



OUR ORGANIZATION

Our Mission

The organization will engage in various projects that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyles we enjoy today.

OUR FOUNDERS

OUR BROTHERHOOD

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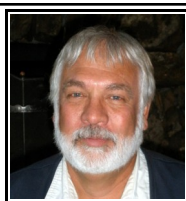
Monthly meetings are scheduled for the
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Meeting @ 1900



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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE OFFICERS



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USS SPADEFISH (SSN-668)
 Qualified MM1(SS)
USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN-663)



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Robert (Bob) Childs

Qualified MMC (SS)
USS Nautilus (SSN 571)
 November 1967
USS Theodore Roosevelt
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 July 1970



BASE SECRETARY
Martin Wesley

Qualified QM2(SS)
USS CUBERA(SS-347)
 in 1968



WEBSITE MASTER
Stuart McGlassen

Qualified ET2 (SS) 1988
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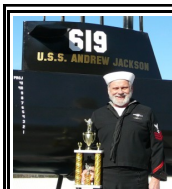
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David is an Associate
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STOREKEEPER
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USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN-663)
 in 1975



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USS SCULPIN (SSN-590)

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, USSVI

Meetings, Greetings, Gatherings & Other Stuff

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - 2018

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Golden Corral
 6612 Clinton Hwy.
 Knoxville, Tennessee 37912



Meetings and Happenings



New Members:

Richard L. Snead, Capt. (SS) - USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-623) 1980
Brian Nichols, STSC (SS) - USS Boston (SSN-703) 1993

December 1 - Newsletter Deadline
 December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
 December 13 - National Guard Established - 1636
 December 20 - SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs)
 December 25 - Christmas Day
 December 26 - First Day of Kwanzaa



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January 1 - New Years Day
 January 17 - SMB Meeting (1800 Hrs)
 January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 1 - Next Newsletter Deadline

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS



SMB Library Books, DVD's and Magazines Ed Sandifer –HT1(SS) Base Librarian

Ed has agreed to bring several items to our monthly meetings. There are over 100 books in our library - check some out!



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**VETERANS
INFORMATION FOR
SMOKY MOUNTAIN
BASE MEMBERS**



The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1078, meets at The Fellowship Church located at 3550 Pleasant Ridge Road, in Knoxville, TN on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6PM (1800 Hrs.)

DUES TIME

It is that time of the year. Annual National and Base dues are now being collected. Pay dues at the base meeting. This is a good time to consider a life membership. Less annual money out of your pocket and you will save money in the long run.

Dues are as follows: **National**

\$25/yr (Oct-Dec \$30 to include the next year)

\$70/3yrs

\$115/5yrs

Life membership

\$100/76+ years of age

\$200/66 thru 75 years of age

\$300/56 thru 65 years of age

\$400/46 thru 55 years of age

\$500/45 years of age and under

Smoky Mountain Base

\$15/year (\$10 after Aug 1st)

Navy Terminology Update 02

► Origins

Every profession has its own jargon and the Navy is no exception. For the Navy, it's *bulkhead*, *deck* and *overhead* and not *wall*, *floor*, and *ceiling*. Some nautical terminology has found its way into everyday use, and you will find the origins of this and some Navy terminology listed below. More terminology will be added from time to time.

Fathom

Fathom was originally a land measuring term derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "faetm" meaning to embrace. In those days, most measurements were based on average size of parts of the body, such as the hand (horses are still measured this way) or the foot (that's why 12 inches are so named). A fathom is the average distance from fingertip to fingertip of the outstretched arms of a man -- about six feet. Since a man stretches out his arms to embrace his sweetheart, Britain's Parliament declared that distance be called a "fathom" and it be a unit of measure. A fathom remains six feet. The word was also used to describe taking the measure or "to fathom" something. Today, of course, when one is trying to figure something out, they are only trying to "fathom" it.



BASE COMMANDERS REPORT MARLIN E. HELMS, JR. MM1 (SS)



I would like to give everyone a bit of an update on the annual convention and cruise. First Lorie and I loved the cruise it was our first. The venue of a cruise in my opinion may not be the best for an annual convention. The attendance was down and many of those who came did not attend many of the convention functions. Normal events in our annual conventions had to be modified due to availability of space and services, the annual awards dinner was an annual awards ceremony due to lack of private dining space. The Kap(SS)4Kids(SS) meeting was in a corner of the auditorium and was hard to hear due to surrounding sound. There were only two vendors and no authors, at a normal convention there is a large room full of vendors and authors. Next year the convention is in Austin Texas August 14, to August 20, 2019 hosted by Central Texas Base and Brazos Valley Base. I plan to attend and the agenda of activities looks good, you can see it on the convention web site <http://ussviconvention.org/2019/>.

The Christmas parade in Karn's has been postponed to the 8th of December this means we will be marching in the Christmas parade in the morning and watching the Army/Navy game at Just1More that afternoon the game starts at 3:00 we should have the float staged outside with our banners on it long before it starts.

