear submarine drift away with the wind and current, or he could do the unthinkable, dive the boat in the middle of the river.

With no diesel fuel onboard and the reactor cold, running only on battery power, the dive alarm was sounded and *Narwhal's* crew executed their orders, dropped anchor, flooded the sub's ballast tanks and submerged to the river bed. Just the submarine's sail and masts were left sticking up out of the water (see above). The crew sat in the submarine with everything off but emergency lighting to wait out the storm, watching the hurricane's 150 mph winds rage around them through the narrow field of view of submarine's periscope.

The captain's bold plan had worked. It took some time the next morning to break the boat free from the silt she lay in, but *Narwhal* and her crew came out unscathed. The submarine went on to get her refueling and refit, and served another decade as part of her thirty-year-long career.

The captain's call could have lost him his command or even his entire career. But according to reports, instead his quick thinking resulted in an early promotion.

Hat tip to our own @Ancientsubhuntr for prompting this story.

The Navy Just Sent a Drone to Deliver Cargo to One of Its Ballistic Missile Submarines

The Navy is exploring new options for replenishing its submarines out at sea, which could have a broader impact on how it resupplies the whole fleet.

(Reproduced from The War Zone website - originally published October 21, 2020)

by Joseph Trevithick



USN photo.

Earlier this week, a quad-copter-type drone delivered a small payload to the U.S. Navy's *Ohio*-class ballistic missile submarine *USS Henry M. Jackson* as it sailed on the surface of the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii. The service said that this was a test to explore novel concepts for resupplying *Ohio*-class submarines while they're out on their nuclear deterrent patrols, but it certainly also brings up thoughts about how some aspects of at-sea replenishment, in general, may look in the future.

The replenishment-by-drone took place on Oct. 19, 2020, according to the Navy. It's not clear how long the *USS Henry M. Jackson* has been operating in the Pacific or whether or not it is on a deterrent patrol at present. As of Sept. 1, the boat was in its homeport in Washington State after completing its 100th deterrent patrol the previous month.

"Underway replenishment sustains the fleet anywhere/anytime," a caption for one of the photos of the event that the Navy released read. "This event was designed to test and evaluate the tactics, techniques, and procedures of U.S. Strategic Command's expeditionary logistics and enhance the overall readiness of our strategic forces."

The Navy offered no details about the payload, which the drone was carrying slung underneath it, and it is not clearly visible

in any of the pictures or the video clip from the event. Some of the pictures do show that personnel launched the drone from a small boat of an unknown type sailing relatively close to the submarine.

Whatever the package was, it wasn't very big. Without knowing the exact capabilities of the drone, it's hard to say how useful this particular combination might be in an actual operational scenario.

However, the core concept seems sound and could have potential, even for just moving small but critical items, such as medicine, emergency rations, or similarly sized cargoes. A small drone might also carry orders and other important messages, as well as intelligence information and other data on physical media.

Last year, the Navy conducted a separate experiment in which a helicopter brought a physical message from one surface ship to another, demonstrating how it might be possible to communicate while maintaining radio silence to avoid detection or in the event of heavy enemy jamming. All of this could be especially relevant for *Ohio*-class ballistic missile submarines, which sail underwater for months at a time during deterrent patrols to avoid detection and help ensure that they can carry out their apocalyptic mission if called upon. They also need to have

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secure, reliable communications options available at all times to be able to receive vital information, including Emergency Action Messages that might order a nuclear strike.

Using vertical takeoff- and landing-capable drones with greater range capabilities and payload capacities would certainly help expand the utility of this concept as well. All of this could apply to conducting at-sea replenishment of surface vessels or simply shuttling cargoes between one ship and another, or forces ashore, too.

Of course, this concept isn't perfect, especially when it comes to submarines, which are particularly vulnerable when running on the surface. If the vessel launching the resupply drone has to be situated relatively close by, it could further increase the risk of detection. One solution to this problem might be drones which can land on the water and then sink below, where a submarine might be able to recover them. Various such concepts already exist and the secretive and highly specialized guided-missile subvariants of the *Ohio*-class have demonstrated their ability to launch and recover various kinds of unmanned aerial platforms while submerged.

An experimental Flying Sea Glider (see next page)—an aerial and underwater operation-capable drone developed by the Office of Naval Research—is an example of a hybrid unmanned platform that the Navy might be able to use to resupply submerged submarines.

In addition, if enemy jamming were to be so severe that there would be a desire for alternative communication links, one would have to imagine the control links between the drone and its operator would also be at risk. An unmanned platform capable of operating autonomously to a high degree might help with this issue. (*Like the tiny self-flying drone now operating on Mars.—ed.*)

Drones of any size won't be the only option the Navy will have in the future for resupplying submarines and other ships at sea. In fact, the day after the quadcopter brought its small cargo to the *Henry M. Jackson*, an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37 (HSM-37) brought a load of supplies slung underneath it out to the submarine as another part of this logistical demonstration. (See photos next page.)

No matter what, new at-sea replenishment options, and more overall capacity to conduct such operations, are set to become increasingly important to the Navy in general, especially as it looks to increase operations in the broad expanses of the Pacific and the remote Arctic

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region. Those demands will only increase if the service proceeds at all toward its new goal of a fleet of some 500 ships and submarines, or more, in total. Unmanned aircraft, as well as surface and undersea unmanned platforms, could help provide some of that necessary extra logistical capacity with a minimum of additional required manpower, too.

All told, a recent visit by a cargo-carrying quadcopter to the *Henry M. Jackson* (above) appears to have been very much a limited experiment. At the same time, it underscores how the

An experimental Flying Sea Glider, a drone capable of aerial and underwater operation developed by the Office of Naval Research, is an example of a hybrid unmanned platform which the Navy might someday be able to use to resupply submerged submarines.

Navy's at-sea replenishment concepts of operation are likely to evolve in the near future.

