



The Green Board



ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE

Lost Submarine - R-12 found off the Coast of Florida



Underwater explorers announced Tuesday they have found the R-12 submarine that sank off Key West in 1944.

The RV Tiburon Inc. exploration team took hundreds of photographs of the submarine, including this shot of a



42 sailors sent to watery grave off Key West during WWII torpedo training 1918 sunken sub found offshore.

By: Adam Linhardt, Citizen Staff

Forty-eight sailors left Truman annex in Key West aboard the USS R-12 submarine on June 12, 1943, for torpedo training as World War II raged. Shortly after lunch, a collision alarm rang and water gushed into the forward compartment.

Lt Cmdr. E.E. Shelby ordered all hatches shut and high-pressure air blown into the 186 foot submarine's ballast tanks in a failed effort to keep the old submarine afloat. The R-12, built in 1918, sank in less than 15 seconds, according to www.history.navy.mil.

Forty-two sailors, all but six men on the bridge, including Shelby drowned, and their bodies were never recovered.

What led to the R-12's sinking never was fully determined, but investigators 68 years ago guessed that such a rapid descent could have been caused only if both the inner and outer

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Tolling of the Boats

USS O-9 (SS-70) Lost on 20 June 1941 with 34 men when it foundered off the Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



USS S-27 (SS-132) Lost on 19 June 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. All the crew were rescued.



USS Herring (SS-233) Lost with all hands (84 men) on 1 June 1944 by a Japanese shore battery and surface craft off Matsuwa Island, Kuriles.

USS R-12 (SS-89) Lost with 42 men off Key West, Florida, to unknown causes on 12 June 1943. Three men survived.



USS Runner (SS-275) Lost with all hands (78 men) by possible Japanese mine between Midway Island and Japan in June 1943.



USS Golet (SS-361) Lost with all hands (84 men) during a Japanese surface attack off Honshu, Japan on 14 June 1944.



USS Bonefish (SS-223) Lost with all hands (86 men) on 18 June 1945 when it was sunk in Toyama Wan in the Sea of Japan.

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Commander's Corner

By Jim "Clutch" Koogler



Hey Y'all. Greetings from Lexington. We closed on the Powell house on May 16th, so I'm now permanently in Lexington, KY... or, at least "permanently" until we decide to move again. Not sure how long that will be. We were in our house in Powell for more than 24 years. But I can assure you, I DON'T plan to be here for that long!

We're still trying to put things together here. Most of our time has been spent getting things ready for our daughter's move to their new house. In fact, I'm writing this between trips hauling household goods from here to there. Once that's done, Bonnie has a LONG list of "projects" to be done... and they're all "priority #1", of course. So I'll definitely be busy throughout the summer... inside and out.

As I mentioned in an email sent on June 1st, this is an election year for USSVI District Commanders. You'll find a poster elsewhere in this issue of The Green Board. Please read it and respond as indicated. You can email, snail mail, or telephone your vote to me any time before the cutoff date.

Being 200 miles away from Columbus, I won't be attending many base functions. But I certainly want to thank those of you who represented Columbus Base at our 2 most recent Memorial Day events... placing flags on graves at Resurrection Cemetery and the Worthington (Ohio) Memorial Day parade. I have to thank you as a group since I don't have individuals' names. Believe me, I was with you in spirit. I also want to thank Galin Brady for displaying our parade sub and representing the base at the Armed Forces Day motorcycle rally at Hocking Valley Community Hospital... and for pulling the parade sub in the parade

We have some upcoming activities that I hope you'll consider attending...

Our next highway cleanup is Saturday June 11th. We only had about 5 or 6 base members at the April cleanup. We really need more base volunteers to help. Please help with the cleanup if at all possible.

Our July base meeting will be our annual base picnic. It will be held on the Saturday July 9th, since the first Saturday is during the July 4th holiday weekend. Ken and Nancy Sewell have graciously offered to host the picnic at their home. More complete information will be sent later, but keep the date open for a really great time.

