

**Annual Picnic
at Bunker 33 on 7/16!**
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Editor's Corner

I was pleased to see entry to the NWSSB work out so much better for our June SteakFest meeting. But frankly, I'm still wondering about accessibility to and support from the base years from now—for us or our gear. There are no guarantees. I also wonder if members really want to deal with weeks of security clearance inconvenience to get guests onto the base for events like our annual picnic. I'm taking a "wait and see" approach for now, but still think a new venue might be an easier long-term solution. (Just one man's opinion!) ;-)-Jeff

China, Take Note: U.S. Navy Will Arm its Submarines with Hypersonic Missiles

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by Kris Osborn



Ohio-class SSGN submarine. (Image: Flickr.)

To hold adversaries at risk far into the future, the U.S. Navy is going all-on hypersonic missiles. In the near future, a submarine-launched missile traveling at more than five times the speed of sound will pose an unparalleled threat to adversaries, as the virtually undetectable launch point and speed would make it incredibly challenging to track.

This attack scenario outlines the U.S. Navy's vision for submarine-launched hypersonic flight, a now-in-development technology expected to be ready by 2028, according to comments to Congressional lawmakers from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael Gilday.

"We will continue to make investments in hypersonic capability and plan to have a hypersonic weapon launched from a submerged submarine by 2028. We are meeting every benchmark in that program and we doubled the Navy's funding for hypersonics last year," Gilday told members of the Senate Armed Service Committee.

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From the Wardroom...



Dave Vanderveen,
Base Commander

Shipmates and Ladies,

Summer is here! Along the Southern California coast, that is a good thing because of the moderate temperatures, gentle sea breezes, and the many things we can do for fun. Personally, I also like it because my grandkids are out of school and want to spend more time with my wife and me than we have with them during the school year. In other parts of California and many states, summer is tough because of high temperatures and harsh weather. Unfortunately, travel costs will be real high due to rising fuel prices, so most folks will probably spend their summer close to home. Whatever your choice about travel and activities, I hope you enjoy your summer as much as I will enjoy mine!

After some months of learning new rules and meeting new requirements, we were able to hold our first L.A.-Pasadena Base meeting last month on Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach property since February, 2019. We celebrated with our Annual SteakFest, a good turnout, and spirited discussion about base business during the General Meeting. L.A.-Pasadena used video conferencing during the COVID lockdown and we continued our high level of engagement in USSVI business. Our base's financial health remains good, which enabled our charitable contributions program. We also welcomed several new members to the base, but also lost several members to Eternal Patrol. We currently have 100 members—approximately half of whom live in the Southern California area. About one-third of those folks participate in video conferences and meetings, and although I wish more members did, our participation rate is about the same as most bases in USSVI. Altogether, L.A.-Pasadena is strong and I am happy to meet in person again.

We will soon participate in Huntington Beach's Annual Independence Day Parade, held of course on July 4th. It is billed as the "largest Independence Day Parade west of the Mississippi River," and according to ABC-TV drew about 400,000 people the last time it was held (in 2019). I hope you can join us or at least see it on television.

The annual election of officers for the base will be conducted in September. Joe Koch is leading the Elections Committee, and because we revised our base By-Laws last year their job is easier. Members can now serve six years in one office, and only one current office holder will not run for re-election. We already have a candidate who has expressed interest in running for that job. If you are interested in serving the base as an officer in any job, please contact Joe Koch to become a candidate. He will be happy to help you through the process!

Sadly, COVID continues to rear its ugly head. As I write this, Harold Staggs, one of our World War II veterans, is currently recovering from it. Please join me in wishing Harold a quick, safe recovery. Despite vaccination, boosting, and social precautions, it is still possible to contract COVID, and for many it is no more serious than a bad cold. However, due to age or additional health concerns, most of us are "at-risk" for serious consequences related to COVID, and I urge you all to protect your health!

Dave

Dave Vanderveen, Commander
Los Angeles-Pasadena Base



Minutes of June 18, 2022 General Meeting

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the General Meeting of the L.A.-Pasadena Base to order at the Bunker 33 Picnic Area of the NWSSB at 1110 hours. Dave then led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by request for a moment of silence for our departed shipmates.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Swanson presented the status of the chapter treasury as of June 18, 2022. Its specific breakdown appears in the E-Board Meeting Minutes as usual.

Memorial Report:

Dave commented that the Memorial ceremony came off well, even though replacements had needed to be obtained to cover functions formerly performed by Boy Scout groups (who had this time not responded to Paul Riggs' entreaties). Dave enlisted assistance from Scout Troop 568, and they filled in admirably! On the day Troop 568 was already on hand, some time later the Order of the Arrow group also arrived—but left quickly without rendering assistance, indicating a certain lack of character, Dave was inclined to believe.

Dave also indicated that the Memorial Director turnover meeting between Paul Riggs and Dennis Bott had gone well. Dennis now stands ready to take on his new Directorial duties.

Dave further informed us that the Seal Beach Lion's Club now intends to return throughout the year to ensure our Memorial site remains in its current excellent condition. The Navy has also expressed its satisfaction with the site's distinctly improved state.

Dave mentioned he plans to meet in July with incoming NWSSB Captain Jessica O'Brien, Lt. King (who coordinates real estate agreements for NWSSB), and Jazmin Atencia (the N-5 Liaison between the base and NFE's like us)—all to go over with them who we are and what we do, detailing our long positive relationship with the base. He further plans to discuss with Captain O'Brien our ongoing situation with our Memorial Brick program, in hopes of finding a way around the stalemate with the JAG office so we can finally get our bricks installed in their proper position at long last.

Ken Dorn then also related how great the Memorial site looks, and that a guest of his, a former Fire Captain, was overwhelmingly impressed with the ceremony and by learning about the critical part submariners played in WWII. Said guest stood by and saluted the monument, then continually questioned Ken about the history of submarines. Ken queried as to why so little seems generally known by the public about submarines. Dave suggested it might be connected to Admiral Lockwood's clampdown on the distribution of submarine-related information after a congressional leak about depth charge settings during the war likely cost the lives of many of our fellow submariners (according to postwar research).

Dave next mentioned that Scout leaders had informed him that two of our Memorial site's state flags were obsolete, and that they had volunteered to see to obtaining the needed up-to-date replacements.

Ron Wagner brought up the forthcoming commissioning of the USS *Rickover*.

