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Clear The Baffles

GOLD COUNTRY BASE



Overall 2023
First Place

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."



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Bravo Zula City of Lincoln

Thousands of cheering family's line the parade route in what has to be the best attended event in the region. All 15 of the Gold Country Shipmates who participated could not help but feel the positive energy and the gratitude shown to us for our service.



Now Hear This!

Next Meeting—July 27, 2024 Potluck @ 12 noon
Meeting Starts 1pm Folsom Veterans Hall -1300 Forrest St., Folsom
First Call to Morning Chow Tuesday August 6, 2024
0930 @ Denny's Restaurant, 100 North Sunrise, Roseville



Shipmates, This hot spell is really draining, and I am so glad we had our annual picnic celebration back in April.

The Bass Pro Shop day event on May 25th was a successful adventure. Michael Goble (Gold Country's Hot Dog Chef), with Bill Barron's assistance served up over 250 gourmet delicious hot dogs to kids of all ages. Many sea stories were shared, and many new friends were made. The kids always enjoy sounding the diving alarm and playing games. Many veteran heroes, from all branches of military, stopped and shared the stories and remembered their comrades this Memorial Day weekend. We received over \$400 in donations.

We again participated in the Lincoln 4th of July Parade. We assembled at the Burger King parking lot to erect our float and get ready for the parade. We had a great bunch of Sub-Vets and even our newest junior recruit (Rick Brashler's granddaughter) all arrived early to get our float ready and shined up to sparkle in the parade. This parade was so greatly attended, and the thousands of people shouted out over and over "Thank you for your Service" as the kids waved flags and saluted us. It truly warms my heart and brings a tear to my eyes. It is nice that our nation is remembering our many service personnel with the respect and honor they deserve. This must be the most patriotic event on our annual schedule.

I want to highlight a few issues that were discussed at last Saturday's e-Board meeting.

There have been some discussions with the VFW Post that maintains the Folsom Hall that we paid monthly rent payment of \$100/month to offset the hall expenses as well as the monthly rent of \$500/month charged by the city of Folsom. I sat down with the Post Commander and discussed our concerns raised at our June base meeting. I shared these discussions with our officers at the e-board meeting. We agreed to participate in paying the monthly rent of \$100/month for the next year but will review and analyze our participation on an annual basis. We also have requested a solution to the trash situation of carrying home a bag of trash after every one of our meetings or activities. I will expand the explanation at our base meeting on Saturday.

Our updated 2024 calendar:

California State Fair – Wednesday July 24.

Lost Boats memorial celebration – Saturday – August 10, 10am to 3pm

National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio – August 19 – 24

Les Jamison, Base Commander

Vice-COMMANDER

Hello Shipmates, I thought I would reach out with some programs that might be helpful in the unsafe online world we live in today. At least 3-4 times this year I have received notices from the likes of AT&T, Bank of America and others telling me my information may have been leaked. I have come across two programs that I have found helpful in my digital world. Both are programs to help keep an eye on my finances. The first one is called iD.me. I use this one when I access the IRS. I also use this when I go to my Social Security Account. I have been using ID.me for about two years based on requirements from the IRS. Recently I learned ID.me does more than adding more steps to get my work done. Once it is setup, ID.me, can be used to access any account. It will keep track of all my passwords, saving me a lot of time searching for the correct password to get into a system to accomplish a task.



The other program I have discovered is called Aura. This is another system to help keep your financial information online safer. I get frequent memorandums on my phone when they appear to be unusual transactions. It can be a bit of a nuisance, but I think it is better for me. This can be useful for those irritating subscriptions that renew even though I never used the program. I found Aura on YouTube ad. I use both and there may be some overlap, but I'll work that out as I use these. I want to make it clear that although I'm using these, I'm not endorsing these.

Everyone needs to do his or her own due diligence before using any system dealing with online transactions. However, one thing I do endorse is the policy of not trusting any text, email, telephone calls from the IRS or California FTB. Both agencies will contact you by letter if there is an issue. Open every letter and determine what needs to be done. Don't throw any letter away or into a drawer to forget about.

On another subject, please reach out to friends and shipmates who might need help or even just a "Hello". These are usually very gratifying and enjoyable calls.

Vice Commander, Mark Elftmann



What's the meaning of "Fear of God"?

Psalm 89:7-8 NKJV - God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

In other words God requires the upmost respect from us towards Himself. But this is not easy! It requires us to adjust down our will and to do God's will. A human trait

is to want to do our own will and not anybody else's. But doing so brings you into a very precious relationship with God.

It is then when you see yourself doing His will more and more. You will, over time, be doing greater things as time progresses. This will lead to you being successful not because of you but becoming more like Him.

Blessings to all, Base Chaplain, Howard Grover



OFFICER'S COUNTRY



Greeting Shipmates,

Hope all is well with you and your family. Hoping all are staying cool and staying safe with the hot weather we are having. If there is anything I can do to help anyone, please reach out to me and let me know. We had a great time at the 4th of July parade in Lincoln this month with an outstanding crowd that showed up...very impressive.



Looking forward to the Veterans Day at the State Fair again this year. Hope as many as possible came out and enjoyed the fair. Have a safe summer and looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Gene Ratto, (COB) Chief of the Boat



Shipmates,

As to the scouting award chair, there is nothing on the table at present to report. As we get into the Fall and school is again in session, I suspect we could get a few requests to present USSVI Scouting Achievement Awards.

Gill Miller, Eagle Scout Coordinator



Shipmates, The 7 December stands are finished. We will have sea trials on them at Bass Pro on 9 November and hang all the plaques and organize them in the tote containers. Don't miss this fun-filled event.