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Before the Psychic Network, There Were Quartermasters

by Bob “Dex” Armstrong

Every boat had a couple. Why? I’m not quite sure. I understand that today nukes just phone “1-900-WHERE-THE-HELL-AM-I.” Stuke became a quartermaster. It was a good choice since the two of us had spent most of our submarine careers wondering where we were and what’n the hell we were doing. Not that it bothered us much. Somehow the Old Man always got us back to Pier 22 where Stuke and I could crawl from there to Bells blindfolded.

The crew became extremely concerned when Stuke decided to strike for quartermaster. Everyone kinda figured we’d start running into stuff and missing a lot of good liberty because we wouldn’t be able to find where we were slated to tie up.

The Chief said, “Don’t worry, if the place has two bars and a whorehouse, Stuke can find it in the dark.”

That was reassuring. Every place *Requin* ever went had at least two bars and a whorehouse—and a great cathouse to convent ratio to boot.

The tender had all the charts. The clowns appointed as the Keepers of the Charts took their work very seriously. It was as if they were sitting on the Dead Sea Scrolls or stuff actually handwritten by Jesus.

The Old Man would send some E-3 duty gofer “chop-chop” up to “Mother Onion” to pick up charts and the latest Notice to Mariners. You’d get up there and find that the Eunuchs of the Chart Harem had pulled them and wanted you to walk across a bed of red-hot bayonets, jump through the fire hoop, drink the rooster blood, and sign a mortgage on your first-born child. The sonsabitches had more logs and authorizations requiring signatures than you had to deal with for a car loan.

“Quartermaster” is not a rating—it’s a cult. A society of bizarre individuals who practice highly refined mumbo-jumbo at a level only fully understood by God and Annapolis graduates. They worship at the temple of the LORAN god—LORAN being East Timorese for “I got no idea where I am.” All you have to know to be a QM is the adjective *about*. “We are about here... At 2300 we should be about there. The way I calculate things, sir, we’ll intercept her at about this point.”

“About” is one of the best cover-your-ass words ever invented. If your voodoo proved correct, you were a hero. If not: “Sir, I never intended to imply an exact position—only

about where it would be. Proximity, sir, relative proximity. Portsmouth, England and Christchurch, New Zealand are very near each other if you consider the totality of the universe.”

With Quartermasters, you can order bullshit in the flavor of the month.

Never tell them that since they were wardroom organ grinder monkeys, they should wear little red suits with shiny brass buttons and carry a tin cup.

There used to be a tourist trap franchise called Stuckey’s (not to be confused with Stuke, as in Adrian). Stuckey’s sold post cards, pecan logs and stale cigarettes at prices only happy people on vacation could or would pay. Every major highway in the South had them. To be considered a major southern highway, you had to have the following: A) At least two zones where vehicles were required to go from 60 MPH to 15 MPH within fifty yards—sometimes legitimized by a sign reading “BLIND CHILD” and known as North Georgia blind child revenue-enhancing speed trap for out-of-state licensed vehicles. B) Two barbeque joints with hand-painted misspelled signs. C) A Texaco station with restrooms so bad a decent woman would pee in her pants before ever using one. D) At least six giant concrete crosses with “HE IS COMING AGAIN” on one side and “JESUS SAVES” on the other. And E) Five or more Stuckey’s joints with signs nailed on trees and every other vertical surface for twenty miles, telling you how many more miles it was to the next Stuckey’s.

One night, the gyro went nuts—LORAN crapped out and it was overcast. The Old Man was in the conn and yelled down,

“Can anyone give me a fix on something? Gahdammit, just where in the hell are we?”

And Stuke yells, “Stuckey’s, ten miles... We can pick up a pecan log and a roadmap.”

This is enlisted humor. Not to be confused with officer’s humor, usually based on golf jokes or funny stuff that falls out of polo ponies.

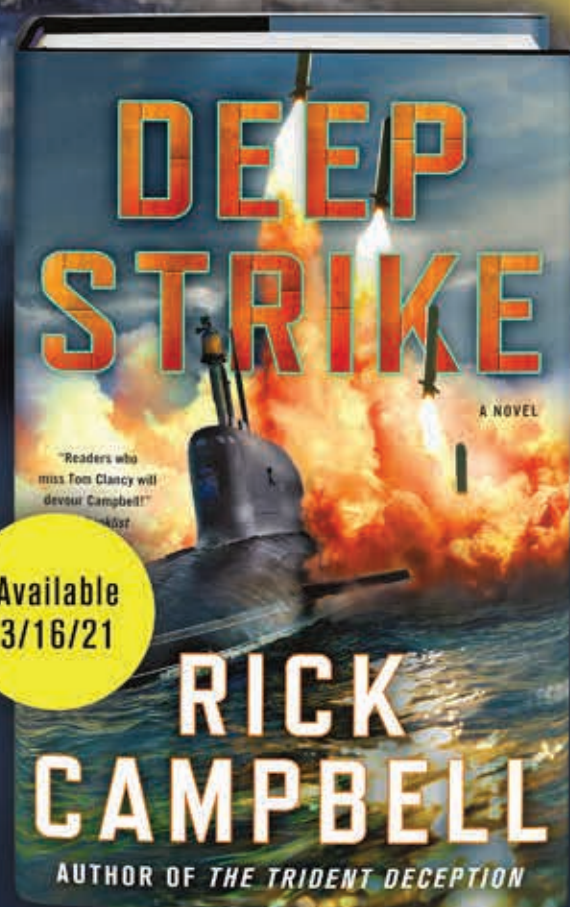
To fully appreciate the great skill required in quartermastering, you only have to see one very drunk quartermaster making pen and ink chart corrections. It’s called the “What the hell, that’s close enough” school of accurate data entry.