In response to Ken's discussion about submarine history, Darin commented on what he had experienced as a teacher with "History Day." He suggested a subvets package be created focusing on WWII submarines, and that this could be part of the National History Day program involving awards and prizes for students participating with a presentation—much like a "Science Fair." Darin indicated he would look further into the matter for us.

Ron inquired as to the disposition of one Chief Jim Christley, EMCM(SS), an old shipmate of his on *Sterlet*. Jeff indicated he is regularly in contact with Christley through his magazine publication efforts, and that the latter is doing well.

Ken mentioned a planned L.A. County Fire Dept. celebration commemorating the thirty-year anniversary of the network TV series *Emergency*. The show's surviving actors will be on hand along with others from behind the scenes, and the event is a fundraiser for the L.A. County Fire Dept. Darin enthusiastically expressed he had already acquired his tickets for the fun event.

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June General Meeting Sailing List

- Ed Barwick
- Herb "Bo" Bolton
- Darin Detwiler
- Ken Dorn (and Paula)
- Sam Higa
- Joe Koch
- Jack Mahan
- Marlene Mahan
- Bill Moak
- Jeff Porteous
- Mike Swanson
- Ray Teare
- Dave Vanderveen
- Ron Wagner
- Mike "Willie" Williamson





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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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NWSSB Base Access:

The process is finally working, as demonstrated today. Dave went on to cover the difficulties, confusion and ever-changing requirements of base access for us in recent weeks, and how, with the help of Ms. Astencia, things now seem to be working as expected. Some members had reacted unfavorably to Dave's request for Social Security numbers in the creation of this meeting's roster of approved members for use by the gate guards. But it turned out there had been a misunderstanding by base personnel and these numbers weren't required, printed or distributed after all. Dave encouraged those who've been security-approved but who have yet to obtain a biometric card (good for a year's base access) to stop by the security office and do so. Otherwise, only day passes will be issued for those lacking these more useful cards.

Future meetings will continue to be held at Bunker 33 until seasonal weather makes it impossible or uncomfortable. We will then move to Bldg. 16 during the colder months, until another site is determined.

Regarding the Annual Leroy Stone Memorial Picnic in July, formal approval that had previously been needed is no longer necessary since we now have indefinite use approval of Bunker 33 for our meetings.

July 4th Parade:

Our application has been approved by the city—with certain restrictions added (no music or handouts en route, etc.). Bonfish Base will bring their trailer and replica submarine; Dave will provide his truck to seat those unable to march. We will again assemble at the McDonald's on Golden West at 0830 hours, then proceed to the staging area around 0900 hours.

Upcoming Base Elections:

Dave will be asking Joe Koch and George and Valerie Walrath to solicit candidates for our next election. The E-Board is considering establishing alterations to term limits, so some current officers may retain their position(s). There is, however, now a recognized need to replace a formally termed-out Director, and the Treasurer and Vice Commander positions will need candidates as well. The process will follow this schedule: July-Candidates; August-Vote; September-Results Disclosed; October-Installation.

Good of the Order:

Jeff brought up what he felt was the advisability of seeking an alternative location(s) for our meetings due to recent lack of cooperation from NWSSB in assuring easy access to the base. However, for now he will withhold further comment to see if access issues continue after today. Darin said he has a good venue to suggest in Huntington Beach as one possibility. Jeff also expressed concern over the elongated cost of maintaining the public storage site for a period of over a year—that perhaps such ongoing expense was in violation of our By-Laws without a proper vote of full membership approval—and this issue was further discussed. Dave then instructed Bill to consult the By-Laws for the exact wording concerning expenditures of over 10% of the base's total annual finances, to find out precisely what portion of membership approval is required by vote to settle the matter.

Willie Williamson commented on the effort to create a new Submarine Memorial at the National Cemetery in Riverside. Said memorial is planned to be a marble sail containing the names of all submarine sailors now on Eternal Patrol. Sales at the San Pedro Maritime Museum will help fund the project.

Bo inquired as to the status of Bldg. 6. Dave explained its new use as a storage facility for Security, and that its final disposition seems to be constantly changing.

There being no further business, Mike Swanson motioned the meeting be adjourned; Jack Mahan seconded and it was passed by all present, ending the meeting at 1206 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moak

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

**LeRoy Stone
Memorial Base Picnic!**

**July
Picnic/
Meeting**

Date: July 16, 2022

This month we will be holding our annual summer picnic and auction at the Bunker 33 Picnic Site. Our two meetings will take place there too: E-board at 10:00 and General at 11:00. Picnic information is at right.

You must present two forms of gov't. I.D. to enter the Base.

Location:

Bunker 33 Picnic Site
Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station
800 Seal Beach Boulevard
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Time:

Meetings at 10:00 and 11:00.
Arrive any time before. Setup and grill prep help always appreciated.

Lunch: Pot Luck. (But bring your own entrees to grill.)

Base will provide soft drinks and corn. Sharing assignment by last name:
A-H — *Either category below*
I-R — *Dessert*
S-Z — *Salad/Vegetables/Snacks*

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

**7/16 Monthly Meeting is Also
Our Annual Picnic at Bunker 33**

Guests under age 18 can accompany those with pre-approved Security Passes. Guests over age 18 must submit a Pass Application right away. See Dave V. for details—and hurry!

L.A.-Pasadena Base will provide soft drinks, ice and corn-on-the-cob, plus charcoal and lighter fluid for grilling. Attendees should bring their own main course to BBQ and something to share based on the provision assignments at left—plus their own plates and eating/serving utensils. BYOB beer is permitted if desired. We will also hold our regular E-board and General meetings onsite during the event. We're planning to conduct our annual auction too—sadly without Sean Conboy this year, but we'll do our best. An emailed reminder calling for auction items will go out close to the picnic date. Or, should NWSSB decline permission for our auction, an email will go out calling that part off but otherwise confirming our potluck picnic/cookout.

LOS ANGELES - PASADENA BASE

**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 (x2) • Ken Dorn (x5!) • Mike Varalyai (RIP)



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)

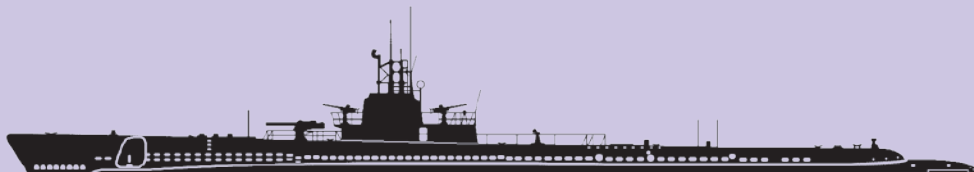
Lost on July 4, 1944 while conducting training exercises off Hawaii in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Reliance*. Contact was simply lost with S-28 after she submerged for a routine practice torpedo approach. No distress signal or explosion was ever forthcoming. Two days later, an oil slick appeared near her last known position. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery to this day. Forty-nine crew members perished with the boat.

