

RIDING THE VENTS

Our Creed



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

USSVI Tang Base News Letter

NEWS LETTER FOR MAY 2024

Monthly news letter to keep base members, families and friends informed of the activities and events of the Tampa Bay, Tang Base. And most importantly to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties aboard U.S Navy Submarines.



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TANG BASE Meeting at Post #104

Tang Base meets on the 4th
Saturday of each month except
April, May, October & December at

American Legion Post #104
7550 60th Street N,
Pinellas Park, FL 33781



Next Meeting May 25th 2024

Monthly Meeting
Spring May Picnic
Constitution Park
18214 Gulf Blvd
Redington Shores, FL 33708
Meeting Starts at 12:00 PM



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**In the Beginning, God Created Submariners
Submariners Created Submarines And Submariners Created the Brotherhood**

Lost Boats for May

Name of Submarine	Approximate Date of Loss	Number of Men Lost
<u>LAGARTO (SS-371)</u>	4-May-45	86
<u>SCORPION (SSN-589)</u>	22-May-68	99
<u>SQUALUS (SS-192) (later SAILFISH)</u>	23-May-39	26
<u>STICKLEBACK (SS-415)</u>	29-May-58	0

Sailors, Rest your Oars

Lord, these departed shipmates with Dolphins on their chests are part of an outfit known as the best. Make them welcome and take them by the hand you'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land. So, Heavenly Father add these names to the roll of our departed shipmates on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memory alive; and also, for all our shipmates currently serving and those of us still here and for all our futures

The Binnacle list, is any of our Shipmates, Families or Friends that could use a little help with good thoughts or prayer. Please Keep the Tang Base Chaplain and POC Updated for those that desire to have cards sent

**Base Chaplain : Joel Grainger,
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Prayer for our brothers and friends in need.

Heavenly Father, we are so helpless, We care so much for our brothers and friends, They are special to all of us, It hurts us to see them suffering. And while we cannot be with them Lord, You be with them please. Be with those who attend them. Comfort those who love them and need them, As well as those who must wait.. Amen

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Command Corner
By Commander Mike Cailor
and Vice Commander Robert Brady



April 30, 2024

Commander's Corner

Well April turned out to be a busy month. The April general meeting was different in that it started at 12 p.m. and was sparsely attended. Final preparation for the April 20th Memorial Service was finalized.

The Memorial Service had a nice turnout. I thank all the membership for their help and I owe a vote of thanks to two specific individuals in the spark plug staff, Bob Sommer and Jerry Anderson, whose tireless efforts made the day a success. LtCol Jeff Davis was a great speaker. The vocals and pipes were stirring. Dave Farrugia called in the Marines who provided the Honor Guard. The Sea Cadets looked great in crisp whites. The JRNROTCs paraded the colors with precision.

The USSVI national I.T. Director conducted a Zoom meeting. Of the 8 participants 3 were Dave Farrugia SED5, Past Commander Bob Sommer, and me. It was an exchange of ideas to improve bases and membership.

On April 29, 2024, I attended the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County. There were 50+ members in attendance. Members included VFW, American Legion, Gold Star Families, Fisher House, and staff of government agencies. As with any association these groups were looking for volunteers to support their projects.

The first picnic is coming up on May 25, 2024, at Constitution Park 18314 Gulf Blvd Redington Shores. Sony's will cater like last May's picnic. The price is \$10.00 per person prior to the picnic and \$20.00 per person on the day of the picnic May 25, 2024. Notify Tang treasurer Neil Kimes of your intent at neilakimes@gmail.com or phone 727 251 9011.

Current participation is below expectations. Fair wind and a following seas.



From Your Librarian.

How many fighter jets does the U. S. military actually have?

According to the Sheffield School of Aeronautics, 3,400 assets classified as fighter/attack in operation in the Air Force and U. S. Navy. The United States inventory of all military aircraft is more than 14,000.

Until next month, see you around the library.