Someone's honking the truck horn, so I guess it's time to take another load. Until next month.....

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hatch for a torpedo tube were left open at the same time.

A team of researchers and explorers announced Tuesday that they hope to answer some of the questions surrounding the submarine's fate and learn more about the perished men's lives, now that Key West resident Tim Taylor and his RV Tiburon crew have located and documented the wreck in 600 feet of water about 10 miles off Key West.

"The fact of the matter is that I know it was out there and no one has ever located it, let alone documented it with sonar and photography," Taylor said in an email to The Citizen. "We did advanced research to narrow the area that had to be explored. We then deployed the latest in technology, an autonomous underwater vehicle, and we were able to collect some amazing one-of-a-kind imagery of the entire submarine. We are currently instructing our archaeologist to go over, in detail, the findings so we can plan our next expedition."

The Tiburon crew first came across the R-12 months ago when Taylor noticed something unusual in the sonar information taken in the area.

"It became a matter of dotting all our I's and crossing all our t's" said team spokeswoman Christine Dennison. "We had to make sure that it is what it is, and it's still an ongoing discovery process."

Such a discovery of a mass grave made the finding "bittersweet" Dennison said. "We have to be very sensitive as we move forward with the Navy, as this is a grave site," Dennison said. "It's very important to us that the site not be disturbed."

Taylor and his team are working closely with the Navy as the R-12 is protected under the Sunken Military Craft Act, which aims to protect sunken war graves from looter and from the well-intentioned, but curious, said Naval History and Heritage Command Lt. Cmdr. John Daniels.

The location of the R-12 was not released by the Navy nor Taylor's company for that reason, Daniels said. There were no plans on Tuesday to raise the submarine, which follows Navy guidelines that such grave sites not be disturbed.

"This is a recent discovery and everything is still being discussed, so it's too early to say what will happen next," Daniels said. "But the Navy has a history of not raising sunken vessels."

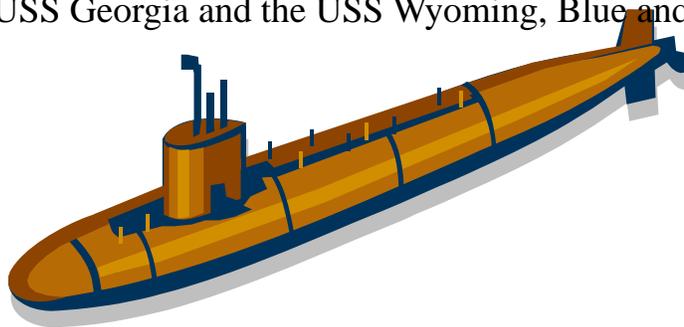
The R-12 was designed by John Holland, considered by many to be the father of U.S. submarine service, and was christened and commissioned in 1919. The R-12 had a welded steel hull and could travel almost 14 knots on the surface. The diesel submarine served in both the Pacific Atlantic oceans.

Submitted by Phil Philipps



Base member MCMM (Retired) Bob Holt was attending a retirement ceremony in Norfolk VA for a long time friend this past April and was introduced to one of the newly selected ladies to become a Submariner. Bob had mentioned that his friend (obviously Jan) was the editor for a veterans base newsletter and if she could offer some insight for publication it would be greatly appreciated. She was most helpful even with there being restrictions from the powers upstairs as to what information she was allowed to share. She did offer a bio from the four that are headed to Kings Bay. All will be Supply Officers aboard the USS Georgia and the USS Wyoming, Blue and Gold crews. Very impressive group.

Good luck to all of them.



LT Krysten J. Pelstring of Knoxville, Tennessee graduated from Powell High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August of 2000 from Auburn, AL. Krysten served for three years as a recruiter in Montgomery, AL while in the Civil Engineering Bachelor Degree Completion Program. She later transitioned to the Nuclear Power Instructor Officer Candidate Program. Upon earning her Bachelor's in Civil Engineering (Magna Cum Laude) from Auburn University in July of 2003, she received her commission and attended Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, RI. Upon completion she reported to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC in August of 2003.