We have been working on a system to carry the 7 December stands from a design Barry Wyatt came up with. The stands will be able to be loaded onto the float, in the dry

dock so only one vehicle will be needed to transport everything needed for the 7 December event. It is similar to how glass and mirrors are carried on a truck.

I have been hearing scuttlebutt for years about installing "tool boxes" under the float trailer to carry what we need for parades. I have started to look for something to install and have found a few metal containers, but they will have to be waterproof. The boxes I have found are the same one large trucks use under their bed; they are about \$500.00 each. There are many cheaper toolboxes available, but they are not waterproof. We will need to bring this up and talk about it more in the future. The float performed flawlessly at the 4th of July parade. Thanks to all who came out to support our base.

Everyone have a great remainder of the summer.

John Kelly, Dry-Dock Manager



OFFICER'S COUNTRY

Historian



Shipmates, I have completed the MS Excel documents for "Gold Country Base Officer & Appointed History, Positions" and delivered to Barry Wyatt for publication in our "Clear The Baffles" newsletter . I greatly appreciate the assistance from our Webmaster, Ed McCarthy in making the necessary modifications to the MS Excell files so it will print properly. As in most new challenges



I take on, it's been a learning process, and it should be much easier to keep making the necessary changes to these files when we have new officers or appointed positions filled.

As the Gold Country Base Photographer, I continue to attend as many Gold Country Base events as I am able to. I want to thank Bill Barron for attending the June Fist Call to Morning Chow in my ab essence and for taking such a great picture of those who attended. I was able

Photographer



to attend our Bass Pro meeting on May 25th and take lots of photos. I had a Happy 4th of July celebration, starting at 9:00 AM with our USSVI Gold Country Base members attending the Lincoln, CA 4th of July Parade, where I enjoyed taking lots of pictures, then followed by a Zoom meeting with my family and ending the day with a "Capital Fourth Independence Day Celebration" on PBS with Kathy. This is the second year we've attended the Lincoln 4th of July Day Parade. The people are always wonderful, dressed in a variety of patriotic colors,

waving flags and showing their great appreciation for being Americans. A day to celebrate and be thankful!

Roger Paul, Historian / Photographer

SubVet Support Group Commander



Hello Ladies, The Gold Country Base wives support group is on summer hiatus until September.

Save the Date:

Thursdays, December 12, 2024, for our Holiday Dinner. Location: Officers Club at McClelland Air Base. Cost \$40 per base member / \$75 Couple (Member + 1), additional guests \$70 per person.



Stay Cool and Have a good summer.

You can also e-mail me at Pjamison1050@gmail.com or call me at 352-598-9611.

Penny Jamison, Chairperson Gold Country Base Wives Support Group

OFFICER'S COUNTRY



Shipmates,

Keep an eye out on the Base Website for August 10th event details. Come join us for lunch on the West Sacramento River Walk Park, Area C, to see the newly engraved rear side of the Lost Boats Memorial. Bring your camping or picnic chair and enjoy the hopefully much cooler weather. As this is the first event to celebrate



the memorial, we'll discuss potentially better times to hold the event at upcoming Base Meetings.

Special thank you to Les, Barry and Gene for their efforts and attendance at the Veterans and First Responders Day at the California State Fair. The Fair is going through some changes and wow did it complicate matters for us. I'll do a better job communicating upcoming events. Our time at the State Fair proved worthwhile with some great contacts with Submariners living in our area, a conversation with a friend of an attendee who for being in his 80s was exceptionally sharp, a sailor from Scotland, passing out preliminary fliers for our December 7th event, and did I mention how the kids loved yelling DIVE! DIVE! while sounding off the klaxon to earn their Honorary Submariner sticker?

Ed McCarthy Web Master/Events Coordinator



Shipmates, once again I am publishing this month's newsletter at the deadline. It's been a very busy month including the State Fair taking three days out of my normal schedule.



Thank you to Gill and Howard for their story submissions my hope is as you read through them, they will serve as an example and more members will be encouraged to share some of their experiences. Also I hope you'll take a few minutes to review the new History section and let Roger know how much you appreciate all the work he did to get that up to date. If any of you have stored away in your archives some old pictures of Base activities I would appreciate getting a copy of them for future newsletters.

Barry Wyatt, Newsletter Editor/ PAO

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Lost Boats

July

USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance.



After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two subchasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.



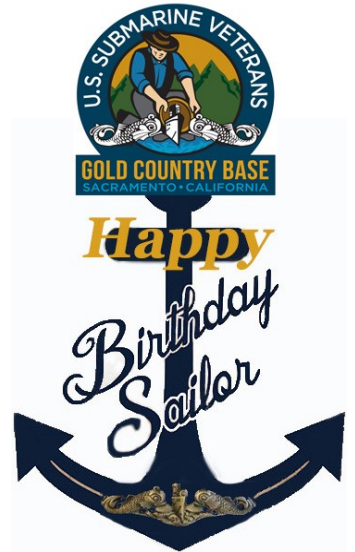
Birthdays

June

David Black Frank Elliott Gill Miller

July

Dennis Henderson Alonzo Brewster
Roger Paul Mark Elftmann Ed McCarthy



On The Lighter Side





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

Gold Country Base Booster's

Ed Alves Janet Alves* Bill Barron**

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VA Information

Veteran Designation on California Driver License and ID Card

A new law - Veteran Designation on Driver's Licenses ([SB 837](#)) eliminates the \$5 fee for obtaining a military "VETERAN" designation on a driver's license or identification (ID) card.



Eligible veterans have the opportunity to add the word "VETERAN" to the front of their driver license or ID card to indicate that they have served in the U.S. Military. It can also play a critical role in enabling access to certain privileges, and benefits associated with being a veteran without having to carry and produce a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Interested veterans need to present a valid DD Form 214 to a local CVSO to receive a Veteran Status Verification form. Then, the veteran takes the CVSO verification form to a DMV field office for processing. DMV could charge the standard cost of a new, renewal, or duplicate license fee for this enhancement.



USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES June 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 13:02 Commander Les Jamison the USSVI Creed and Purpose

INVOCATION: Base Chaplain Howard Grover gave the Invocation.

TOLLING THE BELL: The Lost Boats for the month of June were read by the Vice Commander, Mark Elftmann, and Chief of the Boat, Gene Ratto tolled the bell for each Lost Boat; one additional toll in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 23 members and 1 guests in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER COORDINATOR CHAD CLAY INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER: Heather Murphy from the VA spoke about volunteer opportunities available at the VA. The Compassionate Contact Corp. is available to make calls to homebound veterans to give them someone to talk to, similar to our SubVet check-in program. The VBA is a benefits program. VSO helps with filing claims and any assistance. Once you get a responsible VSO, please share with other members.

FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Les Jamison

Motion to pay the deposit for the Holiday dinner passed.

Motion to supply cold cuts and small sandwiches and drinks for Lost boats memorial passed.

VFW Post Commander sent us an email regarding rental of the hall. Wants \$500 per month. With the other four groups, our charge will be \$100 per month, \$1,200 per year. Also, a \$500 cleaning fund for clean up after events. If we utilize the kitchen, it will be a \$50 charge. They want a contract signed to be effective September 1, 2024. We will ask the guy in charge to come to our meeting to field questions regarding this. If another organization chooses to leave, will the division change from 5 to 4? There is a recreational planning committee looking at our property to generate a new park system. Do they want to make more parking for boat launching? The group is concerned as to why we are going to be charged rent as this property was donated for the veterans. Why the change?

VICE COMMANDER: Mark Elftmann

National elections are in progress. Go to ussubvets.org to vote. Tim Carlisle is going for National Senior Vice Commander. Pete Juhos is running for re-election to Western Regional Director.

TREASURER Base Treasurer: Nick Sadowy

The books are in balance. Ending balance is \$9,500. Any base member can request a report from Base Treasurer via email.

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy We have 107 members

SECRETARY: Diana Clay -No report

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) Gene Ratto -No report

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt

Donation is set up for the bricks honoring eternal patrol members. Trying to raise the funds to purchase bricks at Mather Base across from the Administration Bldg. This project will be presented at the National Convention. Donate by going to ussvcf.org. This is tax deductible. We also have a fundraising effort to help assist in lowering the cost of hotel and meals for the Western Region Roundup.

Barry will publish the Newsletter in mid-July. Anyone with a sea story is welcome to contribute it to the newsletter.

HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Lenard Lee – No Report

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller -No report

CHAPLAIN / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover

He has been visiting Larry Williams

BASE PHOTOGRAPHER: Roger Paul -No report

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USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES June 22, 2024 (continued)

NAVY YOUTH LIASON: Chad Clay -No report

HISTORIAN: Roger Paul

He has completed the Gold Country Base Officer History for elected and appointed positions.

WEB-MASTER: Ed McCarthy

He will add fundraising information for the bricks and Western Region donations.

STOREKEEPER: Jerry Wentland -No report

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR: Les Jamison -No report

SUBVET CHECK-IN PROGRAM: Mark Elftmann

He has been calling Larry Williams who is very appreciative of any calls.

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Ed McCarthy

July 4th parade will be in Lincoln, arrive @ 7:00 am for set up.

State Fair Day-Wednesday, July 24 starting @ 8:00 am. One day only for the Military, Veteran, First Responders Appreciation Day.

Annual Lost Boats memorial, waterfront in West Sacramento is August 10. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The base will provide sandwiches and drinks.

National Convention is in Cleveland, OH on August 19-24. Host hotel is sold out.

Veteran's Day parade – November 11—Auburn after a vote with the members. Vote was not addressed. Bass Pro day on November 9.

Holiday party—December 12 at McClellan Officer's Club For people who don't drive at night, we might organize drivers to pick them up. We will discuss the fee for members and non-members at the next e-board meeting. We voted to pay the deposit.

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR: Chad Clay

Former Olympian in July_American Legion Post 362, Patricia Lovisone in August

SUBVETS SUPPORT GROUP: Penny Jamison

Holiday party is December 12, 2024 at the McClellan's Officer Club. Proposal is no charge to members and associate members. Charge \$35 to any guests. Cash bar will be set up. Since this has not been voted on, we will review with the board.

WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR: Pete Juhos

We should do our voting today. Go to ussubvets.org.

The host hotel is sold out for the National Convention but is still a bit short in registrations.

Good of the Order / Communications:

John Kelly has completed 8 stands plus one extra for the float. He has made it much easier to set up and take down. At the November 9, Bass Pro event, bring plaques for the December 7 memorial as a dry run for the 80th year for Normandy.

Old Business: March minutes were approved. No meetings in April or May.

First Call to Morning Chow:

Date & Time – July 9, 2024 @ 9:30 am, Denny's Restaurant, 100 N. Sunrise Blvd., Roseville, CA

Next Base Meeting: Next meeting will be on July 27, 2024

50/50 Won By: \$51 donated to the base

SEA CADETS: \$41

Meeting adjournment: Base Chaplin, Howard Grover, gave a closing prayer.

Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 14:42

Submitted by Diana Clay, Base Secretary

Gold Country Base SubVet Check-In

Several of our Shipmates are unable to attend monthly meeting or participate in the events. Both of the men below gave there all to our base. Please take the time to give them a call or a visit. Let them know we are grateful for there service and miss seeing them. Also Some of our members have no way to get to a Base Meeting or First Call. If you would be willing to give them a ride and follow the example set by our Base Commander contact Mark (916) 243-9265

Reginald "Regybear" Bronner

Regy joined USSVI in 1998 and is a Life and Holland Club member. He is a Plank Owner of Gold Country Base. He served as Base Vice Commander from 2016 through 2020.