Dave Farrugia, Past Commander, SED5 Commander, and your Librarian

Up Coming Events

**May 25th, 2024. Spring Picnic
Constitution Park, Redington Shores FL.**

**June 22th, 2024. June Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #104 at 11 AM**

**July 27th, 2024. July Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #104 at 11 AM**

**August 24th 2024. August Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #104 at 11 AM**

**September 28, 2024. September Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #104 at 11 AM**

**October 26th, 2024. Fall Picnic
Constitution Park, Redington Shores FL.**

**November 23rd, 2024. November Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #104 at 11 AM**



April Birthdays, And Many Happy Returns



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|--------------------|------|
| James J. Schiebrel | 5/6 |
| Edward F. Barnes | 5/9 |
| Arturo Hernandez | 5/18 |
| Humberto Alvarez | 5/19 |
| James Crockett | 5/27 |
| Gary Vernon | 5/27 |



Traveling Dolphins



'Riding the Vents' is the monthly publication of Tang Base. The Editor is often guilty of plagiarizing anything he reads that he likes. Please also feel free to copy anything you like, but if he gets into trouble, so will you. If you would like to have a copy of this or any other issue emailed to a friend or to a potential new member, please contact the editor at spar-nonjagang@gmail.com

School of the Boat

Interesting videos on the Internet.

There are some interesting submarine videos, different when most of us served there is some information out there on the operations of submarines. Mostly I suspect for the purpose of recruitment of future submariners.

Below are links to some of the ones that I found interesting.

Also is a navy news presentation of the 1993 SCIEX expedition by the USS Pargo SSN-650. This run was the first time that a US Navy Submarine was used for research by Civilian scientist in the artic, this was the first run that is now a yearly run.

I was a member of the Pargo Crew during this run and it was a real interesting experience with the multiple ice surfacing done during this run.

https://youtu.be/YeVsxF-MVQE?si=kIM_tWGoltBmP-MS

<https://youtu.be/RXXMJAU6vY8?si=rusRH84NtdjRLluO>

<https://youtu.be/5d6SEQQbwtU?si=PGYr1DclJdUwLkcL>

<https://youtu.be/WgLJhfJUdzU?si=aLmYID8fmLageZE8>

I hope that you enjoy, if there is any interesting history that any member of the base would like to include in any future newsletters, I would appreciate and support any and all input

Thank you

Sincerely, Joel Sparnon

Eternal Patrol
By Luke Connole 4/29/2024

Never lost, but still on the eternal patrol
The submariners never forgotten for their crucial role
When the flag is flown at half-staff on the flagpole
We remember their dedication that was heart-whole

From foreign lands to unforgiving seas,
They faced challenges with remarkable ease
Through Trials and Tribulations
They pushed forward with the strength of nations

Gallantly they fought in times of strife
To defend their country, they gave their life
In hardships, they stood tall and brave
With their sacrifices, our freedom they saved

The heroes who served must be remembered
Give thanks to veterans all through November
Through the many hardships they overcame
With honor in mind, not fame

Never lost, but still on the eternal patrol
My Great Grandfather, David R. Connole

(Note from Rick Connole: CDR David R. Connole was commanding officer of USS Trigger SS237, which was lost in battle off Japan, March 28, 1945. In honor of that submarine and the crew, USS Trigger SS564 was launched in 1951 and USS Connole FF1056 was launched in 1968. In April 2024, Luke Connole (age 15) attended the reunion of the USS Connole crew in Charleston, SC and was inspired to write this poem.)



