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Clear The Baffles

GOLD COUNTRY BASE



Class II 2020
First Runner Up

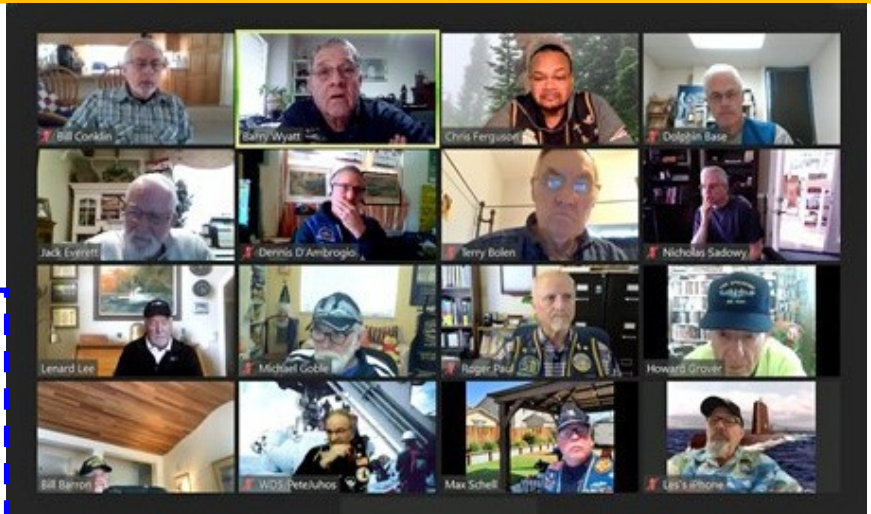
Our purpose is "Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the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

The February Meeting Was Filled With Great Comradery

we were joined by Members from the
Corvina Base (Reno) and the Base
Commander from Dolphin Base (San Jose)

Gold Country Your Invited

Mare Island Base Meeting Saturday
March 20 10am on Zoom
Meeting ID: 893 0077 9773
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Next Meeting— Gold Country Base Saturday March 27 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting — Go to www.zoom.us
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Happy St. Patrick's Day



Now Hear This!

1 February National Awards Nominations
opened. Support your Shipmates
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates— This month marks one year since we have been able to operate as normal with monthly meetings and a schedule filled with community activities. The COVID-19 pandemic had hit requiring us to head to Dry Dock. We were able to schedule a face to face meeting last June and to maintain our honored tradition of the Peral Harbor Remembrance Memorial at Discovery Park on December 7th but, those were only times we have been able to run on the surface since this started. In spite of it all, we have been able to find ways to navigate and continue. Our members are the best and continue to show their mettle when ever called on. Under Mark's leadership our outreach program "SubVet Check-in" kicked in to high gear while at the same time he continued to maintain an accurate accounting of our meeting minutes. When our shipmate Pat Noone needed help we showed up. Nick continued to keep our books straight and pushed through the dues collection process making it seem effortless. Roger maintained his Store-keeper duties with a seamless process of procuring our USSVI calendars, a smooth distribution system and by providing information on other items to us all. John Kelley ordered and began to install the much need steps for our Submarine Float. Les and I restarted the process to move forward with the project to build a Lost Boats memorial on the River Walk in West Sacramento. I know there is more; suffice it to say we have not bee asleep on our watch. The good news is it seems like we are getting close to Surfacing the Boat and retuning to the new normal. Many members have received there shots and at least we have begun to talk about the possibility of holding our annual Charter Day Bar-b-que at the Folsom Veterans Hall in June. In the mean time please stay safe and join us on Zoom for our meeting on March 27.

Barry Wyatt, Base Commander



Vice-COMMANDER

SHIPMATES, I recently received a call from one of our members to thank me for our continued monthly wellness checks. He called to let me know that both him and his wife had got the Covid-19 virus. Both are on the recovery end of the virus. He was at home recovering from some respiratory issues and very sore muscle issues. His wife was recovering at a convalescent home, due to an extended bedtime during the course of the Covid-19 virus. She was re-teaching her leg muscles to walk again by daily exercises walking behind a wheelchair. He gets to visit her two times a week for 45 minutes each visit. She should get out of therapy in the next two to three weeks. I expressed to him that we all were praying for him and his wife to have a complete and quick recovery. He thanked me numerous times for the calls to check on him and said it gave him some comfort to know that his shipmates care enough to check on him during these tough times he was going through. We chatted for a half hour or 45 minutes.



This is what our mission is!! Our mission is to watch over and comfort our shipmates and families during these unsteady times. Remember those few minutes of the phone might just mean a whole lot on the other end of the call. Thank all you shipmates for making your wellness calls.

Stay safe and God Bless

Les Jamison, Vice Commander

OFFICER'S COUNTRY

What is the Millennium? Part 1

Chaplain



Revelation 20 gives the beginning of the Millennium or a thousand years. Verse 2 & 3 says: ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.



Next is the beginnings of the judgements of the dead. Verses 4 & 5 say: ⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain

Treasurer



From the Treasurer: Our dues are paid for the year, but we can all donate to the booster fund year round. Since we aren't meeting monthly, we aren't having our 50/50 raffle, and we haven't passed around the collection for the JROTC. Feel free to send donations to: USSVI Gold Country Base 4521 Hart Dr, Shingle Springs, CA 95682-8337



From the Membership Chair: I'd like to remind everyone to wear their USSVI hats when out in public. One of our biggest challenges is getting out the word about our great organization. Hope to see you all at an in-person event soon!

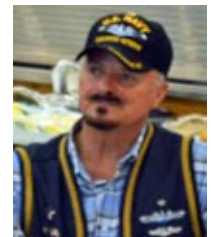
Nicholas Sadowy Treasurer, Membership Chair

Storekeeper



SHIPMATES - We still have 5 USSVI 2021 "Submarines At The Movies" calendars remaining if anyone of you can think of someone who would benefit from having one. \$10 + \$3 Postage = \$13

At our last Zoom meeting we had talked about ordering some "U.S. Submarine Force Masks that have been available on Amazon, but there wasn't enough interest for me to order them. If you want to purchase one you can order them on Amazon by searching for "Face Scarf Mask With 10 Pcs Filter Fashion Lightweight Submarine Force "



The images below show what it looks like.



