



"To Honor Those Who Serve, Past, Present, and Future".
"The USSVI Submariner's 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. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the **United States of America and its Constitution.**



OUR ORGANIZATION

OUR FOUNDERS

OUR BROTHERHOOD

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.

Scheduled Meetings

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at:

Mimi's Café
10945 Parkside Drive,
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
 Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
 Meeting @ 1900

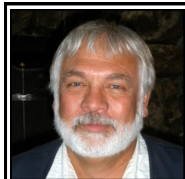
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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE OFFICERS



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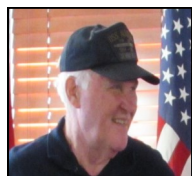


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BASE SECRETARY
Robert (Bob) Childs



Qualified MMC (SS)

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November 1967

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
(SSBN 600 - Blue Crew) July 1970



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JIM ROCK



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Staff Instructor - S1W, IDAHO
USS SCULPIN (SSN-590)



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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, USSVI Meetings, Greetings, Gatherings & Other Stuff

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - 2022

Meetings and Happenings

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10945 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934
Dinner @ 1800,
Meeting @ 1900

New and/or prospective Members and their families are welcome to join us!

New Members:

Earle Wright -
Jacob Manges - SSBN 730, QUAL-2020



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December 7: Pearl Harbor Day
December 15: Subvet Meeting
December 18: Hanukkah
December 21: Winter Solstice
December 25: Christmas Day
December 31: New Year Eve

January 1: New Year Begins
January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19: Subvet Meeting
January 22: Lunar New Year

December 2022

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

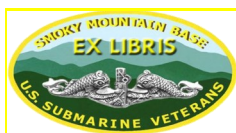


SMB Library Books, DVD's and Magazines

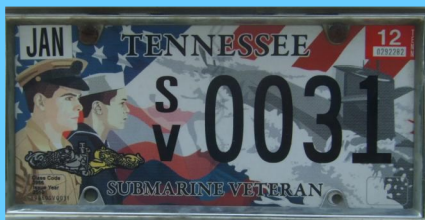
Ed Sandifer –ENS(SS)

Base Librarian

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



If you haven't already gotten your "SUBMARINE VETERANS" license plate, they are available at your local County Clerks office. Be sure to take a copy of your DD-214 when you apply. Also they cost a few bucks extra.



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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 1800.

We desperately need more members in USSVI. We are not alone either. EVERY organization out there is in decline. The American Legion, VFW, AMVETS etc. etc. etc. ALL are having trouble getting new or younger members. It is puzzling why. So, my request to you all is to put your thinking cap on and see if you can think of something that we can do or something new we CAN do to get new or younger members. Is there some way to find and attract new members? After all, we aren't the goat locker, the goats meet once a month at the "Field House". We are submariners and we are brothers, the fouled anchor and rank or rate have no importance to us here. The ONLY thing that matters are those dolphins we earned.

Thom Peschke (SMB Vice Commander)

RECIPE INPUT FROM THE VICE

GERMAN APPLE PANCAKE

Yeah, your Vice is a bit of a chef OK guys... you want to be a hero to Mama? Give her THIS for breakfast...

A 10-inch ovenproof skillet is necessary for this recipe; I highly recommend using a nonstick skillet for the sake of easy cleanup, but a regular skillet will work as well. You can also use a cast-iron pan; if you do, set the oven temperature to 425 degrees in step 1, and when cooking the apples in step 3, cook them only until just barely golden, about 6 minutes. Cast iron retains heat better than stainless steel, making the higher oven temperature unnecessary. If you prefer tart apples, use Granny Smiths; if you prefer sweet ones, use Braeburns or for a nice well rounded flavor McIntosh, but, the Mac's seem to get mushy if over handled in the pan. For serving, dust the apple pancake with confectioners' sugar and pass warm maple syrup or caramel sauce (recipe linked) separately, if desired.



BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT MARLIN E. HELMS, JR. MM1-(SS)



I am now using Mail Chimp to message members and those on the Scuttlebutt list. I will expand the categories in the future. Currently the members list includes dues paying members, some past members who have moved away or are not able to make meetings anymore but want to stay in touch, and some interested parties who may want to become members. The scuttlebutt list includes wives/girlfriends, widows of past members, and caretakers. There are currently 92 people on the two lists. Most messages on the Smoky Mountain Base IMC will include both lists for the near future. I initiated the Scuttlebutt list after some complaints that they were not told about upcoming events. I will try to include submarine articles that I have posted on our Facebook page. We will be at Just1More for the Army/Navy game on the 10th of December. The game kicks off at 3:00 but come earlier to help set up the float and watch some spirit spots before the game. More to come via Smoky Mountain Base IMC. I am still working on a base operating manual but will not schedule a business meeting until after the holidays.



BASE VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT THOM PESCHKE (MMCM) - (SS)



Greetings from the Vice! I hope that you had a GREAT Veterans day and celebrated your service. As I write this we desperately need more members in USSVI. We are not alone either. EVERY organization out there is in decline. The American Legion, VFW, AMVETS etc. etc. etc. ALL are having trouble getting new or younger members. It is puzzling why. So, my request to you all is to put your thinking cap on and see if you can think of something that we can do or something new we CAN do to get new or younger members. Is there some way to find and attract new members? After all, we aren't the goat locker, the goats meet once a month at the "Field House". We are submariners and we are brothers, the fouled anchor and rank or rate have no importance to us here. The ONLY thing that matters are those dolphins we earned. We desperately need more members in USSVI. We are not alone either. EVERY organization out there is in decline. The American Legion, VFW, AMVETS etc. etc. etc. ALL are having trouble getting new or younger members. It is puzzling why. So, my request to you all is to put your thinking cap on and see if you can think of something that we can do or something new we CAN do to get new or younger members. Is there some way to find and attract new members? After all, we aren't the goat locker, the goats meet once a month at the "Field House". We are submariners and we are brothers, the fouled anchor and rank or rate have no importance to us here. The ONLY thing that matters are those dolphins we earned.



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



This issue of the SMB Newsletter contains an article about SMB's participation in a Tolling of the Boats Ceremony at Ben Atchley Veterans' Homes and the SMB October monthly meeting at Mimi's Café are on page 11. The October SMB picnic at Lakeshore Pavilion and the November SMB Business meeting are featured on page 12. The Veterans Day parade and the November SMB monthly meeting are covered on page 13.



PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—ANDY ARMBRUST, MM1(SS)



Andy Armbrust reported we will have a fall social at the Concord Yacht Club, October 22, 2022, at 11:00 AM. We will eat at 12:00 PM. Alcohol is allowed at the club. Andy is providing the pulled pork, lemonade, tea. Everyone bring a dish to share. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The pass code for the gate will be included in his email.



STOREKEEPER'S REPORT - DICK MITCHELL, ET1(SS)



We currently have the Several Items on hand for sale:
Dick Mitchell reported that he had purchased various items for sale and ordered the 2023 calendars which are on hand now. He also encouraged the crew members to purchase items. Dick will bring several items to each monthly meeting for purchase.
Remember all purchases support YOUR Smoky Mountain Base.



SMB TREASURER'S REPORT—JIM ROCK, MM1 (SS)



As of September 1st, we had a balance of \$1,449.39.
As of September 15th, our bank balance was: \$2352.49.





Secretary's Report/Meeting Agenda Thom Peschke - MMCM (SS)



Smoky Mountain Base of USSVI, Inc. Meeting Agenda



Date: October 20, 2022 Time/Location: 1900 hrs, at Mimi's Café, Parkside Drive, Knoxville TN

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 1905 hrs

Invocation: David Pope, Base Chaplain, presented the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Marlin Helms, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the USSVI Creed.

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. We 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.