Commanders Welcome



Chaplain



Historian Report



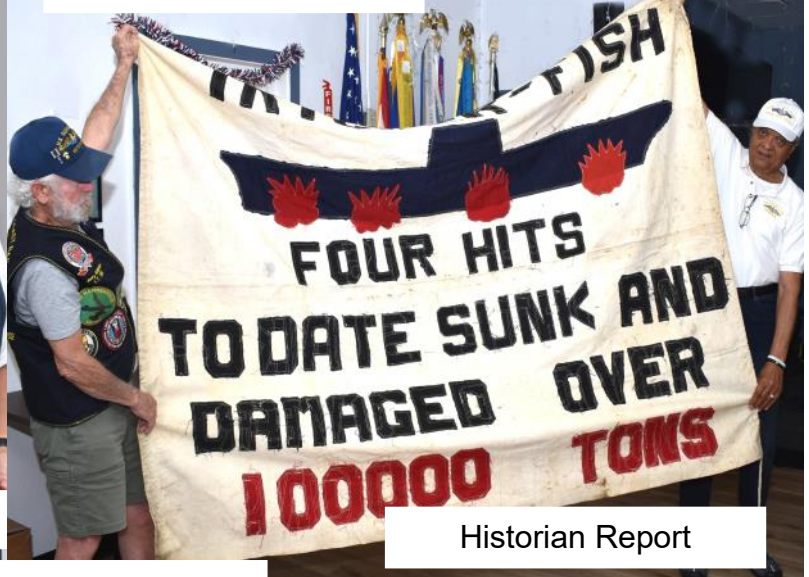
Treasurers Report



Membership Report



Charitable Fund Report

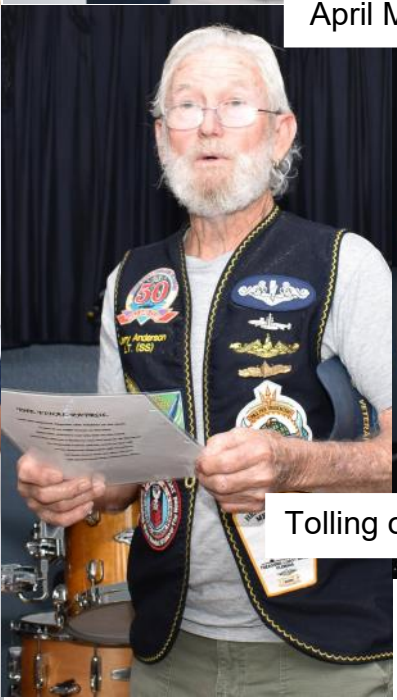


Historian Report

April Meetings Pictures



Dist. Commander Report



Tolling of the Boats





Holland Club Membership Induction

Base Officers



Pledge of Allegiance



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April Meetings Pictures



Socializing





Riverview JROTC Color Guard



Suncoasts Air Squadron Sea Cadets and Ms. Anneta Kraus performing the Wreath Laying



Tolling of the Boats



Ms. Kraus and Base Commander Cutting the Cake



**Honor Guard and Bugler
Marine Corp League Detachment 1226 Riverview**



Guest Speaker Lt. Col Jeff Davis



TANG BASE BOOSTERS

2023		2024	
Sally Key	Special fund in Memory of Charlie Key	Bob Sommer	Special fund
Bob Sommer	Model Storage, Special Fund	Bob Brady	Special fund
John Poyer	Special fund	Bob Backmen	Special fund
Ken Burtner	USS Rock Fish SS274, Special Fund	Neil Kimes	Special fund
Pauline Burtner	In Memory of	Mike Cailor	Special fund
Robert Westfall	Special Fund		
William Brown	Special Fund		
Jim Franz	Special Fund		
AL Aumack	Model Storage		
Bill Ogburn	Kaps 4 Kids, Port St Lucie Memorial , Picnic Donation		
Jerry Lee Edwards	Special Fund		
Bob Brady	USS Dace SSN 607, Special Fund		
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Colleen Rybak	Friend of Tang Base		
Jerry Anderson	Special Fund		
Anneta Krauss	Special Fund		
Debbie Vingin	Associate Member		
William Vingin	Associate Member		
Dan Crow	Kaps 4 Kids		
Bill Ogburn	Christmas Luncheon Donation		
James Schiebrell	Special Fund		
Anneta Kraus	Kaps 4 Kids		