I will soon be starting organization of our booth and Tolling of the Boats Ceremony at the Secret City Festival this June 7 - 8, 2019. I am hoping to have our booth moved over near the new Peace Bell location and conducting the Tolling from there as well.

Fraternally,

Marlin Helms, Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans Base Commander



NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT—BRUCE ELTZROTH - ET1(SU)

This two month period saw Smoky Mountain Base members participate in the Navy Ball held in Knoxville, TN (See Page 11); a USSVI Convention Cruise (See Page 12); and also two Veterans Day Parades (See Page 13). The USSVI cruise ship departed from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and took us to Half Moon Cay, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Cayman Islands; and Cozumel, Mexico for sightseeing and shopping and for BOONDOGGLE FODDER (See Pages 14 & 15). Annual Dues are due - (See page 4) for durations, length of terms and pricing.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - ANDY ARMBRUST MM1(SS)

Andy Armbrust, Picnic Committee Chairman - (865) 300-3934 - Nothing to report this issue.

STOREKEEPERS REPORT - JIM BURKHOLDER EM2(SS)

We currently have the following items on hand for sale:

2019 Calendars have arrived, you can pick them up at the next meeting or email me at jimburkholder@reagan.com or call me at 865-317-1577 to get yours. Cost \$8.00 at the meeting, but if mailed \$9.00 to cover postage. Makes a nice Christmas present. Baseball caps w/SMB patch (White or Blue) - \$14.00. Straw Hat w/SMB patch - \$12.00. SMB Iron on Patches - \$7.00. SMB Logo Magnetic Car Plates - \$12.00. SMB Window Stickers - \$3.00. Smoky Mountain Base battery quartz wall Clocks - \$15.00. 2019 USSVI Calendars are now available. Remember all purchases support YOUR BASE.



SMB TREASURERS REPORT - JIM ROCK MM1 (SS)

Treasurers Report: Jim Rock

On Sept. 26th our bank balance was \$1,600.75. As of Nov. 18th, we had a balance of \$1,773.75.





Secretary's Report/Meeting Minutes Martin Wesley



Smoky Mountain Base of USSVI, Inc. Meeting Agenda

Date: November 15, 2018 Time/Location: 1900 hrs, Golden Corral, 6612 Clinton Hwy. Knoxville TN

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

USSVI 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 its constitution."

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

"Tolling of the Bell"

USS Albacore (SS-218) - November 7, 1944 - 86 Men Lost
USS Growler (SS-215) - November 8, 1944 - 85 Men Lost
USS Scamp (SS-277) - November 16, 1944 - 83 Men Lost
USS Corvina (SS-226) - November 16, 1943 - 82 Men Lost

USS Sculpin (SS-191) - November 19, 1943 - 63 Men Lost
USS Capelin (SS-288) - December 9, 1943 - 76 Men Lost
USS Sea Lion (SS-195) - December 10, 1941 - 4 Men Lost
USS F-1 (SS-20) - December 17, 1917 - 19 Men Lost
USS S-4 (SS-109) - December 17, 1927 - 34 Men Lost

Member Introductions: Member introductions (new and previous) for new members and guests.

Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes - Presented by "Wes" Wesley.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Rock (See Page 5)

Correspondence - None Reported

Committee Reports:

Newsletter - Bruce Eltzroth (See Page 5)

Library - Ed Sandifer (See Page 4)

Storekeeper - Jim Burkholder (See Page 5)

Membership - Marlin Helms (See Pages 3 & 5)

Social Committee - Andy Armbrust (See Page 5)

Web Site - Marlin Helms/Stuart McGlasson



Old Business - USSVI and SMB Dues are Due

New Business/Good of the Order - Army/Navy game coming up on December 1st. at Just One More, more from Marlin. Oliver Springs Christmas parade possible with a date to come. We will be in the Karns Christmas parade, more from Marlin. The December meeting is a meet and greet only, no formal meeting.

Next Meeting: - 1900 hrs, Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Golden Corral, 6612 Clinton Hwy. Knoxville, TN

Motion to adjourn - Made and Seconded - Approved



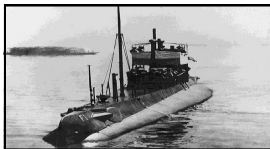
Pre WW-II Lost Boats



USS F-1 (SS-20)

December 17, 1917 19 Men Lost

USS F-1 Photo and write-up courtesy of Wikipedia.



On 17 December 1917, while maneuvering in exercises off Point Loma, San Diego, California, USS F-1 and USS F-3 collided, the former sinking in ten seconds, her port side torn open forward of the engine room. Nineteen of her men were lost; the remaining five were rescued by the submarines with which she was operating.

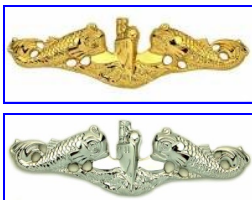
USS S-4 (SS-109)

December 17, 1927 40 Men Lost

USS S-4 Photos and write-up courtesy of Undersea Museum (WA).