Face Scarf Mask With 10 Pcs Filter Fashion Lightweight Submarine Force \$13.98 + \$5.99 Shipping = \$19.97

If you have any questions, or have anything else you need from the storekeeper, please feel free to contact me.

Roger Paul, Storekeeper



SubVet Check-In

Les spoke with Michael Delleney who delivered his third veteran service dog and it passed.

Mark spoke with Charles Mitchell who, although he has been ill was in good spirits and happy to receive my call.

Mark also spoke with Janet Alves, she and Ed are doing well and both have received both of the vaccine shots.



Folsom JVO

The purpose of the Joint Veteran's Organization (JVO) is to have the different veterans' groups touch base and support each other. Although the Veteran's Hall has been open casually on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the VFW national organization has required the local Posts to follow the state lockdown requirements. However, groups can meet on a limited basis to allow them to prevent the group from shutting down. Meetings can be held in a hybrid manner with a limited number of people meeting face to face with remote attendance as well. The Folsom Veterans' Hall has equipment to do the streaming part of the meeting.



The Veteran's Hall has handmade blankets to give to veterans in need. Only the name of the veteran is needed to get the blankets.

Veteran's Memorial Service at 4:00 PM on Sunday May 30 for Memorial Day. Chaplains from the various veteran groups are requested to participate.

The Folsom Veteran's Hall will be open from 2 to 5 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays in March.

The Veteran's Hall has cleanup days on the second Saturday of each month. Volunteers are welcome.

Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary, SubVet Check-In & Folsom JVO Representative



Shipmates,

Homerun again with this issue with member participation way up. Now more than ever your contributions are important for all of us. A couple of months ago Howard came up with the idea of members sending a story about their first patrol, this month we have 2 of those. Please take the time to send in something that you are willing to share. What you send could be about your first patrol, your last patrol or just a good sea story. If you don't like to write give me a call, tell me the story and I will write it up for you.



Barry Wyatt, Newsletter Editor



Hey Shipmates, Spring is here! Please be safe in that seasonal yard work, as your families and friends want you to be healthy and be around once these COVID-19 restrictions and safety considerations start to become more of our past! If you can, help your neighbor's and friends when possible. Stay safe when driving and let crazy drivers pass you by, so that you can return home, or to your destination to enjoy more quality time here with those you love and care about. May God be merciful and guide your steps to safe and brighter days ahead!



Chris Ferguson, Chief of the Boat (COB)



Shipmates, After reading the previous issue of 'Now Hear This' with Base Vice Commander Les Jamison's write up about getting vaccinated against Covid by the VA, I acted quickly on the intel. Since my retirement from the Navy in September 1998, I was already in the system, but had registered thru the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, CA. Since then, I've moved around a bit, finally settling in Folsom, CA which is covered by the VA Hospital in Sacramento, CA at Mather. Using the phone# provided by Les, I called on March 1st was able to provide the necessary credentials for the VA rep to find my records and transfer everything to Sacramento. I was then provided the phone# to Primary Care Appointments and asked about Covid vaccinations, and was told they were accepting



all registered Veterans age 60 and up. I received an appointment for 10:15am on March 3rd. While waiting in line, I noticed a familiar figure, a little fuller and more bearded than in years past, pushing a walker loaded with two bottles of Mountain Dew and a container of chow heading out towards the entrance...it was none other than Gene



Pete and Gene at the VA

Murphy. Gene qualified in 1976 aboard USS Robert E Lee (SSBN 601), and was a member of USS Holland (SS-1)/Gold Country Base, Gold Country Base, Corvina Base, and a few others. He asked about his status as Holland Club induction will be coming up in 2026; I checked into his status on the USSVI website, but has fallen off the membership rolls. Re-joining USSVI will assure he is properly recognized. It WAS good to re-connect with Gene; he resides in Roseville, and can be reached at clearingbaffles@gmail.com |

As for meeting in person at some future date, getting vaccinated will be key. As I was reminded while attending another Base meeting via Zoom that it takes two weeks after the 2nd vaccination to be considered 'treated', then await local protocols to meet. | Tis the season to consider your shipmates for USSVI National Award recognition. The USSVI National Awards Manual is available on the USSVI website under the link

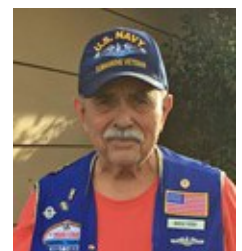
'Documents'. Please refer to it when preparing and submitting awards. Nominations must be submitted to the USSVI National Awards Chair, Bill Scott, NLT April 30, 2021. Even in 2020, Gold Country Base shipmates have done great work before and during the pandemic in support of their shipmates, the community, and the Base. Be well, and stay safe. Pride Runs Deep!

Pete Juhos , USSVI Western Region District 5 Commander



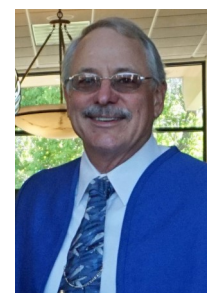
First Call to Morning Chow on the second Monday of every month is a Base tradition started by Tim many years ago. As the coordinator I am still waiting for the All Clear so we can safely get together again. We miss it.

Harold Fisher, First Call to Morning Chow Coordinator



Shipmates, They say a picture is worth a thousand words. These are the steps you have been asking for guaranteed to be in place before the next parade.

John Kelley



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Lost Boats

March

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth charges in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 55 survived the war and six died as POWs.



USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.



USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4), pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.



USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.



Lost Boats

March

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USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was



USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.



USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.