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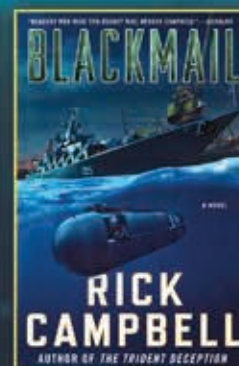
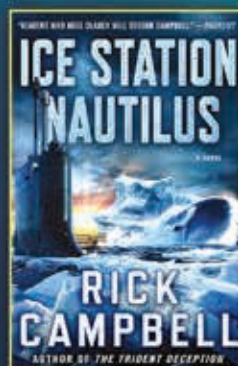
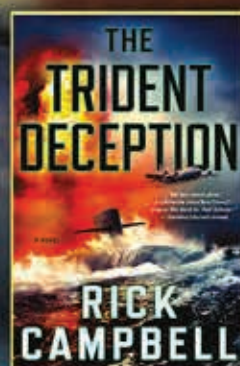
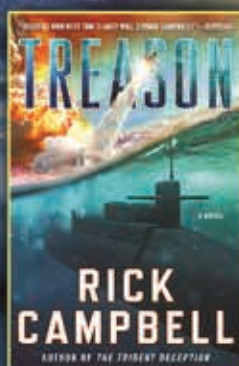
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Wife: Gennette Zimmer
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Long Beach, CA 90802-7927
cell: 425-232-5743
ddetwiler680@gmail.com
Qualified in 1989 on the
USS *William H. Bates* (SSN-680)

Robert "Bob" John Frazier
EMC-SS E-7 CPO; served '78-'94)
4278 Hill Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92833-3430
cell: 714-931-8654
Uboatman@gmail.com
Qualified in 1981 on the
USS *Tautog* (SSN-639)—'80-'85
USS *Rich. B. Russell* (SSN-687) '89-'92

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

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octiviano89@gmail.com
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City of Corpus Christi (SSN-705)

Gary Lee Wing
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beniciahawk@gmail.com
Qualified in 1988 on the USS
Richard B. Russell (SSN-687)



Chapter News

Below, L.A.-Pasadena puts on a members-only Memorial Day Commemoration. We hope to be back with full public attendance next year.



Bike club stops by for a visit.



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

*(75-year members noted with *)*

- Larry D. Long2021
- G. Judson “Jud” Scott, Jr....2021
- Edward E. Kushins 2020
- Bruce Evan Neighbors2020
- David H. Vanderveen2019
- Philip J. Jaskoviak.....2019
- Dennis Bott2018
- James A. Burnett.....2018
- Robert “Mike” Cailor2018
- Robert Miller2018
- John A. Anderson.....2017
- Roger C. Dunham, MD....2017
- Richard McPherson 2017
- 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
- Dennis Neal Parr2014
- Earl Thomas Peratt, Jr.....2014
- David D. Semrau, DDS2014
- Ray Tracy Teare.....2014

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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—see pg. 27.
- August 21 Monthly Meeting as Zoom Conference
2022 Base Officer Candidates Announced
- September 18 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Election of Officers
- October 16 Monthly Meeting
Annual Officer Installation Luncheon
- November 20 Monthly Meeting - Thanksgiving Theme
- December 18 Annual Christmas Luncheon
at the Los Alamitos Golf Course

(Holland Club Roster, continued)

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
 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 June 19, 2021

The Los Angeles-Pasadena Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., E-Board Zoom Conference was conducted on the morning of Saturday, June 19, 2021.

In attendance:

- Dave Vanderveen, Base Commander
- Mike Swanson, Treasurer
- Sam Higa, Committee Chair
- Herb "Bo" Bolton, Committee Chair
- Chuck Senior, Committee Chair
- Jeff Porteous, *Periscope* Editor
- Michael "Willie" Williamson, District 6 Cmdr./guest
- George Walrath, member/guest
- Dennis Walsh, member/guest

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the Zoom Conference to order at 10:04 hours. Minutes of the May meetings (E-Board & General) were reviewed. There were no questions asked nor corrections requested. Mike Swanson moved to accept the minutes; this was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Mike Swanson

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

Checking	\$8,456.37
Savings	\$14,884.92
Cash On Hand	\$50.00
Uncleared Checks:	\$00.00
Total	\$23,391.29

All vendors have been paid up-to-date.

Income:	\$320.00
Expenses:	\$00.00

Flower/Booster Club Additions:

Ken Dorn	\$100.00
Mike Varalyai	\$100.00

Inkind Donations:

\$00.00

Again, there were no questions or corrections. Sam Higa moved to accept the report; it was seconded and approved.

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New Hampshire Returns from Six-Mo. Deployment

(America's Navy website, ComSubLant Press Room, published May 7, 2021.)



U.S. Navy photo

by Cameron Stoner, Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class; SubLant PAO

NORFOLK, VA—The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS *New Hampshire* (SSN-778) returned from deployment to its homeport at Naval Station Norfolk on May 7.

Under the command of Cmdr. Bennett Christman, *New Hampshire* returns from a deployment where it executed the Chief of Naval Operations' maritime strategy by supporting national security interests and maritime security operations. "I am incredibly proud of the crew's hard work," said Christman. "Under stress, family separation, and without normal liberty, they remained consummate professionals who enthusiastically tackled the toughest problems with ingenuity and drive. They return fulfilled by their accomplishments on several missions vital to national security."

According to Machinist's Mate (Nuclear Power) 2nd Class Andrew Oliphant, every *New Hampshire* sailor

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E-Board Meeting Minutes...

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4th of July Parade:

Dave Vanderveen reiterated his e-mailed notice that we will not participate in the July 4th "parade" in Huntington Beach this year due to its limited format and restrictions on marchers and vehicles. Bo Bolton has notified the City of HB's Coordinator that we will participate in 2022 and we have placed a trace on the February calendar to file the formal application. *Bonefish* Base has enlisted in the Corona Parade next month, and has invited our members to participate. Dave reiterated his request for members who want to be in that parade to contact him or Bob Schive for details about timing, meeting location, etc.

Building Six and Weapons Station Access:

Dave advised the E-Board that no response had come from SBNWS regarding access to the Weapons Station and the notice to vacate Building 6. As quickly as that information becomes available, Dave will send it on to our members.