On December 17, 1927, the submarine USS S-4 sank after being struck by a Coast Guard destroyer. The boat survived the accident, bottoming in 102 feet of water, but weather thwarted efforts to raise the submarine, which was then the only means of saving survivors. The death of all 40 crew members drove Charles "Swede" Momsen (Right photo) to invent the Momsen lung, a wearable escape device. Find out more about submarine accidents and rescue methods by visiting the museum. S-4 was salvaged at Boston Navy Yard (Left photo) in 1928 and remained in service until stricken in 1936.



Lost Boats of November

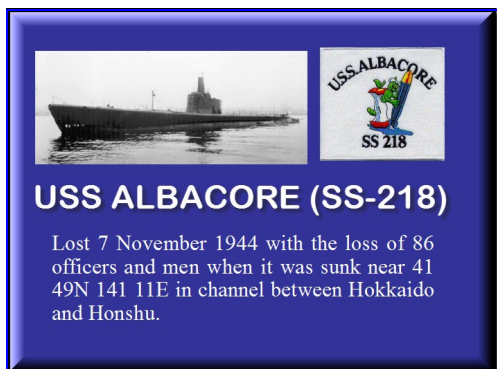


USS Albacore SS-218 - November 7, 1944

86 Men Lost

On October 24, 1944, the **ALBACORE**, captained by Lieutenant Commander Hugh R. Rimmer, left Pearl Harbor for her eleventh and final war patrol. On October 28, 1944, she stopped at Midway Island to top off her fuel tanks. She then headed for her assigned patrol area northeast of Honshu and southeast of Hokkaido. After leaving Midway, she was never heard from again. Based on a review of Japanese records recovered after the war, it was learned that on November 7, 1944, near the geographic coordinates 41° 49' 0.000" N, 141° 11' 0.000" E, the **ALBACORE** struck a mine very close to the shore off southeastern Hokkaido. The underwater explosion was witnessed by the Japanese auxiliary minesweeper Fukuei Maru No. 7, which was conducting an anti-submarine sweep in the area. On December 21, 1944, the **ALBACORE** was listed as lost in action; the official announcement was made on March 27, 1945:

SS-218-Battle Stars



Lieutenant
Commander
H.R. Rimmer

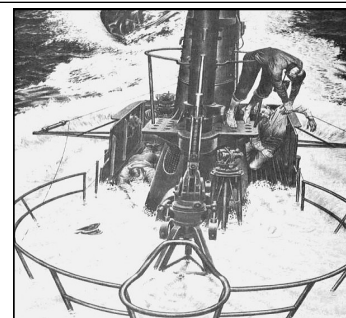
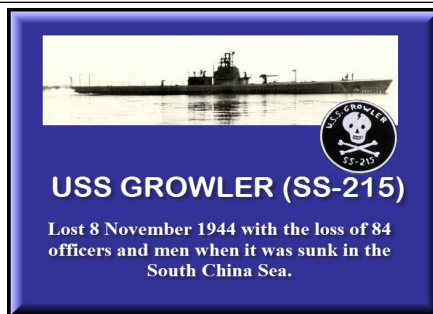


USS Growler SS-215 - November 8, 1944

85 Men Lost

On October 20, 1944, a wolf pack headed by the **GROWLER'S** captain, Commander Thomas "Ben" Oakley, with **USS HAKE (SS-256)** and **USS HARDHEAD (SS-365)**, departed Fremantle. Their destination was west of the Philippine islands where they would operate as a coordinated search and attack group. This departure would mark the beginning of the **GROWLER'S** eleventh and final war patrol. On November 8, 1944, the wolf pack prepared to close a convoy to attack it. The **HAKE** and the **HARDHEAD** were on the opposite side of the convoy from the **GROWLER**. The order to begin attacking the convoy was the last communication ever received from the **GROWLER**. The two other submarines heard what sounded like a torpedo explosion and then a series of depth charges on the **GROWLER'S** side of the convoy. The **HARDHEAD** lined up and sank a 5,300-ton tanker. She was depth-charged heavily by the convoy's escorts. The **HAKE** saw the tanker sink, but was forced to evade and go deep because of the escorts, who kept her on the bottom for sixteen hours, dropping 150 depth charges. After the barrage was over later that night, they attempted to contact the **GROWLER** without success. All additional efforts to contact the **GROWLER** over the next three days also proved futile. She was listed as lost in action.

SS-215-Battle Stars





Lost Boats of November



USS Scamp SS-277 November 16, 1944

83 Men Lost

On October 16, 1944, the **SCAMP**, captained by Commander John Hollingsworth, departed Pearl Harbor for her eighth and final war patrol. On October 20, 1944, she refueled at Midway Island then proceeded to her assigned patrol area near the Bonin Islands. On November 9, 1944, she acknowledged receipt of a radio message ordering her to move to an area off Tokyo Bay. At that time she reported her position to be about 150 miles north of the Bonin Islands, with all twenty-four torpedoes aboard and 77,000 gallons of fuel remaining. The **SCAMP** was never heard from again. On December 21, 1944, she was reported as presumed lost on war patrol in enemy waters. The **SCAMP** was struck from the Navy list on April 28, 1945.