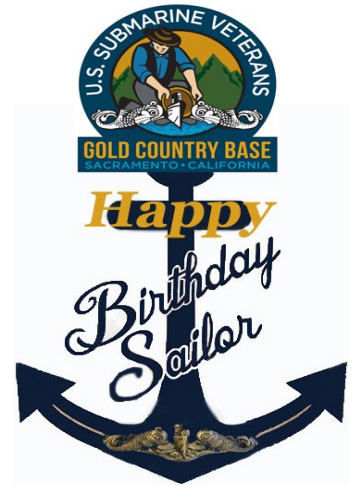
Birthdays

February

Dennis Cline Grant Riddle Randall Woolley
William Johnson

March

Harry Beach Bill Bergstrom John Clark
Bill Hunt Pat Noone Joe Ryan Max Schell
Larry Williams David Worth Leslie Jamison



On The Lighter Side



So I was at Walmart earlier. A lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" He replied with a straight face, "No ma'am, they're dead." Made my week.





Gold Country Base would not be able to continue to operate without the generous contribution from those Members, Wives and Friends who donate to

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VA Information

RAO BULLETIN

15 March 2021

RAO's latest Veteran Newsletter has again been posted online. To access this issues content go to; <http://www.nhc-ul.org/03152021.html>

The Bulletin contains Veteran news provided in the interest of keeping veterans up to date on their benefits and events that could impact on them. The Bulletin contains no advertising nor are there any subscription fees.

Update 08: H.R.914: Dental Care for Veterans Act

Chairwoman Julia Brownley (D-CA) of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on 8 FEB introduced **H.R. 914, the Dental Care for Veterans Act**, legislation that would phase in eligibility for all veterans enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for health care to receive dental care as a part of its medical benefits package. This bill would require the VA Secretary to furnish dental care in the same manner as any other medical service and defines a four-year implementation plan beginning with veterans in priority groups one and two—for veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 30% or more—in year one. The bill currently has only 28 cosponsors.

USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 9 AM Commander Barry Wyatt read the USSVI Creed and Purpose. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Barron

INVOCATION: Chaplin Howard Grover

TOLLING THE BELL: The Lost Boats for the month of January_were read by the Vice Commander, Les Jamison, and Chris Ferguson tolled the bell for all Lost Boats and in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 18 people who attended the meeting via Zoom. Including 2 members from the Covina and the Base Commander from the Dolphin Bases.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend "The Order of Day" to allow Bill Conklin of the Covina Base give an update on the 2021 Western Region Roundup.

FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt

Barry gave an update on the Lost Boat Memorial project in west Sacramento. Barry filled out a formal application with a cover letter and some graphics. The proposal has been received and is moving through the West Sacramento Parks Department.

There have been some 2021 planning meetings and Mark found some area of the bylaws that need grammatical and gender updating. Barry expressed his appreciation to visitors from various bases.

VICE COMMANDER: Les Jamison

Les has put an outline in the Now Hear This summary about how to sign up for the VA COVID-19 vaccine shots. Les was impressed by the vaccine process at Mather.

Barry and Les installed a hard rubber ramp at Pat Noone's front door. Pat will be getting an electric wheelchair from his insurance company.

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) Chris Ferguson No Report but stay healthy and stay safe. Be good submariners.

TREASURER Base Treasurer Nick Sadowy

The books are in balance. Gold Country Base does not publicly release financial information in the Newsletter. Any base member can request a report from the Base Treasurer via email.

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy

On the USSVI roll there are now 101 members

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt

There will be a Clear the Baffles Newsletter published in March. Barry is again requesting for articles to include in the newsletter. He plans to get the newsletter out by mid-month.

Developed a second-tier email list consisting of prospective members, elected leaders, leadership of various other VA organizations. Help is needed in compiling this list and everyone is requested to get names and email addresses for the list.

HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Pat Noone -- No Report

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller -- No Report

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover

Howard spoke with Pat Noone's caretaker about 3 times and spoke with Pat who was in good spirits and had some stories. He cannot talk too long.

NAVY YOUTH LIASON Chad Clay -- No Report

HISTORIAN Warren Wiederhoeft -- No Report

WEB-MASTER Nick Sadowy -- No Report



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USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2021 (continued from page 11)

STOREKEEPER Roger Paul

Sold all 25 Submarines at The Movies calendars. Ten more calendars were ordered and five of those have been sold with five left in case anyone wants one.

Looking at US Submarine Force masks. Vendor has given a reduction in cost if masks are ordered in bulk. Roger passed this on to the National Storekeeper. The masks can be ordered online via Amazon. The mask costs \$13.98 plus shipping. The mask comes with a filter pocket and 10 2.5-micron particulate filters.

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR Les Jamison

Have not really been in more contact with the hospital as far as a Kaps-4-Kids visitation, that's probably six months at the earliest away.

SUBVET CHECK-IN PROGRAM – Mark Elftmann

Check-In calls were made in February with some interesting conversations. We will continue to make calls and our shipmates are happy to hear from us.

EVENTS COORDINATOR John Mannis -- No Report.

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Chad Clay -- No Report

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE Mark Elftmann

Mark attended the Folsom JVO Meeting on February 2. There were only three group representatives present. The Veteran's Hall has been closed due to the COVID situation, but the VFW is looking to open it on a limited basis. There are no events schedule currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following motions were presented and seconded; both motions passed with no objections:

Motion #1 Article VIII – Memberships Dues

Every member of Gold country Base will pay dues in accordance with the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. National Constitution Article VIII, and the Gold Country Base Bylaws. USSVI National and Life and Gold country Base Life Members will no pay dues. **The Spouse of a Regular Member who is an Associate Member will not be required to pay Base or National Dues. For these members National Dues owed shall be paid from the Base Treasury.** Base dues are posted on Enclosure (2). The language **change which is denoted in Red would be added to this section.**

Motion #2

To permit the Base Secretary under the supervision of the Base Commander and the Base Vice-Commander to update the Base Bylaws by making grammatical corrections where needed and to adjust language addressing masculine/feminine third person grammar forms where appropriate.

For the Good of The Order

Chris Ferguson COB made a presentation of a Base shirt he had designed

First Call to Morning Chow

This is still on hold until further notice.

Next Base Meeting: Next meeting will be on 3/27/2021

Meeting adjournment: Base Chaplain, Howard Grover, gave a closing prayer. Chief of the Boat Chris Ferguson surfaced the Boat @ 10:33

Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary

USSVI National News

USSVI National Awards Program

The 2021 USSVI Awards Manual is now posted online go to our website, www.ussvi.org and click on the green "Documents" button. Next, click on the blue "Manuals" button.