During her tour at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Krysten taught Enlisted Mathematics and Reactor Principles before being assigned as the Multimedia Division Director, where she led a team of civilians and military in the creation of nuclear specific fleet training for aircraft carriers. In March of 2007, she accepted a lateral transfer into the Supply Corps and reported to Supply Corps School in Athens, GA.

After graduating as the Company Commander from Supply Corps School, Krysten began her Supply Officer career as the Sales Officer on the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6). During her 14 months there, she completed a WESTPAC deployment and earned the Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer pin. Directly following this assignment, she reported to USNS RICHARD E. BYRD (T-AKE 4), a continuously forward deployed logistics asset in Seventh Fleet. During her 13 months on board she served simultaneously as the Assistant Officer in Charge and Operations Officer, receiving numerous accolades and awards during the tour; Pacific Partnership 2009 and the Indonesian Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operation.

In March 2010, Krysten reported as the Supply Officer at Special Boat Team TWENTY. During this tour she was selected to serve as one of the first female department heads on submarines and will report as Supply Officer to USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729 GOLD) in November of 2011 after Supply Officer Department Head School in Newport, RI and Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton, CT.

LT Pelstring's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and several unit and service awards.

LT Helen M. Teague of Congleton, England graduated from Oak Ridge High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in December of 1996 from Sacramento, Ca. Helen served for seven years as an Aviation Storekeeper at various commands such as China Lake Weapons Test Squadron, Ca, Naval Air Station Aviation Support Division, Sigonella, Sicily and at Helicopter Combat Squadron (HC-4) in Sigonella, Sicily before accepting a commission through the Seaman to Admiral program in 2003. After her acceptance, she attended Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) and the Naval Science Institute (NSI) in Newport, Rhode Island. Helen continued her education at Purdue University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Retail Management. After graduating from Purdue and accepting a commission into the Supply Corps, she attended Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga.

After graduation from Supply Corps School, Helen started her officer career as the Supply Officer for COMPSRON ONE; a continuously forward-deployed squadron in the Mediterranean Sea and eastern Atlantic Ocean. Embarked on the Flagship USNS 2nd LT John P BOBO, she operated extensively with NATO and EUCOM during many exercises to include BALTOPS. She successfully completed all qualifications and earned the Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer pin.

Directly following her first assignment, Helen reported to USS NORMANDY (CG60) as the Food Service Officer. During her 18 months on board she served simultaneously as Assistant Supply Officer and received unprecedented scores in both Supply and Habitability during the ship's INSERT Material Inspection.

In March 2010, Helen was personally recommended to the United States Naval Academy Superintendent, VADM Jeffrey Fowler, by the Chief of Supply Corps to serve as his Flag Supply Officer. During her tour at the Naval Academy she hosted over 8,000 guests and numerous VVIPS/VIPS to include former President Carter, Vice President Biden, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, Joint Chief of Staff, Chief of Naval Operations, Congressmen, and foreign dignitaries. In March 2011, she was selected to serve as one of the first female department heads on submarines and will report as Supply Officer to USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729)(BLUE) in November of 2011.

LT Helen Teague's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (five awards), NATO (two awards), and several unit and service awards. LT Teague is married to Jason Teague of Annapolis, MD.