USS ROBALO (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 during her third war patrol when *Robalo* struck a mine off the east coast of Balabac Island in the Philippines. At least four men survived the sinking, swam ashore, and were captured and imprisoned by the Japanese. By some accounts, some of these men were killed in captivity, while others were lost when evacuated by a Japanese destroyer which was never heard from again, presumably sunk by Allied forces. In total, eighty-one officers and crew of the *Robalo* made the ultimate wartime sacrifice.

USS GRUNION (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor, Alaska. *Grunion* radioed she sank two subchasers and damaged a third, but it was revealed in recent years that she had also tangled with an armed merchant ship and didn't survive the encounter. Though not absolutely certain, current theory suggests—supported by a Japanese eyewitness and recent underwater photographic evidence—that structural damage from her own circular torpedo run together with jammed dive planes had combined to put *Grunion* on the bottom. This evidence came to light when *Grunion's* mangled remains were identified in the Bering Sea in 2007 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska. Her entire crew of seventy officers and men were lost.



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

N. Korea Test-Fired Ballistic Missile from Sub, Says S. Korea

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by Kim Tong-Hyung, Associated Press



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un waves at students and young workers in Pyongyang, North Korea. (Korean Central News Agency via Reuters.)

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea flight-tested a ballistic missile that was likely fired from a submarine on Saturday, South Korea’s military said, continuing a provocative streak in weapons demonstrations that may culminate with a nuclear test in the coming weeks or months.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said the launch occurred from waters near the eastern port city of Sinpo, where North Korea has a major shipyard building submarines. It said the short-range missile flew 600 kilometers (372 miles) at a maximum altitude of 60 kilometers (37 miles), but it didn’t immediately provide details about the submarine that would have been involved in the launch.

The U.S. military’s Indo-Pacific Command said in a statement that while the launch did not pose an immediate threat to U.S. personnel or territory, or to its allies, it “highlights the destabilizing impact of the DPRK’s illicit weapons program. The U.S. commitment to the defense of the Republic of Korea and Japan remains ironclad.”

Japanese Defense Minister Nobu Kishi told reporters that the missile fell outside of Japan’s exclusive economic zone and that no damage to aircraft or vessels was reported.

South Korea’s national security director Suh Hoon and other senior officials during an emergency meeting denounced the launch and urged North Korea to return to long-stalled talks aimed at defusing the nuclear standoff, Seoul’s presidential office said.

It was apparently North Korea’s first demonstration of a submarine-launched ballistic missile system since October last year, when it fired a new short-range missile from the 8.24 *Yongung*—its only known submarine capable of launching a missile. The October underwater launch was the North’s first in two years.

On Wednesday, the South Korean and Japanese militaries

detected a suspected ballistic missile fired from near the capital, Pyongyang. Both exercises come ahead of the inauguration on Tuesday of South Korean President-elect Yoon Suk Yeol, who has vowed to take a tougher approach over the North’s nuclear ambitions.

Yoon’s office said in a statement that his government will pursue “actual deterrence ability” against the North’s nuclear and missile threat, but didn’t specify how. Yoon has vowed to strengthen South Korea’s defense in conjunction with its alliance with the United States, which he said would include enhancing missile striking capabilities.

So far this year, North Korea has fired missiles fifteen times. They include the country’s first test of an intercontinental ballistic missile since 2017 in March that demonstrated a potential range to reach the entirety of the U.S. mainland.

North Korea has been clearly exploiting a favorable environment to push forward its weapons program with the U.N. Security Council divided and effectively paralyzed over Russia’s war on Ukraine. The unusually fast pace in testing activity underscores a brinkmanship aimed at forcing the United States to accept the idea of the North as a nuclear power and remove crippling sanctions, experts say.

There are also signs that North Korea is restoring tunnels at a nuclear testing ground, where it had conducted its sixth and last nuclear test in September 2017, in possible preparations for another explosive test. Analysts say the North could use another nuclear test to claim it can now build small nuclear warheads for its expanding range of shorter-range weapons threatening South Korea and Japan, or put a cluster of bombs on a multi-warhead ICBM.

Jalina Porter, the U.S. State Department’s deputy spokesperson, said during a briefing Friday that the United States assesses that North Korea could be ready to conduct a nuclear

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Navy to Arm Subs with Hypersonic Missiles

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Hypersonic weapons are essentially “here” for the U.S. military, which can already fire both ground and air-launched hypersonics. As part of this integrated plan, the Navy is preparing to deck-launch hypersonic projectiles from service warships, a development likely to revolutionize surface-to-surface and surface-to-land attack. The Navy is now testing new ship-deck launcher systems capable of firing hypersonic weapons. An ability to successfully launch hypersonic projectiles from Vertical Launch Tubes built into a submarine from beneath the surface, however, remains a ways off.

Tomahawk missiles, for example, can travel as far as 900 miles to a target at 500 mph after being launched from a submarine beneath the ocean. New tactical Tomahawk weapons introduce the ability to architect cruise missiles that can change course in flight to hit moving targets at sea. A maneuvering hypersonic missile, however, is yet another level of high-speed missile attack, as it does not follow a known trajectory or set path like a ballistic missile, and its high speed makes it nearly impossible for traditional radar to track.

Tactically speaking, an ability to fire hypersonics from beneath the sea could introduce a new kind of surprise attack capability for submarines. While Tomahawk Block IVs operate with a two-way data link; an ability to loiter above targets; and an intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capability to send back target information, they are nowhere near as fast as a hypersonic projectile. Tomahawks were engineered to fly parallel to the surface or ground to evade Soviet air defenses years ago, yet speeds of 500 mph are much easier for enemies to track than a hypersonic projectile would be traveling more than five times the speed of sound.

