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"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

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Editor's Corner

Busy times! Finishing up this rag, putting to bed another stellar issue of *American Submariner* with Chuck, keeping the next issue of *The Subcommittee Report* on track for its forthcoming release—and now heading out for a Wodehouse Society convention in Nashville. Uh, barista, another double shot, if you please.—Jeff

American Nuclear Submarine Returns After 700-Day Mission Watching U.S. Adversaries

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by Ryan Chan



The U.S. Navy Ohio-class guided-missile submarine USS Florida prepares to moor at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia on July 31 following a deployment to the 5th, 6th and 7th Fleet's areas of operations. (Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Travis S. Alston/ U.S. Navy photo.)

A powerful United States Navy nuclear submarine, armed with conventional long-range missiles, returned home on Wednesday following a 727-day round-the-world deployment during which it conducted missions countering threats posed by Russia, China and Iran.

USS *Florida*, a 18,750-ton nuclear-powered *Ohio*-class guided missile submarine, entered the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia following a deployment that commenced in August 2022. It had traveled more than 60,000 nautical miles for the past two years.

The conventionally armed boat is one of the four *Ohio*-class submarines in the Navy's fleet that were converted from nuclear-armed ballistic missile submarines. The *Florida* underwent a refueling and conversion in July 2003 and it was completed

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From the Wardroom...



Dave Vanderveen,
Base Commander

Shipmates and Ladies,

And just like that, we are in Autumn. The days are flying by so quickly I'm losing count!

During our monthly meeting in September, we decided to hold our Annual Leroy Stone Memorial Auction during our November meeting at the VFW Hall in Anaheim. Normally, our picnic happens at the same time, but while we enjoyed ourselves eating and swapping sea stories at the picnic in Dennis Walsh's yard in August, we ran out of time. People had to leave, and we lost the "critical mass" of bidders and cash needed to make a successful auction. So, we'll invite folks to send us photographs of the "white elephants" they plan to donate for auction so we can let others know by email what will be available to bid on. Perhaps we can attract more members to participate in the meeting and auction! More information to come later this month.

As we have discussed for awhile, the memorabilia we had displayed for decades in the Weapons Station's Building 6 is slowly being divested. Many members have spoken for boat plaques which will be forwarded soon, and two museums are interested in receiving many of our framed boat photographs. Recently, the command at Seal Beach Weapons Station has committed to accept the big glass case and model of "not-quite-the-*Harder*." We are working on the transfer plan and installation in the station's Community Center and will document it with photographs so the story can be offered to you.

Registration for the Western Region Roundup—which our base will host March 6th-8th of 2025—will begin in early October. The old Cunard Liner, RMS *Queen Mary*, which is now a hotel and event center, is where we'll work and stay. I hope you'll attend the event and perhaps even stay in one of the original First Class passenger staterooms. She's a gorgeous old ship and well worth seeing, plus the business of the Roundup is important to our veterans' organization.

Between August and October, we've helped three shipmates celebrate their 100th birthdays: Harold Staggs on August 26th, Bill Dillon on September 6th, and Jimmy Carter later this month (yep, our nation's 39th president is a member of L.A.-Pasadena Base!). I wish we could all enjoy a hundred years of health and mobility!

Local shipmates from four eras of submarining who were interviewed for the upcoming Veterans' Day broadcast on PBS-TV (Pat Zilliacus, Ron Jones, Darin Detwiler, and Ramon Aguilar) will see those interviews on the air soon. The U.S. Army Field Band Coordinator who organized it all will send us an advance copy of the edited work, and I'll forward it when it comes in. Of course, we'll also publish the broadcast times PBS plans to air their show.

As always, please protect your health and safety and take care of yourself as if you will celebrate your own 100th birthday!

Dave

Dave Vanderveen, Commander
Los Angeles-Pasadena Base



Sept. General Meeting Sailing List

Ramon Aguilar
(and daughter Gabriela)
Susan Bolton
Dennis Bott
Darin Detwiler
Ken Dorn
Joe Koch
Lori Mabry
Bill Moak
Michael Polis
Dave Semrau
Chuck Senior
Marilyn Senior
Mike Swanson
Ray Teare
Dave Vanderveen
Dennis Walsh
Stan Westrick
Pat Zilliacus
(and wife Mercedes Z.)



Minutes of September 21, 2024 General Meeting

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the General Meeting of the L.A.-Pasadena Base to order at the VFW Hall in Anaheim at 1107 hours. Dave then led the Pledge of Allegiance, following that with reciting the USSVI Purpose and adding a request for a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates. There was also a brief prayer.

Dave explained that the Minutes of the August meeting had been reviewed during the E-Board meeting and accepted into the base record. They're published in the previous issue of *The Periscope* for members who wish to review them.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Swanson provided the Treasurer's Report—as of September 20, 2024—to the members in attendance, and Dave noted that the E-Board had already reviewed and accepted it into the base record. (*The report appears in the E-Board Meeting Minutes elsewhere in this issue as usual.—ed.*)

Memorial Update:

Dennis Bott shared about the status and condition of the memorial and about the plans for a new sign.

Membership Update:

Marilyn Senior reported that we currently have 99 base members, but may soon lose two due to age and health issues. Marilyn also shared the development of a new dues schedule. (It appears in the E-Board Meeting Minutes on page 18 of this issue.)

Elections:

Marilyn Senior and Joe Koch were able to gain a return of 31 ballots: 32% of voters at the base level—the highest in recent memory! All candidates received votes with no write-in names. (The results are listed in the E-Board Meeting Minutes on page 19 of this issue.)

Installation of New Officers:

The October 19 meeting will include the installation. The event will be held at the Radiant Brewery, 1566 W. Lincoln Ave. in Anaheim. Catering is being secured. We're also looking to schedule a tour of the brewery. (*See sign-up sheet elsewhere in this issue—ed.*)

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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!



General Meeting Minutes...

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2025 Western Region Roundup:

A technical glitch at the *Queen Mary* affecting room registrations will be resolved.

Memorabilia:

People have expressed much interest in plaques from SBNWS Bldg. 6. We'll auction some off at our rescheduled auction (to be held at the November 16 base meeting). What is not purchased then will be considered for donation to the North Texas Military Heritage Collection (or other). The large fleetboat model in the glass case will be donated to the SBNWS for display at their community recreation facility. Official paperwork has been drafted. A request will be made for some type of small ceremony or at least some photos to be taken for publication.

Auction:

Our annual base auction has been rescheduled for the November 16 base meeting, with proceeds to go to our base treasury.

The Good of the Order:

Stan Westrick made an inquiry about recruitment cards.

Bill Moak is passing around a greeting card for members to sign for Jimmy Carter's 100th birthday.