LT Heidi Davis was born in McHenry, IL in 1972. She first joined the military in February 1993 as a Hospital Corpsman and served on USS PUGET SOUND (AD-38) and Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 2 (NEPMU-2). LT Davis left the Navy in 1997 to pursue her college degree. She graduated from Old Dominion University in 2001 with a BS in Political Science. LT Davis then rejoined the Navy in 2003 as a Cryptologic Technician serving on USS MT WHITNEY (LCC-20) and USS LASALLE (AGF-3). In 2005 she transferred to COMUSNAVCENT in Bahrain as a Battle Force E-LINT Operator on the Indications & Warnings Watch floor. In Bahrain LT Davis submitted an application and was accepted to Officer Candidate School. She attended OCS in July 2006 in Pensacola, FL and was commissioned into the Supply Corps on 6 October 2006. After completing OCS, LT Davis attended Supply Corps School in Athens, GA and graduated in May 2007.

LT Davis's first operational tour was aboard the USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN-77) from June 2007-May 2009. There, she served as part of the pre-commissioning crew as the MWR Officer, Wardroom Officer and Sales Officer.

In May 2009 LT Davis transferred to her second tour at DLA Aviation in Richmond, VA. While there she served as an Operations Analyst in the Navy Customer Operations Division. She transfers in June 2011.

LT Davis will next be assigned to USS WYOMING (SSBN-742) (BLUE) as the Supply Officer in February 2012 after completing training in Newport, RI for Supply Officer Department Head School and Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton, CT.

Lieutenant Kelly M. Chufo entered the Navy in 1995 and went to boot camp under the Advanced Electronics Field program. Upon completion of basic training, she trained at NTTC Corry Station, Pensacola, FL as a Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance). While enlisted, she was stationed at NSGA Kunai, HI, USCINCPAC, Camp Smith, HI, and CINCUS-NAVEUR, London, England where she deployed as a HUMINT Collections Analyst in support of SFOR/KFOR in Sarajevo, Bosnia. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Maryland while stationed in London and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 2003.

Upon completion of OCS, LT Chufo began her training as a Naval Flight Officer. She attended Aviation Preflight Indocination and Basic NFO training with VT-10, Pensacola, FL, where she was one of the first Navy students to train in the T-6A II Texan Turboprop. Upon graduation from basic flight training, LT Chufo selected follow-on advanced training with the 562nd Fighter Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, San Antonio, TX where she received her "Wings of Gold" and completed further P-3C Orion specific training at VP-30 Fleet Replenishment Squadron, Jacksonville, FL before reporting to VP-45 Jacksonville, FL. While flying with VP-45, LT Chufo flew missions in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM in Bahrain, Singapore, Japan, Iraq, Qatar, and Philippines.

LT Chufo completed her tour with VP-45 and lateral transferred to the Supply Corps in 2006, reporting to Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, GA where she completed both her basic qualifications as well as Supply Officer Department Head training in preparation for assignment to USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8), Mayport, FL, as the Supply Officer. During her tour, she completed an Eastern Pacific deployment in support of Counter-Narcoterrorism operations in South America and earned her Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer designation. She then transferred to Maritime Expeditionary Group TWO, Portsmouth, VA, as the Logistics Officer where she deployed to Jebel Ali, UAE in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

While awaiting the Women in Submarines selection results, LT Chufo reported to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa for a Global Support Assignment as the Kenya Country Logistics Officer for Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

Chufo is temporarily assigned to Naval Submarine Support Center, King's Bay, GA while awaiting submarine training. She will be assigned to USS WYOMING (SSBN 742) GOLD as the Supply Officer.

Her personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal (2

July 9th Base Picnic at Ken and Nancy Sewell's home



Save this date more information will follow.
Promise





June 4, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Base Vice Commander Jim Tolson. COB Marv Pastor led the salute to the Flag. The invocation was conducted by the Chaplain, Walt Fleak. Tolling of the bell for the lost boats of June was performed by Marv Pastor and Walt Fleak. There were 17 members and guests present. The BVC welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report - The May minutes were published in the *Green Board*. There were no corrections or additions. Thank you letter from VA for coffee donation was noted. Thank you card and certificate was present by Galin Brady for the base sub being at the Armed Forces Day motorcycle rally at Hocking Valley Community Hospital.

Treasurer's Report--Dave gave report on the treasury.