Lurking beneath the surface in coastal waters near hostile territory, hypersonic-missile-armed attack submarines would present enemies with a serious dilemma, as they could hit enemy targets onshore while remaining difficult to detect by enemy ground or air radar systems. A surface ship or lower flying aircraft, by contrast, would likely be discovered by an enemy at great distances, whereas a submarine might succeed in eluding detection and be in a position to launch surprise attacks capable of destroying high-value enemy targets from the ocean within minutes.

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North Korean Sub Fires Ballistic Missile

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test at its Punggye-ri test site as early as this month.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has punctuated his recent missile tests with statements warning that the North could proactively use its nuclear weapons if threatened or provoked. Experts say such rhetoric possibly portends an escalatory nuclear doctrine that would create greater concerns for South Korea and Japan.

Kim made one of those statements during an April 25 parade in Pyongyang, where he showcased the most notable weapons in his military nuclear program, including ICBMs and what appeared to be a new type of missile designed to be fired from submarines that could be larger than previous models.

“(North Korea’s) submarine technology probably remains short of being able to stay at sea for extended periods while avoiding detection. But the ability to launch ballistic missiles from a submarine would further complicate missions to neutralize and defend against North Korea’s nuclear forces,” said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor of international studies at Seoul’s Ewha Womans University.

He said the Kim regime appears to be preparing to test a miniaturized nuclear device that it can use to arm its submarine-launched or tactical missiles, and multiple warheads on its ICBMs.

North Korea has been pushing hard to acquire an ability to fire nuclear-armed missiles from submarines, which in theory would bolster its deterrent by ensuring retaliation after absorbing a nuclear attack on land.

Ballistic missile submarines would also add a new maritime threat to the North’s growing collection of solid-fuel weapons fired from land vehicles, which are being developed with an apparent aim to overwhelm missile defense systems in South Korea and Japan.

The North in recent years has been developing and testing a family of missiles named *Pukguksong*, which are designed to be fired from submarines or land vehicles. Still, experts say the heavily sanctioned nation would need considerably more time, resources and major technological improvements to build at least several submarines that could travel quietly in seas and reliably execute strikes.

The South Korean and Japanese militaries said the North Korean missile fired on Wednesday traveled about 500 kilometers (310 miles) at a maximum altitude of 800 kilometers (500 miles). North Korean state media have yet to comment on that test.

A.P. writer Yuri Kageyama in Tokyo contributed to the report.

Gotland: The Sub That ‘Sank’ a Navy Aircraft Carrier—Which Russia Will Hate

(Reproduced from the 1945 military website - published May 7, 2022.)

by Brent M. Eastwood



Gotland-class submarine: (Image Credit: Sweden.)

Meet the Capable *Gotland* class: Sweden’s Submarine Force is Becoming More of a Factor

Sweden, a country known for neutrality during World War Two and the Cold War, actually has a stalwart defense industrial base that many defense analysts gloss over—a pity. It has excellent fighter planes such as the JAS-39 Gripen, and the Stridsvagn 122 tank is underrated. Now, with the war in Ukraine extending indefinitely, Sweden is looking seriously at joining NATO. If that happens, it will rely even more on its *Gotland*-class submarines for homeland defense.

Time to Practice for Warfare

Military exercises for the Swedish submarine force are becoming more serious and frequent. In late April, Finland invited Sweden to take part in undersea warfare maneuvers in the Gulf of Finland. Sweden deployed its *Gotland*-class submarine *Uppland* for the drill. Finland is also considering NATO membership, and the two countries know the stakes are high and that it is time to work together.

According to Finnish naval commander Toni Joutsia, “The exercise is a part of the close cooperation conducted by Finland with Sweden. Participating in international training activities is

important, because it demonstrates, maintains and develops our national defense.”

It Takes a Joint Force

Developing national defense, as the Finnish leader said, comes down to rehearsing joint warfare with the Swedish Army, Air Force, and Navy. The *Gotland*-class submarine will play a major role in this recipe to defend against the Russians.

Keep Updating the *Gotland*

Sweden already granted a contract to Saab in March for a “mid-life upgrade” to the *Gotland*-class boat called the *Halland*. This is worth almost \$117-million to improve the weapons capabilities on the sub—work that will include modifications on fifty different systems.

The *Gotland*-class consists of three diesel-electric submarines: the *Gotland*, the *Uppland*, and the *Halland*. The *Gotlands* specialize in anti-submarine warfare, surveillance and reconnaissance. They can harass enemy shipping and even lay mines. The *Gotland*-class are not large submarines and only have a crew of thirty-two sailors with a modest number of torpedo tubes. They were built in the 1990s.

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Gotland: Sub the Russians Hate

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San Diego (Oct. 1, 2005) - The Swedish diesel-powered attack submarine HMS Gotland sails through San Diego Harbor with the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) following close behind. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Michael Moriatis.)

boats may be diesel-electric, but they have extended range and endurance due to their Stirling engine air-independent propulsion (AIP) system. This allows a substantial advantage over other diesel-electric subs around the world. The AIP stores oxygen and saves battery time that enables the boat to go twenty knots when submerged and run longer underwater.

Did It Really “Kill” an American Carrier?

The *Gotland* is known for an exciting feat when it when up against the U.S. Navy's *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier USS *Ronald Reagan* during battle drills in 2004. The *Gotland* outmaneuvered escort ships and came within range of its torpedoes against the *Reagan*; this was deemed a successful strike or “sinking” of the American carrier.

NATO Beckons

These exercises and modernization efforts will give the Swedish Navy even more confidence and

a shot in the arm to the country's homegrown defense industries led by Saab and others. The Swedes would be an excellent addition to NATO. These *Gotland* submarines are more than capable.

During a new cold or even hot war with Russia, Sweden's *Gotland* class can provide NATO allies with essential intelligence data on Vladimir Putin's navy. The mods on the *Gotlands* are affordable, even for a country like Sweden that doesn't have a huge defense budget—although they will be expected to spend more than two-percent of their gross domestic product on their military.

The *Gotland* subs would be a good place to sink more money to improve on performance.

Now serving as 1945's *Defense and National Security Editor*, Brent M. Eastwood, PhD, is the author of *Humans, Machines, and Data: Future Trends in Warfare*. He is an *Emerging Threats* expert and former U.S. Army Infantry officer. You can follow him on Twitter @BMEastwood.



San Diego (Oct. 1, 2005) - The Swedish diesel-powered sub HMS Gotland transits San Diego Harbor during Fleet Week San Diego—a three-week tribute to Southern California-area military members and their families. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Patricia R. Totemeier.)