There being no further business, Dennis Bott motioned for adjournment; this was seconded by Joe Koch and passed unanimously, ending the meeting at 1127 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Detwiler

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

October Meeting at Radiant Brewery!

Oct. Meeting

Date: Oct. 19, 2024

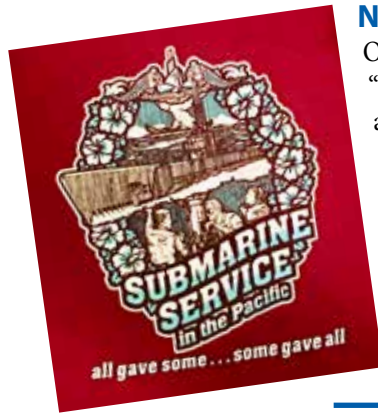
This month we're holding the Installation Luncheon for our newly elected officers at Radiant Brewery in Anaheim. It'll be catered by Katella Deli. Come hungry! Be sure to send in your sign-up sheet (see page 21) to Mike Swanson ASAP to reserve your spot!

11:00 a.m.:

Radiant Beer Co.
1566 W. Lincoln Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92801
(cross street: Loara)



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 Bill Moak for yours, or just bring a few extra bucks to the next meeting, you skinflint!

2025 Calendars Now Available!

Order your calendar through Bill Moak or the National Storekeeper. See the ad on page 20 of this issue of *The Periscope*.



Get in touch with our base Storekeeper, Bill Moak, at golfnsurf46@aol.com for more information!



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Oct. Birthdays

We hereby extend the happiest of wishes to all our celebrants.

- Jimmy Carter..... 10/1
- Elliot Rada..... 10/13
- Gregory Paulson..... 10/14
- Steven Diumentti..... 10/15
- Harry Ross..... 10/15
- Paul Riggs..... 10/16
- Vernon "Max" Murphy.. 10/18
- Larry Long..... 10/20
- John Andersen..... 10/23
- George Wallace..... 10/23
- Willie Williamson..... 10/24

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Keep these shipmates in your thoughts; better yet, get in touch!
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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.

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2024 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 • Dennis Bott • Bill Moak • Mike Swanson
Sally Moran • Ron Jones • Joe Koch • Greg Paulson

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

OCTOBER TOLLING OF THE BOATS



USS SEAWOLF (SS-197)

Lost on October 3, 1944 near Morotai, when she was attacked and sunk by the USS *Richard M. Rowell* (DE-403) while tragically mistaken for a Japanese submarine known to be in the area. *Seawolf* ranks seventh among U.S. submarines for enemy ships sunk. Her crew of eighty-three plus seventeen U.S. Army troops went down with her.



USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on October 7, 1943 when sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles, during her fifth war patrol. After attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, *S-44* found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war. Fifty-six men were lost.



USS WAHOO (SS-238)

Lost on October 11, 1943 in La Perouse Strait. Commanded by one of the great sub skippers of all time, LCDR Dudley “Mush” Morton, she had been exiting the Sea of Japan on her seventh war patrol. Awarded a Presidential Unit Citation and ranking fifth in number of ships sunk, *Wahoo* was lost to Japanese air and sea forces after being spotted on the surface by shore batteries. Patrol aircraft were alerted and dropped many bombs, the *coup de grâce* delivered later by subchasers, an auxiliary, and more aircraft. Eighty brave men were lost with this legendary boat.



USS DORADO (SS-248)

Lost on October 12, 1943 when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, *Dorado* had departed New London, CT, en route to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane receiving faulty bombing restriction instructions—or by a German U-boat known to be in the vicinity. Seventy-seven men perished.



USS ESCOLAR (SS-294)

Lost on October 17, 1944 *Escolar* had been on her first war patrol and was most likely sunk by a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea. Her crew of eighty-two never came home.

USS SHARK II (SS-314)

Lost on October 24, 1944 when attacked and sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during WWII, she had been on her third war patrol. *Shark* was lost to escorts after sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, the torpedoed freighter had carried 1,800 U.S. POWs aboard. All of *Shark II*'s eighty-seven men were lost.



USS DARTER (SS-227)

Lost on October 24, 1944 when she ran aground on Bombay Shoal off Palawan; she was later destroyed by cannon fire to keep from falling into enemy hands. *Darter*'s entire crew was safely rescued by USS *Dace* (SS-247). Awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, *Darter* had put a heavy cruiser on the bottom, damaged another, and was attempting an “end around” to gain an attack position on a battleship when she became stuck in the shallows.

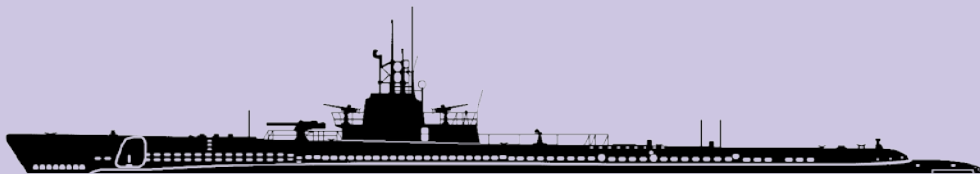


USS TANG (SS-306)

Lost on October 25, 1944 in the Formosa Strait while conducting her fifth patrol. During a daring night surface attack, *Tang* fell victim to a circular run by her own faulty torpedo. Nine of her crew escaped the sinking and were taken prisoner—including CDR O’Kane and five who had gained the surface from her spot on the bottom, 180 feet below. All survived the war. O’Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. *Tang* ranks second in ships sunk and fourth in tonnage, and was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations. Seventy-eight men were lost.

USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 when she was accidentally rammed and sunk by the SS *Abangarez* off the Panama Canal. TM2(SS) Henry Berault received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. Three men were lost.



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

Naval Special Warfare/Submarine Squadron 11 Display Fleet Lethality

(Reproduced from the Naval Special Warfare Command website - Published July 3, 2024.)
by Petty Officer 1st Class Alex Perlman and Petty Officer 1st Class Alex Smedegard



West Coast-based Naval Special Warfare (NSW) operators conduct military dive operations and prepare to board the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN-772) during fleet interoperability training in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Greenville is part of Commander Submarine Squadron 11, home to five Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. NSW is the nation's elite maritime special operations force, uniquely positioned to extend the Fleet's reach and gain and maintain access for the Joint Force in competition and conflict.

PACIFIC OCEAN — West Coast-based Naval Special Warfare (NSW) operators participated in fleet interoperability training off the coast of Southern California June 24, focusing on increasing warfighting capabilities in the maritime domain.