Regy Bronner SOG3 (SS)
and his wife Anita

Regy is residing at Atria Rocklin 3201 Santa Fe Way, Rocklin CA
95765 (916) 435-8281.

Best time to visit or call Regy is early afternoon.

Larry Williams

Larry joined USSVI in 2012 and is a Life and Holland Club member. He is a Plank Owner of Gold Country Base. He served as Base Treasurer from 2013 through 2016.



Larry Williams IC2 (SS)
and his wife Diana.

Larry lives at home 1630 Pheasant Run Dr. Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 435-8281.

Best time to call or visit Larry is early afternoon.

**Need a ride to a Meeting of First Call contact Mark
(916) 243-9265 and he will set it up.**





Lincoln California
FOURTH
of
JULY
Parade

Thank you Shipmate Jack Everett for the invite and making the arrangements for us to participate in this amazing event.

TEAM



WORK



Bill and Mark Always in Service



Pete and John Swapping Sea Stories

Gold Country Base News

California
STATE★FAIR

**Military—Veterans—First Responders
Appreciation Day**



Shipmates Les Jamison, Gene Ratto, Ed McCarthy & Barry Wyatt braved the 106 degree heat and in the process found 5 new prospective members.

Nominations for Gold Country Base Commander and Base Treasurer/Membership shall be submitted at the September Business Meeting. Voting shall be completed at the October meeting; followed by "Installation of Officers" at the following January meeting.

The prerequisite for an elected Base Officer is that a Candidate must be a Primary Member in good standing with a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months active participation in Base meetings and activities. Departure from this requirement requires a vote of the Gold Country Base Executive Board.



Gold Country Base History

Base Historian Roger Paul has spend countless hours reassembling a list of officers both elected and appointed who have served Gold Country Base and kept it a float for almost 25 years. Over the next several editions of the Newsletter we will feature those names.

"GOLD COUNTRY BASE" OFFICER HISTORY, ELECTED POSITIONS			Updated July 22, 2024			
POSITION	#	NAME	ORIG DATE		LAST DATE	
			FROM		TO	
BASE COMMANDER	1	SAM BURKS	2000	START	2001	*
	2	GIL MILLER	2001*	>>	2003	MAR
	3	HOWARD GROVER	2003	APR	2005	JUN
	4	JIM PRICE	2005	JUL	2007	MAR
	5	JIM HUDSON	2007	APR	2008	DEC
	6	FRANK ELLOITT	2009	JAN	2010	DEC
	7	PETER JUHOS	2011	JAN	2016	DEC
	8	J. BARRY WYATT	2017	JAN	2022	DEC
	9	LES JAMISON	2023	JAN	PRESENT	PRESENT
VICE COMMANDER	1	GILL MILLER (took over Base Commander)	2000	START	2001 *	
	2	STEVE REEM * (fill Gills vacancy)	2001	>>	2002	
	2a	NORM CLOW (mid term)	2002	>>	2003	MAR
	3	GIL MILLER	2003	APR	2005	MAR
	4	JIM PRICE (mid term health)*	2005	APR	2005	JUN*
	5	ROBERT ROUSH	2005	JUL*	2007	MAR
	6	DAVE MORROW* (Eternal Patrol 4/8/2013)	2007	APR	2013*	APR*
	7	JOE COOKE * (family health needs)	2013*	MAY*	2013*	JUL*
	8	J. BARRY WYATT	2013*	AUG*	2014	DEC
	9	JOE COOKE * (family health needs)	2015	JAN	2015*	DEC*
	10	REGY BRONNER	2016	JAN	2019	DEC
	11	LES JAMISON	2020	JAN	2023	DEC
	12	MARK EFTMANN	2023	JAN	PRESENT	PRESENT

April 24, 2004



Ken Earls at the Podium with
Gil Miller looking on.



Swearing in Ceremony (Left to Right) Hal Clark,
Tim Spoon, Howard Grover and Gil Miller

Gold Country Base Memorial Brick Project

Gold Country Memorial Brick Fund

Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

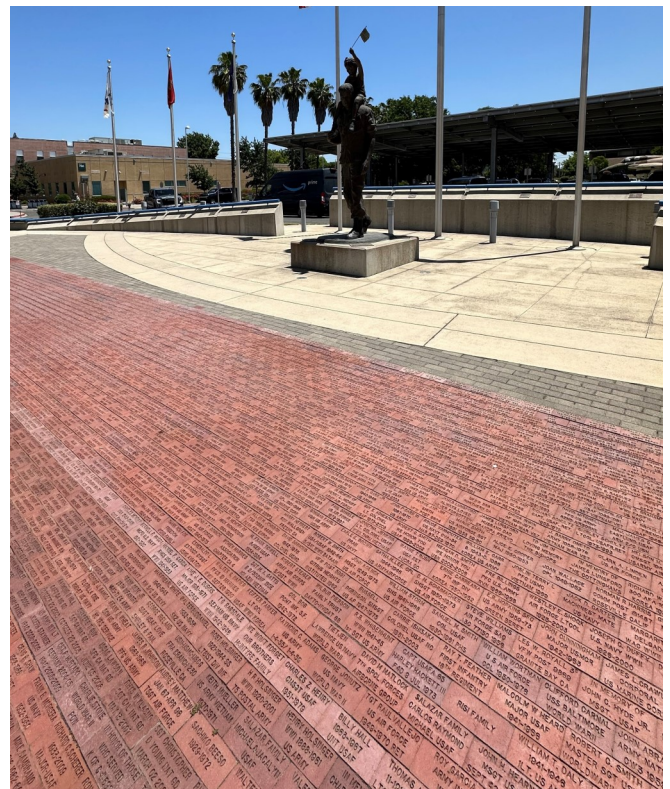
Gold Country Base was originally chartered by USSVI as “USS Holland (SS1) Gold Country Base” in September or October of 2000 and was re-chartered “Gold Country Base” in 2014. During our almost 24 years we have lost a total of 63 Members to Eternal Patrol.