National Awards Nominations opened as of 1 February and the timeline as follows:

April 30 – All nominations except the Newsletter of the Year awards are due.

May 15 - All Newsletter of the Year nominations are due. Refer to the Awards Manual for other deadlines.

Nominations received after those deadlines will not be considered, and the sender will be notified. If mailing nominations via snail mail, they must be post-marked no later than that day to be considered.

When preparing your nominations, be creative and don't use the 'cookie cutter' method of taking a previous write-up, changing the names of previous nominations and adding new activity. This applies particularly for those shipmates who were previously nominated but did not get selected and who are still deserving of that particular award, or for a different award this year. Remember, no photos and font size 12pt, and preferably in Word Document format for all nominations.

When sending your nominations, be sure to include the nominee's base, base position, BC's name and address. In addition, for the NLOY award nominations, include the editor's name. I'm also suggesting the inclusion of the District Commander's name and address also for mailing awards to the recipient in case the recipients aren't at the convention.

Nominations as of 3/5: 1 – Negri Award, 4 – Link Awards, 1 – Meritorious Base Award, 1 – DCOY, and 1 – NLOY.

I am looking for someone familiar with the Awards program that might be interested in assisting me at the convention to organize the awards (plaques, patches, certificates, etc.). Thanks go out to those members at the meeting for volunteering to help me at the convention.

Honored to Serve,

Harold W (Bill) Scott II, STSCS(SS) USN RET.

USSVI National Awards Chair



Shipmates,

With sadness I must report that past National Commander (1990-1992) Herbert H. Saunders MSCS(SS) departed on Eternal Patrol on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. He has been a member of USSVI since 1/1/1968 and was a member of the Boston Base.

MSCS(SS) Saunders served in our Navy from 1958 to 1978 and was a crew member of the following Submarines:

USS Dogfish SS-350 (1963-64)

USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN-600 (1964-65)

USS Grampus SS-523 (1965-67)

USS George Washington SSBN/SSN-598 (1968-71)

Please observe a few moments of your time in remembrance of this old-time loyal shipmate.

Sailor Rest Your Oar.

Wayne Standerfer, USSVI National Commander



USSVI National News



2021 USSVI National Convention:

Due to the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the USSVI Board of Directors will, on June 15, 2021, make a "Go" or "No Go" decision to hold or re-scheduled our 2021 National Convention. If the convention is rescheduled, it will be a six day convention and will be held at the Rosen Shingle



Creek Resort in 2024, dates to be determined.

Our 2021 National Convention is scheduled to be held from Monday, August 30 to Saturday, September 4th at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. The room rate is \$105.00 per day plus tax. This room rate will be honored 3 days prior to and 3 days following our convention, based on availability. USSVI Central Florida Base and Snug Harbor Base are co-hosting this convention. Southeast Region, District Four Commander Jay Mack is the convention chairman. David Self of the Snug Harbor Base is the co-chairman. Convention and hotel registration is on-going. The convention committee has planned four side trips during the convention. The convention Plan of the Week is finalized and posted to the convention website. <https://ussviconvention.org/2021/>

To date, 7 boat reunions have expressed an interest in joining the 2021 convention.

2022 USSVI National Convention:

Our 2022 USSVI National Convention is contracted as a four day convention starting on Wednesday, August 24th to Saturday, August 28th, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel in Buffalo, New York. The room rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax. This room rate will be honored 3 days prior to and after our convention based on availability.

Due to the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the host hotel closed for business in April 2020. Washington developer, Douglas Jemal, has purchased the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel. The Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel is scheduled to reopen on May 1, 2021. The host hotel has pledged to honor our 2022 USSVI National Convention contract.

Fred Marazita Jr, the USSVI Buffalo Base Commander, is the 2022 Convention Coordinator. The convention committee is developing the 2022 convention website and working on the convention events and side trips.

2023 USSVI National Convention:

Our 2023 USSVI National Convention is a six day convention, contracted to be held starting on Monday, August 28th to Saturday, September 2nd, at the Hilton El Conquistador Tucson Resort in Tucson, Arizona. The room rate is \$99.00 per night plus tax. This room rate will be honored 3 days prior to and following our convention based on availability.

Dennis Ottley from the USSVI Tucson Base is the 2023 convention coordinator. The convention committee is starting to replan and coordinate the convention events and developing the convention website. Our 2023 USSVI National Convention was rescheduled from 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

All the best and please take care,

Wayne Standerfer
National Commander

Michael "Max" Schell, EMCM(SS), USN, Ret.

I was born on March 28, 1960 in Sacramento California. As a youth I was active in Boy Scout Program—earning the Eagle Scout Award in 1974. In high school I played Varsity Soccer and Ran Track, was active in Student Government and served as the Class President in my Junior and Senior Years. After graduation I enlisted in the Navy and attend Boot Camp in the summer of 1978.

My first Navy school was Basic Electricity and Electronics School in San Diego, and then Electrician's Mate class A School in Great Lakes, Illinois where I advanced to Petty Officer Third Class in March of 1979. I then went on to a year of Nuclear Power training, which included Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida and Nuclear Prototype Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York. While a student in New York I advanced to Petty Officer 2nd Class.



From 1981 to 1984 I served in two different attack submarines as an Electrician and Nuclear Power Plant Operator, first in USS Dace (SSN 607) and then in USS Permit (SSN 594) where I qualified in Submarines on July 2, 1982. Prior to transferring from USS Permit he was advanced to Petty Officer 1st Class.

From 1984 to 1987 I returned to the Nuclear Training Unit in Ballston Spa New York as an Instructor, where I qualified both Engineering Watch Supervisor and Engineering Officer of the Watch. My primary assignment was to train young Officers to run nuclear power plants.

My next Submarine Sea Tour was in USS Memphis (SSN 691) from 1987 to 1990 where I served as the Electrical Division Leading Petty Officer, advancing to Chief Petty Officer in 1989.