Secretary Bob Childs led Tolling of the Bell for lost boats of October with the COB - Terry McBride.

Member Introductions: Terry McBride (COB) hosted member introductions.

Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes – Bob Childs read the August minutes - Motion to approve accepted.

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

Correspondence – None Reported

Committee Reports:

- **Newsletter – Bruce Eltzroth** (See Page 5).
- **Library – Marlin Helms** reported that we are looking for a new librarian to replace Ed Standiffer.
- **Storekeeper – Dick Mitchell** (See Page 5).
- **Membership – Thom Peschke** presented members folders to define the purpose of our meeting. As Veterans, wear your vests and shirts to church on Veterans Day. Tom passed out the sign in sheet for attendance
- **Social Committees – Andy Armbrust** (See Page 5)
- **Web Master – Marlin Helms / Stuart McGlasson** - No changes.

Old Business – Tolling of the Bells for the residents at Ben Athchley Tennessee Veterans' Home, Friday, October 21, 2022, at 2 PM. No more than ten (10) people can be accommodated. Local and National dues are due for 2023. The Base Commander needs to mail the National dues by December 31, 2022.

New Business, – The Smoky Mountain Base Subvets will march in the Knoxville Veterans Parade in Knoxville, TN on November 11, 2022. Parade starts at 10:40. Meet by 9:40 in the vicinity of the Coliseum. Look for the submarine!

Good of the Order

- **Next Meeting:** - 1900 hrs, Thursday, November 17, 2022 at **Mimi's Café, 0945 Parkside Dr., Knoxville, TN - 37934.**



Pre WW-II Lost Boats

Pre WW-II Photos and write-ups
Courtesy of Wikipedia.

USS F-1 (SS-20) December 17, 1917 19 Men Lost

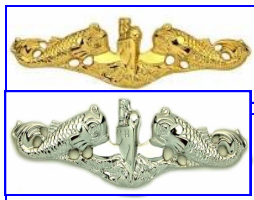


On 17 December 1917, while maneuvering in exercises off Point Loma, San Diego, California, USS F-1 and USS F-3 collided, the former sinking in ten seconds, her port side torn open forward of the engine room. Nineteen of her men were lost; the remaining five were rescued by the submarines with which she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

USS S-4 (SS-109) December 17, 1927 40 Men Lost



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. S-4 was salvaged at Boston Navy Yard (Left photo) in 1928 and remained in service until stricken in 1936.



WW-II Lost Boats

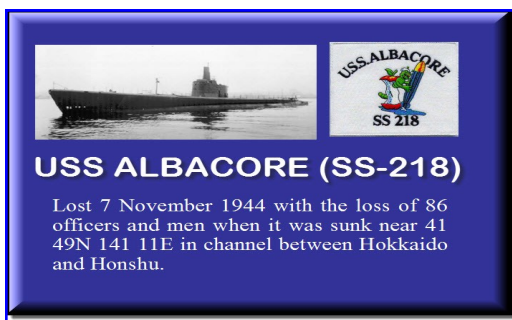


Lost Boats of November

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 antisubmarine 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- BattleStars

Lieutenant
Commander
H.R. Rimmer

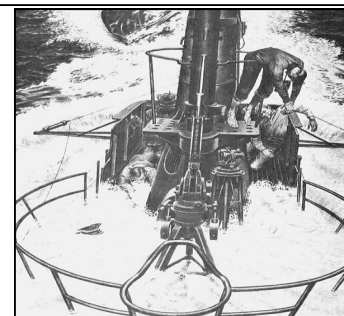
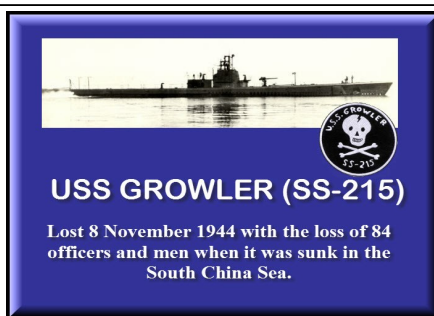


USS Growler SS-215 - November 8, 1944

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





WW-II Lost Boats

Lost Boats of November



USS Scamp SS-277 November 16, 1944



**SS-277
Battle Stars**

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.