LeRoy Stone Memorial Picnic:

Also as related to the limitation of access to SBNWS by active or retired personnel only, we will not be able to hold our July 17th picnic at Bunker 33 this year. Dave will identify another venue (during the week of 6/21) which will accommodate us and will notify our members so we have time to set our plans. (*Late-Breaking Note: See Page 27 for picnic plans.—ed.*)

Membership Update:

Dave noted that we now have 109 members in L.A.-Pasadena Base. Although six members departed on Eternal Patrol, twelve new members have joined since June 1st, 2020 and are participating well. With our solid membership and our secure financial situation, L.A.-Pasadena Base is among the most effective bases across all of USSVI.

For the Good of the Order:

No additional issues were raised during Good of the Order, so the Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Vanderveen

Filling in for Bill Moak as Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

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played a critical role during the boat's six-month deployment.

“From the food service attendant to the engineering watch supervisor to the Commanding Officer, we all have an important role in ship operations,” said Oliphant. “From damage control, to qualifications, to conducting national tasking, every person plays a vital role and it's inspiring and motivating to be a part of this great mission.”

According to Fire Control Technician Seaman Pedro Hernandez, *New Hampshire* sailors also participated in the Blue Nose Navy tradition, a line-crossing ceremony held when a ship or boat enters the Arctic Circle.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, *New Hampshire* successfully navigated enough mileage to cross the globe 1.65 times,” said Hernandez. “This includes reaching the milestone favored in our great American Navy's history known as Blue Nose. The Submarine Force is already a small percentage of the fleet, and to add more sailors into the brotherhood, who have faced what it takes to get to that point, to claim that title, is a small victory that will be with us forever.”

Samara Christman, wife of Cmdr. Bennet Christman, spoke on the

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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: Wed., May 26, 2021

Subject: USSVI VSO NEWS FOR May 2021

Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI VSO

Military Exchanges Open to More Than Half a Million New Shoppers.

<https://bit.ly/2TuHc1v>

Tricare Dental Premiums Increasing Soon.

<https://bit.ly/3vza9Hv>

Gold Star Spouses Who Remarry Face Losing Survivor Benefits. This Bill Would Change That.

<https://bit.ly/34tuItc>

New Law Makes Many Active Duty, Vets and Survivors Eligible for Free or Discounted Broadband Internet.

<https://bit.ly/2R0lMrY>

Bill Helps Veterans' Families Access Benefit After Coronavirus Deaths.

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

The VA Is Now Offering Walk-In Vaccinations Nationwide.

<https://bit.ly/3c2dCGW>

Senate Poised to Deliver Gigantic Bill Covering 11 Military Toxic Exposure Illnesses.

<https://bit.ly/3wDLx00>

VA Will Reexamine Agent Orange Claims It Previously Denied.

<https://bit.ly/2TrzG7t>

The Military's Expanded Tenant Bill of Rights Is About to Take Effect.

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

John Dudas

USSVI VSO

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Dave

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unique difficulties faced by sailors and families while being deployed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are so proud of our sailors and everything they have accomplished during this deployment,” said Samara Christman. “We know the work they do is vital, but we are so ready to have them home with us again. I’ve been doing this for a long time now, and deployments are always challenging. Going through a deployment during a pandemic makes everything far more difficult. I was consistently amazed and impressed by the ways in which our families came together to support each other from afar. I can’t say enough good things about this group of families or sailors.”

New Hampshire was also the first submarine to deploy with a 3D printer kit developed by Naval Sea Systems Command. The printer gave *New Hampshire* the ability to fabricate several temporary parts while deployed.

During the deployment, *New Hampshire* steamed over 40,000 nautical miles and conducted brief stops in Faslane, Scotland and Haakonsværn, Norway.

Twenty-three enlisted sailors and five officers earned their submarine warfare qualification, known as “dolphins,” while three officers were promoted,

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From: “USSVI POC: William C. Andrea” <NJVC@ussvi.org>
Date: June 1, 2021
Subject: Please Welcome New Base in SE District 4
Submitted by: Ken Nichols, SERD on 6/1/2021

Shipmates,

A new base has been formed in the Southeast Region. The Base is in the USSVI Southeast District 4. The name is South Lake Florida Base. It meets in Minneola, FL (very near Claremont). The base will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meeting will be at the Minneola City Hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Founding Base Commander: Ed Lashbrook. Vice Commander: Rollin Patrick. If you need any more information, please call Ken Nichols, SERD.

Thank you,
Ken Nichols, SERD

Shipmates,
Here’s the ballot for District 6 Commander. If you choose to write in a candidate, please be sure the guy is willing to do it!
Dave

From: Michael Williamson <williess582@gmail.com>
Date: Tues., June 1, 2021
Subject: District Commander Ballot

Ahoy WD6 Base Commanders Group,

Attached is the ballot (with instructions—see below, and sorry so blurry—ed.) for the election for District Commander for our district. Please distribute to your bases and ensure that any write-in votes are willing and able.

Thank you,
Michael “Willie” Williamson EN2/SS
WD6 Commander
(909) 754-0326 cell

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.
Western Region District Commander Voting Ballot
District 6
for
2021-2023 Term

You may only vote for one of the listed Candidate(s) or a Write In.
Voting for more than one candidate will nullify your vote.

Please fill out and return before June 30, 2021

Note: This ballot is in Word Fillable Format. The only entries you can make are in the check box or text fields. Use your tab key or mouse to navigate between the fields.

****Please note that you can only vote for the District Commander in the district where your PRIMARY BASE is located.**

Write ins will have to provide a letter of acceptance if declared the winner prior to being sworn in.

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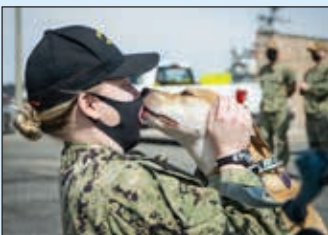
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seventeen enlisted sailors were advanced to the next paygrade, and seven sailors reenlisted.

Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities—sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

The Virginia-class submarine is 377 feet long and 34 feet wide, weighing about 7,900 tons when submerged. Underwater, it can reach speeds in excess of 25 knots.



U.S. Navy photo

Lt. j.g. Amanda Langhauser, assigned to the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS New Hampshire (SSN-778), is greeted by her dog during the boat's joyful homecoming at Naval Station Norfolk, May 7, 2021.