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Robert Sheets USS Odax SS-484 5/10/1995	Dean Steinmetz USS Sea Owl SS-405 8/16/1997	Larry B. Moody USS Chopper SS-342 1/13/1998	Karl Hermann USS Odax SS-484 12/5/1999	Edward Wilson USS S-10 SS-115 1/12/2000	George Rocek USS Sculpin SS-191 Unknown
Joseph J. Lilienfeld USS Sailfish SS-192 8/8/2000	Werner Fridman USS Cavalla SSK-244 10/20/2000	Edgar A. Chase USS S-7 SS-132 10/24/2000	Rudy Burkett USS Flyingfish SS-229 5/15/2001	Doyle Rowell USS Pickerel SS-524 6/1/2002	John McNelis USS Spot SS-413 Un- known
John Scott Sr. USS Halfbeak SS-352 6/29/2002	Dean Brooks USS Rasher SS-269 8/19/2002	Donald Dubendorfer USS S-14 SS-119 9/6/2002	Clayton S. Scisco USS Crevalle SS-291 11/19/2002	Clifford Perry USS Bergall SS-320 5/15/2003	Joe Anderson USS S-11 SS-116 9/21/2003
John A. Burke USS Argonaut SS-166 1/31/2004	Norbert E. Ayres USS Diablo SS-479 2/18/2004	John Buczek N/A 4/10/2004	Robert Warnock USS Barracuda SS-163 8/3/2004	Gerhard R. Richter U-81 10/19/2005	Richard Hogan USS Baya SS-318 12/13/2005
Ernest Van Deventer USS Pompon SS-267 1/11/2006	Lester J Seaver USS Runner SS-476 4/13/2006	James L. Monte USS Sea Devil SS-400 4/19/2006	Robert H. "Bob" Collins USS Cavalla SS-244 7/1/2006	Donald L. Powell USS Cubera SS-347 7/21/2006	William J. Mayer USS Pomfret SS-391 11/17/2006
John P. Kulik USS Bowfin SS-287 11/29/2006	Mark A. Kohlhof USS Cod SS-224 12/30/2006	John H. Morrissey USS Sturgeon SS-187 1/15/2007	Thomas Harrow USS Argonaut SS-475 3/29/2007	Leon Marion USS Quillback SS-424 6/26/2007	Nickolas Manolas USS Grampus SS-523 10/21/2007
Robert W. Rose USS Pike SS-173 11/19/2007	Michael Porter USS Grouper SSK-214 12/3/2007	Arthur F. Hunsberger USS Conger SS-477 7/23/2008	James F. Rankin USS R-15 SS-92 10/15/2008	Charles Anderson USS Dolphin SS-169 10/18/2008	James Foley USS R-13 SS-90 10/22/2008
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Joseph Milner, USS Aspro SS-309 9/13/2009	Theodore McAnly USS Scabbardfish SS-397 10/22/2009	Thomas B. Dabney USS Plunger SS-179 5/21/2010	Harry Flagg USS Hoe SS-258 7/19/2010	Henry Kaskey USS Capelin SS-289 1/2/2011	James D. Tobin USS Steelhead SS-280 2/19/2011
Frank P. Dell USS Cachalot SS-170 4/3/2011	Archibald Warnock USS S-20 SS-125 5/31/2011	Robert Flaherty USS Torsk SS-423 7/30/2011	J. Read Gwyer USS Bluegill SS-242 2/2/2012	Howard Stein USS Becuna SS-319 4/30/2012	Harry Peche USS Lamprey S-372 6/2/2012
John Romeo USS Sea Poacher SS-406 5/30/2012	Rowland Brown USS Quillback SS424 8/12/2012	Charles W. Brink USS Icefish SS-367 10/27/2012	Gerhard Bultmann USS Chivo SS-241 12/16/2012	James W. Eubanks USS Drum SS-228 2/24/2013	Charles F. Miles, Jr. USS Bang SS-385 3/19/2013
Emmett D. Miller USS Pomfret SS-391 4/16/2013	Charles W. Crawford USS Raton SS-270 4/18/2013	Edward H. Frank USS Hoe SS-258 5/22/2013	Patrick J. McGee USS Threadfin SS-410 10/2/2013	Huie Thomas Dickey USS Trumpetfish SS-425 10/14/2013	Charles W. Boisvert USS O-6 SS-67 2/3/2014
Donald L. McCurley USS Sablefish SS-303 5/8/2014	Edgar W. Nordyke USS Croaker SS-246 5/24/2014	Robert Sundmaker USS Diablo SS-479 11/10/2014	Donald Van Dorn USS Barracuda SS-163 3/1/2015	Warren P. Johnson USS Sabalo SS-302 3/9/2015	Raymond C. Aldrich USS Irex SS-485 9/19/2015
Albert J. Dempster USS S-43 SS-154 10/2/2015	Robert E. Chambers USS Trigger SS-564 4/6/2016	James H. McCullough USS Sirago SS-485 8/13/2016	Claude (Wes) Gallaher USS Dragonet SS-293 11/26/2016	Albert Frederick Cabana USS Sea Cat SS-399 1/24/2017	John Benedict Gantnier USS Porpoise SS-172 5/1/2017
Walter Ragan USS Grampus (SS-523) 12/10/2017	Richard "Dick" F. Mohl USS Aspro (SS-309) 1/29/2018	Douglas DeWitt USS Scorpion (SSN- 589) 4/7/2018	Robert Gruschow USS Tirante (SS-420) 5/12/2012	Michael R. Jacqmin USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609) 8/25/2018	Robert C. Readell USS O-10 (SS-71) 10/9/2018
Charles T. Key USS Chopper (SS-342) 1/17/2019	Thomas "Tom" R. Rostan USS Abraham Lincoln SSBN 602 11/18/2019	James H. Sills USS Sea Fox SS 402 12/13/2019	John D. Fink USS Tigrone SS 419 4/11/2020	James J. Schmidt USS Thomas Jefferson (SSBN 618) 9/11/2020	Edward R. White USS Bugara SS 331 11/15/2020
John E. Harrison USS Tilefish SS 307 2/1/2021	Charles "Charlie" E. Bond USS Spikefish SS 404 2/8/2021	Raymond J. Dennis USS Sealion SS 315 5/15/2021	C. Frank Wreath USS Quillback SS 424 8/2/2021	Leonard D. Greenwood USS Growler SS 215 11/23/2021	Allen C. Holt USS Tambor SS198 12/8/2021
Roland Creaser USS Grayback SSG 574 1/28/2022	Donald Edwards USS Jallao SS-368 6/1/2022	Vincent J San Filippo USS Theodore Roose- velt SSBN 600 USS John Marshall SSBN 611 11/9/2022	Leland B. Holmes Asso- ciate Member 11/8/2022	William Gordon Hill USS Bonfish SS-223 Jan 1, 2023	Edwin W Thompson JR. USS Sea Poacher 12/20/2022