The training involved aircraft from Commander, U.S. Naval Air Forces and the *Los Angeles*-class attack submarine USS *Greeneville* (SSN-772), assigned to Commander Submarine Squadron 11 (CSS-11).

“This training opportunity provided the submarine warfighters aboard USS *Greeneville* the opportunity to practice a unique capability,” said Capt. Kenneth Douglas, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11. “Expanding joint interoperability capabilities effectively demonstrates our asymmetric advantage on and under the world’s oceans and I look forward to continued training events with our Naval Special Warfare operators.”

During the training, Naval Special Warfare (NSW) operators performed a military freefall and conducted an airborne drop of combat rubber raiding crafts (CRRC) off the coast of Southern California. Following this, the NSW operators rendezvoused with *Greeneville* at a designated

location before returning to shore.

“Undertaking an operation of this caliber highlights the indispensable role that NSW and the submarine force play within the joint force,” said Capt. Blake L. Chaney, Commander, Naval Special Warfare Group 1. “By synchronizing our operations, activities and investments, we not only bolster fleet lethality but also provide substantial value in securing access to either denied or contested areas.”

Engaging in ongoing training with Naval Special Warfare and Commander Submarine Squadron 11, ensures that the U.S. Naval force is well-prepared to tackle the challenges of a dynamic and competitive maritime environment.

CSS-11 is home to five *Los Angeles*-class fast attack submarines capable of supporting various missions, including: anti-submarine warfare; anti-ship warfare; strike warfare; and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

Naval Special Warfare is the nation’s elite maritime special operations force, uniquely positioned to extend the Fleet’s reach and gain and maintain access for the Joint Force in competition and conflict.

U.S. Advanced Nuclear Attack Submarine Inches Closer to China

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U.S. Navy Virginia-class attack submarine USS Minnesota begins sea trials as she transits Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on June 20. She is scheduled for a home port shift to Guam later in the year. (Claudia LaMantia/U.S. Navy photo.)

The United States will soon upgrade its submarine force at a crucial military hub in the Western Pacific Ocean, *Newsweek* has learned, a decision that comes amid China's rapid naval buildup and its expanded operations at sea further from its shores.

The *Virginia*-class USS *Minnesota*, a nuclear-powered but conventionally armed cruise missile fast attack submarine, is scheduled to conduct a change of home port from Hawaii to Guam in the new fiscal year beginning on October 1, Lt. Cmdr. Rick Moore, a spokesperson for the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander's principal adviser on submarine affairs, said in response to an emailed inquiry.

Guam is part of the so-called second island chain, a series of islands stretching from Japan in the north to New Guinea in the south. Together with the first island chain connecting U.S.-allied Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines, they are layers of a Cold War defense concept that sought to constraint communist China's naval and air activity in wartime.

U.S. military leaders say China is in the middle of the

largest conventional military buildup since World War II; its forces already regularly operate beyond the first island chain. And recent deployments have taken them far beyond the second, with a four-ship flotilla and a joint bomber patrol with Russia last month both reaching the Bering Sea near Alaska.

News of the *Minnesota's* repositioning first appeared in photographs published last month by the U.S. Navy. They showed the 7,800-ton, 377-foot submarine beginning sea trials in June following planned maintenance work at Pearl Harbor, its current home port.

The Navy says the *Virginia* class, in service since the early 2000s, has enhanced warfighting capabilities, including in coastal operations, to support anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, strike warfare, as well as intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions.

The *Minnesota* is armed with Mark 48 torpedos and can launch up to 12 Tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles from its vertical launching system.

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U.S. Nuke Sub Gets Close to China

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It will be the first boat of its class to operate permanently out of Guam, a move that “will add a next-generation attack submarine with advanced capabilities to the forward-deployed naval force,” Moore told *Newsweek*.

“The Navy routinely assesses its overseas force positioning to include forward-deployed naval force submarines homeported in Guam,” he said. “We are committed to posturing our most capable platforms to preserve peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.”

Guam, the westernmost point and territory of the United States, is 1,500-1,700 miles from the Taiwan Strait and the contested waters of the East and South China seas, making it an ideal staging area to project American sea power, albeit within range of Chinese intermediate-range ballistic missiles.

American attack submarines would expend their missiles and torpedoes fast during a war in the Indo-Pacific region, former Navy submariner Bryan Herrin told *Newsweek*.

“The strategic location of Guam has significant military importance for the U.S. Navy, so being able to forward deploy, maintain, and reload our most modern submarines there is critical,” he said.

Pearl Harbor is about 2.5 times the distance.

New submarine tenders, ships that provide logistical support, should become a top priority, Herrin said, “as our newest one was commissioned 45 years ago.” The Navy has two tenders, both in Guam, providing ordnance and maintenance support.

There are currently four submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 15 at Naval Base Guam: USS *Asheville*, USS *Jefferson City*, USS *Annapolis*, and USS *Springfield*, all of the older-generation *Los Angeles* class, which will be replaced by the *Virginia* class as they retire.

Moore did not say whether the number of Guam-based boats would be adjusted. The Pacific island is also home to Andersen Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz.

“China is gravely concerned about the U.S. strengthening forward military deployment in the Asia-Pacific to seek unilateral military advantage,” said Liu Pengyu, a spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

“We urge the U.S. to earnestly respect other countries’ security concerns, stop provoking confrontation and escalat-

ing tensions, and concretely preserve peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region,” Liu told *Newsweek*.

The decision to deploy the first *Virginia*-class hunter-killer to Guam was not a surprise, said Tom Shugart, a former Navy submarine commanding officer and an adjunct senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington think tank.

“Eventually they will replace all of the *Los Angeles*-class boats, so it’s only a matter of time for that to happen,” Shugart told *Newsweek*.

“While I have a particular affection for the *Los Angeles* class, having served on three of them in my career, even I have to admit the *Virginia* class is just newer technology: modular construction, quieter, telescoping photonics masts, drive-by-wire, etc.,” he said.

The Navy says the *Virginia* class “is designed to remain state-of-the-practice for its entire operational life through the rapid introduction of new systems and payloads.”

The *Minnesota*, commissioned in the fall of 2013, last changed home ports in March 2022, when it switched from Groton, Connecticut, to Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Navy *Los Angeles*-class attack submarine USS *Jefferson City* transits Apra Harbor at Naval Base Guam on June 21. (Lt. James Caliva/U.S. Navy photo.)

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How Fast are the U.S. Navy's Seawolf-Class Submarines?

The Navy's Seawolf-class boats, comprising three nuclear-powered fast-attack vessels, are renowned for their speed, stealth, and firepower. Capable of reaching 35 knots underwater, these subs remain the fastest in the Navy's arsenal, making them highly relevant even decades after their inception.