We have created a project to raise funds to purchase a Brick at the Mather Veterans Memorial for each of those 63 members. The total Current cost for the project is \$5850 so a goal to raise \$6000 has been set.

Our National Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) has set up a link on their site which will allow for all **contributions to be tax deductible.**

<https://www.ussvcf.org/gold-country-base-memorial-brick-fund.html>

Or Use This QR Code



Upcoming Gold Country Base Events

Lost Boat Memorial Dedication Anniversary Lunch

Saturday August 10th

1100 Tolling Ceremony

1200 Sandwich Lunch

Veterans Plaza, West Sacramento
River Walk

Waterfront Place & 3rd. St.

West Sacramento

RSVP Required

Contact Les Jamison (407) 509-7814
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USSVI Western Region News

USSVI Western Region Roundup

A Gathering of Submariners

March 6 - 9, 2025

Queen Mary
Long Beach, California

www.wrroundup.com



SAVE THE DATE

USSVI National News

USSVI NATIONAL 2024 CONVENTION



AUGUST 19-24 2024

<https://subvetconvention.org/>

Shipmates

Online voting began at 0001 June 19th. Voting, both online and by paper ballot will end at 2359 August 17th.

Members may log on and vote at any time. You can use your desktop/laptop or smartphone.

The address is ussubvets.org Click the red Member Login button and log in. Return to the Home page and click the green Vote in Nat Election. Click on your choices and click on The Cast Your Vote button.



Vote Nat Election

We will have a laptop computer at our meeting on Saturday. Members will need to use their own login to vote. Also, Base Commander Les Jameson will bring hard copies (paper ballots) for your use if you prefer to do it that way.

Best Regards,

Tom Conlon, PNC

USSVI Elections Master

Story From The Crew

This happened at Mare Island. We had newly arrived for new construction. The base Dentist thought this was a good time to check the whole crew. Several guys went every day to be checked. Later those with wisdom teeth were summoned to have them removed. In the barracks guys that had the procedure would come back to the barracks complaining the dentist was a butcher.

When my turn came, I was told by the dentist to make an appointment. I told the receptionist "no" if I needed an appointment. It cost me money after the Navy, but I didn't mind. At least I missed being butchered.

The rest of the Stories were at the Ford Island barracks. When we got to Ford Island, I had decided to stay in the barracks as a money savings strategy in anticipation of getting out of the Navy. I happened to be the senior guy, so I was put in charge. There were to be night watches, so I made up a schedule. I stood watches too. I and others thought that was stupid waste of sleep time. So, it wasn't long before there were no more watches.

Before our first patrol we talked about making a lounge area with frig and sodas. I think we charged a quarter for a can. After that we had enough money for loans. The rate was pay back 25\$ for 20\$. Pretty soon we bought a TV and some used couches. Somebody found an orange and white parachute which we put over the area. Soon after that there was beer in the frig too.

A patrol or 2 later one afternoon we saw a couple Admirals come into the barracks followed by several Captains. They were there for an inspection. Somebody flipped the frig around just before the inspection team got there. I am thinking because the frig was turned around we were had. The team would know there was more than soda the frig. The Admiral asked if we had sodas in the frig. We said: "Yes and ice creme sandwiches also". There was a question about where we got the parachute. "Military surplus store sir." He then told us this looked very comfortable and to continue enjoying it. The Blue crew used that area too, but I never heard anything bad about that either.

Just before I went on my last patrol I asked if anybody would want to be in charge. Nobody did. I closed the books and took over 400 dollars and gave it to our COB. I told him to put the money in the ship recreation fund.

One more funny story. There were 2 stories of barracks above us. I was asked to come see what was going on in the head. We open the door and there was about 2 feet of soap bubbles covering the head floor. Somebody above us must have poured a box of Tide in a toilet and flushed it because every urinal had bubbles coming out of them.

By the way, I left the Navy with over \$12,000.



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Gold Country
Base Shipmate
Howard Grover



Story From The Crew

Nightmare in Naples

This “no shitter” is going to be short and sweet. Truthfully, I can’t make up these tales of what occurred during my time in USS Becuna SS-319. However, this one is on the list of UN-BELIEVABLE events; but it actually happened.

For those of you who ever made a “Med Cruise,” I am sure you can appreciate how nasty the harbor is in Naples, Italy. The color of the water is like an unaerated Central Valley pond in mid-summer that should have been drained last winter. Once tied up to the pier in Naples, a deck stroll fore and aft reveals all sorts of dead and decaying matter; dead rats and other animals, diapers, condoms (probably used), etc, etc,. You get the picture!

Anyway, Becuna SS-319 completed her Med Exercise, and we made Naples our port of call for a little “R and R.”



I had no desire to go ashore in this pollution infested port city. I stood radio watch so my fellow shipmates could go ashore. One particular “A Ganger,” who I will leave unnamed, had a penchant for purchasing souvenirs (especially expensive ones). The “A Ganger” returned from liberty the night before getting underway. He proudly sported a beautiful just purchased wristwatch that was enhanced by gems (rubies). Estimates of value by other

crewmen had the watch purchase priced at \$500.00. In 1963, \$500.00 was a tidy sum of money for a white hat to be spending on a watch or for anything else for that matter.