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Ronald E. Clauson
USS Blenny (SS-324)
6/12/2023

Ronald William Rivard
8/24/2023

William W. Strand
USS Barracuda SSK-1/SST-3
1/11/2024



Prayer for our Departed Shipmates

Almighty God, our heavenly father, who art our refuge and strength and a very present help in times of trouble. Help us at this time to put our trust in thee, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to see us through our times of sorrow.

We thank thee for the life and love, of our shipmates and we ask that the work they started here on this earth be carried in the hearts and hands of their family and friends. They leave more than just memories.

Help us to go our way bravely. Even though alone and to do our tasks faithfully day-by-day. Make our true love and brotherhood be a constant inspiration to our lives and may their memory live on through us. Grant us peace and strength for the battle of life while it lasts, and rest at the close of day, when work is done.

Father, when we too are tired, and would prepare ourselves to slip beneath the final wave. Grant that we may let loose the moorings and sink slowly into the deep waters trusting like them, to wake with thee.

We commend into your hands of mercy, most merciful father, the souls of our departed shipmates may they be found acceptable in your sight.

They now sail under your orders on their eternal patrol, Shipmates rest your oars, Amen



US NAVY News

Lawmakers push for two submarines despite US Navy seeking just one

A House panel has made clear it wants the Navy to buy two attack submarines in fiscal 2025 in order to keep the submarine-industrial base on a path of recovery, despite the service requesting just one.

In a fiscal year when the defense budget is capped at 1% growth above the previous one, the Navy elected to ask for six ships in its FY25 budget, including one Virginia-class attack submarine. That submarine program is supposed to be on a cadence of two per year or greater to support the needs of both the U.S. and Australian navies. The latter is acquiring submarines as part of the trilateral AUKUS agreement also involving the U.S. and the U.K.

U.S. Navy leaders have argued that, in lieu of buying the second submarine, they are keeping the advanced procurement funds flowing and putting billions of dollars into the submarine-industrial base via funds meant to help increase vendors' output.

But Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., whose district includes the shipbuilder General Dynamics Electric Boat, said during a Wednesday hearing before the House Armed Services Committee's sea power panel: "I reject the ivory tower theory that SIB [submarine-industrial base] investment is a substitute for a consistent demand signal for orders and business. The two enterprises have to occur in tandem."

Courtney, the subcommittee's ranking member, said the funds are welcome but "don't pay the bills" — rather, they help companies, among other things, adopt advanced manufacturing processes and tools, expand their facilities, and train workers, with the ultimate goal of more quickly churning out parts.

Courtney told reporters ahead of the hearing that these funds are targeted at certain vendors rather than spread evenly across the whole industrial base. Companies who are healthy and producing their components on time are not receiving these funds at all, meaning their only stream of money from the Navy comes from orders for new submarines.

