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The Sculpin Base POD is a quarterly publication of the Sculpin Base; a proud Base of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI).

USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

The purpose/creed of USSVI is to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

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Lost Submarines—Fourth Quarter

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on October 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 crew members and 17 U.S. Army personnel on her 15th war patrol when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on October 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th 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.



USS Wahoo (SS-238)

Lost on October 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was sunk by combined air and surface attack.



USS Dorado (SS-248)

Lost on October 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was en route to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas.



USS Escolar (SS-294)

Lost on or after October 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on



her 1st war patrol and was lost to a mine in the Yellow Sea.

USS Shark II (SS-314)

Lost on October 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 men when she was sunk in the Luzon Strait near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1800 U.S. POWs on board.



USS Darter (SS-227)

Lost on October 24, 1944 while on her 4th war patrol when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.



USS Tang (SS-306)

Lost on October 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait while on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Ababgarez off the Panama Canal. Torpedoman's Mate 2d



Class (SS) Henry Berault received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.

USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on November 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her 11th war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on November 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 11th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy as a result of a depth charge attack.



USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on November 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men on her 1st war patrol when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was lost to the torpedoes from a Japanese submarine.



USS Scamp (SS-277)

Lost on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay on her 8th war patrol. She may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate her and destroy her with depth charges.



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on November 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk on her 9th war patrol. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell,



aboard as a potential wolf pack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, and fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

USS Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on or in the days prior to December 3, 1943 with the loss of 76 men on her 2nd war patrol, but her exact location in the Celebes Sea and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on December 10, 1941 with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.



USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA. 5 men survived the collision.



USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding off Cape Cod near Provincetown, MA. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.



GOD BLESS all Sailors and Service Personnel that are away from their loved ones this Holiday Season. Many of us were away for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years and know exactly what they are feeling. Please Pray for them and their families. Thank them for keeping us safe.



The “POD” from the Engineroom Upper Level

It was a great National Convention in Cleveland. Colleen and I got to see friends and Shipmates from the Requin Base and the Carolina Piedmont Base and some that I served with on the boat and at prototype. Colleen ran into a Bubblehead from a Michigan Base that went to high school with her sisters. Small world (but I’d hate to have to paint it.)

Our Base won Newsletter of the Year for the 4th consecutive year. Great work guys, but I still need those sea stories and such. Let’s make it FIVE by keeping the info coming.

Steve Alfrey was awarded the Robert Link Award for his efforts in pursuing our Memorial Bench. Robert Link was the first National Commander of the USSVI. This award is presented by the current NC to those USSVI members who have gone above and beyond supporting the USSVI and their Base. BZ Steve.

Our Sister Base, TJC, took home a Golden Anchor Award. Other Bases in our District also took home some awards.

Look at the USSVI award manual. Any member can nominate another member for an award. The manual will change come the first of the year with new dates and such, but the process will remain about the same, Please read. I stress this to all my Central District One Bases.

Some sad news; our Sister Base Dorado, has lost it’s Commander Doug Lewis in a tragic motorcycle accident. Doug’s efforts won the Dorada Base a Golden Anchor Award last year. Doug will be missed. Please keep Doug’s family and the Dorado Base in your prayers.

Everyone has a story, so write yours down and share it with the Base. Remember if you don’t it will be lost some day. Thank you all for your service and doing your part. It takes a lot of little wheels to make the big wheel turn. If you did your part then be proud. Life was good in the ERUL. - Moe(SS)

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Other BS scattered about like “the first angles and dangles after a refit.”

SAY AGAIN - Next Deadline is 1 February 2025. I’ll need someone to volunteer their Bio for the February issue, PLEASE!





Commander— E. Dale "Moe" Moses

Hey this is my last column as your Base Commander. Bret will be sworn in at the November meeting and will do a great job. Keith Jeffers will be our new Base Vice Commander. I'll move to Base Secretary and Colleen will be our new Base Treasurer. Please support all in their new positions.

Everyone is qualified to serve as a Base Officer. We can't continue as a Base without your support and your involvement. We need your input to make our Base better and to grow.