Webmaster Report-Cliff reported pictures downloaded from Flags on Graves. He said if anyone has pictures of Memorial Day parade he would put them on. Dave said Mary Testa took some pictures and he would send them to Cliff.

Chaplain's Report -Sick Bay report: Walt Fleak said he still has breathing problems and was told surgery in the near future would help. Walt said he hadn't heard any updates on Gus Hoehl. Walt also said to let him know if anyone has knowledge of any one on sick call. let Walt, or someone in the base know. Walt is still working on Kaps4Kids. He has 2 DVD's from John Riley if anyone would like to see one. He is trying to get a copy to Children's Hospital.

Membership Report/Introductions - The BVC introduced new member Lowell Dye. His qual boat was the James Monroe (SSBN-622) in 1977. After Lowell told us of his submarine background the BVC had the other members present to do the same.

Committee Reports- Joe Testa - The Flags on graves -May 28th - Walt Fleak said there were 8 members and guests who participated. Walt said what an outstanding job Chris Damo does with this even thou he is not a military veteran he has great respect for them. The Worthington Memorial Day parade had 10 present from the base. Galin Brady pulled the boat and gave thrilling (?) ride to some of us back to the parade start. Annual Picnic will be at Ken Sewell's home on July 9th- more details to follow. On Highway Cleanup Bill Anderson said we need help from all who are able and if not able just come and give moral support. Next Saturday, June 11, is the next highway cleanup. Meet at Don Gentile , American Legion Post #532, 1571 Demorest Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43228 at 0830, leave for cleanup locations by 0900.

Unfinished Business-Bob McDaniel - WalMart has changed the grant process as of February 1, 2011. It looks as if we are out of the running as we have not heard from them in over 90 days.

New Business -none

For the Good of the Order - Vic Van Horn, incumbent, is running for Central District CDR. Send an email to Jim Koogler with your vote or write in candidate. Clutch617@gmail.com Military.com Career Expo - Wright Patterson on June 14th - Bob Friar reported. He is looking for a position of lead mess cook or steam fish expert. Galin asked if we were on schedule for a July 4th parade. We have done so in the past. The BVC said he will contact Joe to see if we have made application to do so. The picnic will be a BYOB and we will be notified as to the pot luck and/or desserts to bring. Galin asked about the status of the national chaplain. The BC has sent us info on that but none of us could remember the details.

50/50 drawing – Bob Friar won \$38.00. Bill Dumbauld won a cherry pie. Bill McCorkle won a USS Wyoming patch. Galin Brady won a ‘Proud to be an American’ t-shirt. Bill Hilde won a set of patriotic playing cards.

Announcement of next meeting - Next Columbus Base meeting –July 9, 2011-1200 picnic and social hour. Picnic at Ken and Nancy Sewell’s home.

Next Officer Meeting - Tentatively Saturday June 18, 2011 at AMVETS Post #89, 3535 Westerville Road, Columbus, OH 43224, 614-471-0095, 0930, Breakfast available starting at 0800. This is to mainly plan the picnic. The BVC invited Nancy and Ken to attend.

Other -none

Closing prayer was conducted by Walt Fleak.

Call for adjournment motion was made by Galin Brady and seconded by Bill McCorkle. Motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Submitted by Bob McDaniel
Base Secretary

Retired WWII Master Chief Reflects on Battle of Midway

By Lt. Jennifer Cragg, Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs, June 3, 2011

GROTON, Conn. (NNS) -- A retired U.S. Navy master chief petty officer who served in the Battle of Midway shared his experience and reflected on the battle's place in history during a Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony held at Naval Submarine Base New London, June 3.

Master Chief Deen Brown was a radioman while serving aboard the Tambor-class submarine USS Trout (SS-202) during the Battle of Midway. He related not only how the submarine force played a key role in the watershed battle, but also the monumental contributions the force had during World War II.