After leaving USS Memphis I returned to Naval Nuclear Power School, in Orlando Florida as an instructor for 4 years and was designated a Master Training Specialist. In 1994 I was selected for Commissioning as a Limited Duty Officer and was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer just prior to Commissioning as an Ensign.

My first assignment as a Limited Duty Officer was as the Engineering Officer for the Unmanned Vehicles Detachment of the Navy's Deep Submergence Unit at Naval Air Station North Island, California. In this assignment I was responsible for the maintenance and repairs of 5 Deep Ocean Remotely Operated Submersibles capable of diving to the bottom of the ocean up to 20,000 feet deep. During this tour I also supervised deep ocean search and recovery operations to include fighter jets and helicopters that had crashed. One of these salvage jobs included a 60,000-pound F-14 Fighter Jet from 5,000 feet deep. While at Deep Submergence unit I was promoted to LT(jg).

My final Navy Tour was on the Submarine Tender, USS McKee (AS 41) where I served as the Machinery Repair Division Officer and Managed the Fleet Machine Shop. In 1997 I was permanently promoted Master Chief Petty Officer while still serving as a temporary Officer and advancing to Lieutenant in March of 1998. Because my officer status was still temporary, and to retire, I resigned the temporary commission and reverted to my permanent enlisted rate and retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer.

Following retirement, I started my Promotion Business and worked as an Event Staff & Security Manager for Concerts and Sporting events, to include the San Diego Padres, SD Chargers, and several Super Bowl games.

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Michael “Max” Schell, EMCM(SS), USN, Ret. (continued)

I also volunteered extensive time with the San Diego Navy League, coordinating NJROTC award programs. Through that experience I learned of a need for NJROTC Instructors and special opportunities if you were willing to take a position at one of the many hard to fill schools. This took me from San Diego to Lander Wyoming, where he was the Naval Science Instructor for two years at Lander Valley High School.

At the time, the NJROTC Unit at Lander Valley High School was the oldest continuous program in the country, founded in 1969. In 2011 the Navy began closing small programs which included Lander. So in early 2012 when the Senior Naval Science Instructor opened up at Soledad High School I took the opportunity to move back to California

At the end of the 2012-13 school year, I stepped away from teaching to create a more flexibility schedule so I could regularly visit and support my Dad who was suffering from Parkinson’s Disease and mild dementia Living in King City and traveling to Sacramento a couple of times a

month, he continued to run his promotional products business, volunteer with Soledad High School NJROTC

In 2016, my father’s health was declining so I relocated Sacramento. I continued to support Soledad NJROTC program and became a certified volunteer with the Luther Burbank NJROTC. I had been a USSVI member since 2006 and joined the Gold Country Base and became a life member in 2016. I worked with



USSVI and Sacramento Navy League helping Luther Burbank by supporting fund raising and drill competitions. I also served 4 years on the Sacramento Stand Down Association board, as 1st Vice President and Director of the Homeless Veteran Stand Down. Additionally, as a member of the Gold County Base, I have been active in the annual Pearl Harbor Memorial presenting the history of the attack at the event since 2017.



After my father passed in June 2018, my wife Maria and I returned to Monterey County and where I assumed the Naval Science Instructor position at Everett Alvarez High School in March of 2019. In addition to teaching NJROTC, I also continues to run my promotional products business and serves clients.

Over the many years at duty stations while in the Navy and since I have maintained my commitment to the Scouting programs by giving my time as a volunteer. I also have continued to take an active role in Santa Lucia Masonic Lodge since 2015 serving as Master (president), and then managing the finances of the Lodge and Building Association as Treasurer and CFO respectively,

Master Chief Schell began his college education at Sacramento City College, taking night classes his senior year in high school, back in 1978. Over the next 40 years, to especially include his Navy career, he attended college classes, took online courses, and received credit for his Navy schools and experience, accumulating 180 hours, culminating in August 2017 when he graduated with Honors from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor Science in Electronic Systems Technology and Management. He gained a preliminary teaching credential to teach NJROTC in California in 2013, and completing the course work and evaluation, earned a Clear Teaching Credential in NJROTC with an English Learner indorsement in 2020.

From The Crew

Highlights of My 7 Year Navy Career — By Howard Grover

This summation has been inspired by an article entitled “Lost But Not Forgotten” in the American Submariner (2021: 1st Qtr. edition) which is about Lt. Thompson being lost at sea from the USS Cutlass in Spring 1958.

I had been out of Sub School just about two weeks and was aboard the USS Spikefish, AGSS 404. I was excited because we were to leave Key West October 15, 1962 for Gitmo, my first trip out of the country. That didn't happen that day.

That morning I was awoken because of some unusual activity at 04:30. I got up to find there was a lot of confusion about what was going on. The basic response was that we would find out at 08:00 Quarters. At quarters, we were told that there was a big alert concerning Cuba, we would be told more as the news became available but



we were definitely not going to Cuba. Later we were told that all the boats in Key West were going to leave later all together. Later turned out to be about 16:00 that afternoon. After the maneuvering watch, I went to my “underway” station as port lookout. I took my transiter radio with me because by then we knew President Kennedy was going to give a speech that evening. As I listened

to that speech live, I realized that there was a crisis over the missiles discovered in Cuba.

We really didn't know for sure where we were going but we pulled into Norfolk at night a few days later.

For maybe a week all we did was unload our war shot torpedoes. Since we were an AG, our Captain lent our war shots to the possible war effort. In other words, they went to the Guppy boats. I doubt any of the nuclear boats got any of those torpedoes because they were all out to sea.

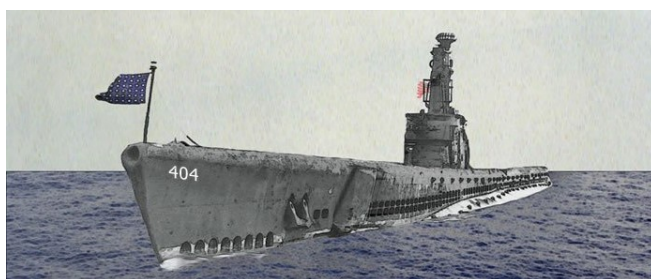
One morning at Quarters, we saw a green Army bus pull up to the brow. About 20 guys in green fatigues got off and unloaded their weapons and diving gear. We were informed they were Army Rangers. After they came aboard, we soon learned that half of these guys were Navy UDT. Our mission was to take them out that day so they could practice going in and out submerged using the Forward Torpedo Room escape hatch for the exercise.

