

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.



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Tang Base Tampa Bay

USSVI Tang Base News Letter

NEWS LETTER FOR JUNE 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.

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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 June 21st 2025

Virtual / Online Zoom meeting
Starting at 11am

Base Commander will send out a zoom link the week before the meeting



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

Lost Boats for June

Name of Submarine	Approximate Date of Loss	Number of Men Lost
<u>HERRING (SS-233)</u>	1-Jun-44	83
<u>R-12 (SS-89)</u>	12-Jun-43	42
<u>GOLET (SS-361)</u>	14-Jun-44	82
<u>BONEFISH (SS-223)</u>	18-Jun-45	85
<u>S-27 (SS-132)</u>	19-Jun-42	0
<u>O-9 (SS-70)</u>	20-Jun-41	33

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, William Ogburn, Chaplain Emeritus, Tang Base of USSVI

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Command Corner

By Commander Mike Cailor
and Vice Commander Robert Brady



- Tang Base will be having a ZOOM meeting for the monthly Subvets meeting.
- Because the American Legion Post 7 had to utilize the 3rd Saturday for a change of command ceremony where the presiding officer had no other date that it could be done on.
- This will give Tang Base an opportunity to try out our new capability (ie. for a ZOOM meeting) and see how it goes.
- Perhaps some who are not able to physically go to an "in person" meeting can participate in this way.
- The meeting will still be on the third Saturday of June (ie. June 21) and we will start at 11:00 AM like always.
- We will send out the ZOOM LINK about a week before the meeting - so everyone remembers what EMAIL it can be found in.
- If anyone has questions, call Bob Brady at 727-807-1012.



From Your Librarian.

FACT: The nuclear weapons aboard just one of our Trident submarines contain eight times the fire power expended in all of WW2. John Allen Paulos, American Professor of Mathematics.

Please keep bringing in those good readers for your shipmates, and thank you to all that do.

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



Up Coming Events

June 21st , 2025. June Monthly Meeting
Virtual / On Line Zoom Meeting

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.



June Birthdays

Joel Sparnon	6/3
Al Aumack	6/15
William D Mitchell	6/15
Alan Stalb	6/20
Arthur R. Jorgensen	6/26



Traveling Dolphins

Happy Birthday

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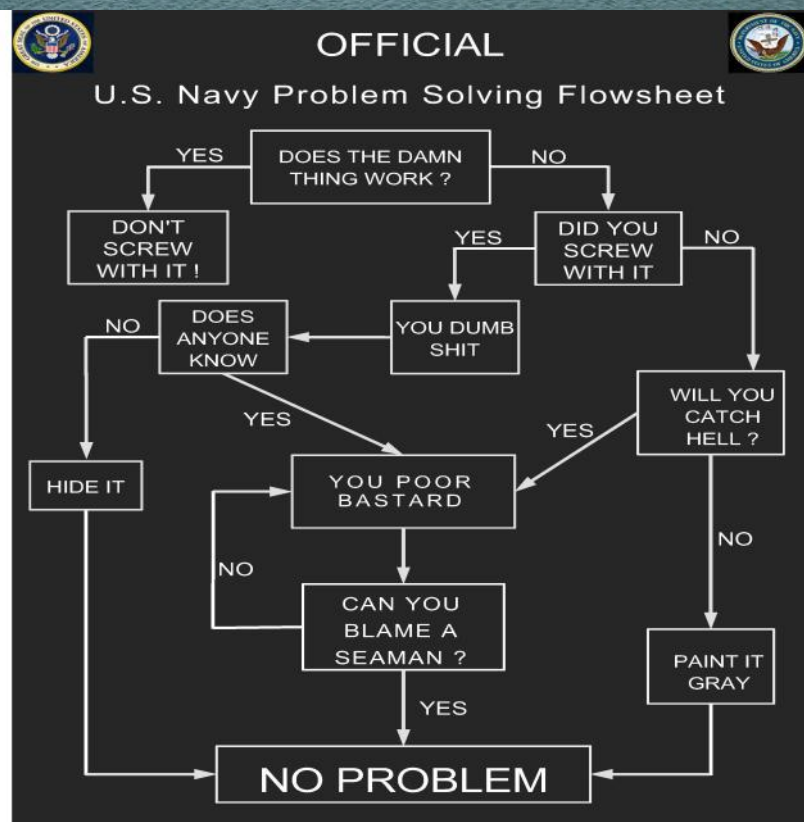
Summary of Some Early Historic Submarine Developments