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.

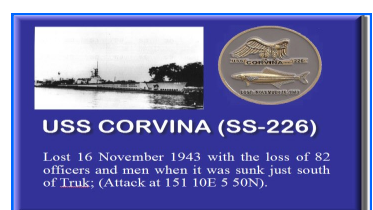


USS Corvina SS-226 November 16, 1943

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).

ETERNAL PATROL



Lost Boats of November



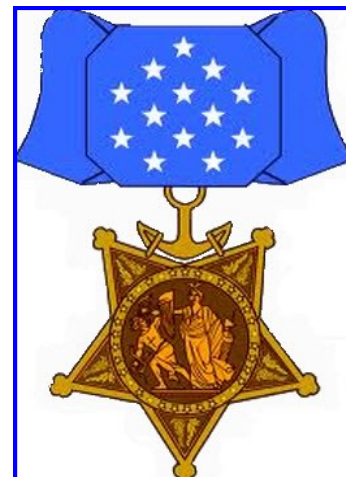
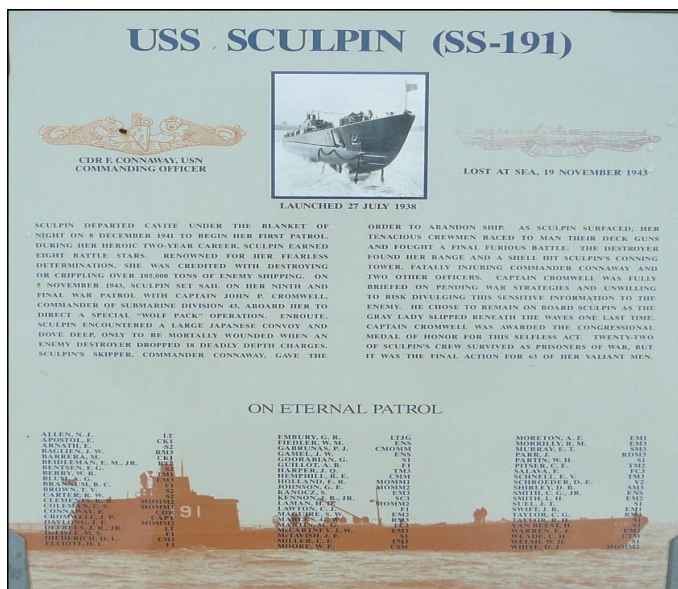
USS Sculpin SS-191 November 19, 1943

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.





Lost Boats of December



USS Sealion - SS-195 December 10, 1941

4 Men Lost

At 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

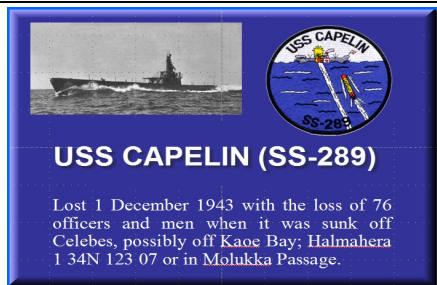
76 Men Lost

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
1 Battle Star



Lost 1 December 1943 with the loss of 76 officers and men when it was sunk off Celebes, possibly off Kaoe Bay; Halmahera 1 34N 123 07 or in Molukka Passage.





SMB's October Meeting at Mimi's Café

(Photos and story by Bruce Eltzroth)



The October SMB monthly meeting at Mimi's Café had a light turnout. Marlin Helms (Base Commander) indicated that we need a new librarian. Thom Peschke (Base Vice Commander) passed out the attendance sheet. Andy Armbrust discussed the fall picnic plans (see photos and discussion on page 12). Marlin Helms verified SMB's participation in the Knoxville Veterans Day parade with the SMB float, and noted that 2023 USSVI dues are due.