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by Maya Carlin



USS Seawolf (SSN-21). (Creative Commons photo.)

- Designed during the Cold War to counter the Soviet Union's Typhoon-class missile submarines, the *Seawolf* class is larger, quieter, and more heavily armed than its *Los Angeles*-class predecessors.
- The USS *Jimmy Carter*, the last of the class, stands out with a unique 100-foot hull extension and special modifications for covert operations.

What Makes the *Seawolf* Class Special? Speed is Part of the Equation

The U.S. Navy's submarines are some of the quietest, fastest, and most lethal boats in the seas. One of the service's classes of nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarines races forward as the fastest of them all.

The Navy's three *Seawolf*-class vessels are capable of reaching an underwater speed of 35 knots per hour. This capability keeps the relatively old *Seawolf* class relevant in the modern era.

An Overview of the *Seawolf* Class

The *Seawolf* class came about during the arms race between the U.S. and the USSR. The U.S. Navy needed a new submarine class specifically able to counter the Soviet Union's Typhoon ballistic missile boats.

The *Seawolf* subs were designed to be larger, quicker, and quieter than their *Los Angeles*-class predecessors. They were built from HY-100 steel and designed to carry more weapons than earlier variants.

What Makes USS *Jimmy Carter* Stand Out?

After the Soviet Union collapsed in the early 1990s, defense priorities shifted and production of the *Seawolf* class was cut short. Only three *Seawolf* submarines ever made it to the production phase.

USS *Seawolf*, the lead ship of the class, was initially ordered in 1989 from the Electric Boat Division of General

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How Fast is the Seawolf Class?

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Dynamics. USS *Connecticut* was commissioned roughly a decade later, followed by USS *Jimmy Carter* in 2005.

USS *Jimmy Carter* is considered its own sub-class, as it features a number of distinct modifications. Specifically, *Jimmy Carter* was designed to be able to carry out covert surveillance and special operations missions via its special thrusters and a 100-foot hull extension known as the Multi-Mission Platform.

Specs and Capabilities

While USS *Seawolf* and USS *Connecticut* have a submerged displacement of around 9,137 tons, USS *Jimmy Carter*'s submerged displacement measures 12,139 tons.

Each of the *Seawolf*-class boats is equipped with eight 26.5-inch torpedo tubes, which are capable of launching a vast array of weapons including Tomahawk land attack cruise missiles, Mk 48 guided torpedoes, and Harpoon anti-ship missiles.

The class boasts advanced sonar. A Tercom-Aided Inertial Navigation System guides each missile toward the intended target. While the Tomahawk can be fitted with a nuclear warhead, these submarines rarely carry such munitions. As detailed by Naval Technology, "Block III improvements include an improved propulsion system and Navstar global positioning system (GPS) guidance capability. The anti-ship Tomahawk missile is equipped with inertial guidance and an active radar and anti-radiation homing head. The range is up to 450km."

The *Seawolf*-class ships may be aging, but they are still the fastest submarines in the Navy's inventory.

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USS <i>Connecticut</i> (SSN-22)	USS <i>North Dakota</i> (SSN-784)
USS <i>Delaware</i> (SSN-791)	USS <i>Kentucky Blue</i> (SSBN-737)
USS <i>Greeneville</i> (SSN-772)	USS <i>Kentucky Gold</i> (SSBN-737)
USS <i>Helena</i> (SSN-725)	USS <i>Maine Blue</i> (SSBN-741)
USS <i>Hyman G. Rickover</i> (SSN-795)	

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- ✓ All sponsors entered into the quarterly Boat Model Giveaway drawing (one entry per sponsorship) — a \$500 value

Not Made in the USA: *Vanguard*-Class Missile Submarine Has Just One Mission

The Royal Navy's Vanguard-class ballistic missile submarines, introduced in 1994, are nearing the end of their service but have proven invaluable. These submarines, the largest built in the UK, displace nearly 16,000 tons and carry the Trident missile, ensuring long-term deterrence capabilities.

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by Maya Carlin



UK's vaulted Vanguard-class SSBN submarine. (Royal Navy photo.)

- **Four *Vanguard*-class vessels—*Vanguard*, *Victorious*, *Vigilant*, and *Vengeance*—are nuclear-powered, allowing for extended deployments.**
- **Equipped with advanced sonar and torpedo systems, they possess significant anti-submarine and anti-surface capabilities.**

The End of an Era: *Vanguard*-Class Submarines to Make Way for Advanced Dreadnought Class

The Royal Navy's fleet of *Vanguard*-class ballistic missile

submarines is aging and soon to be replaced, but these SSBNs proved their worth over decades of service. The *Vanguard* ships are the largest of their kind manufactured in the United Kingdom, displacing nearly 16,000 tons when submerged—twice the displacement of the preceding *Resolution*-class Polaris submarines.

Four *Vanguard*-class vessels were introduced to the Royal Navy in 1994 as part of the Trident nuclear program: *Vanguard* (S28), *Victorious* (S29), *Vigilant* (S30), and *Vengeance* (S31).

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UK's Vanguard-Class Missile Submarine

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The History of the Vanguard Class

Like most Western military systems created during the Cold War, Britain designed the *Vanguard* class to deter the Soviet Union. Unlike the U.S., whose deterrence strategy involved a full nuclear triad, the UK focused primarily on sea-based nuclear deterrence. *Resolution*-class vessels were equipped with Polaris missiles.

When determining the armament of the new *Vanguard* ships, it was decided that the American-made Trident would deliver the best long-term capability insurance against the USSR's growing arsenal. Then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher asked to purchase Trident missiles, and the two countries reached an agreement in the early 1980s.

Specs & Capabilities

The British Ministry of Defense selected Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering (currently BAE Systems Submarines | Maritime) to build the *Vanguard*. The lead ship of the class—the HMS *Vanguard*—was commissioned in 1993, followed by the HMS *Victorious* in 1995, the HMS *Vigilant* in 1996, and the HMS *Vengeance* in 1999. Each of these ships is powered by nuclear propulsion, allowing them to sail for longer periods of time without needing to refuel. The class's endurance is estimated at sixty days.

The *Vanguard* carries the UK's essential nuclear deterrent, the Trident missile. These weapons can be fired at targets up to 4,000 miles away and are ejected from the ship's ballistic missile tubes via "high-pressure gas before igniting when they reach the surface of the water," as explained by the Royal Navy.

The *Vanguard* SSBNs are also fitted with four 21-inch (533mm) torpedo tubes and can carry up to 16 Spearfish heavyweight torpedoes. Capable of traveling faster than 90 miles per hour, these torpedoes can strike targets with a 660-pound explosive charge, giving the *Vanguard* ships both anti-submarine and anti-surface-warfare capabilities.