The next morning, as the Maneuvering Watch began forming topside, our “A Ganger” was assigned up forward to the line Capstan. As Bells and underway orders were relayed from the bridge, the Capstan was engaged. Lo and behold, the “A Ganger,” with watch on wrist, yelled in horror “Shit my watch!” Yep! The “A Ganger’s” sleeve and wristwatch somehow became entangled in the moving line. As he pulled his arm free, you guessed it, the \$500.00 ruby studded watch flew 15 yards through the air and disappeared in the disease infested waters of Naples harbor. It was reported later that our “A Ganger” prepared to leap into the harbor in hopes of diving below surface in hopes of retrieving his watch (DUH!). It took 3 other topside crewmen to restrain him from going overboard. The moral of this story is, unless you are “Dumber than Dumb,” never, ever, wear rings, watches, or have long dangling sleeves, or long hair anywhere near moving machinery.

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Featured Boat

USS Seadragon (SSN-584) a *Skate*-class submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for the Seadragon, a name for some types of seahorse. She was a nuclear-powered submarine.

Construction and Commissioning


The contract to build *Seadragon* was awarded to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, on 29 September 1955 and her keel was laid down on 20 June 1956. She was launched on 16 August 1958, sponsored by Mrs. Robert L. Dennison, wife of Admiral Robert L. Dennison. Seadragon collided with a whale on October 6, 1959 during sea trials, causing only minor damage. The ship was commissioned on 5 December 1959, with Lieutenant Commander George P. Steele in command.

Operational history

Following a Caribbean shakedown cruise, *Seadragon* returned to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, whence, on 1 August 1960, she sailed for the Pacific. Ordered to proceed via the Northwest Passage, she moved north to Parry Channel, at mid-month reached Lancaster Sound, the eastern end of the channel, and continued westward with Edward Parry's 1819 journal as a guide.

Collecting oceanographic and hydrographic data en route, *Seadragon* transited the Barrow Strait, Viscount Melville Sound, and McClure Strait. On 21 August, she completed the first submarine transit of the Northwest Passage, entered the Beaufort Sea, and headed for the North Pole, which she reached on 25 August. The ship surfaced through the thin ice becoming the third submarine to surface at the pole. Members of the crew laid out a softball diamond with the pitcher's box at the pole where the captain claimed he hit a fly ball at 4:00 pm on Wednesday and it wasn't caught until 4:00 am on Thursday. From the pole, *Seadragon* (having no other choice) turned south, and after conducting experiments in cooperation with scientists on ice island T-3, headed for the Chukchi Sea and Bering Strait. On 5 September, she reached Nome, Alaska, and, nine days later, she arrived at her home port, Pearl Harbor. She was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her transit of the Northwest Passage via Parry Channel. For the next nine months, *Seadragon* was employed in local operations. In June 1961, she headed west for her first tour in the western Pacific (WestPac), during which she participated in Seventh Fleet exercises – primarily antisubmarine warfare training exercises – and completed a submerged endurance cruise of 58 days. In October, she returned to Pearl Harbor and local operations.



History	
	United States
Name	USS <i>Seadragon</i>
Awarded	29 September 1955
Builder	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Laid down	20 June 1956
Launched	16 August 1958
Commissioned	5 December 1959
Decommissioned	12 June 1984
Stricken	30 April 1986
Fate	Submarine recycling program
General characteristics	
Class and type	Skate-class submarine
Displacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,580 long tons (2,620 t) surfaced 2,861 long tons (2,907 t) submerged
Length	268 ft (82 m)
Beam	25 ft (7.6 m)
Draft	22 ft 5 in (6.83 m)
Propulsion	S4W reactor plant (S3W reactor)
Speed	20 knots (23 mph; 37 km/h)+
Complement	95 officers and men
Armament	8 × 21 in (530 mm) torpedo tubes (6 forward, 2 aft)

Featured Boat

USS Seadragon (SSN 584) continued

On 12 July 1962, *Seadragon* departed Pearl Harbor for her second Arctic cruise. Transiting the Bering Strait and the Chukchi Sea, she contacted T-3, then moved further north to rendezvous with sister ship, *USS Skate*, en route from New London, Connecticut. On 31 July, the two submarines rendezvoused under the ice and continued on to the North Pole, arriving on 2 August for sonar and weapons evaluations. The submarines were joined by the icebreaker *USS Burton Island*. In late August, the submarines returned to their home ports. En route, *Seadragon*, which was scheduled to port at Seattle, Washington, rescued 12 survivors from a downed seaplane and delivered them to Port Angeles, Washington. On 14 September, *Seadragon* arrived back at Pearl Harbor.



During the first half of 1963, *Seadragon* participated in local operations and conducted her second WestPac cruise. On 8 July, she entered the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for her first refueling and overhaul. In late May 1964, she resumed operations in the Hawaiian area. Torpedo evaluations off the Washington coast followed; and, on 10 August 1964, *Seadragon* sailed west in response to the Gulf of Tonkin incident. During September and October, she operated out of Subic Bay;

then, after a call at Hong Kong continued on to Okinawa and Japan to conduct public relations cruises and to participate in further Seventh Fleet exercises.