"For them, they're basically looking at a 50% cut" to their revenue, per the Navy's spending proposal, the congressman said.

When Courtney asked Navy acquisition chief Nickolas Guertin about this during the hearing, the latter replied: "We'll have to take a closer look at that and see what we can do to help that aspect of the industry as well."

"That's not a very encouraging answer," the congressman responded.

More broadly, Courtney told reporters he rejected the two common rationales for why the Navy doesn't need to buy the second submarine in FY25: first, that the procurement dollars can be compensated for with advanced procurement money and industrial base funds; and second, that there's such a backlog of work that Electric Boat and its vendor base won't miss the work.

He told reporters the Navy is on track to accept delivery of three Virginia submarines this calendar year, leaving the industrial base with a remaining backlog of work that's not far off from what it had before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"To me, what I see is that our industrial base is recovering from COVID, that the numbers are going up, the retention is going up, and the output is going up," Courtney said during the hearing. "This is not a stagnating industrial base. It is an industrial base which took a big hit during COVID, like all of shipbuilding, but it is not stagnating; it is recovering."

Ahead of the hearing, Courtney circulated a memo to his fellow lawmakers, laying out the progress the submarine-industrial base has made since the pandemic hit and explaining why he believes their momentum should continue uninterrupted by allowing for continuous procurement at a rate of two per year.

He wrote that Electric Boat hired 5,300 new workers in 2023 and is on track to hire 5,200 more this year, even as co-builder Newport News Shipbuilding, owned by HII, hired 8,300 new workers across 2022 and 2023. Submarine construction rates are up from 1.2 a year to 1.4 a year (compared to the two submarines a year the yards should deliver if the Navy consistently buys two annually). And new facilities at the shipyards are popping up to help make shipbuilding even more efficient.

Courtney said arguments that the industrial base is struggling and therefore doesn't need or can't handle a second submarine in FY25 are "looking backwards, not forwards, in terms of what's actually happening in the shipyard."

Still, Courtney and his supporters on the subcommittee face an uphill battle in putting the second submarine back into the budget. The Fiscal Responsibility Act caps defense spending, meaning that any additions lawmakers propose will need to come at the expense of something else. Courtney told reporters he didn't have a recommendation for what to cut to make room for the sub.

Lawmakers at the hearing also dinged the Navy for delaying advanced procurement for its next two aircraft carriers, and for not committing yet to a multiyear buy on San Antonio-class amphibious transport docks.

"I think we have the greatest shipbuilders and repairers and maintainers in the world. But we have to send them the right signal, all the time. We have to give them predictable schedules of both repair and building," the subcommittee's chairman, Rep. Trent Kelly, R-Miss., said at the hearing.

"We can't send mixed signals, and we can't tell them to pause or put on the brakes or take a strategic pause. And we have to use multiyear buys, understanding that it's always not financial benefits that we gain, but sometimes it's the benefit in time, to produce more in a short time."

VA Information

Preserving Veterans' memories and stories

Every Veteran has a unique story and memories. Each day, Veterans from all military experiences pass away, leaving their rich history untold. The simple act of asking to hear a Veteran's story can make it possible to carry their stories on for future generations.

Anit Tyagi, research assistant at Rocky Mountain Regional VA, felt compelled by his passion for military history to preserve Veterans' stories.

He had no video experience, yet he started recording stories through interviews in 2022 with his project Remembering Our Veterans. VA's Center for Development and Civic Engagement supports this video memoir program, which uses VA volunteers to interview Veterans.

"It's an amazing way to get firsthand accounts from Veterans and preserve American history. Veterans' histories not only for Veterans and their loved ones, but also for academic, historical, public engagement and VA memorialization purposes. Remembering Our Veterans was started to fill this gap," Tyagi shared.

Pictured above are Tyagi (top left), volunteer video producer Grayson Fast (top right), Veteran Jeff Richcreek (bottom left) and volunteer interviewer David Pyle.

Years in the making

Tyagi started volunteering at VA in 2015 during his sophomore year in high school. He continues to volunteer in palliative and hospice care where he appreciates spending hours talking with Veterans.

"I sat with a World War II Veteran for several hours in palliative care. I realized he may not have children or any living family. When he passed away, his stories would die with him. That was the catalyst for me to catalog these memoirs," he said.