The *Vanguard's* sensors are also sophisticated, including the Thales Underwater Systems Type 2054 composite sonar system. Reportedly, this sonar system is so advanced that it can locate ships positioned more than 50 miles away.

Although the *Vanguard*-class ships are nearing the end of their service lives, the Trident missiles they carry are expected to be carried over to their successors, the Dreadnought class. These incoming ships will remain in service with the Royal Navy until at least the 2060s.



HMS Vanguard SSBN submarine docked between deterrent patrols. (Royal Navy photo.)

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Sent in by Bill Moak, from the internet...

When I Was Young

by Mike Young

When I was young, many years ago
I joined the Navy; Why, I don't know
I served My time, with Honor and Pride
For this young boy, it was quite a ride
I went to places I'd never dreamed
Time went fast, or so it seemed
I met People I'll never forget
And some I wish I'd never met
But as I think back on those days gone by
My Ship, My Shipmates, bring a tear to My eye
I didn't know it then, never gave it a thought
But My time in the Navy couldn't have been bought
I guess We all feel the same after We're out
The Pride that We feel, that's what it's about
Having served our Nation, keeping it free
Protecting our way of life, our Liberty
And the Friends I made along the way...
Would I do it again? Yes, any day!
And to all My Shipmates: Anchors Aweigh!

Florida Returns After 700-day Mission

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in April 2006.

The main firepower of the “denuclearized” *Florida* and its three sister ships, USS *Ohio*, USS *Michigan* and USS *Georgia*, is the Tomahawk land-attack cruise missile. Each can carry up to 154 missiles, which can strike targets on land 1,000 miles away.

Another feature of this type of submarine is that it supports special operation forces, capable of hosting up to 66 personnel and accommodating their equipment. Two of the 24 missile tubes were converted to chambers that allow insertion and retrieval of combat personnel.

During this deployment, which began in the Atlantic Ocean and wrapped up in the Pacific Ocean, the *Florida* deployed in the 5th, 6th and 7th Fleet’s areas of operations, which are in the Middle East, Europe and Western Pacific Ocean, respectively.

“We have demonstrated the versatility of SSGN [guided missile submarine] platform to operate anywhere at any time,” said the *Florida*’s Blue crew commanding officer, Captain Peter French. The submarine has Blue and Gold crews which alternate operating the boat.

The Navy said the two-crew system maximizes submarine’s availability, reduces number of submarines required to meet operational requirements, and allows for crew training, readiness and morale. The *Florida* had swapped its crew five times during deployment.

It is very uncommon for an East Coast-based submarine to deploy to the West Coast, the commanding officer added, “but we managed to do an exceptional job completing the mission.” The crews conducted vital missions crucial to national security, the Navy said.

“All submariners go through extensive screening and training to ensure that they can handle the psychological effects of extended deployments and long periods of isolation,” former Navy submariner of Bryan Herrin, who served aboard the *Ohio*, told *Newsweek*.

This was not the longest deployment for the *Florida*, which was commissioned 41 years ago. In 2020, it concluded an 800-plus-day overseas deployment that covered almost 100,000 miles, according to defense news website *The War Zone*.

During the initial stage of the recent deployment, the *Florida* mainly operated in Europe, including Greece,

the Ionian Sea, and the Mediterranean Sea, photos published by the Navy showed.

The Navy rarely publicized the movement of its submarine force, also known as the “Silent Service,” unless it wanted to send a message of deterrence to adversaries. This was the case of the *Florida*’s deployment in Europe during Russia’s all-out invasion of Ukraine.

In April last year, the *Florida* conducted a show of force mission in the Middle East as Iran-backed armed groups continued to attack the U.S. military in the region. It entered the Red Sea via the Suez Canal, a move publicized by the Navy at that time.

After a brief return to Europe, where the *Florida* visited Tromsø, a Norwegian city north of the Arctic Circle, the submarine headed back to the Middle East after the outbreak of war between Israel and Hamas. It passed through the Suez Canal in November.

In January, the submarine launched Tomahawk missiles against the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen in response to their attacks on commercial shipping in the Red Sea.

The *Florida* moored in Guam in April for maintenance after visiting Diego Garcia, a British Indian Ocean Territory. It reloaded Tomahawk missiles with submarine tender USS *Frank Cable* on the U.S. island territory in the Western Pacific Ocean last month.

Guam is a strategic military hub for the U.S. projecting power in the region, where China expanded air and naval operations further from its territory. Rearmament of the *Florida* on the island can send a signal to regional adversaries like China, Russia and North Korea.

For the last leg of the circumnavigation after a stop in Guam, the *Florida* returned to the Atlantic Ocean via the Panama Canal, the Navy told *Newsweek*.

The crews now can enjoy much-needed time off, said Christopher L. Martell, Gold crew chief of the boat.

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Hampton Blvd.

by Bob “Dex” Armstrong

To all East Coast sailors, Norfolk was “Sh*t City.” Rumor has it that during World War II the fine citizens of that fair city put signs on their lawns which read: “SAILORS AND DOGS KEEP OFF THE GRASS.” Next to the Red Cross making front-line GIs pay for coffee and doughnuts they should have given away for free, the stories about Norfolk come in a well deserved second. The best way to see Norfolk was through a rear view mirror.

Norfolk created a sinkhole called East Main Street. No place on earth was a bigger dump. It was wall-to-wall beer joints and establishments designed specifically to separate sailors from their money. It was a municipal embarrassment and they shut it down.

It needs to be said that without the Navy payroll, Norfolk would have been just another seedy seaport. The neat stuff that Norfolk has today got built with bluejacket bucks.

The police force that spent most of their time hassling sailors turned a blind eye to gambling, gouging storekeepers, whores, motels who rented the same room four times a night, and the crooks who drove cabs. Norfolk was a corrupt hole—a festering pus pit on the East Coast. It was “Sh*t City.”

Through a clever zoning plan, the city fathers closed down the open sore of East Main Street. This forced the center of action to Hampton Blvd.: a case of moving the ticks to a different dog.

Hampton Blvd. became a mecca of beer joints, Navy gear stores, tailor shops, and greasy spoons. They sold everything a sailor wanted and set up locker clubs to store your junk. It was a land beyond health codes and consumer protection.

They had clothing stores which must’ve purchased their entire inventory straight off the seconds rack at the Ringling Brothers outlet. I once saw a sailor come out of Bells Naval Tailors wearing an avocado-colored sports coat with metallic threads woven into it. Jeezus, they would have laughed the guy out of a Ubangi class reunion.

There was a motto engraved in the hearts of all shopkeepers on Hampton Blvd.: “You can sell dog doo-doo to a sailor on payday.” And they did. Sailors with good taste (I wasn’t one and never met one) were a statistical

element right behind pregnant nuns.

