

# ***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 2025

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.



**Visit our Website at:**

Tang Base Tampa Bay

**Visit our YouTube channel at :**

**(367) Tang Base Tampa Bay - YouTube**

## TANG BASE Meeting at Post #7

**Tang Base meets on the 3rd  
Saturday of each month except  
April, May, October & December at  
American Legion Post #7  
1760 Turner St  
Clearwater FL 33756**



**Next Meeting May 17th 2025**  
**Spring May Picnic**  
**American Legion Post #7**  
**1760 Turner St,**  
**Clearwater, FL 33756**  
**Social time 11AM,**  
**Meal 11:30AM**  
**Meeting Starts at 12:00PM**



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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,  
(813)713-1587 , landman.grainger@gmail.com**

**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, William Ogburn, Chaplain Emeritus, Tang Base of USSVI**

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## Command Corner

By Commander Mike Cailor  
and Vice Commander Robert Brady



April 5, 2025, my wife, Rebecca and I went to the 125<sup>th</sup> Submarine Ball in Charlestown, South Carolina. What a marvelous party. US Navy and Australian submariners. The party was held at the Trident Technical College, where the nukes are trained. The food was great, the music was great, and a great feeling of brotherhood. I highly recommend it to all members.

April 19, 2025, was Tang Base's annual Submarine memorial at Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park. The service came off beautifully with one exception, the florist delivered the wreath to the wrong address. The piper piped, the vocalist sang, the Marines fired their rifles on cue and the sea scouts in whites and honor guard in dress A's were all great.

May 17, 2025, we will gather at Post 7 for our annual picnic. Constitution Park at Reddington Beach has not been restored after hurricane Milton. This will be a short meeting, and we will order from the canteen.

Now an admonition to the members from your commander. I have spent an inordinate amount of time researching and correcting the checks with USSVI National office. **Now Hear This! Any money for base dues, national dues, charitable contributions, life memberships, Special fund contributions go to the Tang Base Treasurer period.** If you deviate from this instruction, you are on your own. Members have sent checks to USSVI National, with no notation as to what account it is to be applied to, bypassing the Treasurer.

See you at the picnic on May 17, 2025.

### From Your Librarian.

From Your Librarian. I have read and will be donating the following books to our library: Donitz and the Wolf Packs, Churchill's Band of Brothers, Operation Pedestal 1942, Battle of the Atlantic, and Fists of Steel. All good readers and if you have any to donate, our library would always appreciate the books. Until next month, see you around the library

Dave Farrugia, Past Commander, National Secretary, and still your Librarian



### Up Coming Events

**May 17th, 2025. Spring Picnic**  
**Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM**

**June 21st , 2025. June Monthly Meeting**  
**Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM**

**July 19th, 2025. July Monthly Meeting**  
**Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM**

**August 16th, 2025. August Monthly Meeting**  
**Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM**

**September 20th, 2025. September Monthly Meeting**  
**Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM**

**October 18th, 2025. Fall Picnic**  
**Constitution Park, Redington Shores FL.**



### May Birthdays

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

*Happy Birthday*

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## Summary of Some Early Historic Submarine Developments

### Nautilus: 1800

While working for the French government in 1800, American inventor Robert Fulton designed the “Nautilus,” an all-metal craft often called the first modern submarine. The 21-foot ship featured several revolutionary innovations including a cigar-shaped hull and a copper conning tower. It used a hand-powered, four-bladed propeller to move underwater, but also sported a collapsible mast and fan sail for surface travel. Diving planes were used to assist in submerging, and Fulton also experimented with storing compressed air in copper bottles to provide oxygen for his crew. The Nautilus made several successful test dives in the early 19th century, but it was dismantled and sold for scrap after it failed to win over both the French and English navies. Fulton, meanwhile, later returned to America and won fame for developing the world’s first commercially viable steamboat.

### Sea Devil: 1855

Wilhelm Bauer built his first submarine in 1850, but only narrowly escaped with his life after it sank in 50 feet of water during a demonstration. Undeterred, the Bavarian inventor continued experimenting and eventually received funding from the Russian government for a new vessel. After traveling to St. Petersburg in 1855, he constructed the “Sea Devil,” a 52-foot submersible capable of carrying a crew of a dozen men. The ship boasted several technological breakthroughs including multiple ballast tanks for added buoyancy, a crude airlock and a propeller that was powered by crewmen operating an internal treadmill. The “Sea Devil” would eventually make more than 130 successful dives before being lost at sea. Its most unusual feat came during the coronation of Czar Alexander II, when it submerged with a four-member brass band aboard. Witnesses later reported that they could hear a rendition of the Russian national anthem coming from beneath the waves.