When we arrived at the exercise area, there was a long discussion about whether it was safe to proceed because the seas were rough. They decided to proceed.

I had gotten off my planes watch when somebody told me the COB wanted me to go to the FTR. When I got there, I saw that I was to help clean up the wet mess of water from the bottom of the escape hatch because

every time a new man went through the lower hatch, a considerable amount of water drained out onto the deck below. When I actually started wiping up, I became aware that a bunch of these guys were sea sick. Of course, as one guy got sick, most of the others got sick, too. To their credit they were doing the job they were sent to do. I had a crazy thought. Even though these guys could kill me with their bare hands, I, at that point, probably could knock them over with a feather. Needless to say, I never told them that. Some days later the crisis had abated and we got orders to return to Key West.

On the way we got into increasingly rough seas. Since we were on the surface, we were again standing look out watches. As seas got rougher, we were brought down from the shears and tied off to the hand railing. Occasionally a wave would wash over us. That made it really wet, cold and miserable. Eventually they sent us below and set a periscope watch.



From The Crew

Highlights of My 7 Year Navy Career — By Howard Grover (Continued)

Being fresh out Sub School I knew the boat's dimensions. I saw one of the periscopes fully raised and when we at the bottom of the trough our scope top was way below the ridge of the waves. I estimated we were in 60-to-70-foot waves. By then we were only standing the helm watch. On the helm one time I saw the inclinometer stop and hang at a starboard 53 degrees for what seemed like 10 or 15 seconds. We were in these rough seas for several days. The hardest part was trying to get to your watch station without getting hurt. I think we all ended up with bruises and just being fatigued because it took so much energy to move around. Before the storm was finished, I was sent to Mess Cooking. But that is another story.

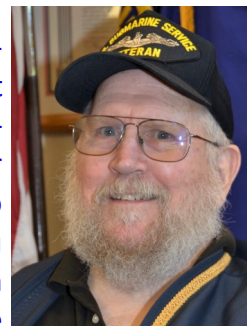


I look back at that time and the giant waves as the highlight of my Navy Career. I haven't forgotten how miserable it was but now see the its raw power and how majestic those green waves were. And funny thing is all this took place in just a few weeks of being on my first sub.

When I tell this story, I am frequently asked; "Were you ever afraid during this time?" The answer is always; "No I was just too young and dumb to know any difference." **Howard Grover EM1(SS)**

Highlights of My Navy Career — By Mark Elftmann

The Navy was a font of new experiences for me as I was in EM A school and Nuclear Power School I was assigned to the USS Juneau LPD-10. First of all finding the ship was not the easiest task. They don't put names on the ships (or none I could find) and when I finally found the Juneau it was moored outside of two other ships at the pier. They never told me about this in Boot Camp. Not being the most outgoing person and not one to draw attention to myself, I walked around trying to figure out how to get to the Juneau until I finally mustered up the courage to ask someone how to get on the ship. And then having to approach the quarter deck and draw full attention to myself by having to salute and "request to come aboard" three ships I was uncomfortable. I will also say that I really saw the difference between a surface ship in the "gator" Navy and a submarine. I likely would not have survived a full tour aboard that vessel. I did some really stupid stuff on that ship in the six months I was aboard her.



When I finally reported aboard the USS William H. Bates SSN 680, I reported to the Yeoman. The first thing he did when I introduced myself was to breakout in a good hardy guffaw. He couldn't stop laughing when he told me the ships was getting



underway for a three-month deployment in four days. I was really unprepared to go to sea and since I didn't know how to prepare, I had no time to learn. By the end of the run I was using rope I scrounged as shoe laces. Everyone was nice but they kept asking me "how do you like Connecticut?" I kept telling them I didn't have a chance to see it since I was only there for about four days before we left. I heard later from the Yeoman that the XO chewed him out for laughing at me when I checked onboard. Serves him right.

Mark Elftmann EM2(SS)

United States Naval Sea Cadets

USS Ticonderoga division



I can introduce myself. I am LTJG Mike O'Brien the new commanding Officer for Ticonderoga Division. I took over Gold County Division in June 2020. My first task as CO was to change the divisions name back to Ticonderoga Division. TiVo Div. is one of the oldest units in California. We meet the first weekend of the month at the NOSC (Naval Operation Service Center on Elder Creek Road in Sacramento. We are in the process of growing. I have been in the program going on 4 years starting out in Gold Country before moving over to Sacramento Div. as the color guard captain. We were the Honor Guard for your Pearl Harbor Memorial service in December 2019. I had 9 Cadets when I took over, and we have almost doubled the number of Cadets. We have both League Cadets (10 years to 13 years old), and Sea Cadets from 13 to 18. We are an after-school program where we teach military bearings, traditions, rates, enlisted and officers' ranks, and history. We do two trainings a year where they learn other specific rate training programs. I have a growing staff, I started with 2 officers and one auxiliary, now we have Three officers with a fourth joining us soon, 3 auxiliarists, and bringing onboard 3 Midshipman. The cadets really enjoy talking to veterans about their specific rates. I would encourage any of you to come out and visit with us to explain what you did in the Navy. I am a medically retired Navy Vet serving just short of 9 years on big targets (USS Forrestal, and USS Saratoga) as an AMS-2.

LTJG Mike O'Brien
Commanding Officer
Ticonderoga Division
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Stories of Interest

They were a couple of tough, old World War II submariners meeting for the first time at a reunion in 1987 when small talk turned serious, and they realized they had shared one hell of a night 44 years earlier in the middle of a typhoon off the southern coast of Japan.

"He was getting sunk and I was trying to sink him," Bill Dillion said. You can't get any clearer than that.

Dillion was a radar man on the USS Sailfish (SS 192) — a submarine tracking the Japanese carrier Chuyo, escorted by two destroyers, as it headed back to port fully loaded with fighter planes.