SS-277

Battle Stars



USS SCAMP (SS-277)

Lost 16 November 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men when it was sunk off Inubo Saki near Tokyo Bay.



USS Corvina SS-226 November 16, 1943

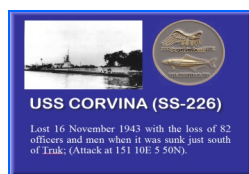
82 Men Lost

On November 4, 1943, the **CORVINA**, captained by Commander Roderick S. Rooney, left Pearl Harbor for her first and final war patrol. She had been ordered to patrol near the Japanese stronghold at Truk Atoll. In particular, she was ordered to be on the lookout for a sortie of Japanese warships, which could possibly endanger the forthcoming American invasion of the Gilbert Islands. On November 6, 1943, the **CORVINA** topped off her fuel tanks at Johnston Island and then headed for her assigned patrol area.

The **CORVINA** assumed her station south of Truk together with sister submarines **USS Blackfish (SS-221)** and **USS Drum (SS-228)**. Lieutenant Commander William Kinsella, **BLACKFISH'S** executive officer, recalled the key events as follows:

*"We were south of Truk with **DRUM** and **CORVINA** when we got a Ultra stating that a Japanese submarine was coming through the area. We were supposed to rendezvous with **DRUM** and **CORVINA**. Just after sunset we got into position where this Japanese submarine was supposed to pop up and sure enough, just at sunset, while we were submerged, it surfaced just to the south of us, not more than 5,000 yards away. It was starting to get dark, and we really could not see through the periscope well enough to ascertain that it was a Japanese submarine. Remembering that **DRUM** and **CORVINA** were in the vicinity we elected not to shoot....As it turned out, we later established contact with **DRUM** and determined it was not him. It was Japanese. We never did see **CORVINA** again....The Jap sub got her."*

Japanese records examined after the war indicated that the IJN submarine I-176 fired three torpedoes at a surfaced American submarine south of Truk Atoll on November 16, 1943. The torpedoes hit the submarine "causing a great explosion sound." The **CORVINA** thus became the only American submarine to be sunk by a Japanese submarine during the war. Ironically, she was the victim of the submarine she was sent to sink.



USS CORVINA (SS-226)

Lost 16 November 1943 with the loss of 82 officers and men when it was sunk just south of Truk; (Attack at 151 10E 5 50N).





Lost Boats of November



USS Sculpin SS-191 November 19, 1943

63 Men Lost

On November 5, 1943, the **SCULPIN** departed Pearl Harbor for her ninth and final war patrol. She had been ordered to patrol north of the Japanese stronghold at Truk Atoll and to attack Japanese forces sortieing from Truk's northern passage during the Gilbert Islands campaign (Operation Galvanic). On November 7, 1943, she topped off her fuel tanks at Johnston Island, and then headed for her assigned patrol area with the **SCULPIN'S** new captain, Commander Fred Connaway, at the helm.

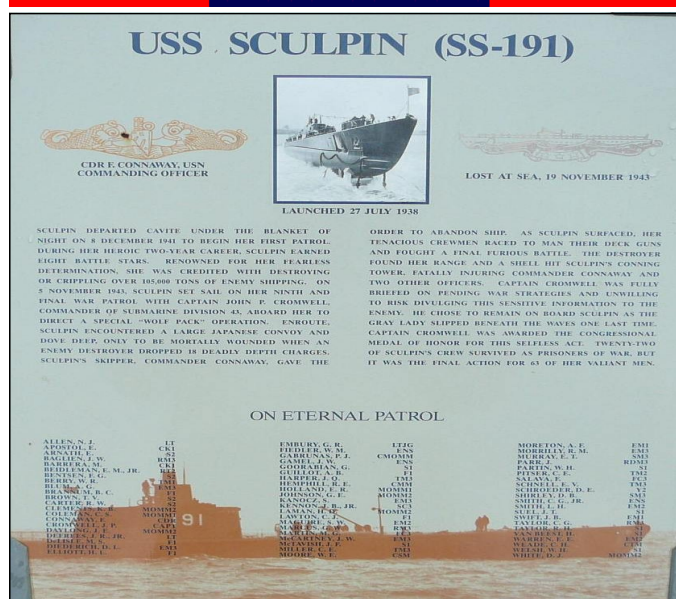
At the direction of Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Captain John P. Cromwell was aboard the **SCULPIN** to coordinate wolf pack operations, as necessary. If activated by Cromwell, the pack would consist of either the **SCULPIN** and the **USS SEARAVEN (SS-196)** or the **SCULPIN** and the **USS APOGON (SS-308)**. Cromwell possessed extensive knowledge of the Operation Galvanic plans and of the Ultra intelligence system. Lockwood had cautioned him not to disclose any information about Operation Galvanic to the **SCULPIN'S** crew to eliminate the possibility of it being extracted from them by the Japanese.