## The 2025 St. Marys Submarine Museum New LOGO Design Competition

The St. Marys Submarine Museum will be moving to a new location following the approval of a new lease agreement between the St. Marys City Council and the St. Marys Submarine Museum's Board of Directors on 03 March 2025. The location is in the Kings Bay Village Shopping center in midtown St. Marys where the new St. Marys City Hall will be located and the St. Marys Senior Center has already been moved to. As a result of this anticipated move in the next 12 to 18 months, the Museum's Board of Directors has authorized the creation of a NEW Museum logo to reflect this new location and the future of our museum.

The St. Marys Submarine Museum is looking for a fresh new logo that will both identify the NEW St. Marys Submarine Museum, its past history as well as its new location. This new logo will be used first on all material related to the Capital Campaign that will kick off to pay for the new facility, as well as on the St. Marys Submarine Museum website, social media sites, business cards, letterhead, posters, souvenir trinkets, gifts or anywhere else the St. Marys Submarine Museum chooses. This document describes the official requirements and rules of the competition.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. The contest is open to **ALL**.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. The contest is open from now through the submission deadline of **20 May 2025**. The announcement of the winner will be by phone call to the winner then publicly announced.
2. All entries must be submitted electronically to the Submarine Museum by email at **newlogo@stmaryssubmuseum.com** no later than **20 May 2025**. **All submissions must include the full name of the person who designed the logo, email address, postal address, and telephone number.**
3. All entries must be submitted electronically to the St. Marys Submarine Museum in the **JPEG format**.

### LOGO DESIGN GUIDELINES AND PARAMETERS:

1. The contest is open from now through the submission deadline of 20 May 2025.
2. The purpose of this contest is to design a new logo to be used solely by the St. Marys Submarine Museum.

### DISCLAIMER:

1. The St. Marys Submarine Museum is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, illegible, or otherwise unusable entries, including entries that are lost or unusable due to computer, internet, or electronic problems.
2. The St. Marys Submarine Museum reserves the right to cancel or modify the Contest and award the prize by alternate means if fraud or technical failure is determined at any time by them, including after the submission window has closed.
3. The St. Mary Submarine Museum is not liable, for the purpose of winner and prize notification and delivery, in the event the contest winner has provided incorrect, outdated, or otherwise invalid contact information.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to personnel in person at the St. Marys Submarine Museum, by calling 912-882-ASUB (2782), emailing or by mail at:

St. Marys Submarine Museum  
Post Office Box 5640  
St. Marys, GA 31558-5640

or in person at the museum located at:

St. Marys Submarine Museum  
102 St. Marys Street West  
St. Marys GA 31558

3. The logo's design should reflect the values of the St. Marys Submarine Museum as a repository of historical artifacts as well as an educational facility. This includes the Submariner's Insignia, the coveted Dolphins
4. The logo should incorporate the St. Marys Submarine Museum name and established date of 1996.
5. Color must be CMYK, though the logo may also eventually be produced in both color and black and white. Contestants are advised to avoid gradients and half-tones. The logo must be easy to use, handle, resize and manipulate for all reproduction purposes. It should be visually appealing on both small (as small appx 2" x 1.5") and large scales.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

1. Entrants affirm their submissions are their own original work, have not been copied from others or from previous designs, including their own, and do not violate the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity.
2. Submissions become the sole property of the St. Marys Submarine Museum and may be used for any St. Marys Submarine Museum purposes, including, but not limited to, display on websites, business cards, letterhead, posters, and other materials.
3. The St. Marys Submarine Museum shall have the right to adapt, edit, modify, or otherwise use the winning submission in part or its entirety in whatever manner it deems appropriate.
4. The St. Marys Submarine Museum reserves the right to choose not to use the winning entry as described in these contest guidelines.
5. The St. Marys Submarine Museum reserves the right to use any other entry for promotional purposes in the future.
6. If the winner is determined to have violated any of the competition rules, he/she will be required to forfeit or return the prize, even if the determination is made after the prize has been awarded.