"Intercept and sink," the orders came down.

No one on the Sailfish knew there were 21 American POW's on board the Chuyo who had served on the USS Sculpin (SS 191), her sister submarine that went down during an attack on a Japanese convoy weeks earlier. George Rocek was one of them.

Now, here they were having dinner more than four decades later — two men who joined the Navy and volunteered for the submarine service, the most dangerous duty in the military in WWII — reliving that night again through each other's eyes.

You would think when the first torpedo hit the carrier, then the second, there would be a sense of dread among the POW's on board who had just cheated death on their own sub, now staring at it again.



Bill Dillion in 1945 stands in front of the sub's conning tower.

Instead, they cheered, Rocek said. They began jumping up and down, and yelling, "Sink the SOB," even though they were on it. They were sealing their own fate, but it didn't matter. Only sinking that 20,000-ton carrier did.

They knew what they were getting into when they joined the submarine service. Casualties were high, but so were results. Submarines comprised less than 2% of the Navy, yet accounted for more than 55% of all enemy ships sunk in the war. They were about to add one more.

Aboard the Sailfish, there was no cheering when the order came to fire, there was only apprehension. If they missed, those destroyers only two football fields away would be dropping depth charges on them they couldn't out run.

With the weather this bad, missing the target was a real possibility. They were in the middle of a typhoon with 30-foot high waves. It was pitch black, two o'clock in the morning. Their periscopes were useless. They couldn't get a visual sighting on the target.

"We had to use radar, which had just been installed in our sub in January 1943," said Dillion, a Topanga resident. "This was Dec. 3 of the same year, and we had never used it. This was the first time. All I saw were blips on the screen to tell us they were out there, but exactly where?"

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Stories of Interest

USS Sailfish SS-192 (Continued)

"When we got within 2,500 feet, the blips grew larger, and we started loading the torpedoes, but we couldn't hold any depth. We were up 30 feet one minute, down 60 feet the next. There were no seatbelts.

"The guys in the torpedo room were hitting their heads on the ceiling, then slamming down on the floor. It took them hours to load those four torpedoes. We heard two booms. We knew we had hit something, but what?"

Meanwhile, on the Chuyo all hell was breaking loose, including the POWs. Suddenly, guarding prisoners of war wasn't that important. It was every man for himself. Rocek jumped overboard, and was later picked up by one of the enemy destroyers. All the other POW's drowned.

He was brought to Japan where he worked in the mines until the end of the war in 1945. He died in 2007 at the age of 86, and Dillion wanted to pay his respect to his old friend and all the World War II submariners still alive.

They signed up for the most dangerous duty in the war, the least we can do is remember that.

"It took us more than nine hours and 11 torpedoes to sink that carrier," the 96-year-old Dillion said. "The POWs on board went through hell again after losing their submarine, and still they cheered, wanting that carrier sunk. What amazing courage."

By dawn the next morning, the typhoon had passed and the skies were clear. The periscope on the USS Sailfish went up just as the Chuyo was going down.



"Commanding Officer Breaking Down"



Some sub skippers could not take the pressure early in World War II. Only Mort Mumma of the *Sailfish* (SS-192) admitted it.

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Navy Submarine News

U.S. Navy Submarine Fleet To Be Overtaken By China Before 2030

The U.S. Navy has a larger submarine force than China. 68 submarines compared to an estimated 66. This makes the U.S. Navy the second largest submarine force in the world, after North Korea. Our estimate for North Korea is 71 subs, although they are barely comparable to the other countries on the list. So China is currently third, and Russia fourth with 64. These are the four big players in terms of fleet size. Exact numbers are open to interpretation, but this order is generally agreed.

The next ten years could see a major shift in the rankings however. Based on current plans and projections, the U.S. and China will trade places by 2030.

By then the Chinese Navy, known as the PLAN (People's liberation army Navy) may have around 10 more submarines than America. This will make the PLAN the largest submarine force in the world, surpassing even North Korea (who anyway are projected to fall).

A report to Congress on the annual long-range **Plan for Construction of Naval Vessels** lays out the U.S. Navy's submarine force over the next 30 years. The plan is to build more submarines, increasing the rate to three a year for the Virginia Class. This will grow the force from 70 in 2022 to 92 in 2051. However, there will be a dip in numbers before it rises again as older boats will be decommissioned quicker than new ones can be built. The low-point will be between 2025 and 2030. This is also when China's investment in new construction facilities is expected to pay off.

Los Angeles Class submarine USS Chicago (SSN-721) during Exercise Valiant Shield 2020. She is expected to be decommissioned in 2024, along with several other Los Angeles class boats. US Navy photograph.



One category of boat which the U.S. Navy will lose completely before 2030 is the cruise missile submarine (SSGN). The four Ohio Class SSGN conversions will be decommissioned in 2026/7. The Ohios are the **heaviest conventionally-armed submarines** afloat. They will be partially replaced by the Virginia Class Block-V boats which will carry more cruise missiles than current versions.

Estimates of the PLAN's submarine force vary. The figure of 76 in 2030 comes from a March 18 2020 US government **report on China Naval Modernization**. Given China's significant investment in infrastructure this growth is easily accepted. China has expanded the Bohai shipyard where its nuclear submarines are built. New classes of both attack submarines and ballistic missile submarines are expected to emerge soon. In fact the first signs of new submarines **have already been observed**.