CSS H.L. Hunley: 1863

The primitive attack sub-H.L. Hunley was designed to help the Confederacy escape the stranglehold of Union naval blockades during the Civil War. Built privately in Mobile, Alabama, in 1863, it was fashioned from a recycled iron steam boiler and included space for eight crewmen—one to steer, and seven to turn the hand cranks that powered its propeller. Its bow bristled with a 17-foot spar mounted with a torpedo, which would detonate when rammed against an enemy ship. Early tests earned the Hunley the nickname the “peripatetic coffin”—and for good reason. It sank on two occasions during its trial runs, killing a total of 13 crewmen including its namesake, marine engineer Horace Lawson Hunley. The sub was repeatedly salvaged, however, and on February 17, 1864, Lieutenant George Dixon and a crew of volunteers sailed it into Charleston Harbor and successfully drove its torpedo into the side of the sloop-of-war USS Housatonic. The Union vessel went down in minutes, but the Hunley also sank, possibly because of damage sustained during its attack. Despite becoming the first submariners in history to destroy an enemy ship, Dixon and his Confederates all perished.

Le Plongeur: 1864

One of the first submarines to use mechanical power, “Le Plongeur” (“The Diver”) was a French-made craft designed by naval officers Simeon Bourgeois and Charles Brun. Rather than relying on hand cranks, foot pedals or treadmills to move its propeller, this 140-foot behemoth used a piston engine powered by compressed air stored in tanks. The air also helped provide the crew with oxygen and served as a means for automatically emptying its ballast tanks. Le Plongeur made several successful dives, but its limited air supply and dangerously unstable structural design led to it being removed from active duty in 1872. Many of its problems were later rectified in 1888 with the construction of the French submarine “Gymnote,” a more nimble craft that ran on electric power.





May Picnic Pictures



Cob and Klaxon



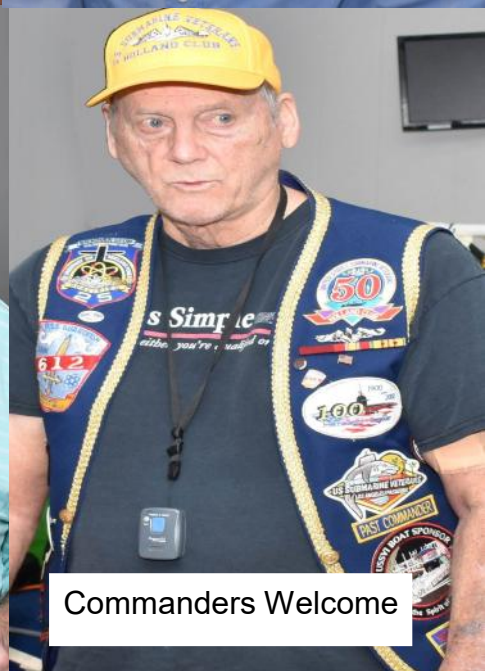
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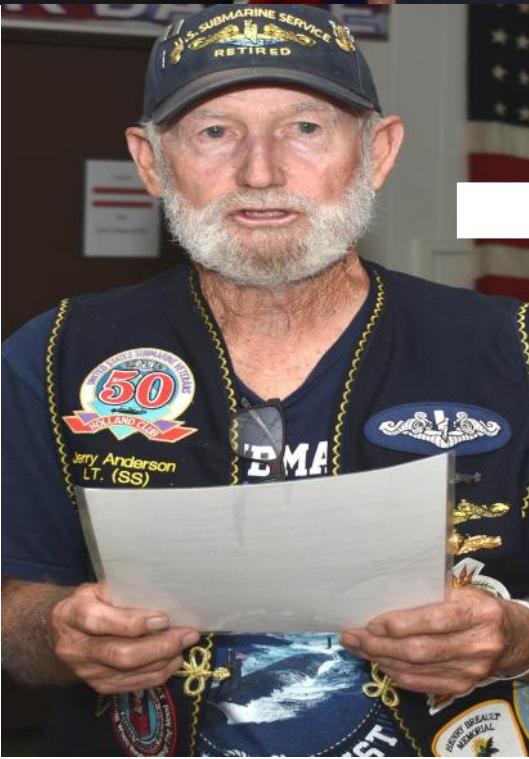
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Induction