"The Battle of Midway was indeed the turning point for the war," said Brown. "The Japanese were the aggressors before the battle, but afterward the tide had turned. Their prime concern [after the battle] was to defend their outposts, which ultimately they couldn't defend in the end."

Brown described his experience aboard Trout and the overall submarine mission during the battle. While the Japanese force had deployed 16 submarines, the U.S. had a little more on station to help defend the Island of Midway.

"We deployed 19 submarines, but 11 were positioned in the semi-circle southwest of Midway," said Brown while emphasizing their positioning was the key in protecting the island from Japanese invasion. "We had to hold that line, the semi-circle around Midway to ensure the loaded troop transport couldn't gain access."

Brown was introduced during the ceremony by Rear Adm. Michael McLaughlin, commander, Submarine Group 2; and Capt. Marc Denno, the officer of Naval Submarine Base New London, who provided the opening remarks.

"By the spring of 1942, the outcome of the war was very much in doubt as Americans began to think that the Japanese military was invincible," said McLaughlin. "But the Japanese didn't factor in one key important element, the American spirit."

According to Naval History and Heritage Command, Trout was one of many submarines sent to take part in the Battle of Midway, but her contribution was limited to picking up Japanese survivors days after the battle began.

During World War II the submarine force comprised less than two percent of the Navy's fleet but sank more than 30 percent of Japan's navy, including eight aircraft carriers. More importantly, U.S. submarines virtually strangled the Japanese economy by sinking almost 5 billion tons of shipping, more than 60 percent of Japanese merchant marine, according to congressional records.

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UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.
Central Region District Commander Voting Ballot
District 2
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INSTRUCTIONS

You may only vote for one of the listed Candidate(s) or a Write In.
 Voting for more than one candidate will nullify your vote.

(I) Incumbent

| Candidate | Primary Base | (X) = Vote |
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| Victor Van Horn (I) | USS Chicago | |
| Write In (Please Print Clearly) | | |
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Signature:

Date:

(A typed in signature for an e-mail reply is considered valid.)



Columbus Base
 members in the
 Memorial Day
 Parade in
 Worthington on
 Monday May 30th



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The Battle of Midway is an important marker in the naval heritage of our nation because it changed the course of the war in the Pacific and world history, within just a few short minutes June 4, 1942.

Battle of Midway commemoration ceremonies will be held around the world, to include wreath laying ceremonies at all Navy regions and at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., June 3.

For Battle of Midway resources, visit www.navy.mil/midway/resources.html and Naval History & Heritage Command.

Base Member is a Guardian for Honor Flight

What a coincidence. I was a guardian on an Honor Flight trip less than two weeks ago. Our group took 87 WW11 veterans on a charter flight with Southwest Airlines out of Columbus on May 7th. We landed at Baltimore, Md.

Were greeted on the plane by Lt. General Charlie Crowe, were cheered heartily as we entered the airport by honor flight people from there, active military and reserves along with civilians.

After boarding our three busses, we were escorted to Washington DC by 12 motorcycles, right to the WW11 memorial. After walking around the memorial, Senator Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth were there to take pictures with all those that wished, and they stayed with us until we had to board the busses to maintain our schedule.

We then went to the Iwo Jima memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, where we watched the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown.

After which they parked the busses where those that wished could walk to the Korean, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials. For those that wished to stay on the busses, the drivers took them on a driving tour of downtown DC. We next went past the Pentagon to the Air Force memorial, and then back to the airport for the return flight to Columbus.

On entering the airport the group was paraded thru what must have been at least 300 people, including family members, war re-enactors, active and reserve personnel, the governors veterans services boss, and Tom Moe, a prisoner of war with John McCain for 5 years.

The entire group sang "God Bless America" before disbursing.

Tom, this was all about honoring the veterans, and the organization was tremendous. Wheelchairs were provided for all that wished to have them, each veteran had a guardian assigned to take care of his/her every need, three light meals were served along with snacks and cookies, a mail call was had that provided numerous letters to each veteran from well wishers children and adults expressing their gratitude for the veterans service.