They sold godawful silk pillows with fringe all around the edges. They also had all imaginable kinds of brass, plastic and ceramic ships and anchors with “FROM YOUR SAILOR IN NORFOLK VIRGINIA” printed on them. I figured any mother who put out one of these ugly son-sabitches where someone could see it must’ve *really* loved her son. Or was simply blind.

There were kids running around carrying wooden boxes and wearing open-top tin cans suspended on strings around their necks. In these were a couple of tins of black Kiwi or Lincoln shoe polish and a buffing rag. The box held a shoe brush.

“Hey sailor—one fine shine, one thin dime....” Adrian Stuke brought back this wonderful memory in a recent phone call.

“One fine shine. One thin dime.” A clean white hat, fresh pressed blues, dolphins, money in your pockets for a couple of pitchers of beer, eight Slim Jims. It didn’t get any better than that. It really never did.

Hampton Blvd. was the home of the Second Fleet. Tincan sailors had a bar. Airdales had a bar. All the other skimmers had bars. SUBRON SIX had Bells. Bells was a hole. It had beat-up furniture, a beat-up pool table, a juke box, and a men’s room where on a heavy-duty drinking night, grown men had been known to pee directly down the floor drain. It was a hole all right, but it was *our* hole. Bells was the nest we feathered. Hell, we were young single guys and had no other place to go.

When a decent girl left home anywhere in Norfolk, the last thing her dad said was, “Darling, stay away from sailors and don’t go anywhere near Hampton Blvd.” So, if you wanted female companionship, you most likely had to pay for it. One way or the other, you paid. And at the pay rate in those days, the product was always a little ragged around the edges.

Our story will never show up on the screen at your local movie house, and we should be thankful for that in a lot of ways. Why? Because no one who wasn’t there could ever get it right.

Keep a zero bubble... *Dex.*



New Members

We proudly welcome aboard:

Charles B. McCarthy, Jr.
(LCDR - 04 - LCDR)

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served till 1976. Docent on *Iowa*

Laurie Ann Mabry

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Kelly; sponsor: Ron Jones
Spouse: Harry
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Spouse: Tim
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Qualified in 2000 on USS
Nevada (SSBN-733) - served
twenty years: 1996-2016.

Brooke Bland Nafarrete

Associate; Anthony's daughter;
worked on *Key West* in shipyard;
sponsored by Mike Swanson
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When News Breaks, We Pick Up the Pieces...



100-year-old Bill Dillon revels in the roar of the Dodger crowd on his birthday—while appearing on the stadium JumboTron!



Bill Dillon Celebrates His Century!

Guests arrived at the Sagebrush Cantina in Calabasas at around 2:30 pm, signing the guestbook and being seated at large tables set up with chips and salsa. A large bar was at the end of the tented area, with misters and fans to keep everyone comfortable. The family had set aside a large area with a 1945 portrait of Bill above a bench perfect for guest photo ops with the Birthday Boy himself. A young lady with a wonderful voice sang the National Anthem, plus a great rendition of one of Bill's old favorites: "My Way." Bill's youngest son Joe and oldest daughter Linda then shared special memories of their dad. Several guests spoke likewise of their friendships with Bill over the years. Of course, there was a great buffet and a big birthday cake to top it off.

Bill sent the following afterwards: "Thanks for coming to my birthday bash...! My girls and Joe outdid themselves. It was fantastic to be honored so greatly by so many! I didn't know I had so many friends. The citations from so many were truly heartwarming! What a great event!... Thanks again!"

Below, Bill poses with Marilyn and Chuck Senior at his 100th Birthday Celebration. Right, he accepts the accolades of his Dodger organization hosts as the Hero of the Game.





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

*(75-year members noted with *)*

- Scott Hultner..... 2024
- Stanley O. Westrick 2024
- Ronald R. Jones..... 2023
- Gerard A. Krudwig..... 2022
- Gregory M. Paulson 2022
- Michael J. Swanson..... 2022
- Ralph J. Hansen 2021
- Robert F. Schive, Sr..... 2021
- Larry D. Long..... 2021
- G. Judson “Jud” Scott, Jr.... 2021
- Edward E. Kushins 2020
- Bruce Evan Neighbors 2020
- David H. Vanderveen..... 2019
- Dennis Bott 2018
- Robert “Mike” Cailor 2018
- Robert Miller..... 2018
- John A. Anderson..... 2017
- Roger C. Dunham, MD ... 2017
- Richard McPherson..... 2017
- Harry “Bill” Moak..... 2017
- Louis A. Myerson 2017
- Elliot Rada..... 2017
- Ronald G. Wagner 2017
- Dennis J. Walsh..... 2017
- Michael Kish 2016
- Charles B. McCarthy, Jr.... 2016
- Gary Wheaton..... 2016
- Lawrence R. Butler 2015

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**Los Angeles-Pasadena Base
2024 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- January 20 Monthly Meeting - Marni’s in Seal Beach
(formerly Glory Days Beachside Grill)
- February 17 Monthly Meeting - VFW Hall
- March 16 Monthly Meeting - VFW Hall
- April 20 Monthly Meeting - VFW Hall
Call for Memorial Day Prep Volunteers
- May 11 Field Day at the Memorial Site - 0900
- May 18 Monthly Meeting
Nominating Committee Confirmed
Call for nominations for 2025 Base Officers
- May 25 Tarp Prep at the Memorial Site - 0900
- May 27 Memorial Day Service - 1100
Submarine Memorial, West
- June 15 Monthly Meeting - VFW Hall
Annual “Steakfest”
- July 4 115th Annual...
Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade
- July 20 Monthly Meeting - VFW Hall
(Potluck)
- August 17 LeRoy Stone Memorial Picnic/Dennis Walsh’s Backyd.
2025 Base Officer Candidates Announced
- September 21 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - VFW Hall
Election of Officers
- October 19 Monthly Meeting - Radiant Brewery in Anaheim
Annual Officer Installation Luncheon**
- November 16 Monthly Meeting - VFW Hall - Thanksgiving Theme
- December 21 Annual Christmas Luncheon

(Holland Club Roster, concluded)

- Samuel T. Higa 2015
- Harry P. Ross 2015
- Charles H. Senior 2015
- Larry E. Smith 2015
- 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
- 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
- Francis R. Traser 2006
- Ronald K. Thompson 2004
- James Rogers 2003
- *James E. Carter 1999
- *William F. Long 1999
- *Kenneth E. Chunn 1998
- *Patrick Zilliacus 1994
- *William J. Dillon 1993
- *Harold Staggs 1992



E-Board Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2024

The Los Angeles-Pasadena Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Executive Board Meeting was conducted on the morning of Saturday, September 21, 2024.