On 27 October 1964, *Seadragon* became the first nuclear powered vessel to visit Hong Kong. This was followed shortly by an historic entry into Japanese waters and a port visit to Sasebo, Japan, on 12 November 1964. The visit was protested by China and the Soviet Union; the Soviets in particular warned that the visit would eventually lead to the introduction of nuclear weapons to Japan and alter the security status quo in East Asia.^[1] On 4 March 1965, she returned to Pearl Harbor. Again, in the fall of 1966 and early 1967, *Seadragon* became the first SSN to visit Yokosuka, Japan. She was the first nuclear powered vessel the Japanese government permitted to enter her home waters. This achievement has since often been compared with Commodore PERRY's first expedition to Japan in 1853 as an achievement in international diplomacy. *Seadragon* was the first SSN to visit Hobart, Australia in January 1983. In twenty-four years of active service, *Seadragon* steamed over 200,000 miles, dove and surfaced 1800 times, made thirteen deployments to the Western Pacific, and conducted four under ice operations. *Seadragon* was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The ship was overhauled three times, refueling at each overhaul. Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard was her home for all the overhauls and performed the inactivation commencing 1 October 1983. Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, which she visited on occasional trips to the North Polar region, performed the recycling.^[2]

Decommissioning

Decommissioned on 12 June 1984 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 30 April 1986, ex-*Seadragon* entered the Navy's Nuclear-Powered Ship-Submarine Recycling Program on 1 October 1994. On 18 September 1995, *Seadragon* ceased to exist. *Seadragon* was decommissioned after only 24 and a half years of commissioned service – five and a half years less than the normal 30 year service life for U.S. Navy submarines.



**USS *Seadragon* (SSN-584) was
the Qual Boat of Gold Country
Base Shipmate Jack Everett**

Continuing 124-Year Tradition of Service Under the Sea

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

Petty Officer 2nd Class Austin Eckard, a Sacramento native, is one of the sailors serving aboard USS Henry M. Jackson, continuing the U.S. Navy's 124-year tradition of service under the sea to help ensure Americans' safety.

Eckard graduated from Highlands High School in 2020.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Sacramento, according to Eckard.

"The lessons I carry with me came from when I was becoming an Eagle Scout, are the importance of perseverance and hard work," Eckard said. "I put in hundreds of hours of work on my own for my Eagle project. The wooden cross at Citrus Heights United Methodist Church, my Scout troop's charter organization, was vandalized, so I replaced it with a steel one that couldn't be vandalized. I'm a nuke and nukes have one of the hardest, if not the hardest, schools to go through and the longest. Being a mechanic has the shortest variant of nuke school and it was still a year and a half. That's long hours and lots of studying. Pressing through all that and all of

the hard work was definitely attributed to the perseverance I gained while working toward Eagle Scout."

Eckard joined the Navy four years ago. Today, Eckard serves as a machinist's mate (nuclear).

"I joined the Navy because I was figuring out something to do out of high school," said Eckard. "In 2016, I had the chance to go to Pearl Harbor for the 75th anniversary of the attack. We toured all the Navy stuff out there and heard a lot of inspiring speeches. One of the speakers was Lou Conter, a USS Arizona survivor who was on the ship when it got hit. He retired from the Navy as a lieutenant commander. He was kind of an inspiration for me to do this. A lot of my family had been in the Air Force as well but I always liked the Navy more."

Known as America's "Apex Predators," the Navy's submarine force operates a large fleet of technically advanced vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world, in furtherance of U.S. national security. A major component of that maritime security is homeported at Naval Base Kitsap, in Washington.

There are three basic types of submarines: fast-attack submarines



Austin Eckard of Sacramento is currently serving in the Navy.
Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Josiah Trombley

(SSN), ballistic-missile submarines (SSBN) and guided-missile submarines (SSGN).

Fast-attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; conduct intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. The Virginia-class SSN is the most advanced submarine in the world today. It combines stealth and payload capability to meet combatant commanders' demands in this era of strategic competition.

The Navy's ballistic-missile submarines, often referred to as "boomers," serve as a strategic deterrent by providing an undetectable platform for

the nation's ultimate insurance program, according to Navy officials. As a member of the submarine force, Eckard is part of a 124-year history of the U.S. Navy's most versatile weapons platform, capable of taking the fight to the enemy in the defense of America and its allies.

The Pacific Submarine Force maximizes the Navy's strengths of knowledge, stealth, agility, firepower and endurance.

"The men and women of the Pacific Submarine Force are among our best and brightest Americans," said Rear Adm. Richard Seif, Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet. "The pace of activity across the force is eye-watering and our ability to remain on-scene unseen is only possible due to their hard work and critical thinking. We are lethal, far-reaching and incredibly capable, and we deter aggression through our demonstrated advantage in the undersea domain."

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented individuals.

Eckard has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during

military service.

"I'm most proud of finishing nuke school," said Eckard. "Nuke school has the highest attrition rate in the Navy and I experienced that because my roommates didn't make it. So I take a lot of pride in finishing. I'm also proud of earning my 'dolphins' or submarine warfare device. The submarine force is an all-volunteer force, a small and tight-knit community. The dolphins are what signifies that you're part of that community and that I earned my place in the community. I take a lot of pride in that. There's only one other submariner in my family that I know of, my great uncle who served aboard USS Sam Rayburn and recently passed away."

Eckard takes pride in serving the country through military service.

"For me, serving in the Navy is just a job," said Eckard. "However, being on a ballistic-missile submarine also means I am directly part of protecting the country. Strategic deterrence is the No. 1 Department of Defense mission and we are the most survivable leg of the nuclear triad."

Eckard is planning for the future after his service with the Navy.

"I want to be an engineer when I get out of the Navy," Eckard said. "My dream job is working at NASA." ★



Story of Interest

Gen. Douglas MacArthur 1942 Packard Clipper

What would induce a Colorado man to pay out \$175,000 for a drab olive-colored 1942 Packard Clipper? The auto was purchased from Tom Barrett, internationally known car collector from Scottsdale, Ariz and the Colorado buyer wishes to remain anonymous

A peek into the back seat gives a clue to the value of the vehicle. There's an old Army helmet and a corncob pipe, left there by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. In 1942 General Douglas MacArthur ordered this Packard Clipper Eight sedan with virtually every option including air conditioning, overdrive, and radio. The \$1,341 original base price nearly doubled to \$2,600



The car was MacArthur's from his World War II days in the Philippines in 1942 to the end of the occupation of Japan in 1948, when he gave to a driver who had served the general. The car sat forgotten in a barn in Texas for 30 years. The khaki car is decorated with stars, flags, military lights, adjustable louvered headlight shutters and siren. Atop the Clipper hood ornament is a cormorant. Inside is a submachine gun mounted at the dash, fire extinguisher and first-aid kit, in addition to the helmet and pipe. The car was a gift to MacArthur from the employees of the Packard company. It followed him from Australia to the Philippines to the occupation of Japan.