### DETERMINATION OF WINNER AND PRIZE:

1. The winning entry will be selected by a panel comprised of members of the St. Marys Submarine Museum Board of Directors and/or representatives appointed by the Board of Directors. Their decision will be **FINAL** and no further correspondence shall be entered into.
2. Entries will be judged on their visual appeal, adherence to the concept prompting the contest, quality of design, and ease of reproduction for the purposes stated above.
3. The prize for the winning entry is a \$250 VISA Gift Card and two runners up will be awarded a \$100 VISA Gift Card. This prize remains the same regardless of the number of the individuals and/or team members submitting the winning entry.
4. The winner will be notified by both a phone call, email and formal letter. The announcement will made by press release and also be placed on the St. Marys Submarine Museum Facebook page and website.



**GROTON, Connecticut** – The Navy commissioned its 24th Virginia-class fast-attack submarine, USS IOWA (SSN797), in a traditional ceremony held April 5, at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut. Christie Vilsack, Iowa's sponsor and former First Lady of Iowa, gave the crew the traditional order to "man our ship and bring her to life," after which Iowa's sailors responded "aye aye ma'am" before ceremonially running aboard the submarine. The ceremony culminated a years-long process of commissioning SSN 797, the first submarine and third naval vessel named for the Hawkeye State. The most recent USS IOWA, the highly decorated WWII-era battleship BB 61 (1943-1990), saw action in World War II, the Korean War, and Gulf War. The first BB4 IOWA (1897-1919) saw action in the Spanish-American War and World War I. Iowa's commanding officer Cmdr. Gregory Coy, a Walnutport, Pennsylvania native and 2006 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, called the event "a historic milestone" during his speech, praising the crew, shipbuilders, and commissioning committee. "This event is significant for both the life of a submarine and for the amazing people from the Hawkeye State," Coy said. "To the plank owners, the shipbuilders, the commissioning committee, and our Navy and Submarine Force leaders, this is your submarine." Coy took command of Iowa in June 2024 and led the crew from the shipyard and through a series of sea trials, to today's commissioning and subsequent underway operations. "I am consistently humbled at what we have accomplished" Coy added. "Today, we become the 'USS' IOWA, and I intend to take her to the frontline, continuing the Navy's overwhelming display of undersea dominance and lethality." Iowa's youngest plankowner - an honor given to commissioning crewmembers - Seaman Lilly Runyon shared her excitement, saying "today's a lot bigger than I thought it would be." "It's kind of like I'm already used to this," said Runyon of her sea trials as a PCU. "But now that we're commissioned, it's going to feel a little bit more official and I'm very excited for actual operations and figuring things out." Secretary of the Navy John Phelan praised the crew and the shipbuilders during his speech calling the ceremony an "opportunity to show Navy lethality and our unmatched undersea superiority." "It is an honor to commission the Navy's newest nuclear-powered attack submarine, here at Groton, the submarine capital of the world," Phelan said. "USS IOWA will make our fleet stronger and more lethal. As Iowa goes to sea, she does so with one mission: to ensure that America's adversaries never doubt our resolve." Adm. Daryl Caudle, U.S. Fleet Forces commander and senior naval officer at the event, called his participation in the event a homecoming to the submarine capital of the world, a place he called "the nation's center of gravity for the steely-eyed killers of the deep." "In this coming year, this crew of proud American sailors will put this warship to sea and carry the name 'Iowa' to the far-flung corners of the globe projecting combat power for decades to come," Caudle said. "It is the fearless warriors before me that turn this piece of metal weighing almost 8,000 tons - with hundreds of miles of fiber, cable, and piping systems - into a combat ship, a warship designed to decisively win our nation's battles. Your preparation and execution to get this ship to commissioning day is nothing short of amazing." Other platform guests at the commissioning ceremony included Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds; Vice Adm. Robert Gaucher, U.S. Submarine Force commander; representatives from General Dynamics Corp.'s Electric Boat shipyard, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney of Connecticut. The master of ceremonies was Lt. Cmdr. Scott Carper, executive officer of the USS IOWA. Capt. Jason Grizzle, commodore of Iowa's parent Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 4, likened the success of the crew to the "hard work and dedication that directly mirror people from the Hawkeye State." "Iowa's motto states that 'our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain,'" Grizzle explained. "This crew lives by that creed, evidenced today by this fine ship – built, manned, and prepared - in record time, ready to get out to sea where she belongs." Iowa, whose keel was laid in August 2019 and christened in June 2023, was designed with stealth and surveillances capabilities, as well as special warfare enhancements, to meet the Navy's multi-mission requirements. The submarine is 377 feet long, has a 34-foot beam, can dive to depths greater than 800 feet, and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots. Iowa has a crew of approximately 135 Navy personnel. It is designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the planned life of the ship, reducing lifecycle costs while increasing underway time. The submarine was built by General Dynamics Electric Boat shipyard facility in Groton, Connecticut. Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities – sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises









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

Commanders Welcome



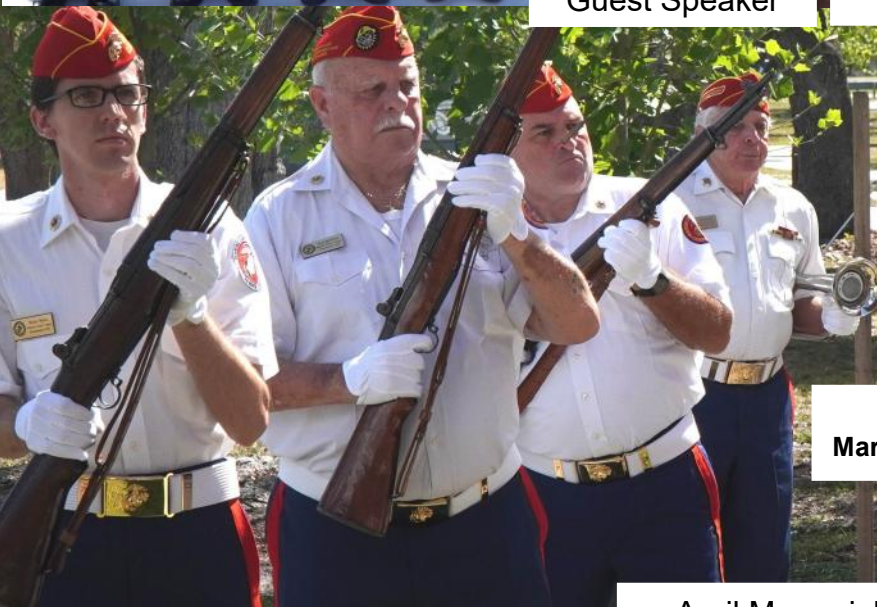
Riverview JROTC Color Guard

Guest Speaker

Chaplain

Bagpiper

National Anthem



Honor Guard and Bugler  
Marine Corp League Detachment 1226 Riverview



April Memorial Service Pictures



Service Attendees





Tolling of the Boats



Tang Base Parade Float



Cake









# 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		
Bernice Brady	Friend of Tang Base		
Al Ryback	USS Cavalla SSN-684		
Colleen Rybak	Friend of Tang Base		
Jerry Anderson	Special Fund		
Annetta Krauss	Special Fund		
Debbie Vingin	Associate Member		
William Vingin	Associate Member		
Dan Craw	Kaps 4 Kids		
Bill Ogburn	Christmas Luncheon Donation		
James Schiebrel	Special Fund		
Annetta Kraus	Kaps 4 Kids		

## Contributions Gratefully Accepted

**Make your check out to 'USSVI Tang Base' and mail to:**

**Neil A. Kimes**

**1373 Curtis Drive E**

**Clearwater, FL 33764**



## Tang Base on Eternal Patrol - Sailors, Rest Your Oars

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. Lilenfeld 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 Unknown
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 S-13 SS-90 10/22/2008
Donald C. Birch N/A 11/2/2008	Joseph A. Sabol USS Raton SS-270 11/3/2008	Grant Besser USS Requin SS-481 12/5/2008	Benjamin C. Davis USS Sea Dragon SSN-584 12/8/2008	Ostiglio F. Carbonari USS Pogy SS-266 7/10/2009	Francis J. Higham USS S-12 SS-117 8/16/2009
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 Peché 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 Gant- nier USS Por- poise 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 Roosevelt SSBN 600 USS John Marshall SSBN 611 11/9/2022	Leland B. Holmes Associ- ate Member 11/8/2022	William Gordon Hill USS Bonefish SS-223 Jan 1, 2023	Edwin W Thompson JR. USS Sea Poach- er 12/20/2022

## Tang Base on Eternal Patrol - Sailors, Rest Your Oars

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	Eugene Ray Girtman USS Skate (SSN-578) May 22, 2024	Edward R Gaurich USS Requin SS/SSR/ AGSS-481 July 1, 2024	Dennis Zipay USS Nathan Hale SSBN-623 March 10, 2024
Phillip Edward Beals Sr. USS Bang (SS 385) 7/8/2024	William F. Ogburn, Jr. USS Sea Fox SS-402 3/20/2025	James A Frantz USS Trutta SS-421 3/28/2025	George Ditmore 4/17/2025	Roland Pelletier 4/18/2025	



### 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

## **Navy relieves CO of Navy Information Operations Command Colorado**

The Navy relieved the commanding officer of Navy Information Operations Command Colorado on Thursday, the service announced.