Our Base turned 4 years old in August. We are still learning. Some of us have been involved with the USSVI prior to Base, but many of you are new to the USSVI and what we are all about. Please read our Creed. It is why we are here.

Hey pass this newsletter to your shipmates that you served with and to anyone you know that has Dolphins and is not currently a member. You will be surprised to know how many don't know that there is a national organization for Submariners.

From our Creed's second paragraph "The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force." The USS Oklahoma City Base is working with the pre-com crew of the new Virginia-class USS Oklahoma (SSN-802). For a while it looked like a "USS Kansas" was to be a name of one of the new boats, but they are honoring some of the WWII boats and some of the cities. That does not mean we as Kansans cannot "adopt" a boat and crew. They always

need support.

And dreaming high, (not on drugs high), the USS Topeka will be decommissioned sometime in the future. Who in this area will attempt to get her sail build here in Topeka (or Kansas) if we don't try? This would be a major effort, but it CAN be done. Other Bases have done it. Or a torpedo to display. Lots we can do to show our "Pride Runs Deep".

We will conduct a full "Tolling of the Boats" as part of our dedication of our Memorial Bench in Topeka's Gage Park. The dedication will be on Saturday, November 16th at 1000 hours. We need to get some pictures for the National Magazine, so I'd like to get as many members as possible at the event.

After the dedication, we are doing lunch at Skinny's Sports Bar at Gage and Huntoon. The first round is on me! We will be installing the new Officers in a short meeting after lunch. Come and see the good your Sculpin Base is doing.

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Your Sea Stories and
Input are always
WELCOME!!

Next Deadline is 2 February 2025



**Base Secretary/
Treasurer/Membership/
Storekeeper
Bret Cortright**



**Treasurer's Report
Submitted by, Bret
Cortright, Treasurer**

Not a lot of business this past quarter. The base did receive from an Anonymous Donor, a check for the balance due of the Memorial Bench. On behalf of the Sculpin Base and the Submariners that this bench memorializes, a hearty thank you to this donor.

An important development came out of the National Convention. The dues amounts will be increasing effective 01 JAN 2025. In my humble opinion, if you have not done so, this would be the time to switch to a LIFE membership. On a personal note, I am a life member of USSVI and the VFW. Having membership(s) already done, makes things much simpler for me, I don't have to worry about missing it and being dropped from the member rolls.

**Secretary's Report
Submitted by, Bret Cortright, Secretary**

Preparations are underway for the Change of Command of base officers. Notifications to the National Office of new officers, document and record transfers and so on.

Minutes of our August meeting have been sent out but I will send them again along with a Treasurer's Report prior to our (brief) meeting on 16 NOV 24 following the bench dedication and boat tolling. I will also include the table of the new dues schedule.

If you have never witnessed a complete Tolling of the Boats ceremony, I highly encourage you to come see it. It is quite moving.

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**Your Base Needs You -
We are the few good men**

Shipmates, we have already proved that we are good men by earning our Dolphins. Now that was years ago, but we are still good men. You could be "more gooder" ("mucho bettero" for our Spanish speakers) by being active in a veterans organization, preferably the Sculpin Base. I have dared you to be active, but I hope I haven't shamed anyone to be active.

We need your help, ideas, and comradery. We only meet once a quarter and maybe that is not enough to establish a good working relationship. I'm not sure. We don't have a "home port", is that an issue? Is Saturday not a good day; or is 1300 not a good time of day?

What projects get you excited? Working as a group in a food kitchen; supporting youth program; visiting assisted-living homes as a group? Come to a meeting and share your thoughts. There are no dumb ideas.

Dues are going up next year, so pay them early. I expect we may lose a few members due to the increase. If we make our Base and it's efforts fun, we won't loss members, we will gain. We can only get out of it what we put into it.

When we all work together we have fun working together. We are long past the days of bilge diving, our Base's task are simple so no one is going to get over-worked and you will not have to hot rack.

. Come, get involved. It's rewarding.