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Story of Interest

MacArthur's Packard (continued)

It was loaded onto a military flatbed truck and carried to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where it was released to the driver. In his home city of Dallas, he made arrangements to have the military hardware removed and the body painted a bright postwar color. But the body shop was busy at the time and he agreed to bring it back in a week. That night, after parking the Packard in his small, dirt-floor garage, the driver died in his sleep. There the Clipper remained untouched year after year until Barrett recently acquired it.

How the Packard became a gift to MacArthur is an interesting tale. His check for \$2,600 which accompanied the order for the auto was returned to him with a letter (dated Feb. 25, 1942, portions of which follow) from M.M. Gilman, president of the Packard Motor Car Co.:

"We are deeply honored that your interest in the Packard motor car has prompted your personal order for one for military service. A shipment of our vehicles will be leaving our plant in March for the military; these will be the last cars to leave our facilities until the end of hostilities. Included in this shipment is one Packard sedan model 2011 motor number E318750D which is a gift to you from all the employees and their families of the Packard Motor Car Company. We hope this gift will express to you our heartfelt thanks, appreciation and support for your fantastic efforts on behalf of our country during this period of great peril. Your two thousand six hundred dollars is herein returned with our compliments."

Tom Barrett who drove the Packard said "the old straight-8 engine is amazingly quiet. The starter button is beneath the accelerator pedal. The car is solid and handles fine. Driving it might not make you feel like a five-star general; it makes you feel more like a chauffeur for the general".

If the big auto doesn't command the road, a flip of a toggle switch puts a siren at your fingertip, activated by the horn ring.

It was equipped with an air conditioner, one of the first in the auto industry, and the cooling unit was so large it had to be mounted in the trunk.



First Royal Australian Navy Enlisted Sailors Begin Training at U.S. Submarine School

GROTON, Conn.--The U.S. Naval Submarine School in Groton welcomed its first cadre of nine enlisted sailors and the second cadre of three officers from the Royal Australian Navy on June 3rd and 10th respectively. These 12 Australians will train alongside their American counterparts to operate conventionally armed, nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs).



The enrollment of Royal Australian Navy sailors at the Submarine School marks a significant step in the AUKUS (Australia, United Kingdom, United States) Pillar 1 Optimal Pathway, aimed at helping Australia acquire a conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine fleet.

“We’re excited to welcome these sailors and officers to Groton and build on the momentum of the first cohort of Australian officers to graduate from Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) in April,” said Capt. Matthew Fanning, commanding officer, Naval Submarine School. “It is an honor to be part of the team that is delivering game-changing capabilities to one of our country’s closest and staunchest allies.”

The Submarine School trains officers and enlisted personnel through two distinct but interrelated tracks: Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) and Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS). SOBC is the last step in the U.S. Navy’s submarine officer training pipeline, graduating over a thousand officers annually. BESS introduces enlisted sailors to the fundamentals of the construction and operation of today’s nuclear-powered submarines. The course covers everything from shipboard organization to submarine safety and escape procedures. Following BESS, enlisted sailors will complete their pipeline training with classroom and skills training specific to their intended technical rating.

Upon graduation from pipeline schools, the Royal Australian Navy officers and sailors will be assigned to U.S. SSNs for their first sea tour to further their knowledge and training.

“The Royal Australian Navy officers and sailors commencing their training at the U.S. Naval Submarine School represent the leading edge of Australia’s future submarine fleet,” said the Chief of the Royal Australian Navy, Vice Adm. Mark Hammond.

“Three Australian officers have already completed 14 months of intensive shore-based training, including Nuclear-Power School, nuclear propulsion training, and the Submarine Officer Basic Course before being assigned to U.S. Virginia class submarines. Our people are receiving world class training through our U.S and U.K partners, and will play a crucial role for Australia’s future SSN capability. I’m incredibly proud of their achievements representing the Royal Australian Navy.”

“Australians are exceptional submariners,” said Rear Adm. Lincoln Reifsteck, the U.S. Navy’s AUKUS Integration and Acquisition program manager. “The training they receive at Submarine School will set them up for a successful tour aboard an American SSN, moving the Royal Australian Navy that much closer to operating sovereign, conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarines.”

The number of Royal Australian Navy personnel training across the U.S. will increase to over 100 people in the next 12 months. Training Royal Australian Navy sailors alongside their American counterparts will enhance interoperability across the submarine forces, which is a cornerstone of establishing Australia's sovereign nuclear-powered attack submarine capability.

The AUKUS partnership is a strategic endeavor that aims to strengthen the industrial bases of the three partners and promote a safe, free, and open Indo-Pacific, ensuring the international, rules-based order is upheld in the region. Australia will acquire conventionally armed SSNs for the Royal Australian Navy under AUKUS Pillar 1. The AUKUS I&A program office is responsible for executing the trilateral partnership to deliver conventionally armed, nuclear-powered attack submarines to the Royal Australian Navy at the earliest possible date while setting the highest nuclear stewardship standards and continuing to maintain the highest nuclear nonproliferation standard.



Australian sailors who qualify as Submariners are awarded a badge depicting two dolphins and a crown. This badge (known as a sailor's 'dolphins') was introduced in 1966; a similar badge was adopted by the Royal Navy Submarine Service in 1972.

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