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After completion, you can save it as a word document anywhere on your computer and attach it to an email to me [HYPERLINK "mailto:vmjvanhorn@aol.com"](mailto:vmjvanhorn@aol.com) vmjvanhorn@aol.com or mail to Vic VanHorn, 14981 W. FAIRMOUNT AVE., GOODYEAR, ARIZONA 85395

Candidate	Base	(X) = Vote
ROCKY ROCKERS	SCAMP BASE	FORMCHECKBOX
		FORMCHECKBOX
Write In (Please Print Clearly)		
FORMTEXT	FORMTEXT	FORMCHECKBOX

Signature: _____ DATE _____

Printed Name _____

A Digital signature (typed in) is valid on electronic documents
when preceded by "/s/".

Shipmates and Ladies,

I received a note today that Cliff Murr has departed on Eternal Patrol. There were no additional details provided, and I was unable to contact Cliff's son before writing this. As soon as I have more, I will send it along to you. (See Mail Buoy letter from Marilyn on page 28—ed.)

Cliff, Rest Your Oar, shipmate.

Dave

Shipmates and Ladies,

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Dave

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

Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021

Subject: Support Your USSV Charitable Foundation

Submitted by: Ken Earls, Executive Director & Treasurer

Shipmates:

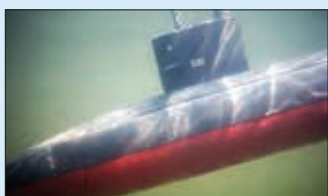
Get ready for Prime Day! Sign up for AmazonSmile with U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4830806. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.

Amazon's Prime Day is June 21-22, 2021.

Ken Earls

Coming Soon in The American Submariner...

Ever wondered about radio-controlled scale model submarines? Yes, they exist, and they're a lot of fun! Read all about them—what they are, how they work, what they do—in your next issue of *The American Submariner*. Don't miss it!



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Shipmates and Ladies,
Forwarding USSVI correspondence to L.A.-Pasadena Base members.
Dave

From: USSVI POC: William C. Andrea <NJVC@USSVI.ORG>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021
Subject: Help wanted, Scholarship Fund Manager
Submitted by: Ken Earls, CF Exec Dir. & Treasurer

Help Wanted:

USSVI began our Scholarship Program in 1985 and over the ensuing thirty-six years, we have had two Scholarship Fund Managers. Two! This is almost unheard of for a volunteer organization.

Bob Frick, our current Scholarship Fund Manager will be stepping down at the end of the 2022 scholarship year, July, 2022. You can claim your place in the history of the USSVI by taking the reins of this wonderful program and continuing the tradition of longevity and productivity with our Scholarship Fund. In thirty-six years, we have awarded over 1,000 scholarships totaling well over \$1 million in scholarships for children and grandchildren of Submarine Veterans. This program is growing and reaching a wider audience of eligible scholars, the vast majority of whom are amazingly talented. All are well worth the support we can offer.

We have a detailed job description that is too detailed to include in this initial appeal for a candidate.

If you would like to discuss this position further, please contact:

- John Markiewicz, the Charitable Foundation's President, or...
- Ken Earls, the Charitable Foundation's Executive Director.

John and Ken's contact information is available on the USSVI or USSV Charitable Foundation's websites.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3cMfROV> for a little more information.

If you have even a hint of interest, contact us. It could be life-changing for you—just like when you volunteered for the Submarine Service.

Thank you,

Ken Earls
Executive Director & Treasurer
Charitable Foundation
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
kenearls.ss@gmail.com
928-308-4488 - Mobile

Shipmates and Ladies,
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Dave

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From: "USSVI POC: William C. Andrea" <NJVC@ussvi.org>
Date: June 17, 2021
Subject: Amazon Smile Quarterly Donation Statement
Submitted by: Ken Earls, Exec. Dir. & Treasurer, Charitable Foundation Shipmates,

The following is the financial results for those shipmates who have been using Amazon Smile for their internet shopping.

From AmazonSmile:

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 \$414.83, as a result of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers who have selected this charity.

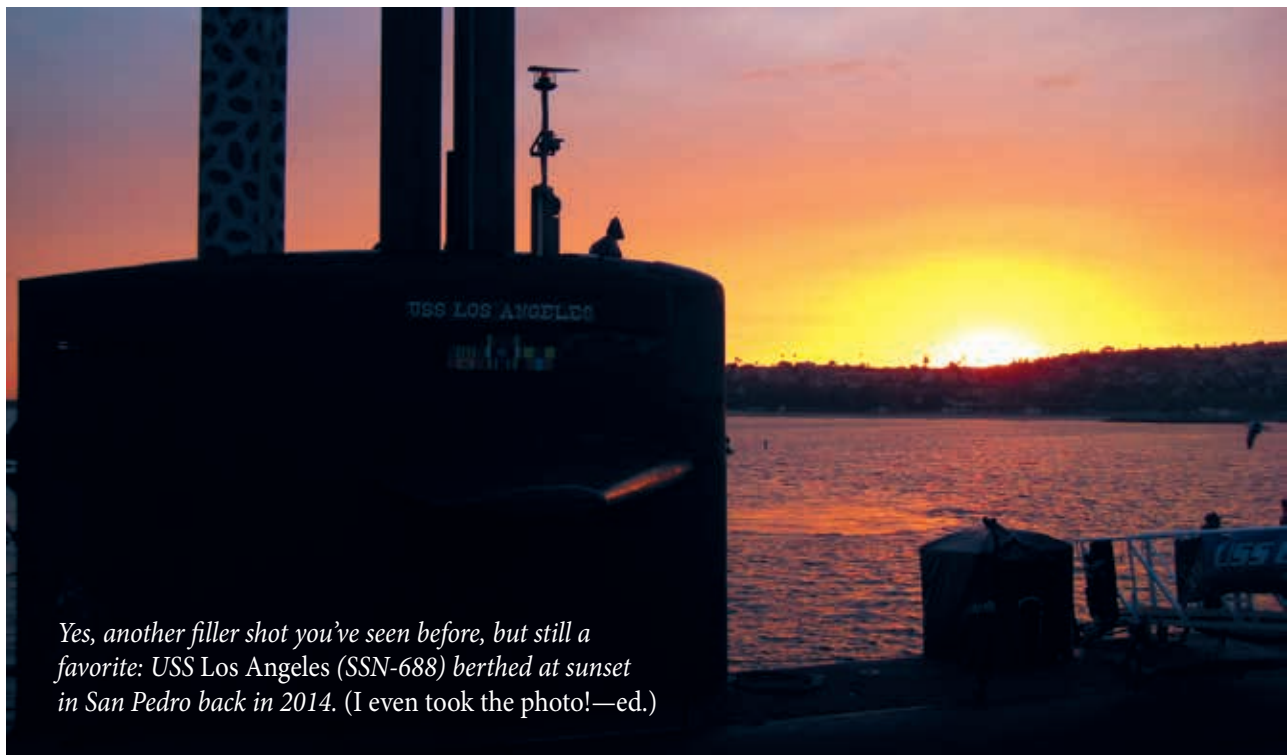
Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, everyday purchases have generated over \$293 million in donations to charities worldwide so far.