Hope to see you at the Memorial Bench Dedication/Tolling of the Boats



Base Chaplain Lamont "Monte" Schmidt



On September 29, 2024 my daughter and I made a trip to Edmond, Ok. You are probably asking what does that have to do with the chaplain. I will tell you.

We visited an exhibit at the Armstrong Institute, titled "Let the Stones Speak". The center piece of the exhibit is the "Tel Dan Stele". This item is one of the extra-biblical artifacts that mentions the "House of David" (King David from the Bible). There are many items in the exhibit, from outside the Bible, that prove that the historical events in the Bible are accurate.

You can do a virtual tour at the following link: <https://armstronginstitute.org/exhibit-2024>

Since our tour I have been introduced to several other archaeological finds from this century alone that have proved that events, locations, and titles in the Bible are accurate. Why is this important?

If you believe that the Bible is the word of God, it is not important to you. But if you know someone who questions the historicity of the Bible this is important. The Bible is not a history book but it does contain accurate historical facts.

Last year the family visited the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. They have a full-size replica of Noah's Ark. One of the exhibits did a video presentation about the authenticity of the "New Testament". The speaker used something sailors care about for his analogy, coffee.

I have included a link to this video, if you are interested. It is just under 3 minutes.

www.Arkencounter.com/beans

Chief of the Boat Dennis Mosebey



What Does Nuclear War Look Like For Real?

This quarter I want to write about a book I just finished, Nuclear War. The book takes a scenario of a single missile launch from North Korea against Washington, DC and

shows how it progresses within 2 hours to a total annihilation of US, Europe, Russia, and North Korea. It is not fiction but has resulted from an extensive list of contributions from personnel who worked within the nuclear command structure of the US and even several from the old USSR.

It is interesting but also tragic and frankly scary. Within the command structure of the US the boomer is nicknamed the "handmaid of the apocalypse" due to the fact it has so many missiles and is not detectable or targetable before launch. We have at any one time 10 Trident boats at sea with twenty-four missile tubes per boat and 5 MIRV warheads on each missile. Eight tubes can be launched within 3 minutes of the order to launch! So, in ninety minutes 2160 missiles can be launched and that does not include the Minuteman land-based missiles nor the nuclear bombers. The Russians have comparable ability.

The book has a good discussion of how long the President and others in command structure have to evacuate Washington, DC accounting not only for immediate detonation but also the shock wave and electromagnetic pulses which wipe out communication.

The book graphically describes the effects of blast, shock wave, and aftereffects. It is not possible to read this book and conclude all nuclear weapons should in fact not be eliminated on this earth. To those who would survive a grim future exists.





Welcome New Members

None this quarter, but you never know where you find them. Wear a Dolphin cap and they will come to you!

Next Base Meeting is Saturday, November 16th.

The meeting will start at the Gage Park War Memorial at 1000 hours.

After the bench dedication and Tolling of the Boats we will move to Skinny's Sports Bar & Grill (4016 SW Huntoon) for lunch and a short meeting. New Base Officers will be installed.

Spouses and family members - Welcome and Encouraged

Can you host a meeting in your area? Our area is large and to be fair to all members we agreed to have a "travelling base". This means that we move our meeting to different cities and towns in our membership area.

Unlike other Veterans groups that might own a building, the USSVI does not own property (w/e of Groton). We meet at restaurants, VFW's, American Legions, etc.. Membership is encouraged in these organizations. Can you host a meeting in your area? If so, let one of the Officers know.

HELP WANTED

Wanted - Qualified in Submarine personnel. Must be able to document happening in your Naval career using simple typing skills. Some stretching of the facts to make output sound like a "no-shitter" is allowed. Names can be changed to protect the guilty and to avoid any NCIS inquiries.

Please send your "essays" to donutdad53@gmail.com. Look for "hiring results" in the next 4th year-running award winning "Sculpin Base P.O.D."



I asked for stories...

Last month I asked for sea-stories of storied from the spouses. Al Anguish send me this response. Thanks Al.

A spook's wife's story while I was on patrol.