Sea Stories

by Bob “Dex” Armstrong

Sea stories hold a unique niche in the annals of verbal and written history and legend.

They all have a basis in fact and must be told or written in the language of seafarers in terms and employing idioms only they understand. These stories involve incidents and situations only men who have lived the life can fully understand and appreciate. They are best told in the company of sailors in dimly lit bars—over cheap beer and infused with tobacco smoke. The only other thing in life remotely resembling sailors swapping sea stories would be a major league Horse Manure Taco Luau.

The crafting of sea stories never involves outright lying; the proper term is “truth manipulation.” All truth is pliable, plastic. God makes plastic truth so that his blue-jackets can fashion yarns that entertain men who spend a lot of time broke, drinking beer, and sniffing barmaid perfume.

You cannot take “Sea Story Studies 101” at Yale, Princeton, Harvard or the Correspondence Institute for Heavy Machinery Mechanics. To become proficient, one must serve an apprenticeship under a master seagoing bullshit artist. A naval bullshit artist is not a liar; he is a man who treats the content of cow pies as the Playdough of naval history.

Most of the master submarine sea story crafters in the Deep Draft Institute Hall of Fame are diesel boat sailors. The reason for this is because acceptable subject matter was drastically reduced when the sub force adopted the gentlemanly sensitive approach, recalled all the Cro-Magnon behavior manuals and made the lower enlisted elements climb down out of the trees.

It is probably beyond the comprehension of today’s totally squared away submarine force, but there was a day when a hug and pat on the ass was a perfectly acceptable way to greet a WAVE. And you could actually spend the weekend with one without worrying about the residue of your very personal body fluids ending up in some naval investigative DNA lab.

The recounting of sea stories requires—no, make that demands—saltwater apprenticeship. You cannot learn the delicate balance between seawater and bullshit at any institution of higher learning—or even from Martha Stewart on TV. No, you have to have smelled wet hemp, diesel smoke, rancid armpits, dirty socks, spoiled eggs, state five sea vomit, inboard vent emissions, and three-day-old cigar

smoke. You have had to live a life where all of your earthly possessions could fit in your mother’s breadbox. This regaling of sea stories is an art, an art learned in dark locations illuminated by neon Budweiser signs—places where you can hear Johnny Cash, the clink of pool balls, and the crunchy sound that empty SlimJim wrappers make when you walk on them. They involve locations most people never heard of and subject matter that would have your Aunt Tillie’s Altar Guild grabbing smelling salts. Very few sea stories were ever made into Little Golden Books or Disney movies. Sailors are among the few people who can watch a program about the tribal sexual practices of the inhabitants of a remote region of South Borneo on the Discovery Channel and yell, “Me ’n Jack had her and her sister!”

Some jaybird once sent me an e-mail saying “You lie a lot.”

He must’ve been some kind of deductive genius. I tried to explain that unlike Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, I wasn’t writing some kind of New Testament sequel, just the semi-coherent ramblings of a long-ago bluejacket and his tribute to a lost way of life he loved. I just wanted men I respected and shared lousy air and Spam with to be alive once more. I have found that you can resurrect the dead with a damn ballpoint. *That is one of life’s most wonderful gifts.*

There is a specific writer of sea stories who can best be described as a creator of classic bluejacket literature. That would be Mike “Boy Throttleman” Hemming. Mike’s writing is the kind poetic song of the soul which makes English teachers smile and take pride in the cultivation of his gift. My ramblings, on the other hand, make my old English teachers try not to target their shoes when heaving their lunch.

Please don’t reference anything in this lucky bag of contrived bullshit if you are writing important stuff requiring historical accuracy. What this is is one screwball’s memories of Pier 22 life—painted from a bull turd pallet simply for guys who were there and shared that unique magic. It’s about the boat sitting out in a Pennsylvania freshwater river getting her diapers changed regularly by people who never danced the North Atlantic fandango with her, or truly loved her with the ardor of youth. It’s about the lads held to that girl’s bosom—the guys who only had her hull numbers 481 as their street address. They were, are, and will always be, my family.

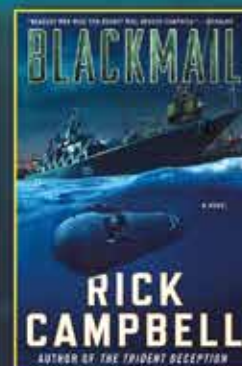
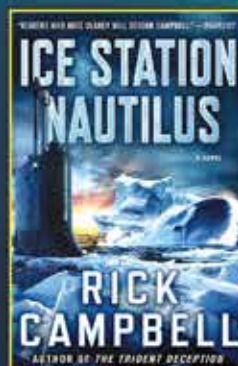
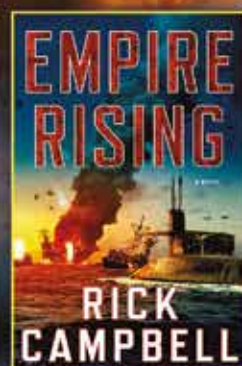
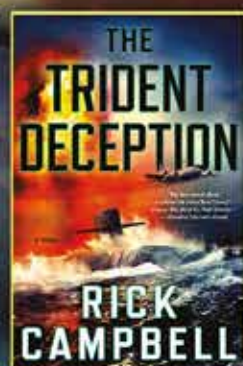
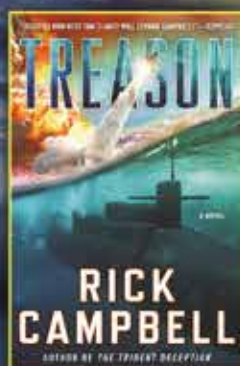
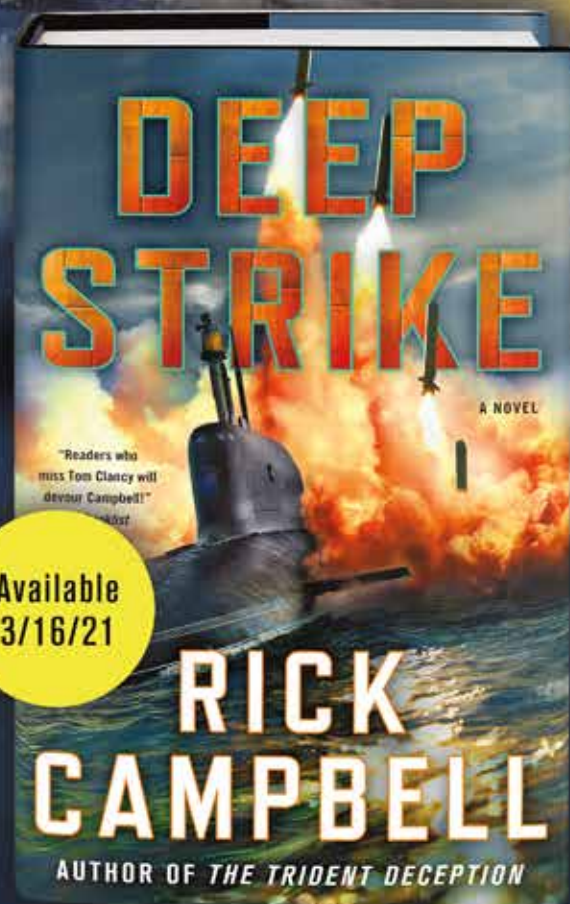
Most of all, writing sea stories is fun—great fun! Over the past five years, I have spent many enjoyable evenings sitting alone in our family room shuffling through my