Historian



Commanders Welcome



Tolling of the Boats





Moment of Silence



Pledge of Allegiance



USSVI Charity Fund Report

50/50 Raffle Winner



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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
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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
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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	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 USS Thomas Jefferson SSBN -618 4/17/2025	Roland Pelletier USS Irex SS-482 4/18/2025	John J Poyer III USS Chopper SS342 4/30/2025



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

Retired Navy admiral found guilty in bribery scheme

A retired Navy admiral was found guilty of bribery by a federal jury Monday for steering a contract to a private company while serving in the Navy in exchange for a job with the company post-retirement, federal prosecutors said. Retired Adm. Robert Burke, a former vice chief of naval operations, was found guilty of bribery, performing acts affecting a personal financial interest and concealing material facts following a trial that ended Monday in Washington, D.C., federal court, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Burke is scheduled for sentencing Aug. 22. He could face 20 to 30 years in prison. Burke is the most senior military member ever convicted of committing a federal crime while on active duty, according to The Washington Post. "When you abuse your position and betray the public trust to line your own pockets, it undermines the confidence in the government you represent," said interim U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro in the release. "Our office, with our law enforcement partners, will root out corruption — be it bribes or illegal contracts — and hold accountable the perpetrators, no matter what title or rank they hold." From 2020 to 2022, Burke was a four-star Admiral overseeing U.S. naval operations in Europe, Russia and most of Africa, according to the release. During that time, Burke directed a contract to Next Jump, an executive training company. Burke initially contacted Next Jump after a series of scandals involving U.S. Navy officers and defense contractor Leonard Francis, known as "Fat Leonard." The contract was to help address a perceived ethical and leadership crisis in the service. But his own decisions then led to another ethical crisis. "I was allowing myself to be influenced in ways that were inappropriate," Burke said in a secretly recorded Oct. 3, 2023, interview with Navy criminal investigators, the Post reported. "I put myself in positions that allowed [Next Jump] to influence me, and I didn't fully disclose everything." Co-CEOs and co-defendants Charlie Kim and Meghan Messenger oversaw Next Jump and conducted a workforce training pilot for the Navy from 2018 to 2019. But the Navy terminated the contract in late 2019 and directed the company not to contact Burke. However, the admiral met with the co-CEOs in Washington in July 2021 to "reestablish [Next Jump's] business relationship with the Navy," according to the release. In the meeting, the CEOs agreed Burke would use his position to steer the contract to their company for future contracts that could potentially be worth millions. In December 2021, Burke ordered his staff to award a \$355,000 contract to Next Jump to train personnel under his command in Italy and Spain. The company performed the training. Burke then tried to get another contract for the company by persuading another admiral to sign off on it. He made several "false and misleading statements to the Navy" to conceal the scheme, according to the release. In October 2022, Burke, who had since retired from the Navy, took a position with Next Jump for an annual salary of \$500,000 and 100,000 stock options. Burke's attorney, Tim Parlatore, called the decision a wrongful verdict, according to military.com, and told the outlet it was the result of a hasty trial in which the government went to great lengths to present evidence that showed only half the story. Parlatore said the trial was initially set to run for three weeks but wrapped in five days, concluding without the government presenting all of its evidence. "This case demonstrates that when you start with a bad investigation by incompetent investigators, you end up with a case that the only way you can get a conviction is by hiding the evidence from the jury," Parlatore said. Kim and Messenger will face their separate trial in August. Next Jump attorney Reed Brodsky told the Post that he expected their trial to be "very different." "I expect the evidence will show that Burke and others at the Navy misled Charlie and Meghan in material ways, and they reasonably relied on Burke who was lying to them. I think it'll be embarrassing for the Navy," Brodsky said.