She has no story to tell because unlike regular crew members she was not entitled to knowing anything about my deployment because I didn't exist. How could I be in the navy and not exist you ask? Here is why I was a Russian linguist with a top secret cryptologic clearance serving on fast attack subs during the Cold War but you will find no record of me ever on a boat's roster. The reason spooks were on subs was the soviets were building new classes of subs in the Northern Sea area, then somehow without detection be deployed to the Atlantic/Pacific oceans. The United States needed to know all the details about these new subs but the soviets didn't release news reports to the world like the US did then and still does today. The only way to get the desired information was to spy on the soviets. The United States Naval Security Group had Russian linguists and morse code operators to gather the intelligence needed. They were deployed on fast attack subs throughout the world. The missions were to gather intelligence, avoid detection, don't get sunk or captured. Because of the work of the regular sub crew and the spooks the required intelligence was acquired and reported to higher authorities. Bravo Zulu to all involved both alive and on eternal patrol.

Now you would think that after doing this for their country there would be a record or memorial but no because the United States at that time in history denied they were involved in spying activity.

This article is dedicated to all the spook wives who were the real heroes who took care of the home front so we could do our job.

Shadow Boxes - by Steve Alfrey

The Shadow Box is a great way to display your service memorabilia. It's also an invaluable gift to former or active service personnel. I recently finished putting together my own Shadow Box with memories of my 4 years of Naval service.



My box includes patches, challenge coins, pins, brass identification plates, dog tags (I had to get a little inventive to hang my dog tags), medals, ribbons and of course my Dolphins which are a "mirrored finish" that you can order. You can purchase a Shadow Box through



Medals of America (www.medalsofamerica.com). There are different sizes of shadow boxes from small to large and varying prices. I settled on the 16" X 20" for \$89. Medals of America will send everything you need to place your items in the box or Medals of America will put together your shadow box for a price. You can also order all your ribbons, medals, dog tags, etc. in their online store. The only thing I couldn't get from Medals of America was my "Boat Patch." I had to order the boat patch from the "submarinestore.com." If you order a boat patch from the Submarine Shop you will have to get the phone number on the website and call the store for a particular boat patch and hull number. Don't delay, Christmas is not far away and a shadow box would make a great gift for all those sailor memories.

James E. Smallwood, MM3(SS);

On the day I reported to the USS Sargo SSN -583 stationed in Pearl Harbor as a Seaman there was a plaque posted in the crew's mess honoring James E. Smallwood MM3(SS). I had always thought the plaque was placed in our crew's mess as a reminder of what can happen while stationed aboard a submarine. On March 3, 1960 the Sargo had just returned to Pearl Harbor from an Arctic run that covered 6003 nautical miles under the ice. On June 14, 1960 the oxygen fire incident took place at Pearl Harbor. There are perils of being a submariner. Here is the James E. Smallwood story:

On 14 June, the submarine was docked in Pearl Harbor, preparing to take Bhumibol Adulyadej and his wife Mom Rajawongse Sirikit Kitiyakara, the King and Queen of Thailand on a cruise the next day. Sargo was charging her oxygen tanks when the oxygen line, which entered the submarine through the stern torpedo

room hatch, developed a leak and a fire ignited. Two Mark 37 torpedo warheads detonated "low-order", and the fire spread dramatically, killing the crewman tending the oxygen line, Machinist's Mate Third Class James E. Smallwood. The fire, fed by the pressurized oxygen, shot flames over 100 feet in the air through the hatch. When the combined forces of the shipyard and the boat's crew were unable to control the fire, Sargo's officers took the submarine a short distance from the dock and dove with the stern room hatch open. The fire was extinguished, and Sargo bottomed in the channel. A floating crane raised the Sargo, and repairs took three months in drydock.

James E. Smallwood MM3(SS), lost his life in the fire while taking action to save the ship. He was awarded, posthumously, the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his heroic actions and other crew members were also awarded medals and letters of commendation for outstanding courage over and above the call of duty. On 15 April 1987, Submarine Base Pearl Harbor opened a new 17-story Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, which was dedicated on 26 February 1988 in the memory of Smallwood and the sacrifice of his life while performing in the service of his country. -Steve Alfrey RM2(SS)

James E. Smallwood.