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



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

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

Here are some photos of the glorious return of our traditional annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30th of this year. The photographers were Paul Riggs and Darin Detwiler; your humble editor heartily thanks them both, especially since I couldn't be in attendance myself. I haven't labeled which shots belong to whom, but figure they know who they are—I've tried to use the best of both regardless. Salute.—Jeff



More from Our 2022 Memorial Ceremony...





John P. Holland

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

(75-year members noted with *)

- Gerard A. Krudwig.....2022
- Gregory M. Paulson2022
- Michael J. Swanson2022
- Ralph J. Hansen.....2021
- Robert F. Schive, Sr.....2021
- Larry D. Long2021
- G. Judson “Jud” Scott, Jr....2021
- Edward E. Kushins2020
- Bruce Evan Neighbors2020
- David H. Vanderveen2019
- Philip J. Jaskoviak.....2019
- Dennis Bott2018
- James A. Burnett.....2018
- Robert “Mike” Cailor2018
- Robert Miller2018
- John A. Anderson.....2017
- Roger C. Dunham, MD....2017
- Richard McPherson2017
- Harry “Bill” Moak2017
- Louis A. Myerson2017
- Elliot Rada2017
- Ronald G. Wagner2017
- Dennis J. Walsh.....2017
- Michael Kish.....2016
- Gary Wheaton2016
- Lawrence R. Butler2015
- Samuel T. Higa2015
- Harry P. Ross2015
- Stephen C. Rowe2015
- Charles H. Senior2015
- Larry E. Smith2015

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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 at Taco Surf Restaurant
- April 16 Monthly Meeting Cancelled
- May 7 Lion’s Club Memorial Plaque Refit Reception at the Submarine Memorial, West - 1600-1700
- May 14 Field Day/Prep at the Memorial Site - 0900
- May 21 Hang Up the Tarp at Memorial Site - 0900
Monthly Meeting at the Memorial site
Call for participants in the
Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade
- May 30 Memorial Day Service - 1100
Submarine Memorial, West
- May 28 More Tarp Prep at the Memorial Site
- June 18 STEAK FEST at Monthly Meeting at Bunker 33
Picnic Area; 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

(Holland Club Roster, continued)

Sam Aboulafia 2014
 David Palagyi..... 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
 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
 *William J. Dillon..... 1993
 *Harold Staggs..... 1992



E-Board Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2022

The Los Angeles-Pasadena Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Executive Board Meeting was conducted on the morning of Saturday, June 18, 2022.

In attendance:

- Dave Vanderveen, Base Commander
- Ed Barwick, Base Vice Commander
- Bill Moak, Secretary
- Mike Swanson, Treasurer
- Ray Teare, Base COB
- Herb "Bo" Bolton, Director
- Sam Higa, Director
- Michael Williamson, Past District Commander
- Jeff Porteous, *Periscope* Editor
- Darin Detwiler, Member
- Ken Dorn, Member, with wife Paula

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the meeting at the Bunker 33 Picnic Area of the NWSSB to order at 1107 hours with a quorum present. Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed with no revisions requested. Ed Barwick moved to accept the Minutes; this was seconded by Ray Teare and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Mike Swanson

The Treasurer's Report as of June 18, 2022 was read into the Minutes by Base Treasurer Mike Swanson:

Checking	\$6,838.13
Savings	\$14,885.41
Cash On Hand	\$50.00
Uncleared Checks:	\$0.00
Total	\$21,773.54

All vendors have been paid up-to-date.

Income:	\$358.00
Expenses:	\$648.00

Flower/Booster Club Additions:

Ken Dorn	\$100.00
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Inkind Donations:

\$00.00

Again, there were no questions or corrections. Ray Teare moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; it was seconded by Sam Higa and approved by voice vote. Mike indicated the transition from Wells Fargo Bank to Pacific Premier Bank has almost been completed. Certain banking documents were to be signed by Dave and Bill today, completing the requirements of our By-Laws.

Memorial Report:

Dennis Bott has now relieved Paul Riggs as Memorial Chairman. Darin Detwiler had indicated interest as well, yet given his other responsibilities, he had expressed some doubt as to available time for the commitment. Paul and Dennis met recently to accomplish the official turnover.

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New Battery-Powered Sub Designed to Host Underwater Parties

(Reproduced from InceptiveMind website; published May 17, 2022.)
by Amit Malewar



Photo credit: U-Boat Worx

The Dutch private submarine company U-Boat Worx has announced the launch of a completely new class of submarine—one that has been designed to host “the most prestigious and memorable events on the planet.”

The “Under Water Entertainment Platform” (UWEP) is a completely autonomous submersible with a capacity for up to 120 guests, excluding crew. Guests will experience diving to depths up to 200 meters in comfort and style and are free to walk around just as they would aboard a cruise ship.

The submarine measures 115-foot long, 25 feet wide, and 23 feet tall, offering over 150 square meters (1,600 square feet) of floor space that can be used for entertainment purposes. Its multi-purpose interior can be configured by the owner to include a 64-seat restaurant, a subsea gym, or an aquatic casino—luxury washrooms and a large galley come standard.

The UWEP submarine could also be used as a venue for presentations, parties, weddings, conferences, or any other stage-based performance, in the most unique setting imaginable.

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E-Board Meeting Minutes...