Cmdr. Christopher Johnson was relieved of his duties by Capt. Chelsey Zwicker, commodore of Naval Information Operations Command Pacific, due to a “loss of confidence in his ability to command,” the Navy said.

The Navy maintains the highest standards for commanding officers and holds them accountable when those standards are not met,” the service said in a release.

The release did not provide additional details on Johnson’s dismissal. The Navy uses “loss of confidence” as a blanket statement when relieving commanding officers.

Johnson, who resumed command of NIOC Colorado in May 2023, has been temporarily reassigned to U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, according to the Navy.

Johnson commissioned through Officer Candidate School, according to his biography on the Naval Information Forces website. His previous assignments include as division officer and officer of the deck aboard the carrier Carl Vinson, cryptologic resource coordination for the commander of Carrier Strike Group Nine aboard the carrier Theodore Roosevelt and the U.S. 7th fleet director of the offensive maritime information operations center aboard the amphibious command ship Blue Ridge.

Ashore, Johnson served as the deputy collections manager and cyber operations officer at U.S. Pacific Fleet and the Navy’s senior cryptologic warfare instructor and executive officer at Information Warfare Training Command Corry Station, in Pensacola, Florida, according to his bio.

Cmdr. Mark Tuner, the Naval Information Forces liaison officer to U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, will temporarily lead NIOC Colorado until a permanent replacement is found.

NIOC Colorado is a subordinate command of Naval Information Operations



# VA Information

## VA names nine additional facilities that will deploy Federal EHR in 2026

Sites are located in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Alaska

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs today announced the complete list of additional medical facilities at which it will deploy the Federal Electronic Health Record system in 2026 under its accelerated deployment schedule.

The nine additional VA medical centers and their associated clinics that will go live with the EHR in 2026 are as follows:

Cincinnati VAMC-Fort Thomas (Fort Thomas, KY)

Chillicothe VAMC (Chillicothe, OH)

Cincinnati VAMC (Cincinnati, OH)

Dayton VAMC (Dayton, OH)

Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC (Cleveland, OH)

Fort Wayne VAMC (Fort Wayne, IN)

Marion VAMC (Marion, IN)

Richard L. Roudebush VAMC (Indianapolis, IN)

Alaska VA Healthcare System (Anchorage, AK)

The nine sites announced today were chosen following planning sessions among officials from VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, regional and local VA medical leaders, VA clinicians and EHR vendor Oracle Health.

“We are excited to bring Veterans in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Alaska a modern medical record system that will result in improvements to care, coordination and convenience. The Federal EHR is integrated across all VA and Department of Defense components, enabling seamless data exchange while enhancing care, safety and customer service for patients,” said VA Secretary Doug Collins.

The Federal EHR system VA will deploy at a total of 13 sites in 2026 is the same electronic health record that is already operated by the Department of Defense, and the system will improve customer service and convenience for both VA and DOD patients.

The department previously announced in December 2024 that four VA sites in Michigan — VA Battle Creek Medical Center, VA Detroit Healthcare System, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, and VA Saginaw Healthcare System — would go live with the EHR in 2026. Full implementation of the Federal EHR system at every VA facility is expected as early as 2031.

VA is pursuing a market-based approach to site selection for its deployments going forward. This will enable the department to scale up the number of concurrent deployments, while also enabling staff to work as efficiently as possible.

VA will adopt a standard baseline of products, workflows and integrations aligned with subject-matter-expert recommendations. The standardized national baseline will ensure successful Federal EHR implementation, accelerate deployments, simplify decision-making and support future optimizations.