Born - 10 May 1940 at Monmouth, Illinois

Death - 14 June 1960 (age 20) at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Burial - Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Illinois

RIP Shipmate.



Kansas Honor Flight

Early this year I applied to the Wamego High School's Honor Flight program. I went thru Wamego because that were my VFW post member had attended. I receive a call in early September from the program coordinator; stating that they had had a cancellation and I was next on their list. I said I would gladly attend. I did not expect to go until next April.

What an experience! There were 25 of us, most were Vietnam Service or Era vets as many of us are. Again, what an experience.

Each of us was assigned a Honor Society student; mine was Sariah. These students would not let us touch our luggage. Many of our Vets were in wheelchairs and students pushed the chairs. There was a staff doctor and his wife, a RN; a PA that also was the camera bug; two teachers; and two other staff. The students always disembarked the bus first and had wheelchairs and luggage (if needed) at each stop. The vets then disembarked and was paired with their student.

We left Wamego a 0100 on Monday to travel to MCI where we were first to board the plane to Baltimore. TSA had a special line for use also. We boarded a bus on again to go to Fort McHenry and saw a great film presentation of the Star Spangled Banner. I learned that the "stars were spangled" as the stars where not aligned in any order as they were after the Flag Code was developed.

Next we had lunch at Mission BBQ, then on to the WWII, Korean, Lincoln, and Vietnam Memorials. We then bussed over to the Air Force Memorial which overlooks the Pentagon. Then on to our hotel in Alington, VA for a great supper and great sleep.

After a 0600 breakfast on Tuesday we bussed to the Navy and Marine (Iwo Jima) Me-

morials. We did not have any Marines in our group, so to save a little time we did not stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Wow! It was a lot bigger than I expected. The Navy Memorial was great.

After that we were on to the National Archives for a special off-hours tour. We saw the Declaratio of Independence, the US Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Now on to Arlington National Cemetery for changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown. We had special viewing right up front adjacent to the Tomb. They said the Inspecting Officer would salute the Veterans by dragging his heel since he could not salute anything but the Tomb.

Prior to boarding the bus, some of us took the short walk to visit the grave of the most decorated Veteran of WWII, Audie Murphy. I had to explain to Sariah that he was also a movie star as she had never seen any of his movies. BTW, our driver pointed out many of the graves as well as other items in DC.

Next we had lunch near the FDR and Martin Luther King Memorials. Chick-fil-a delivered our box lunches while we were in traffic, What logistics, not just here, but the entire trip. I really liked the MLK memorial and reading some of his quotes.

At about 1330 we departed for the BWI airport to return to home. When we got to the airport TSA had a special line for us. Arriving at our gate, we had an Arby' box supper. Again we were the first on the Southwest plane. The flight staff acknowledged us after everyone had boarded and a big round of applause broke out.

Once in KC, we were bussed to the Holiday Inn just south of MCI for some rest. Again, the logistics, as we got off the bus, our students had our room keys. Before bed, we had a great layout of snacks, almost a meal in itself.

We had a 0700 breakfast and then back on the bus to Wamego. A Kansas Highway Patrolman



boarded our bus. He jokingly said “Normally it’s a two-hour drive to Wamego, but I’m going to get you there in one.” He did escort us to I-70 and K99 in a rapid manor.

At K99, we pulled-in to the convenient store parking lot and were met by about 25 American Legion Riders, our escort back to the Wamego high school. Once in city limits we were met by the local police and the fire department had a large American Flag across the street on the ladder truck. Elementary school children lined the street on one side and were waving little stick flags and chanting “USA, USA”.

Lots of applause as we exited the bus. Then on into the school. A quick head break and then into the gym. The hallway was lined with cheerleaders waving their pom-poms. Once the gym, cheers from the high school students, visitors, and guests as we were seated.. A short speech from the head organizer (the Social Studies teacher) and then our students introduced each of us and told when and were we served. They had interviewed us periodically while on the trip with a question here and there. Great kids; all of them. Then more food for Vets, student escorts, families of each, and guests. This school does it up for Veterans!