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NWSSB Access:

Dave will speak in July with the new Weapons Station Captain Jessica O’Brien, and will discuss our Memorial, Building 6 and related topics, and the long term positive relationship we’ve always had with the base. Dave also plans to discuss with her the ongoing situation with our Memorial Bricks now stored in Bldg. 6, in hopes of finding a way around the stalemate with the JAG office so we can finally get the bricks properly installed.

It was noted that the Navy will be maintaining the Memorial grounds, and will even handling the replacement of colors when needed.

Today’s entrance experience went well, both for those with biometric cards and those given day passes. Dave apologized for all the runaround concerning the acquisition of passes, as things had been in a state of flux with base personnel. With the assistance of Ms. Atencia, things now appear to have been straightened out. Much of the prior confusion could be traced to the recent Inspector General’s report, which apparently had put many on high alert. Dave is still requesting security applications for base entrance from members not yet cleared.

July 4th Parade Plan:

Huntington Beach has accepted our application. Bonefish Base will provide the trailer and submarine replica. We no longer have access to the six-by vehicle, so Dave will provide his truck, and Bonefish can accommodate others unable to march. We will gather at the McDonalds on Golden West at 0830, and proceed to the staging area around 0900. For this parade there will be no sound recordings nor physical interaction with crowds. Bummer!

Election of Base Officers:

Dave will ask Joe Koch and others to solicit candidates for next election. Based on our By-Laws, some current officers may term out. One Director position should be opened, and other positions likely need filling as well. Some discussion ensued concerning tenure in our By-Laws, leading Dave to make a motion to consider extending term limits for Officers, and amending our By-Laws to make this official doctrine. Ed seconded, and all approved.

Good of the Order:

Mike related a discussion with our new bank officer concerning our 501-C19 organization tax status, since that had been an issue with Wells Fargo. That officer stated we were good; we had no issues with the bank given the membership size of our group.

Dave indicated that it was brought to his attention that expending more than 10% of our treasury for extended public storage of our gear had been approved by the E-Board, but that By-Laws require approval by the entire membership. The approval for our current storage unit was only approved by the Board, and so apparently violates our By-Laws. This will be discussed in more detail at the General Meeting.

Ed will be representing our base at an Eagle Scout presentation in the Acton area. Sam Higa pointed out the lesser number of Scouts present at our Memorial ceremony this year compared to past years. Dave then confirmed that Paul had reached out to former Scout groups with no response. Dave had then enlisted Scout Troop 568 to fill in—with great success.

Darin Detwiler indicated that a discussion was held with the Lion’s Club after the Memorial Ceremony. It was apparently felt that more time should be allotted for speakers, what with traditional multiple appearances always making the schedule tight on that day.

There being no further business, Bill Moak motioned the meeting be adjourned; Mike Swanson seconded and it was passed by all present, ending the meeting at 1055 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moak

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

New Electric Party Sub

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The party sub is fitted with fourteen large windows to give seafarers a prime view of the deep ocean and its teeming marine life. It is also equipped with a series of exterior lights to illuminate the surroundings and add an extra dimension, whether to nighttime diving or deep sea dining experiences.

The fully autonomous UWEP is powered by a 1.2 megawatt-hour battery that lies beneath the ship's floors and allows the sub to run for up to eighteen hours straight on a single charge. Between trips, the sub can be recharged and reprovisioned in a port or floating dock, where guests can also comfortably board the submarine via its two grand access hatches. The submarine can hit a top speed of 3 knots (5.5 km/h) underwater.

The UWEP also features a sundeck with over eighty-five square meters of deck space, complete with safety railings. Your guests can relax and watch the sunset after an exhilarating drive.

For those unsure of the vessel's safety, the UWEP features an emergency power system that can be activated to keep critical systems turned on for 96 hours until rescue arrives.

U-Boat Worx is currently reviewing opportunities with pioneering entrepreneurs and leading hospitality groups. The company has not revealed the price of UWEP, but it is obvious that only the world's richest billionaires will be able to access it.



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, National, More

Shipmates and Ladies,

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

Dave

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

Date: June 1, 2022

Subject: Website Info.

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, National Commander

Base Commanders,

Please inform the member(s) of your bases responsible for base new members, change of officers, etc. to send their correspondence via email to our National Officer Manager, Dennis Nardone, instead of transferring this important information through the USSVI National Website. In short, effective immediately, use our current national website for reference purposes only.

We have imported the final database from our current website and any items uploaded from today forward will not be retained for later use.

A reconstituted version of our current website is near completion, and everyone will be notified when it is complete and ready for use. This reconstituted site will be used in the interim between our current website shutdown and the new Blackbaud website's becoming active.

Regards—and thank you for your cooperation,

Wayne Standerfer

USSVI National Commander

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Dave

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

Date: June 3, 2022

Subject: New Website

Submitted by: Tim Carlisle

Hello USSVI,

Here is the monthly news for June:

1. I've completed providing the website on Zoom; you can see two recordings below:

Northeast Region:

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

Central Region:

<https://bit.ly/3mkHIQ9>

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Kudos to Ron Martini for posting it on his BBS site!

2. The Website Technical Team has done amazing work and remained anonymous until now—here are their names and bases:

Tim Carlisle, Commander, Mare Island Base
Bill Stuple, Treasurer, Volunteer Base
Gerry Smith, Wyoming Base
Vinny McCrum, Secretary Volunteer Base

3. We have the final backup received yesterday from the site we have currently been using. Please do not save or anything to that site going forward as it will not be brought over. Our National Commander emailed Base Commanders and Tools users concerning this yesterday. We are leaving the site up until our rebuilt old site is up June 15th.

4. We are confident we will complete the rebuilt rehosted site by June 15th. Prior to the proposed June 15th release of this site, it will have been tested by our website development team to find and eliminate any bugs. But as with any new website development, some bugs may be missed. If discovered we are asking for membership assistance in bringing these to our attention by sending them to ussviwebsitequestions@gmail.com.

5. Blackbaud database and website are proceeding nicely. Our scheduled go-live date is by the 3rd week of August. We will not shift over to the Blackbaud website and database until then.

6. We really appreciate all of the questions, positive comments, and patience you have all exhibited during this transition and are grateful for that support.