By Todd South: Source Navy Times : <https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2025/05/20/retired-navy-admiral-found-guilty-in-bribery-scheme/>



VA Information

VA announces major survivor benefits reforms

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced a three-pronged approach to eliminate barriers and streamline the process for how eligible survivors and dependents of deceased Veterans and servicemembers apply for and receive VA benefits and services.

Specific improvements include:

Starting this month, VA's Office of Survivors Assistance will be moved from the Veterans Benefits Administration to the Office of the VA Secretary, reversing a Biden-era decision that buried OSA under layers of bureaucracy.

Starting this month, VA will create a "white-glove" survivor outreach team to guide and assist eligible survivors throughout their Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) claims process.

Starting immediately, VA will begin work to identify areas where automation can be used to make the DIC claims process easier to navigate for survivors.

"The last thing survivors need in their time of grief is frustrating red tape and bureaucracy. That's why we are creating a better system to more quickly and effectively provide survivors the services, support and compassion they've earned," said VA Secretary Doug Collins.

Background information on the changes VA announced today is below.

Relocating OSA

In 2021, the Biden administration moved OSA from the Office of the VA Secretary to the Veterans Benefits Administration, creating a siloed system at odds with the intent of the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008. Starting this month, VA will reverse this decision and move OSA to the Office of the VA Secretary, where a staff of five full-time employees will advise the Secretary on all matters related to the policies, programs and legislative issues affecting survivors and dependents.

"White-Glove" Survivor Outreach Team

Under previous administrations, there were gaps in the survivor claims system and no defined outreach process for VA employees to gather information from survivors navigating the benefit process. VA's "White-Glove" Survivor Outreach Team will begin operations in May 2025 and consist of experts based out of the Philadelphia VA Regional Benefit Office. These experts will receive specialized training and guide and assist eligible survivors throughout every step of the DIC claims process with the goal of getting to "yes" on DIC claims decisions for eligible survivors.

Automation Improvements

VA now automates more than 1,000 DIC claims payments or adjustments per day and is in the process of ongoing enhancements to increase automation that will expedite survivors' claims and improve their experience. VA will also be identifying additional areas where automation can be used to make all benefits delivery processes easier to navigate for eligible surviving dependents.

Copied from The VA News Site : <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-announces-major-survivor-benefits-reforms>





From: USSVI National Commander, Jon Jaques

Shipmates,

We have received many calls regarding emails with the following scam message:

Please do not open or click on anything in this message if you receive it.

The National Officers and I will never ask you for money or gift cards or send secure messages. If you have a question, please call to confirm the validity of any attachment from a national officer or the national office

The Scam email is shown below:

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Respectfully,

Jon Jaques,

USSVI National Commander.



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



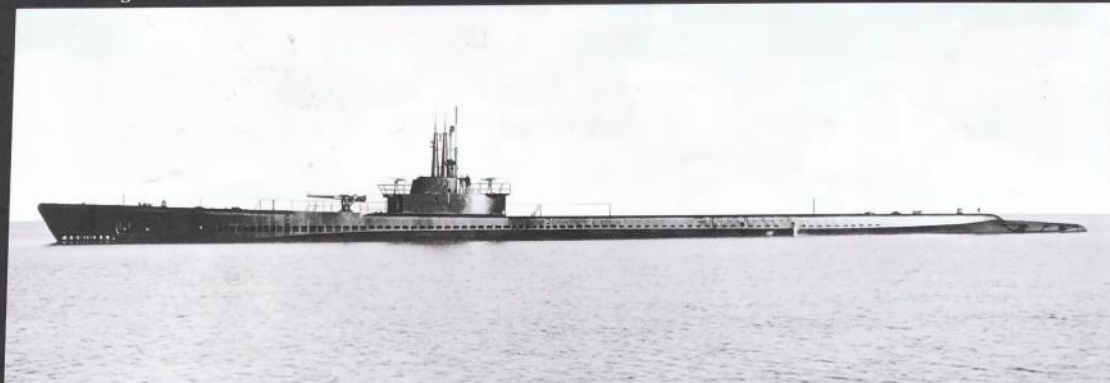
Launched
17 August 1943

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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With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. Navy submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated

☐ I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr).
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

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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): ____

Year entered Mil Service: ____ Year left Mil Service: ____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts)

◇ 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.

◇ Check if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

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