So, if you have not had an Honor Flight, I strongly suggest that you look into it. Some schools only do a single night. Wamego now does two nights so that more family and guest can attend the Welcome Home. You have to do this. Google Kansas Honor Flights.



Sariah and me with “The Lone Sailor”



WWII Memorial



Tolling of the Boats

"Tolling the Boats" is a formal ceremony that honors the memory of submariners who lost their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony was established by World War II U.S. Submarine Veterans and is a tradition of the Navy. During the ceremony, a ship's bell is tolled for each U.S. submarine that was lost, and the names of the crew and the fate of the submarine are read aloud.

The significance of our ceremony of "Tolling for the Boats", which honors our fallen submarine heroes, is fundamental to our creed as members of U.S. Submarine Veterans, "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country."

Sculpin Base to Honor Submariners Lost in the Line of Duty in 65 Submarines

On Saturday, November 16th at Gage Park in Topeka beginning at 1000, members of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Sculpin Base will honor the memories of over 4,000 submariners lost in the line of duty in a formal public ceremony to recognize their service.

Service in Submarines is an inherently dangerous business, and since the founding of the US Submarine force in 1900, Sixty-five submarines and over 4,000 men have given up their lives. The great majority of these young lives were lost during WWII when fifty-two submarines were lost.

It is the duty of the members of United States Submarine Veterans to publically honor them so that their gallant service and sacrifice is never forgotten.

The general public is invited to join with us in honoring these fallen heroes of the U.S. Submarine force.



123 years ago, some people defied logic and sanity to go underwater to defend a nation.