AmazonSmile's impact:

- \$5,03844 total to U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc.*
- \$262,635,668.36 to all charities in the US
- \$293,003,584.01 to all charities worldwide

Watch for special buys during Amazon's upcoming Prime Day, June 21 - 22.

Ken Earls
Executive Director & Treasurer, Charitable Foundation
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
kenearls.ss@gmail.com



Yes, another filler shot you've seen before, but still a favorite: USS Los Angeles (SSN-688) berthed at sunset in San Pedro back in 2014. (I even took the photo!—ed.)

Russian Sub Surfaces Near Alaska

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activities on Aug. 28, 2020. The day before, U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) had publicly announced that it was monitoring the activities of an unspecified submarine sailing on the surface in international waters near Alaska. At that time, NORTHCOM said that it was prepared to render assistance to the boat, if necessary, suggesting it might be experiencing an emergency of some kind, but there has been no indication since that this was the case.

“If it’s not a casualty [breakdown of some kind] on board the submarine, it’s a clear signal that Russia is deploying near our waters,” Aaron Amick, a veteran U.S. Navy submariner and *War Zone* contributor, said. “It appears to be a response to the U.S. Navy public message [with *Seawolf* in Norway]. Let’s see if it’s a casualty first.”

Omsk is a Project 949A, or Oscar II class, submarine, which have a distinctively wide hullform. This is because these boats have long compartments on either side, set between the inner and outer hulls.

Each of these two spaces contains a dozen launchers for the massive P-700 Granit anti-ship cruise missile, which NATO also refers to as the SS-N-19 Shipwreck, giving the Oscar IIs a total load of 24 of these weapons. The submarines also have four 533mm torpedo tubes, which they can use to launch heavy-weight torpedos, as well as the RPK-6 Vodopad anti-submarine missile, or SS-N-16 Stallion.

Omsk is just one of approximately fifty warships and submarines that have been taking part in live-fire exercises in the Bering Sea. On Aug. 27, the Russian Ministry of Defense had released a video from the drills which included a clip of this boat firing one of its Shipwreck missiles. Russian authorities have said that the Project 1164 Slava-class guided missile cruiser *Varyag* fired at least one of its P-1000 Vulkan anti-ship cruise missiles as well. Another unspecified warship or submarine also launched a P-800 Oniks anti-ship cruise missile as part of the drills.

The drills in the Bering Sea are of an unprecedented scale, with some forty aircraft also participating, and have been drawing increasing public attention, even beyond the *Omsk* sailing on the surface. “We were notified by multiple fishing vessels that were operating out [in] the Bering Sea that they had come across these vessels and were concerned,” U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Kip Wadlow told the Associated Press on Aug. 27.

The Russian drills are juxtaposed against the latest iteration of the U.S. Navy-led Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, which is getting close to wrapping up. RIMPAC 2020, which began on Aug. 17 and runs through Aug. 31, is the U.S. military’s premier Pacific exercise and is also a live-fire event. It is also a multi-national event, with allies and partners from around the world

taking part. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s exercise was notably scaled back.

“Originally, RIMPAC 2020 had planned to include up to thirty countries, more than fifty ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel—4,000 of those ashore for operations and support functions,” Navy Vice Adm. Scott Conn, head of U.S. 3rd Fleet, said in a pre-recorded video marking the beginning of the exercise. “That would have been the largest RIMPAC to date. We have scaled that down to ten nations, 22 ships, one submarine, and approximately 5,300 personnel, all at sea.

On Aug. 28, Secretary of Defense Mark Esper Tweeted out a video showing him watching the Ticonderoga class cruiser USS *Lake Erie* and the Arleigh Burke class destroyer USS *Chung-Hoon* fire their own missiles during RIMPAC 2020, before the social media post was deleted for unknown reasons.

For its part, the Russian Navy has specifically linked its drills to the Kremlin’s broader push to increase its military presence in the increasingly strategic Arctic region. “We are building up our forces to ensure the economic development of the region,” Admiral Nikolai Yevmenov, the Russian Navy’s top officer, said in a statement. “We are getting used to the Arctic spaces.”

For years now, Russia has been dramatically expanding its military activities in the Arctic, as well as establishing a constellation of new and expanded bases across the region. Earlier this month, *The War Zone* obtained satellite imagery showing major construction in progress to extend the runway and improve other facilities at Nagurskoye Air Base, which is part of the Russian military’s northernmost military outpost.

Competition in the Arctic, as well as the potential for conflict, has been growing as global climate change has made it easier for military forces, as well as commercial interests, to operate in and otherwise access the remote region on a more regular basis. Rights to undersea resources, from fish to oil, as well as sovereignty over potential shipping lanes, are likely to be increasing points of contention in the future.

In March 2020, a pair of Russian Tu-142 Bear long-range maritime patrol planes flew over a base camp on an ice floe in international waters that was supporting a U.S. Navy Ice Exercise (ICEX) involving multiple American submarines. U.S. Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force jets intercepted the Tu-142s and escorted them out of the area, but the messaging was clear.