On November 19, 1943, while making a surface end-around run to attack a Japanese convoy, the **SCULPIN** was detected by the IJN destroyer Yamagumo and fatally damaged by depth charges. Due to the heavy damages she was forced to surface and fight the Yamagumo with her deck guns. It was a one-sided engagement. The ensuing gun battle killed Commander Connaway, his executive officer, and the gunnery officer, and inflicted additional damage to the **SCULPIN**. Command of the **SCULPIN** passed to the remaining senior officer, who ordered the boat scuttled and abandoned. After most of the surviving crewmen had escaped, the **SCULPIN** was deliberately flooded with *Captain Cromwell* and eleven other men still aboard, some dead and others there by choice. Cromwell chose to go down with the boat to prevent the enemy from obtaining the secret information he possessed. For this action, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

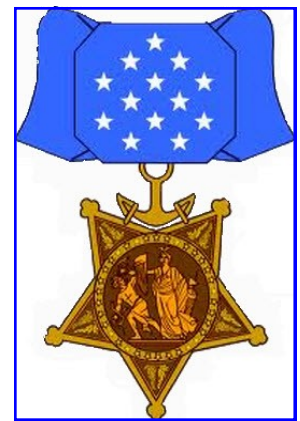
Forty-two of the **SCULPIN'S** crew members were picked up by the Yamagumo. One badly wounded sailor was thrown back in the sea by the Japanese. Two groups of crewmen were embarked on separate aircraft carriers returning to Japan. One group had twenty-one crewmen, and the other twenty. One of them, the escort carrier Chuyo, which was carrying the group with twenty-one crewmen, was sunk by the **USS SAILFISH (SS-192)** and twenty of the American prisoners perished. The one survivor was able to grab hold of a ladder on the side of a passing Japanese destroyer and haul himself aboard it. He was eventually sent to the Ashio copper mines. On December 5, 1943, the other twenty survivors arrived at Ofuna, Japan and were also eventually detailed to the Ashio copper mines for the duration of the war.

USS Sculpin Memorial Plaque at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

SS-191- Battle Stars



Captain John P. Cromwell MEDAL OF HONOR





Lost Boats of December



USS Sealion - SS-195 December 10, 1941

4 Men Lost

Upon the outbreak of the Pacific war on December 7, 1941, the **SEALION**, captained by Lieutenant Commander Richard G. Voge, had been deployed to the Far East and was at the Cavite Navy Yard near Manila undergoing an overhaul. On December 10, 1941, Japanese aircraft attacked that facility. The **SEALION** was struck by two bombs dropped by Japanese naval Mitsubishi bombers of the First Air Corps, 21st Air Flotilla, 11th Air Fleet, flying from Tainan, Formosa. The bombs caused extensive internal and external damage and left the **SEALION** with about forty percent of her main deck underwater and with a fifteen degree list to starboard. She was destroyed on December 25, 1941 by exploding three depth charges within the submarine to prevent possible use by the enemy. Four of her crewmembers were killed during the attack. The **SEALION** thus became the first American submarine lost in World War II.



USS Capelin - SS-288 December 9, 1943

76 Men Lost

On October 30, 1943, the **CAPELIN**, captained by Commander Elliott E. Marshall, left Port Darwin on her first war patrol. She was on a special mission to pick up downed aviators from an Army B-24 that went down on Celebes. En route the special mission was canceled and Marshall was ordered to patrol in the Molucca, Flores, and Banda Seas instead. On November 11, 1943, the **CAPELIN** spotted a convoy northwest of Ambon Island. Marshall reported sinking two merchant vessels in this convoy. Two escorting destroyers attacked the **CAPELIN** with depth charges, but the submarine did not take any damage. The **CAPELIN** ended her first patrol at Darwin on November 16, 1943. After undergoing a refit and repairs to a defective conning tower hatch, bow plane, and a malfunctioning radar tube, she got underway for her second war patrol on November 17, 1943, in the same areas as her first patrol.

On December 1, 1943, Lieutenant Commander Walter Griffith, captain of the **USS Bowfin (SS-287)** was returning to Fremantle after a patrol off Indochina. He sighted the **USS Bonefish (SS-223)** and the **USS Capelin** in the Makassar Strait, and then continued on to Fremantle. Commander Thomas Hogan in the **BONEFISH** was busy tracking a convoy. Later Hogan wrote: "On December 2, we sighted **CAPELIN** ... heading west about 10 miles off the coast [of Celebes]. He was about 5 miles away and dove right away. By sonar I told him who I was, about the convoy, and named him by his nickname: 'Steam.' I told him that since he was in the area I was going to leave what was left of the convoy to him and would continue on to my patrol area. He receipted for the message by sonar. I left and did not see him again."

The findings of fact for the investigation into the loss of the **CAPELIN** lists the **Bonefish's** geographic position as 1° 10' 0.000" N, 123° 49' 60.000" E, when Commander Hogan sighted the **CAPELIN** to seaward at a range of about five miles.