For more information about VA's overall EHR modernization effort, see <https://digital.va.gov/ehr-modernization/>





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**Respectfully,**

**Bob Bachman**

**USSVCF**

**President**

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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



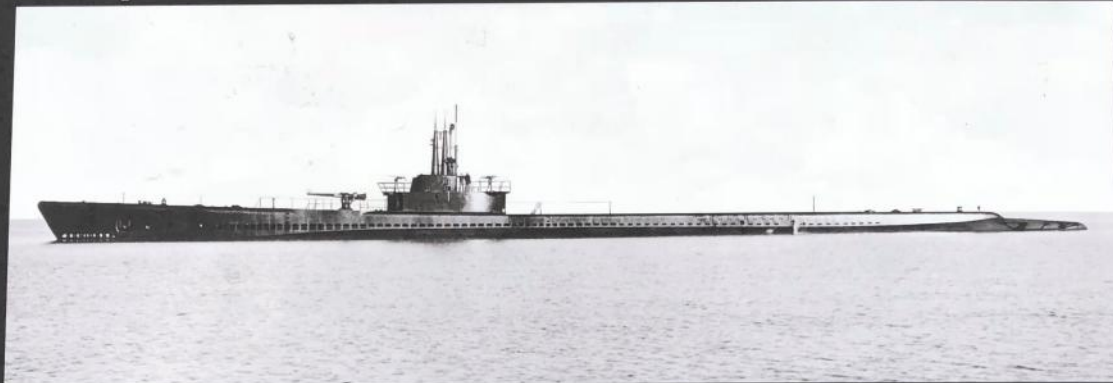
Launched  
17 August 1943

## 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

ACCARDY, John G.	SM3	DeLAPP, Marvin V.	CMoMM	IMWOLD, Stewart S.	MoMM2	RAIFORD, Rubin M.	Ck3
ADAMS, Ralph F.	StM2	DORSEY, William E.	MoMM1	JENKINS, Donald M.	Y3	REABUCK, Francis J.	F1
ALLEN, Dwayne D.	MoMM2	ENOS, Fred M., Jr.	LTJG	JONES, Sidney W.	COM	RECTOR, Darrell D.	GM3
ANDERSON, Philip E.	TM3	ERICKSEN, Lawrence H.	F1	KAISER, Louis C.	MoMM3	REINHARDT, Ernest	F1
ANDRIOLO, Charles L.	RM2	FELLICETTY, Daniel C.	Y3	KANAGY, John T.	EM1	ROBERTS, James L.	SC3
ANTHONY, Homer	F1	FINCKBONE, Bruce H.	EM2	KASSUBE, John T.	COX	ROBERTSON, George L.	MoMM2
BALLINGER, William F.	CTM	FLUKER, John W.	TM1	KEY, John A.	SC3	SMITH, Seymour G., Jr.	QM3
BAUER, Edwin C.	Y3	FOSTER, John M.	TM1	KNAPP, Ralph B.	FC3	SPRINGER, Frank H.	LT-XO
BEAUMONT, Edward H.	LT	GALLOWAY, William C.	TM2	KROTH, Richard J.	LTJG	STAPIEN, Edward F.	F1
BERGMAN, Edwin F.	RM1	GENTLE, Thomas E.	F1	LANE, Le Roy R.	EM1	SUNDAY, Fred L.	EM3
BISOGNO, Frederick N.	TM3	GORAB, George J., Jr.	EM3	LARSON, Paul L.	CPhM	VAUGHN, Paul B., Jr.	Cox
BOUCHER, Wilfred J.	TM3	GREGG, Osmer D.	COX	LEE, Robert P.	RM3	WADSWORTH, Charles W.	TM3
BRESETTE, Bernard V.	QM3	HAINLINE, Howard W.	QM3	LLEWELLYN, Lindley H.	RM2	WALKER, Howard M.	StM1
BUSH, John	EM2	HARMS, Frank G.	MoMM2	LONDON, Charles W.	F1	WEEKLEY, Leland S.	CTM
CHIAVETTA, Benjamin	Y3	HAWES, Glen O.	MoMM2	LOVELESS, Chester	EM1	WELCH, Robert E.	QM2
CLARK, Walter J.	QM3	HENRY, John F.	F1	LYTTON, Ellroy	MoMM1	WHITE, James M.	GM1
COFFIN, Robert J.	EM3	HEUBECK, John H.	LTJG	McMORROW, Robert V.	MoMM1	WILLIAMS, Walter H.	Y2
CULP, James H.	CEM	HUDSON, Albert L.	CMoMM	McNABB, John J.	F1	WINES, Paul T.	LTJG
DARIENZO, Arthur J.	EM2	IJAMES, Homer W., Jr.	RM3	PARKER, John J.	CCS	WUKOVICH, George	MoMM1
				PEARCE, Basil C., Jr.	ENS	ZOFCIN, George	MoMM1





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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ If other military service, What Branch? \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rate & Rank Attained: \_\_\_\_\_

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◇ Check if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

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