I can only speak for myself; but, no doubt all the guardians would agree that the satisfaction that one gets from being involved in an endeavor like this would be hard to duplicate.

Regards,

Dave O'Carroll



July Birthdays

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| Tim France | 07-05 |
| Bob Donahue | 07-10 |
| Russ Ferguson | 07-16 |
| Bruce Sanderson | 07-24 |
| Chris Leonard | 07-29 |



New Member

Lowell Dye
Columbus, Ohio
Served on USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN 657)
Qualified on USS James Monroe (SSBN 622)
Rank/Rate CWO4
Wife—Linda

Editor's Note

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Final Patrol
In the course of Duty
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Bowfin (Edwin Hoyt)
Adm. Daniel Gallery his wit and humor
Batfish Champ sub killer WWII
The Bravest Man—Okane
Battle Ground Atlantic (Germ & Jap)
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Shadows on Horizon Convey
Silent Running— My year on WWII Attack Sub—
J.Calvert
Big Red 3 months on Trident
Submarine Commander—Paul Schatz
Operation Drumbeat
Blind Mans Bluff
Battle Beneath the waves U-Boat WWII
Dark Seas above HMS Taurus WWII
The Right Thing— USS Greenville
Lonewolf U-Boat Skipper
Capturing the Engineer HMS Petard
Osprey WWII German U-Boat crew

North Korean Sub located at Gangneung Uni- fication Park in Gangneung, South Korea

Part of the Unification Park has a display of a North Korean submarine and a WWII destroyer that was donated by the US to South Korea in 1972.

A North Korean Sang-O class submarine was spying on military facilities near Gangneung in 1996 when it ran aground off Jeongdongjin. On September 15, the North Korean submarine landed a three person special operations reconnaissance team on the shores near Gangneung. Their mission was to spy on the naval installations in the area and then return. The submarine made a failed attempt to collect the team on the 17th, and returned the following day. The submarine, however, ran aground in the attempt, and all efforts failed while trying to free it.

The commander burned important documents and the 26 soldiers made a break for shore, hoping to return to the North. It took the South 49 days to capture or kill them (except one who went missing). During the manhunt, 17 South Korean civilians and soldiers were killed and 22 injured.

The submarine was salvaged and towed to a naval base for investigation. One captured crew member, the submarine's helmsmen, Lee Kwang Soo, was interrogated and revealed the plans.

North Korea was at first reluctant at taking responsibility and claimed that the submarine had suffered an engine failure and had drifted aground, but issued an official apology on December 29. The following day, the remains of the infiltrators were returned to North Korea.

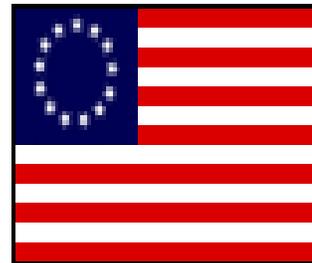
A YouTube video was made in 2010

www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-z-HUgsClk

Submitted by Jim Tolson

Upcoming Events

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| June 11 | 0830 | Adopt a Highway Clean up. Rain date June 18th |
| July 9 | ???? | Summer picnic at Ken & Nancy Sewell's |



Navy May Need To Extend Lives Of Attack Subs

By Philip Ewing, *dodbozz.com*, June 1, 2011

A projected shortfall in the number of attack submarines may force the Navy to examine whether it can extend the lives of some subs and keep them in the fleet beyond their scheduled retirements, a top Navy admiral told Congress on Wednesday. Vice Adm. John Blake, the service's top requirements officer, acknowledged that the Navy's sub fleet will grow smaller than its own acceptable minimum, which could force it to look for ways to keep boats serving longer.