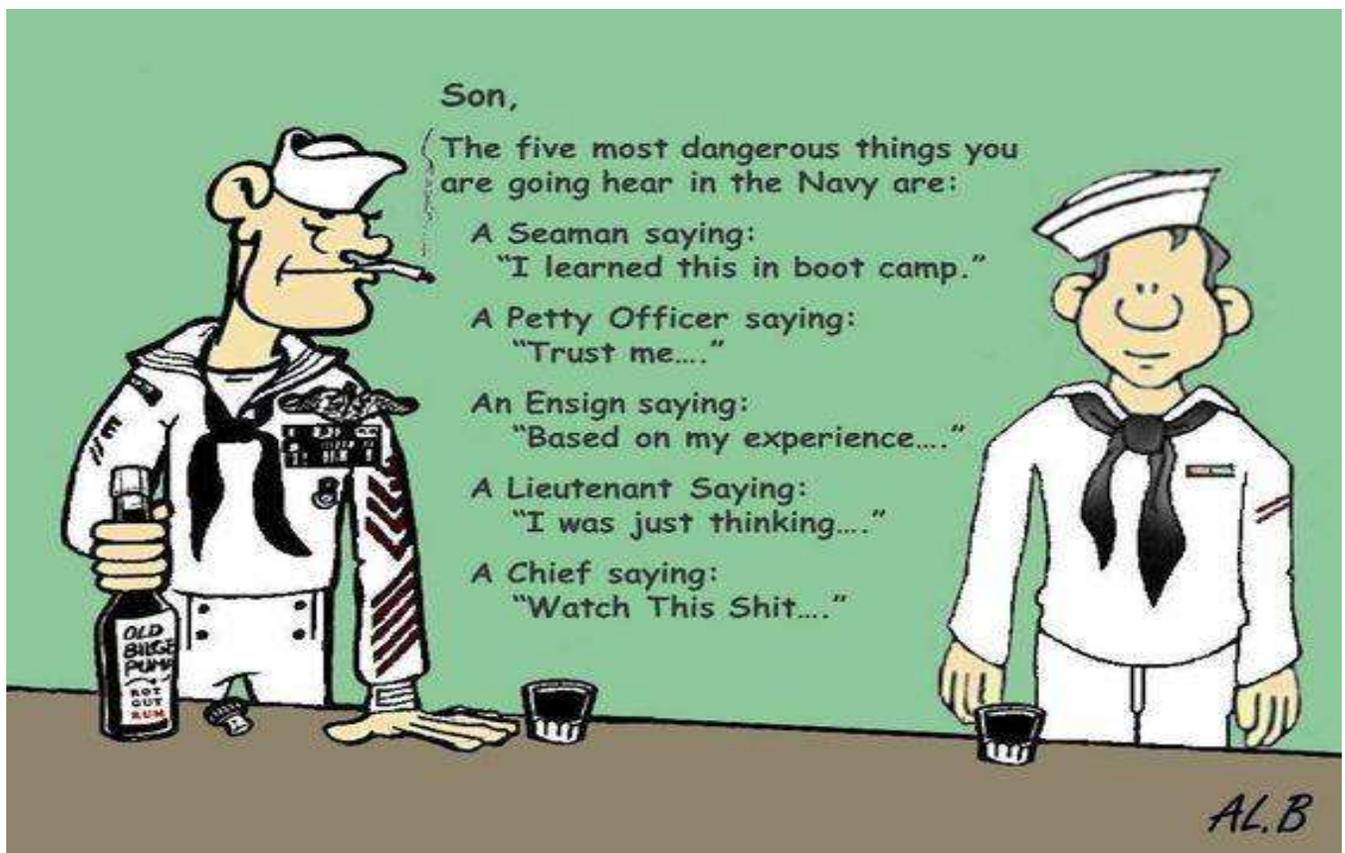


They are still doing that today. You're welcome.



SUBMARINES

SNEAKY BASTARDS



GEDUNK from the Net

A drone might have just uncovered a buried Civil War sub sought for decades	Article
Navy Awards Electric Boat \$1.28B While Service Continues Sub Negotiations	Article
'College for all' needs a rethink. National security could depend on it	Article
Navy Sub Honored with Top Unit Award for 3 Secret Intelligence Missions	Article
Lawmakers to Investigate Faulty Welding at Newport News Shipbuilding	Article
Report to Congress on U.S. Navy Force Structure, Shipbuilding	Article
Navy commissions USS New Jersey (SSN 796)	Article
USS Florida Returns to Kings Bay Following 727-Day Deployment	Article
Maintenance Complete, USS Hawaii (SSN 776) departs HMAS Stirling	Article
USS Annapolis Returns to Naval Base Guam after Indo-Pacific Deployment	Article
Cooking UNDERWATER: Inside the Galley of a US Navy Nuclear Submarine	Article
Submarine Ice Breaking - Moment Of Impact - Control Room View	Article
U.S. Navy Has a Nuclear Submarine That Can Destroy A Country in Minutes	Article
USS Kentucky submarine crew demonstrates emergency blow	Article

Got Links or pictures you want to share with the Sculpin Base?

Send them to Moe at donutdad53@gmail.com

Thank you crew of the Sculpin Base. Many of you have contributed to this newsletter and we have won Newsletter of the Year - Class IV (less than 31 members) for the four consecutive year. A great feat since we are only 4 year-old base. Let's continue with number 5 or by growing to a Class III base. To do this we, the Sculpin Base, need your help. Bring in new members and kept those sea-stories flowing. Winter is coming, more idle time, so write a story down and send it in.

God Bless and have a great Veterans Day. You earned it.





Shipmates departing on Eternal Patrol this Quarter

Honoring the Sculpin Base Members

and our Sister Bases in Kansas; the Dorado Base and the Topeka-Jefferson City Base.



Doug was the Commander of the Dorado Base at the time of his passing. He Qualified in submarines on the USS Florida (SSBN-728) in 1988 and was a IC1(SS) when he left the Navy.



Dave was a member of the Topeka-Jefferson City Base and qualified in submarines on the USS Corporal (SS-346) in 1966 and was a STS1(SS) when he left the Navy.



Qualified in submarines on the USS Diodon (SS-349) in 1958 and was a EM2(SS) when he left the Navy. Don was a member of the Topeka-Jefferson City Base

Please kept all of your Past Shipmates and their families in your Prayers.