Pride Runs Deep,
Tim Carlisle

*Shipmates and Ladies,
Ron Wagner has sent this information and asked that I forward it for the benefit of those who served with Stan Cook.
May you rest in peace, Mr. Cook,
Dave*

From: Ron Wagner <res0gd4t@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, June 6, 2022
Subject: Passing of Stan Cook of the *Sterlet*
To: lapasadenabase@gmail.com <lapasadenabase@gmail.com>

Hi Dave,

Another on Eternal Patrol to report. I am sending the notice below my prose for the purpose of getting the word out to those who knew and served with Stan Cook.

When the USS *Sterlet* (SS-392) Association disbanded after the last reunion in 2013, I sort of took over the management of soliciting among its veteran crew for the costs of running the website (<https://websitesbycook.com/sterlet/>) managed by Stan. He had ridden a couple diesel boats, at least one nuke where he said he'd got some radiation poisoning, and on a surface craft salvage ship during 'Nam where he was exposed to Agent Orange, then became a motor cop in Oahu. There, he was shot down at a traffic stop by somebody with a AK-47, some six or more bullets in his body. After recovery, he played his part in a training video for the Oahu PD. That video is well worth watching. (Right now I don't know where that is; I might have a link somewhere.)

He was a proud participant in Tunnels 2 Towers, and did what he could do to enroll me. He was a great contributor to those with Agent Orange damage and I passed on to him what you passed on from the USSVI about that stuff.

Perhaps I can find a little more about him once the USSVI Website is fully up and running.

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He had more websites, so I may not be the only one in the USSVI with one of his sites.

That's the the best I can do for a eulogy for Stan at this point.

Stan, Rest Your Oar,

Ron

-----Original Message-----

From: Stan Cook <hawaiiicop@gmail.com>

To: res0gd4t@verizon.net

Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022

Subject: Automatic reply concerning the passing of Stan Cook

I regret to inform you that my husband, Stan Cook, passed away unexpectedly in January 2022.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to continue his business. Thank you for being a loyal client.

Sincerely,

Fe Cook

Shipmates and Ladies,

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

Dave

Date: June 14, 2022

Subject: Website Bulletin

Submitted by: Tim Carlisle on 6/14/2022

Good afternoon USSVI,

Here is the latest regarding the website:

Here is the link to the new old (reconstructed) website <http://ussubvets.org/home.asp>. Your user name and password should be the same. If not, use "forgot password."

Any updne [??] through the Tools Menu need to be completed on this new site, or they won't be in the database. The old website (ussvi.org) will be shut down on June 30th. Do not make any entries on this website.

1. If you find a bug, fill out a bug report. As with any implementation, we will try to fix any issues, and are grateful for your help. Gerry Smith, our webmaster for this site, may reach out to you to test the fix. His email for bug fixes is ussvi@e911systems.com.

2. This reconstructed website is where our National Elections voting will take place.

If you have questions, please contact me at ussviwebsitequestions@gmail.com. I monitor this email account and am happy to answer your questions. Talk to you next month!

Pride Runs Deep,

Timothy W. Carlisle, CISSP, PMP, DTM2

District 4 Director

dd@d4tm.org

Phone: (925) 812-4239

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

From: noreply@ussubvets.org <noreply@ussubvets.org>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022
Subject: Voting in the 2022 USSVI National Election: Instructions
Submitted by: Tom Conlon, USSVI Election Master

2022 USSVI NATIONAL ELECTION BEGINS

Voting in the 2022 USSVI National Election will begin at 00:00:01 AM, June 24, 2022. Voting will continue until 2359, August 15, 2022.

Online voting is via the newly reconstituted USSVI website:

<https://bit.ly/3zQRX0T>

When voting begins, the “Vote in Election” button will be available. When you click on the button, you will get to the USSVI National Ballot. Once there, cast your ballot accordingly. There is also space to write in a candidate of your choice.

When you vote, you do so from your primary Base. The Regional Director vote reflects the location of your primary Base. This may be different from the location of your residence. You can only vote for the Regional Director who represents the location of your primary Base.

There is one (1) Proposed Bylaws change. Vote “YES” or “NO” on the proposed change.

Candidate’s Statements and the text of the Proposed Amendment are in the current issue of the *American Submariner*.

As always, you may vote by paper ballot. I must receive any paper ballots no later than August 10, 2022. This will allow me to count any “last minute” ballots. I will discard any ballots I receive after August 15th.

Mail your mail-in ballots to:
Tom Conlon,
USSVI Election Master
8 Davis Avenue
Harrison, NJ 07029

You must complete your own ballot. We do not allow “proxy voting.”

Base Commanders: You may print a supply of paper ballots and distribute them at a Base meeting. However, each member must complete their own ballot. You may collect the ballots and send them to me as a package. I must also receive that package no later than August 10th.

You may also bring a suitable computer to a Base meeting and members may vote using that computer. Again, each member must cast their own online ballot.

My goal is for as many members as possible to vote in our election. Remember: Your vote is your “voice” in our organization’s operation.

Tom Conlon
USSVI National Election Master

Sea Stories

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memories: a cavalcade of faces, voices, experiences and time spent pissing against the wind.

As every true sailor knows, there is honor in remembrance, and it is through the continually Brasso'ed memories of worn-out "long in the tooth" old sailors that ships long struck from the Navy's rolls still manage to live on. They live on via the immortality of the sea stories told about them among circles of men who loved them and will always give a damn.

Shelly, Keats, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Louisa May Allcott never wrote or told sea stories. Guys like "Brass Knuckle" Jackson, "One Nut" Daniels and "Cinderblock" Williams tell sea stories instead. Shelly, Keats and the rest of that silk-skivvied crowd never pissed off a pier waiting on a liberty launch, or dropped his watch into a rubber and tied a knot in it to waterproof it prior to swimming to that boat swinging on the hook four hundred yards offshore after the last launch had made her rounds.

Serious publishing houses don't publish sea stories because most naval historical authorities look on them as worthless and having absolutely no literary merit...and the bastards

are probably right.

No hand that ever held a heaving line, chipping hammer or GDU wrench ever wrote anything made into a \$20-a-copy book—except Ron "Warshot" Smith or Ken "Pig" Henry or maybe one or two others. Most of the authoritative submarine writing is done by officers who understand the need for sterling silver napkin rings and how to drink hundred-year-old brandy from a snifter—gentlemen who never drank dollar-thirty-a-gallon wine out of a rinsed out peanut butter jar in the superstructure forward of the bow plane bull gears.

My favorite literary critic, Tom "Old Gringo" Parks, an old pre-World War II S-boat Motor Mac, said it best: "Dex, your stories are great for one good sit down head call."

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