But that may be difficult, cautioned a top naval analyst. Shipbuilding expert Ron O'Rourke of the Congressional Research Service, appearing after Blake before a panel of the House Armed Services Committee, warned lawmakers that it may be hard to extend the service of the Navy's fast-attack subs because of limitations on the lives of their pressure hulls. The Navy keeps its nuclear submarines in excellent condition, but the ships were built to meet exact tolerances and specifications, and it may be more expensive than it's worth — or even impossible — to keep submarines sailing for much longer than their planned lives.

Blake told lawmakers the Navy's projections showed its submarine force dipping to as low as 39 boats — from 55 — and that that could warrant “looking at the inventory and seeing what the best of breed is,” and the possibilities of service life extensions. If that's not feasible, commanders also could look into scheduling longer deployments for the Navy's existing submarines, so they'd spend more time at sea and as such be available for more missions.

Blake also said the Navy was considering trying to add another attack sub to its long-term plan for fiscal 2018, a decision he said would be made next year. The submarine shortfall, which has been a reality for some time as part of the Navy's long-term planning, is a microcosm of its larger shipbuilding situation: The service wants to grow its fleet to at least 313 ships overall, but congressional analysts say it would need billions more dollars than it's likely to get in order to buy enough ships.

Meanwhile, the existing fleet continues to operate at a high tempo: According to the Navy's daily operational update, 26 submarines were underway away from their homeports on Wednesday and 21 of them were on deployment — about a combined 86 percent of the fleet, according to the service.



Remember to bring your donations of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa to the monthly meetings.

Your donations are very much appreciated by the veterans at the Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Clinic.

USS James K. Polk (SSBN 645)

Keel laid: November 23, 1963

Launched: May 22, 1965

Commissioned: April 16, 1966

Sponsor: Mrs. Horacio Rivero, Jr.

Decommissioned: July 8, 1999

Recycled: April 26, 2000

Builder: Electric Boat, Groton, Connecticut

First Commanding Officers

CDR. Frank D. McMullen, Jr. (Blue)

CDR. Robert M. Douglass (Gold)

James K. Polk (SSBN-645), a Benjamin Franklin-class ballistic missile submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for James K. Polk (1795-1849), the eleventh President of the United States.

James K. Polk sailed to Charleston, South Carolina in September 1966 to load out Polaris missiles for her initial deterrent patrol. After completion of the shakedown period, she operated in the Atlantic Ocean and completed 19 strategic deterrent patrols from September 1966 until May 1971.

James K. Polk conducted her first overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia for nuclear refueling and conversion of the weapons system to the Poseidon missile system in July 1971. She completed her conversion in late 1972 and commenced a rigorous schedule of sea trials and exercises. These events culminated in the Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (DASO) of the Poseidon missile system. The DASO afforded the opportunity to test the ship's system, train the crew and launch a Poseidon C-3 missile from the submarine.

James K. Polk commenced Poseidon deterrent patrols in the Atlantic Ocean in May 1973. She conducted her second overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard after completing her 50th deterrent patrol in September 1981. The ship completed overhaul in 1983 and conducted seven more successful patrols.

James K. Polk returned to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in January 1986 for a third overhaul after completing her 58th deterrent patrol. She departed Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in November 1988 and sailed south for commencement of her (DASO). May 1989 marked the beginning of her final series of Poseidon strategic deterrent patrols.

James K. Polk celebrated her 25th year of commissioned service in April 1991 and completed her 66th and final strategic deterrent patrol in August of that year. She completed a nineteen month shipyard conversion which removed her 16 Poseidon missiles in March 1994 and converted her hull classification symbol from SSBN-645 to SSN-645. Since conversion, she has completed two extended deployments to the Mediterranean Sea with Dry Deck shelters and has participated in numerous SPECWAR and NATO exercises.

On 9 January 1999, James K. Polk was deactivated at Norfolk, Virginia. On 8 July 1999 she was decommissioned at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and entered the Nuclear Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program.

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