Many older Americans can be considered kinless, without partners, spouses, children or siblings.

The videos are recorded using two iPhones, four tripods, wireless microphones, lighting and battery packs. This equipment fits in a medium-sized tote bag, making the kit mobile, which allows the video team to easily go to patient rooms and VA nursing homes to conduct interviews.

Veterans can review footage of their interview and they have full control over the content of their video. Remembering Our Veterans has teams at Rocky Mountain Regional VA and PFC James Dunn VA Clinic in Pueblo. Tyagi hopes to expand the program nationwide.

Value beyond a video

Family members often keep voicemails from a deceased loved one so they won't forget the sound of that person's voice.

"By making these videos, we're capturing a 'living snapshot' of each Veteran, preserving their voice, mannerisms and personality. We're able to connect people who'll be born decades later with their ancestors," Tyagi said.

Army Veteran and VA volunteer David Pyle is a frequent interviewer.

"I've met several extraordinary individuals. Veterans talk about a variety of experiences and the profound effect the military has had on their lives. I think the project has significant value regarding creating a legacy," Pyle said.

Navy Veteran Jeff Richcreek, 68, completed his memoir video in March. "Everybody has a story to tell and Veteran stories are different from others because of all we've had to go through. During the interview, I felt very relaxed. It was good to talk about things I haven't talked about in a while," Richcreek said.

Progress in one year

Sixty-one videos have been completed in the first year of Remembering Our Veterans. "We're constantly improving our process to make it more user-friendly and to produce higher-quality interviews," said Tyagi.

Remembering Our Veteran videos appear on <https://www.youtube.com/@VAEasternColorado/videos>

and Tyagi submits interviews to the Library of Congress to be digitized and archived for online viewing.





Date: 4/16/2024

NEWS-01: Awards Nominations Deadline

Submitted by: Jeff Walsh on 4/16/2024

Shipmates,

The deadline for submitting nominations for awards (April 30th) is only 2 weeks away. Please submit your nominations ASAP, before the deadline.

The Awards Manual is posted on our old website

(www.ussubvets.org) under "Documents" and "Manuals", and on the new website,

(www.ussvi.org) under "Manuals. You will have to sign in to the new website to access the manual. The 2024 awards season opened on 1 February.

Dates to remember:

FEBRUARY 1: Award Nomination period opens and all USSVI Members in good standing submit Award nominations to the National Awards Chair.

APRIL 30: All Award nominations must be received by the National Awards Chair at the close of business on this date.

MAY 5: The National Awards Chair submits nominations to the respective Award on Committee Chair for evaluation, voting and section of recipients.

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USS Tang plaque at the NTC Park Submarine Memorial Point Loma at what was on the Grinder at RTC San Diego



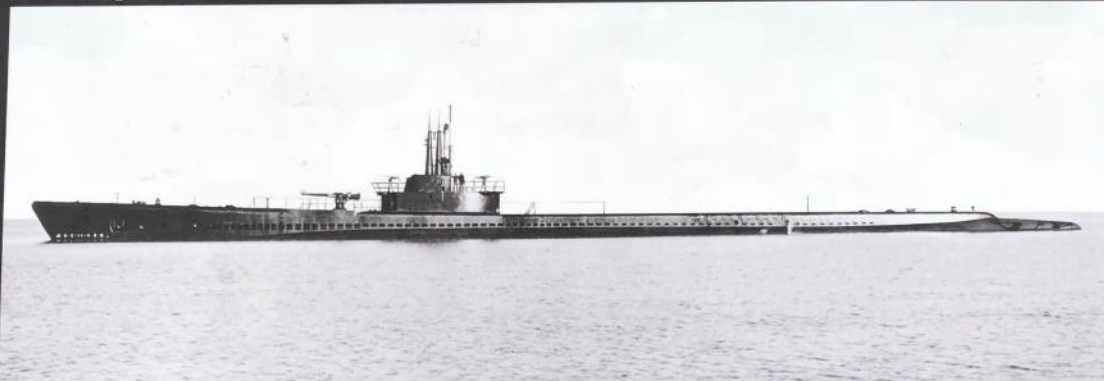
Launched
17 August 1943

USS TANG (SS-306)