On Aug. 28, 2020, NORTHCOM announced that Air Force F-22 Raptor stealth fighters had intercepted three groups of two Tu-142s, six in total, that had entered the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) overnight. Those aircraft remained in the ADIZ, but in international waters no closer than fifty

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Russian Sub Surfaces Near Alaska

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Oscar II class submarine. (Via Reddit.)

miles to Alaska, for five hours.

“This year, we’ve conducted more than a dozen intercepts, the most in recent years. The importance of our continued efforts to project air defense operations in and through the north has never been more apparent,” Air Force General Glen VanHerck, who is presently head of NORTHCOM, as well as the U.S.-Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), said in a statement.

Omsk running on the surface close enough to Alaska to trigger the equally unusual public response from NORTHCOM is another indication of the kinds of shows of force that look set to be increasingly common in the region in the future. As noted, the Russian submarine’s apparently quite visible appearance near Alaska could also have been a tit-for-tat response to USS *Seawolf*’s publicized stop in Norway last week.

For years, the Navy has been warning itself about increasing Russian submarine activity, especially close to America’s shores in the Atlantic. *Omsk*’s surfacing near Alaska demonstrates Russia’s continued ability to conduct operations in the Pacific as well.

This all comes amid a notable uptick in posturing between the United States and Russia on various fronts. Just today, four B-52 bombers took part in a mission to fly through the airspace of all of NATO’s European members, with some eighty other allied aircraft also taking part, another unprecedented show of force and demonstration of alliance unity. Two more of these bombers conducted sorties over the United States and Canada.

A total of six B-52s, all nuclear-capable, had first touched down at RAF Fairford in the United Kingdom for a short-term

deployment to the region last weekend. The bombers had flown from their home base in North Dakota via a polar route that mimicked a flight profile they could employ during an actual strike on targets in Russia.

American and Russian troops were also involved in a serious dustup

in northeastern Syria earlier this week, the most recent in a string of increasingly worrisome altercations. Authorities from both countries continue to dispute who was at fault for this latest incident, in which a Russian military vehicle struck a U.S. vehicle, leaving seven Americans with various injuries.

While it’s not entirely clear what is driving this significant increase in signaling between Russia and the United States, the posturing is definitely increasing in both size and scope in various areas around the world with no indication that either side will be slowing things down anytime soon.

Update: Hans Kristensen, the Director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists, has now put together some data indicating where the exact sighting of *Omsk* may have taken place, which has not been publicly announced by Russian or American authorities. Local news in Alaska indicates that the fishing boats which encountered the Russian vessels taking part in the exercises had been sailing approximately eighty miles west of St. Matthew Island in the Bering Sea. This may be where the submarine was also spotted.

The Russian Ministry of Defense has also now confirmed from its side that Tu-142s did take part in a flurry of aviation activity which included sorties in the Arctic and Pacific Oceans, as well as the Baltic Sea in Europe in the past 24 hours. A total of eight Tu-142s, along with four Il-38 May maritime patrol planes, two Su-24M Fencer combat jets, two Tu-95MS Bear bombers, and one Il-78 aerial refueling tanker took part in these flights, though Russian authorities did not say which aircraft flew over what bodies of water specifically.

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Armstrong - Before the Psychic Network, There Were Quartermasters

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Stuke pioneered a lot of the methodology.

“Hey Dex, what’s the chance this friggin’ thing will go to port Diddledick, South Africa before our enlistments run out?”

“Not much, why?”

“Cuz they got a lot of weird shit floating around there. Derelict ships. Loose channel markers. You name it and it’s floating around down there.”

“So what?”

“Well, if we’re not going there why waste time marking up the chart?”

“Fold the damn thing up and I’ll stick it up under my dungaree shirt and file it in the chart locker standing on the pier disguised as a dumpster.”

Stuke let me in on one of the closest-held secrets of the Holy Order of the Quartermastering Pathfinders of the Ocean:

“If you are in the North Atlantic and you go directly west, you will hit something where people there will speak your language and tell you where you are. Head east and you will hit somewhere that probably won’t speak your language and has no idea where it is. Head west.”

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Shipmates,

I just spoke with Ron Murr, one of Cliff's sons, regarding his funeral arrangements.

Cliff departed on Eternal Patrol on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, and his services took place yesterday, June 6, 2021 (D-Day). His services were held at Pacific View Cemetery, Newport Beach. He was laid to rest next to his loving wife, Marie. (*See also obituary on next page.—ed.*)

Cliff was buried in his submarine veteran's vest along with a Dolphin plaque and his 75-year Holland Club Qualified Certificate, which his family had received recently. He was very proud to be a subvet. He had just turned 94 in May.

Cliff Murr - Sailor, Rest Your Oar Cliff joined the USSVI in 1994 and was a Life Member of USSVI and the Los Angeles-Pasadena Base. He had also been a member of Submarine Veterans, WWII.

He qualified in 1946 on the USS *Sea Owl* (SS-405), having been onboard from 3/15/46 to 3/8/48.

Cliff joined the Navy in 1945, serving till 1948. He was just seventeen when he joined up. He rated TM3(SS) and E-4 Petty Officer, 3rd Class.

He had also been a crew member on the following boats:

USS *Hake* (SS-256)—12/4/45-1/26/46

USS *Sabalo* (SS-302)—1/26/46-3/14/46

Cliff and I sat together at many Christmas Luncheons over the years. He was a really great guy. I'll never forget him.

I know Cliff had three sons: Ronald, Stephen and Wayne. I will pass along Cliff's obituary when Ron sends it to me.

If you would like to send the family a card, or telephone your condolence, or send an email, I'm sure the Murrs would much appreciate it.