In attendance:

- Dave Vanderveen, Base Commander
- Ray Teare, Base Vice Commander
- Darin Detwiler, Secretary
- Mike Swanson, Treasurer
- Dennis Bott, Memorial Director
- Chuck Senior, Director
- Marilyn Senior, Membership Chairwoman
- Bill Moak, COB

Base Commander Dave Vanderveen called the meeting at the VFW Hall in Anaheim to order at 1000 hours with a quorum present. Minutes of the August 2024 meeting was reviewed with no revisions requested. Ray Teare moved to approve and accept the Minutes into the base record; this was seconded by Bill Moak and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer’s Financial Report: Mike Swanson

The Treasurer’s Report as of September 20, 2024 was read into the Minutes by Base Treasurer Mike Swanson.

Checking	\$21,006.91
Cash On Hand	\$50.00
Uncleared Checks:	\$0.00
Total	\$21,056.91

All vendors have been paid up-to-date.

Income:	\$125.00
Expenses:	\$49.00

Since there were no questions nor corrections needed, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted into the base record.

Memorial Report:

Dennis Bott will pause the process of a new plaque for the back of the main sign, clearing permission with the SBNWS and JAGC first.

Darin Detwiler reported that the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce is still placing monthly flowers at the memorial site and is working to replace the worn memorial highway signs.

Dave Vanderveen is still working with the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station leadership regarding the installation of our memorial bricks. He will work with Paul Riggs on early drawings.

Membership Update:

Marilyn Senior reported that we currently have 99 base members, but may soon lose two due to age and health issues. Marilyn also shared the following new dues schedule:

USSVI Annual & Lifetime Dues Table			
USSVI National Dues	Years Renewed / Age at Lifetime	Current Dues until 12/31/2024	Revised Dues as of 01/01/2025
Annual Dues	1 Year	\$30.00	\$40.00
	Oct-Dec & Next Year	\$35.00	\$47.00
	3 Years	\$85.00	\$113.00
	5 Years	\$140.00	\$185.00
Lifetime Dues	76+ Years	\$120.00	\$150.00
	66-75 Years	\$240.00	\$300.00
	56-65 Years	\$360.00	\$450.00
	46-55 Years	\$500.00	\$625.00
	Up to 45 Years	\$600.00	\$750.00

Netherlands' Choice of Orka-Class Subs is Final

(From the Naval News website - published July 25, 2024.)

The court has dismissed the claims made by the German shipyard Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems (TKMS). Today the District Court of The Hague ruled on the case in which TKMS objected to the decision to award the four-sub contract to the French company Naval Group.

In mid-June, the House of Representatives of the Netherlands widely supported the award decision with a large majority of votes.

The supply contract between the Ministry of Defense and Naval Group is expected to be signed after the summer. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be established between the Dutch and French governments. This will stipulate that the Netherlands can independently use and maintain the purchased items, separate from Naval Group and the French government.

Additionally, an industrial cooperation agreement will be made before the supply contract is finalized.

Naval Group will deliver *Orka* and *Zwaardvis* within 10 years from the signing of the contract. The other submarines, the *Barracuda* and the *Tiger Shark*, will follow thereafter. The *Orka* class submarines will provide the Dutch Navy's Submarine Service with a significant advantage in future underwater combat scenarios.

E-Board Meeting Minutes...

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Elections

Marilyn Senior and Joe Koch were able to gain a return of 31 ballots: 32% of voters at the base level—the highest in recent memory! All candidates received votes with no write-in names. Here are the results:

Base Commander	Dave Vanderveen (Final Term)	Director	
Vice Commander	Ray Teare	Dennis Bott	(3 year term)
Secretary	Darin Detwiler (Second Term)	Ken Dorn	1 year left of 3-year term.
Treasurer	Susan Bolton (New)	Chuck Senior	2 years left of 3-year term.
COB	Bill Moak		

Installation of New Officers:

The October 19 meeting will include the installation. The event will be held at the Radiant Brewery, 1566 W. Lincoln Ave. in Anaheim. (See sign-up sheet elsewhere in this issue—ed.)

2025 Western Region Roundup:

A technical glitch at the *Queen Mary* affecting room registrations will be resolved.

Memorabilia:

People have expressed much interest in plaques from SBNWS Bldg. 6. We'll auction some off at our rescheduled auction (to be held at the November 16 base meeting). What is not purchased then will be considered for sale at the Western Regional Roundup and for donation to the North Texas Military Heritage Collection (or other). The large fleetboat model in the glass case will be donated to the SBNWS for display at their community recreation facility. Official paperwork has been drafted. A request will be made for some type of small ceremony or at least some photos to be taken for publication.

Auction:

Our annual base auction has been rescheduled for the November 16 base meeting, with proceeds to go to our base treasury.

The Good of the Order:

Our Base Officer Installation lunch will be held October 19 at the Radiance Brewery. Catering is being secured. We are also looking to schedule a tour of the brewery.

The Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 21 at Eagle's Nest like last year.

Marilyn Senior shared an update on base members Sam Aboulafia and former President Jimmy Carter.

Ken Dorn shared an update on Harold Staggs.

Marilyn also discussed new Holland Club member Arthur Schwarz, Jr., and what's needed to complete that process for him. She also gave a Bravo Zulu to Mike Swanson for his stellar work as Treasurer, and shared that Patrick Zilliacus will be attending the King's Bay WWII ceremony on October.

Darin Detwiler shared information about the November 11 PBS Veterans' Day TV special featuring interviews with four of our base members.

Bravo Zulus are extended to Marilyn Senior and Joe Koch for their work on our Election Committee. Many thanks!

There being no further business, Chuck Senior motioned for adjournment; this was seconded by Mike Swanson and passed unanimously, adjourning the meeting at 1058 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Detwiler

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

2025 United States Submarine Veterans Calendar

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USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN 777)
USS *North Carolina* (SSN 776), the second of four Block I submarines, joined the fleet in February 2006, after problems with the boat's steam valve and internal piping system had forced two delays in the acceptance of the vessel. The boat has physical connections to four previous ships named *North Carolinas*. Sections of the task deck from USS *North Carolina* (BB 55), a fast battleship that served in World War II, are reused within the submarine, and several pieces from a silver serving set made for USS *North Carolina* (ACR 12), a World War I-era armored cruiser, transferred through the state governor to the battleship will be used aboard the submarine.

March 2025

(Eight submarines and 422 men lost)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Proceeds to benefit USSVI operations and projects.