CDR R. H. O'KANE, USN, COMMANDING OFFICER



Lost
24 October 1944



The exploits of *Tang* are legendary in submarine history. Under the bold leadership of CDR Richard H. O'Kane, *Tang* executed five brilliant patrols, sinking 24 ships for a total of 93,824 tons. *Tang's* rescue of 22 downed naval pilots off Truk Lagoon during her second war patrol made headlines and proved the value of submarine life guard duty. It was not the enemy but fate that finally ended *Tang's* career. Patrolling the Formosa Straits, *Tang* had already sunk seven enemy ships, when on 24 October 1944, she launched a nighttime surface attack on an enemy transport. Only two torpedoes remained on board. The first of these was fired and when it was observed to be running "hot, straight and normal", the second and last torpedo was loosed. It broached, curved sharply to the left, and circled. Emergency speed was called for and the rudder was thrown hard over, but the torpedo struck *Tang* in the after torpedo room. The explosion was catastrophic. People as far forward as the control room received broken limbs. The nine men topside were catapulted into the sea as the after three compartments flooded and *Tang* quickly sank by the stern in 180 feet of water.

One officer escaped from the flooded conning tower. The remaining men on board assembled in the forward torpedo room to escape. The escape was delayed by a Japanese escort vessel, which dropped depth charges and started an electrical fire in the forward battery. Thirteen men escaped from the forward torpedo room, and using Momsen Lungs, ascended 180 feet to the surface. By the time the last made his exit, the heat from the fire was so intense that the paint on the bulkhead was scorching, melting, and running down. Of the 13 men who escaped, only eight reached the surface and of these only five were able to swim until rescued. By morning just nine survivors including O'Kane remained to be pulled from the water by a Japanese escort vessel. They were imprisoned for the duration of the war, but lived to tell the story of their 78 shipmates' final battle aboard *Tang*. *Tang* is one of only two American submarines to twice receive the presidential unit citation, and her skipper CDR Richard H. O'Kane, earned the nation's highest award for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On Eternal Patrol

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ANDERSON, Philip E.	TM3	ERICKSEN, Lawrence H.	F1	KAISER, Louis C.	MoMM3	REINHARDT, Ernest	F1
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BALLINGER, William F.	CTM	FLUKER, John W.	TM1	KEY, John A.	SC3	SMITH, Seymour G., Jr.	LT-XO
BAUER, Edwin C.	Y3	FOSTER, John M.	TM1	KNAPP, Ralph B.	FC3	SPRINGER, Frank H.	F1
BEAUMONT, Edward H.	LT	GALLOWAY, William C.	TM2	KROTH, Richard J.	LTJG	STEPHEN, Edward F.	EM3
BERGMAN, Edwin F.	RM1	GENTLE, Thomas E.	F1	LANE, Le Roy R.	EM1	SUNDAY, Fred L.	Cox
BISOGNO, Frederick N.	TM3	GORAB, George J., Jr.	EM3	LARSON, Paul L.	CPhM	VAUGHN, Paul B., Jr.	TM3
BOUCHER, Wilfred J.	TM3	GREGG, Osmer D.	COX	LEE, Robert P.	RM3	WADSWORTH, Charles W.	CTM
BRESETTE, Bernard V.	QM3	HAINLINE, Howard W.	QM3	LLEWELLYN, Lindley H.	RM2	WALKER, Howard M.	StM1
BUSH, John	EM2	HAINLINE, Howard W.	QM3	LONDON, Charles W.	F1	WEEKLEY, Leland S.	CTM
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CLARK, Walter J.	QM3	HAWES, Glen O.	MoMM2	LYTTON, Ellroy	MoMM1	WHITE, James M.	GM1
COFFIN, Robert J.	EM3	HENRY, John F.	F1	McMORROW, Robert V.	MoMM1	WILLIAMS, Walter H.	Y2
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DARIENZO, Arthur J.	EM2	HUDSON, Albert L.	CMoMM	PARKER, John J.	CCS	WUKOVICH, George	MoMM1
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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): --__ / __ / ____ If other military service, What Branch? _____ Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____

Mil Retired (Y/N): ____ On Active Duty? (Y/N): ____

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◇ Check if your Military Service falls within any of these time periods: 7 Dec 1941 thru 31 Dec 1946; 27 Jun 1950 thru 31 Jan 1955; 5 Aug 1964 thru 7 May 1975; and from 2 Aug 1990 to date.

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Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company {attach additional sheets if necessary}

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