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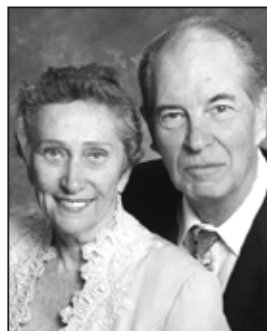
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Regards,

Marilyn



Clifford B. Murr



Resident of Anaheim, California
May 13, 1927- May 31, 2021
WWII Veteran, U.S. Navy Submarine Service

Clifford (Cliff) B. Murr, longtime Anaheim resident passed away peacefully on May 31, 2021. Cliff was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He'll be missed by all. He and his wife Marie had 5 children. He is survived by his sons Stephen, Wayne, and Ronald, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, Marie, and their daughters Susan, and Dana.

Cliff was born on a farm in Kent Washington. He was the only child of Clifford and Hilma Murr. Life was simple, but hard during the depression years. Unfortunately, Cliff's mom Hilma died of tuberculosis in 1939. Cliff's father Clifford was a career Navy man. Because of this, Cliff went to live with friends of the family in Torrance California. Cliff graduated from Torrance High School early, so he could join the Navy in February 1945. He went from boot camp directly to Submarine school. He reported aboard the USS HAKE (SS-256) as S 2nd class. He also served on the USS SABALO (SS-302), and finally the USS SEA OWL (SS-405). Cliff was a TM3 (SS), and E-4 Petty Officer 3rd Class

While on leave in Philadelphia, Cliff was at a roller skating rink. It was there that he met the love of his life, Marie. When Cliff was discharged from the Navy, he married Marie in 1949. They moved to Los Angeles, California. After a few years Cliff, and Marie moved to Anaheim where they would both spend the rest of their lives. Cliff took a job with the Pacific Telephone Company. He didn't know it then, but that job would turn into a career.

Cliff and Marie did many things together, but most of all they loved to travel. First it was family trips with a small trailer, and then longer trips in the family station wagon. When Cliff retired at age 51, he and Marie went international. They traveled everywhere by plane and cruise ship. Cliff and Marie were especially proud of their 30 plus trips to the Hawaiian Islands.

Cliff and Marie were active members of the U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII, Los Angeles chapter. They attended many local events. Cliff also joined USSVI in 1994, and was a life member of the Los Angeles/Pasadena Base.

On Sunday, June 6th Cliff was laid to rest next to Marie in a private service at Pacific View Memorial Park. The Navy had an Honor Guard present at the start of the grave site services. Taps were played, and a folded American flag was presented to the family.

Los Angeles-Pasadena Base
July 17th LeRoy Stone Memorial Picnic

The latest news from Base Commander Dave Vanderveen:



We're going to hold our picnic at the Memorial.
Here are the particulars:

Place: WWII Submarine Memorial Site.

Time: Beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday,
July 17th—in place of our monthly meeting.

Dave will set up serving tables under the pine tree.

Attendees should bring their own chairs, water/soft
drinks, lunch, eating/serving utensils, and something to share.

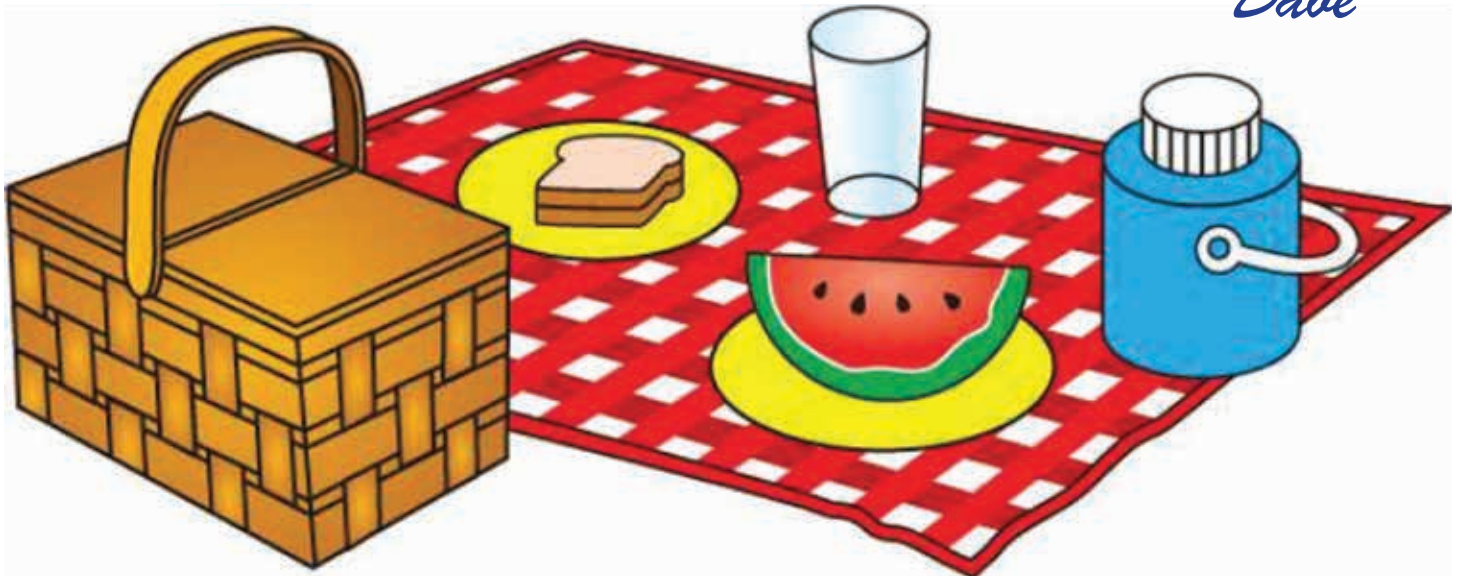
We will not be able to have any alcoholic beverages at the Memorial.

Anyone who wants to bring an “Easy-Up” or umbrella is welcome to do so.

Dave will broadcast a reminder email to the membership near to the date of
the event. He will also likely take a poll gauging turnout so the
SBNWS Command can know what we're up to.

Cheers, and see you there,

Dave



USS New Hampshire (SSN-778)

The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS New Hampshire (SSN-778) returns from deployment to her home port at Naval Station Norfolk on May 7, 2021. (See article on pg. 16.) (US Navy photo.)



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