SS-289

Battle Star





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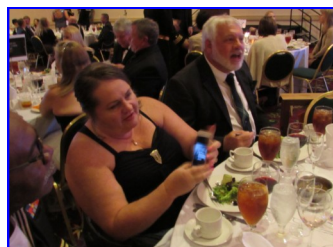
This years Navy Ball was held at the Hotel Knoxville. The guest speaker was the new Knoxville County Mayor, Glenn Jacobs (Photo 7 - with Marlin and Lorie Helms). The Master of Ceremonies was Ted Gunner Ousley, longtime broadcaster on WIVK in Knoxville, Tennessee, and CMA awards winner.



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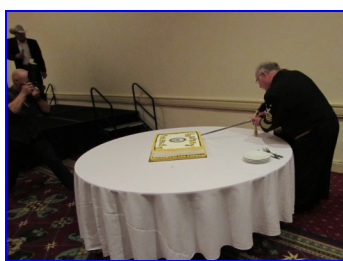
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There were several members of SMB in attendance, nine total, including Marlin and Lorie Helms (Photo 3), Ryan and Carmen Smith (Photo 2), Terry McBride and Yvette (Photo 4), Bruce & Pat Eltzroth (not shown), and "Gunner" Greg McKinney (Photo 8). (Photo 1) shows the salad plate at the start of the dinner. (Photos 5 and 6) show the birthday cake and the cutting of it by the oldest and youngest (hidden in the photo) sailors at the event. (Photo 6) also shows Gunner Ousley in the cowboy hat on the far left.

The Knoxville Navy Ball, an annual event, presented by The Navy League of Knoxville and the Navy Operational Support Center was held to celebrate the United States Navy's 243rd year! The Dress Code was: Dinner or Service Dress Blues or Formal Attire.

This event also celebrates the US Navy's Birthday, when the Continental Navy was originally established on October 13, 1775. Then in 1789, the Constitution of the United States empowered the Congress to "provide and maintain a Navy". The Department of the Navy was subsequently established by Congress on April 30, 1798. Finally in 1972, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, authorized the recognition of 13 October, as the Navy's official Birthday. (Photos & Story by Bruce Eltzroth)



Argentine Submarine - ARA San Juan (S-42) Wreckage Found

Photos and Story Courtesy of Wikipedia



On 15 November 2017, ARA *San Juan* (S-42) stopped communicating during a routine patrol in the South Atlantic off the coast of Argentina. A multi-nation search operation was mounted to locate the submarine, which was believed to have suffered an electrical malfunction. Within hours of *San Juan's* last transmission, reports describe an acoustic anomaly consistent with an implosion, detected in the vicinity of the vessel's last known location. On 30 November, hopes of rescuing the crew alive were abandoned.

On 16 November 2018, the Argentine Navy reported that *Seabed Constructor*, a ship of the United States hydrographic survey firm Ocean Infinity, had found *San Juan* through a remote submersible. The wreck was located approximately 600 km east of Comodoro Rivadavia, at a depth of 900 meters (3,000 ft). The submarine was complete, although imploded, with wreckage strewn up to 70 meters (230 ft) from the hull.





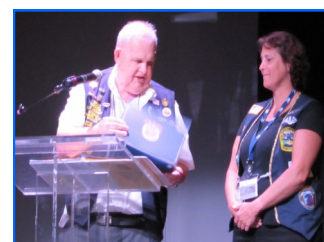
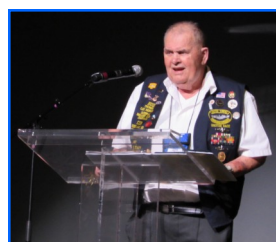
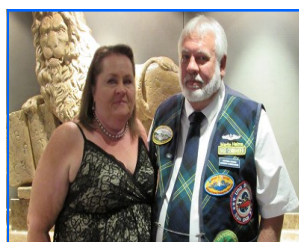
2018 USSVI CONVENTION CRUISE



This year's 2018 USSVI Convention was held onboard the Holland American Lines newest cruise ship Nieuw Amsterdam. A majority of the events of the Convention took place between October 21 and October 28, 2018 on the two "At Sea" days. There were about 500 total USSVI personnel on board, about half were USSVI members and the other half were family members. This was billed as a Western Caribbean cruise even though it took place mostly on the eastern portion of the Caribbean Sea. There were stops at four different ports of call that were open to "Liberty" at the discretion of the members. Those were: Half Moon Cay, Bahamas (Holland American's private island); Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Cayman Islands; and Cozumel, Mexico.

During the "At Sea" days there were meetings, reunions, presentations, awards ceremonies, KAPPS4KIDDS discussions and dining. Speaking of dining, the food was excellent (as is always the case on cruise ships), but the specialty restaurants were really something to write home about!

(Photos and Story by Bruce Eltzroth)



The photos above from left to right are: Lorie and Marlin Helms onboard the Nieuw Amsterdam, the Andrew Jackson Base (SSBN-619) group meeting, Edwin (Bud) Atkins, Holland Club Chairman, announcing the Awards Ceremony introduction and also making a presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Kim Hedges of AAA for her organization of the cruise for the USSVI.