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U.S. Navy Submarine Fleet To Be Overtaken By China Before 2030 (continued)

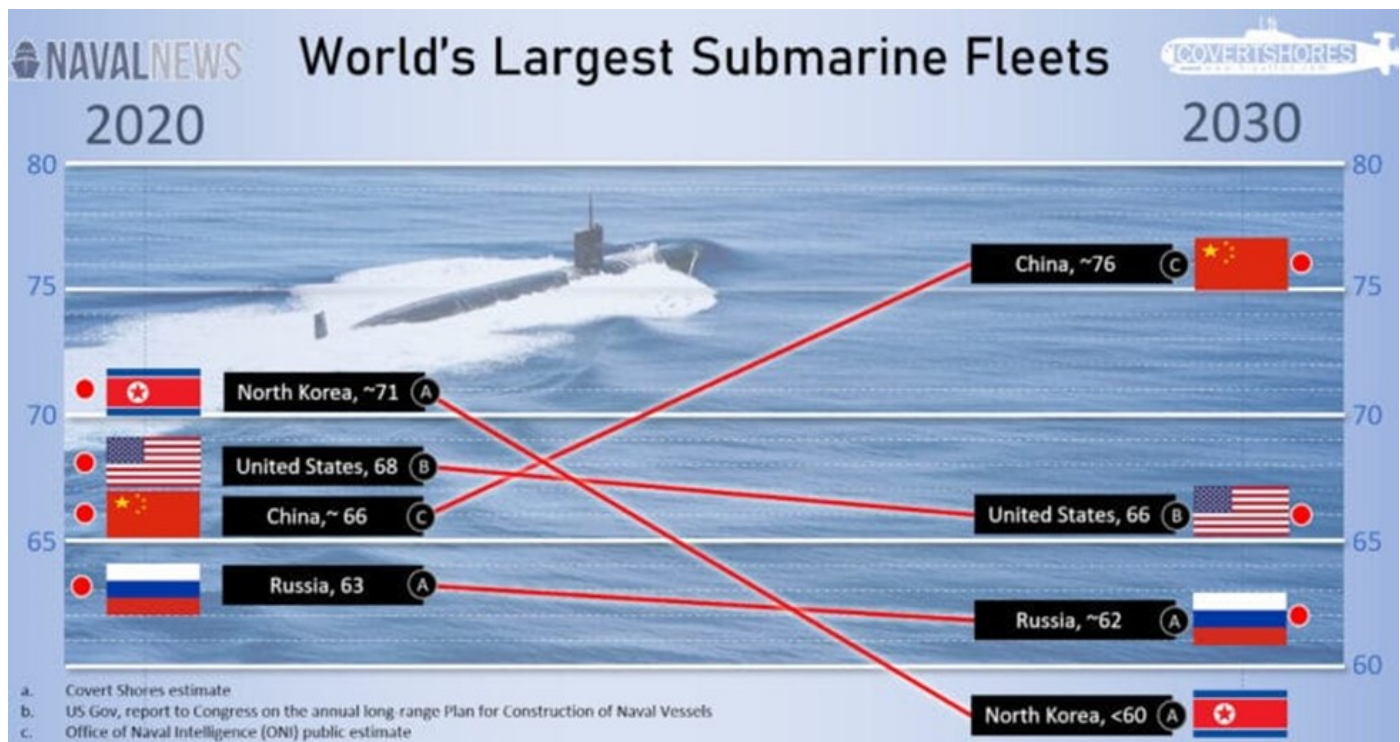
Many of China's submarines are diesel-electric. These boats are smaller and shorter ranged than the U.S. Navy's all-nuclear fleet. But this may make them better suited to some operations, for example in the shallow waters off the Chinese coast. It also makes them cheaper and easier to produce. The latest models, the Type-039A Yuan class, have air-independent power (AIP).

China has recently moved a major non-nuclear submarine construction facility out of Wuhan. The new site is further down the river at the Shuangliu yard. This is larger and more discrete. It may allow an increased rate of submarine construction, although some of the boats will be for export to Pakistan and Thailand.

The U.S. Navy's decrease in submarines will be partly made up by a new category of underwater vehicle which the U.S. Navy. **Extra-large Uncrewed Underwater Vehicles (XLUUVs)** will perform some of the missions currently done by crewed submarines. The U.S. Navy is currently leading the charge with these and should receive the first four Orca XLUUVs by 2025. Their compact dimensions and relative expendability may make them particularly potent in littorals.

It is difficult to project whether the PLAN will follow the U.S. Navy's lead with XLUUVs. It seems entirely possible, and they have developed large displacement UUVs (one category smaller). There is insufficient open source intelligence on a Chinese XLUUV program however.

The combat potential of a submarine fleet is not based on numbers alone. The quality of the boats, their weapons and their crews all come into play. And the U.S. Navy is widely seen as far ahead of the PLAN today. But quantity has a quality all of its own. And the U.S. force is much more spread out than china's, also facing an increasingly assertive Russian Navy submarine fleet. And no submarine, however dated, can be written off as not a threat.



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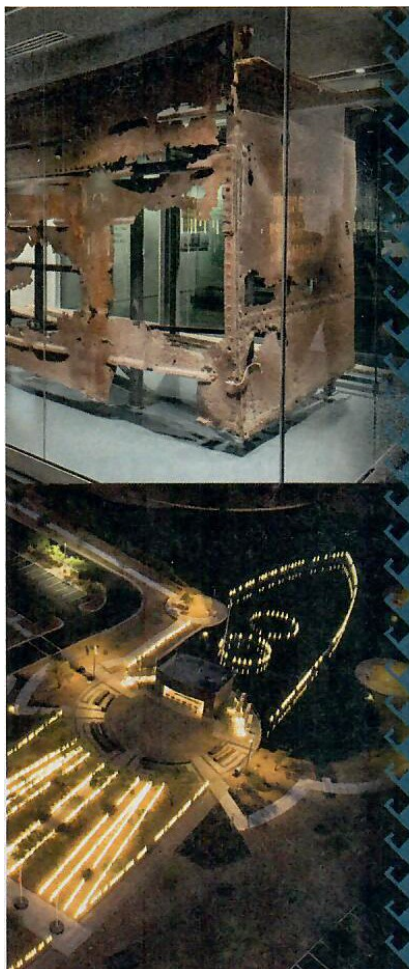
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USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL GARDENS AT SALT RIVER

Opened in February 2020, the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River honors the brave U.S. forces who were aboard the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

As a nation, we are forever indebted to those who serve and give their lives for our freedom and we are proud to honor them and share their stories in these gardens.



Located just west of Salt River Fields, the Memorial Gardens includes a piece of the original boathouse from the USS Arizona that stood at Pearl Harbor for 10 years prior to building the memorial that stands at Pearl Harbor today. Learn more about the USS Arizona, December 7, 1941 and the impact it had on so many.

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