**L.A.-PASADENA BASE USSVI
ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON**

On Saturday October 19, 2024, the L.A.-Pasadena Base USSVI will hold its annual installation of officers for the calendar year 2024-2025. The luncheon will be held at **Radiant Brewery, 1566 W. Lincoln In Anaheim, CA.**

There will be an official ceremonial installation of officers for the base.

This Year's Menu is as Follows:

A buffet luncheon consisting of meat & bread platters catered by Katella Deli in Los Alamitos. This will also include of a selection of relishes, condiments and a dessert tray.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$20.00 per person. Drinks will be available on a no-host basis from the bar.

Please send your check and reservations to the base Treasurer, Mike Swanson; address shown below. Be sure to indicate how many will attend and the total number of lunches. Please make checks payable to "L.A.-Pasadena Base USSVI".

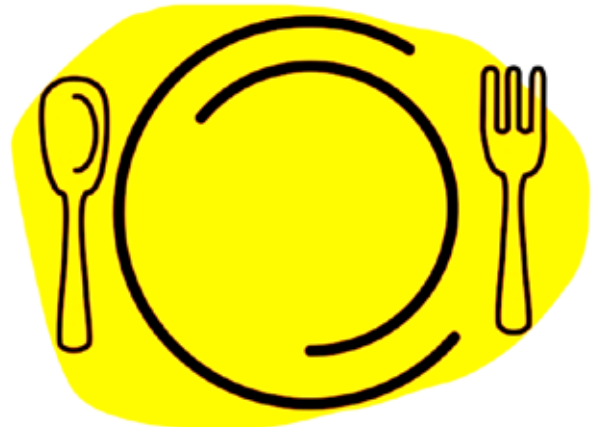
It's important to get your reservations in early to inform the base of total attendees.

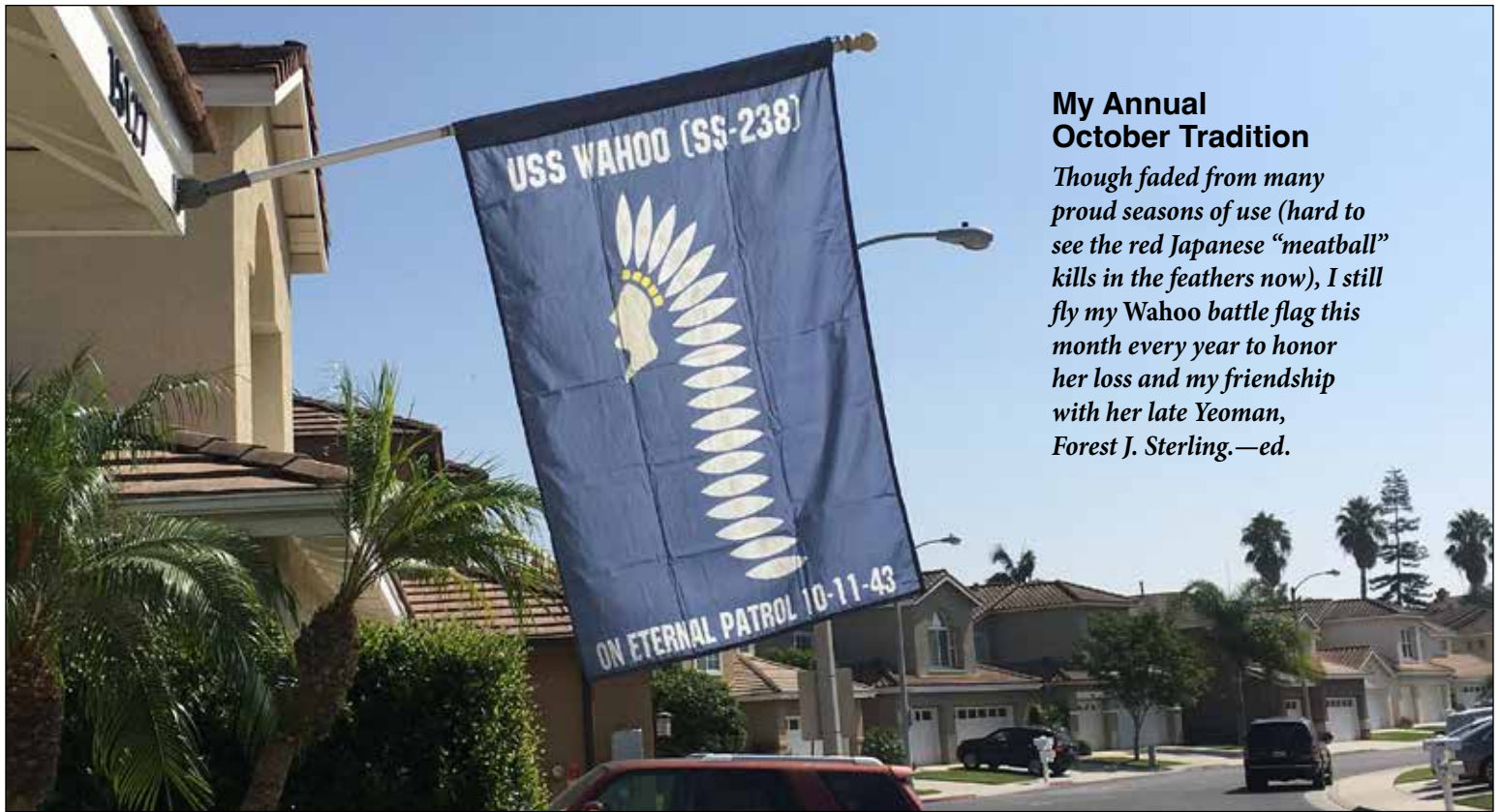
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My Annual October Tradition

Though faded from many proud seasons of use (hard to see the red Japanese “meatball” kills in the feathers now), I still fly my Wahoo battle flag this month every year to honor her loss and my friendship with her late Yeoman, Forest J. Sterling.—ed.

*In memory
of the
fifty-two
submarines
lost in
World War II*

SEALION
S-36
S-26
SHARK I
PERCH
S-27
GRUNION
S-39
ARGONAUT
AMBERJACK
GRAMPUS
TRITON
PICKEREL
GRENADIER
RUNNER
R-12
GRAYLING
POMPANO
CISCO
S-44
DORADO
WAHOO

CORVINA
SCULPIN
CAPELIN
SCORPION
GRAYBACK
TROUT
TULLIBEE
GUDGEON
HERRING
GOLET
S-28
ROBALO
FLIER
HARDER
SEAWOLF
DARTER
SHARK II
TANG
ESCOLAR
ALBACORE
GROWLER

SCAMP
SWORDFISH
BARBEL
KETE
TRIGGER
SNOOK
LAGARTO
BONEFISH
BULLHEAD