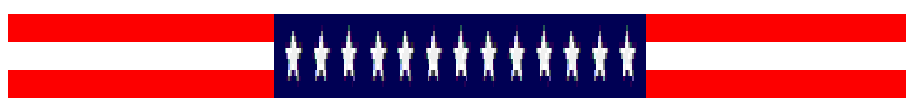


Photos above from left to right are Keynote Speaker James Harvey, Captain (SS); Tom Conlon (former USSVI National Secretary), John Stanford (USSVI National Awards Chairman), and Wayne Standerfer (the current USSVI National Commander).



Photos above from left to right are Presentation of the Joe Negri award to Edwin (Bud) Atkins by John Markiewicz (the former USSVI National Commander). Center photo shows the five former recipients of the Joe Negri Award (there are now six). And on the right is WW-II Veteran Anthony (Tony) Faella who qualified submarines in 1942.

(Photos and Story by Bruce Eltzroth)



2018 VETERAN'S DAY PARADE – KNOXVILLE, TN - 11/9/2018



(1) (Photo by Lorie Helms)



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Photo (1): From left to right: Jim Rock, Bruce Eltzroth, Fred Baker, Gary Davis, John Kisvardi, Dick Love, Marlin Helms, Charlie Weller, John Augustine, and Martin (Wes) Wesley in front of the SMB's Float - USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619). Photo (2): Charlie Weller (WW-II Veteran) and his chauffeur "Wes" Wesley. Photo (3): Charlie Weller's Qual. Boat decal - the USS Sennett (SS-408).

This year's Knoxville Veteran's Day Parade was held on Friday the 9th of November and it was a rainy, dreary, cold day, to say the least. Only 10 of the base members and Lorie Helms managed to attend; and there were not many more spectators than that either. Our float - the USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) was a big hit and the crowd at the viewing stand was treated to two WW-II veterans, our own Charlie Weller (Photo 2 above) and Ruble Harrison a 100 year old Army Veteran (Photo 4 below). (Photo 5 below) shows John Augustine and Gary Davis carrying the SMB banner with Marlin Helms walking alongside of Wes Wesley's car and Photo (6) captures the float making the turn onto Gay Street in downtown Knoxville. Dinner and drinks at the Carolina Ale House in West Knoxville after the parade made the trip well worth the effort.

(Story and remaining Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)



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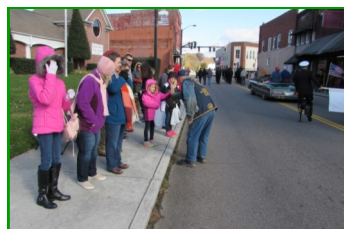
CLINTON, TN VETERANS DAY PARADE CELEBRATION - 11/10/2018



(7) (Photo by Lorie Helms)



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The Anderson County Veterans Day Parade in Clinton, TN on Saturday was colder than the parade in Knoxville the day before, but the sun was shining on us this day! Photo (7): shows our Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) float and includes participants: from left to right: Dick Love, John Augustine, Terry McBride, David and Julia Pope, Marlin Helms, Jim Rock, Anderson County Representative Steven Mead, and Bruce Eltzroth. Photo (8): Jim Rock and Representative Mead in front of the float. Photo (9): shows John Augustine giving a high-5 to one of the young parade viewers. Photo (10): was taken at the Golden Girls lunch in Clinton after the parade and includes (from left to right) Terry McBride, Bruce Eltzroth, Jim Rock, John Augustine, Lorie Helms, Marlin Helms, David and Julia Pope and Leon Jaquet and his wife. One of the patrons (unknown to us) paid for all of our meals and we all greatly appreciated the gesture on this Veterans Day!

(Story and remaining Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)





BOONDOGGLES OF THE MONTH YAH-MON!

(For those who missed the cruise)



When there's a reason to make the most out of an opportunity, one should make hay while the sun shines! (I love cliché's). One such opportunity was the USSVI's Annual Convention that was held aboard the Holland American Cruise Line's Nieuw Amsterdam Cruise Ship. One reason to take advantage of this for my wife Pat and I was to go to places that we had never been before. Yes, we have both been to all 50 of the United States, and yes, I have been to all of the continents in the Northern Hemisphere. But neither of us had been to any of the Eastern Caribbean Countries. So when the opportunity presented itself, we took the cruise. It was a fantastic cruise! We made the most of the ports of call that the ship would pull into, and the land tours that were available at each port of call.



Our first port of call was Half Moon Cay, Bahamas where we signed up for two land tours. Half Moon Cay is an island that is exclusive to the Holland American Cruise Line. Before we got our first liberty, there was a rainbow waiting there for us! (Photo 1). Our first tour was the "Calypso Island Tram". The tram took us around the island and showed us all of the amenities that are available there. (Photo 2) shows us the "cooling of the horses" where any riders can ride their horses for a "swim" in the water to help cool them from the heat. There was also an opportunity for some to get into the water with the Sting Rays and other hungry fish, with fish food to feed them (Photos 3 & 4). (Story and Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)



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Our second tour was on a Glass Bottom Boat which took us out to sea to an unspoiled reef that is known for its groupers, stingrays, sharks, angel fish, snapper and other marine life (Photo 5). We were lucky to see dolphin as well (Photo 6). Also we viewed different species of corals, such as elkhorn, staghorn, fire coral and brain coral (Photo 7).



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The next Port of Call was Ocho Rios, Jamaica (where we learned to say "yah-mon" whenever a "yes" is the correct response). There we took a bus tour through the city of Ocho Rios and to the Coyaba River Gardens. The city tour took us through the heart of the city featuring many shops (Photo 8), spacious villas (Photo 9) and multi-story resorts (Photo 10). The tour continued through Fern Gully Gorge (Photo 11), then to the Coyaba River Gardens. (More on page 15)



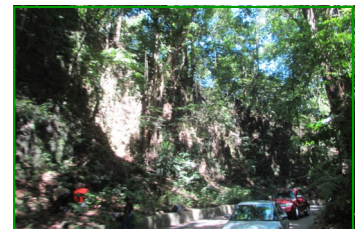
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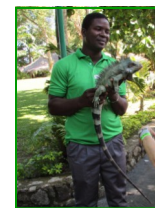
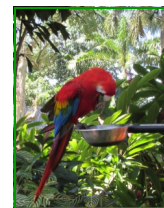
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BOONDOGGLES OF THE MONTH (Continued)



The Coyaba River Gardens contained a plethora of plants and flowers, and several exotic birds and reptiles below.



Coyaba River Gardens borders on the Konoko Falls (Photos 1 & 2 below) which is a cascading water fall. Jamaica is also famous for singer Bob Marley (Photo 3), Usain Bolt (Olympic Record Holder), and the famous Jamaican Olympic Bobsled Team (Photo 4).



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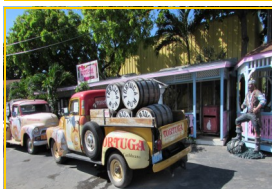


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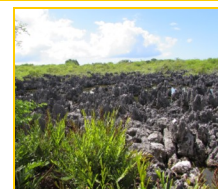


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Our third port of call was at Georgetown, Grand Cayman Islands. These islands are most famous for their DUTY-FREE status with the British Empire. But they are also famous for their Rum (Photo 1 below). There is a small town called "Hell" named for the topography (Photo 2). "Hell" has a post office where one can buy a postcard to mail home with the "Hell" postmark. (Photo 3). The Cayman Turtle Center (Photo 4) boasts of Green Sea Turtles weighing up to 600 pounds (Photo 5) and endangered Kemp's Ridley's turtles. They also have a turtle pond where one can touch and/or pick up turtles (with some supervision) (Photo 6).



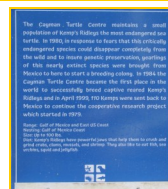
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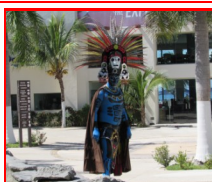
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Our fourth and final port of call would be at Cozumel, Mexico. With so many things to do in Cozumel, and so many different choices, we decided to take a tour of the entire island. That way we would have the opportunity to see several of the island's sights and get a good flavor of the diversity. Our trip circled the island and stopped at signature vantage points for photographing the breath-taking scenery. Chankanaab Beach Park was our first stop (Photo 1 below). There we were met by an Aztec Warrior in "authentic" costume (Photo 2). That was followed by a tequila tasting experience like no other (Photo 3). Yes we sampled all of them! Then we visited the Punta Sur Eco Reserve and Punta Celarain Lighthouse where the climb to the top wore me out! (Photos 4 & 5)



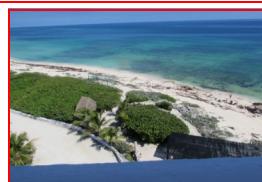
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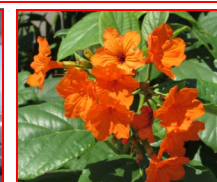
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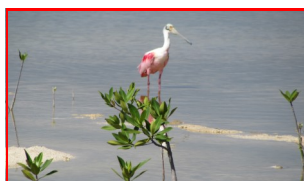
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The island was full of flora (Photo 6 above) and fauna including a Roseate Spoonbill (Photo 7). And what more could one ask for but to spend an evening at Margaritaville before the ship's long night back to Fort Lauderdale? (Photo 8)

(Story and Photos by Bruce Eltzroth)



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USSVI APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular ☐ Life ☐ Associate ☐

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 & its Constitution."

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. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

☐ I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)

(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

☐ I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____ Tel: (_____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Your E-Mail Address _____ Base/Chapter Desired: _____

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____

Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$115.00; 3 Yr term: \$70.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$25.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$30.00;
Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00;

Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Consult the local base for those figures.

How did you find USSVI? ☐ Friend, ☐ Boat Assn, ☐ Local Event/News, ☐ Internet, ☐ Other (_____)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member? (Mandatory for Associate Members) _____

Associate Applicant is: ☐ Veteran, ☐ Spouse of Veteran, ☐ Other (specify) _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ If other military service, What Branch? _____

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

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