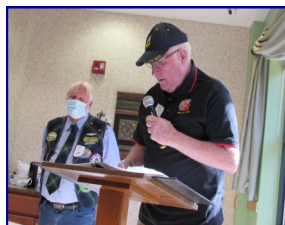
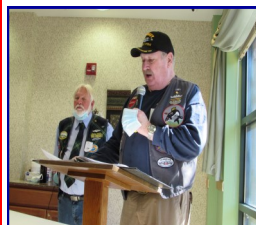
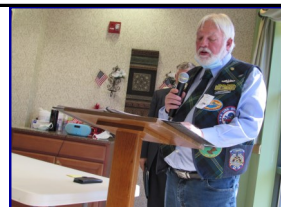


October 2022 Tolling of the Bells at Ben Atchley Veterans Home

(Photos and story by Bruce Eltzroth)



The first two photos below show the **Veterans at Ben Atchley** that participated with the Smoky Mountain Base in the tolling of the bells for the submariners lost throughout the history of the U.S. Submarine service. The third & fourth photos depict the Guest Speaker **Leon Jacquet, (Veterans Service Officer)** and **Marlin Helms (SMB Base Commander)** presenting the opening ceremony. The fifth photo is SMB's **Fred Baker** reading the first part of the WW-II lost boats. The fifth photo has SMB's **Bob Childs** reading the second part of the WW-II lost boats. Not shown are SMB's **Terry McBride**, Chief of the Boat reading the post WW-II lost boats and **Bruce Eltzroth** reading the Pre-WW-II lost boats. The last two photos are the **East Tennessee Honor Guard** presenting the colors and also the 21 gun rifle salute for the lost boats and sailors.



THE SUNSHINE LADY FORM



The following information is needed so we may celebrate the special days in your lives such as birthdays, anniversaries, and your qualification date. It would also be appreciated if you would let us know about health or major events in your life so we may offer support and encouragement in those times as well. Thank you to all who have already given their information, and we hope everyone else will send it as soon as possible to: marlinhelms@gmail.com.

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October 2022 SMB Picnic at Lakeshore Park

(Photos & Story by Bruce Eltzroth)



This year's fall SMB picnic was held at the Concord Yacht Club in Knoxville TN on October 26, 2022 (first 2 photos below). The turnout was good with 4 full tables of members and their families (photos 3 & 4). In addition to the BBQ pork provided by Program Chairman Andy Armbrust, each family brought "fixins"- (see the last 4 photos) to go along with the BBQ. After the food was devoured, several games were played and a lot of "sea stories" were told.

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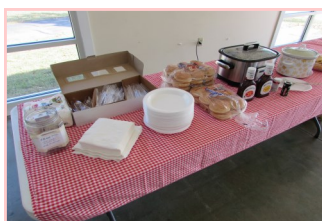
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November 2022 SMB Business Meeting



The November 2022 SMB Business meeting centered around the update of the SMB Base Operating Manual. It was held at Crafters Brew in Oak Ridge, TN. Topics of discussion included: recognition of SMB Plank owners, input from committee chairs on their positions and a financial section. Also an annual audit of the financial section should be added. Only 4 members and 2 spouses attended the meeting (see center photo above).

(Photos & Story by Bruce Eltzroth)



2022 Knoxville, TN Veterans Day Parade



The Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans participated in a wet, soggy Veterans Day Parade in Knoxville, TN on Veterans Day, Friday November 11th. Photos 1,2 &3 show the float at various angles prior to the start of the parade. Photos 4 and 5 show the turnout of some other floats in the parade. Photo 6 gives an idea of the viewer participation at the start of the parade. Photos 7, 8, 9 &10 are of the float and the SMB members participating in the parade. Photos 11 & 12 show ten of the 13 members of the base who met at Calhoun's in Turkey Creek for dinner after the parade.



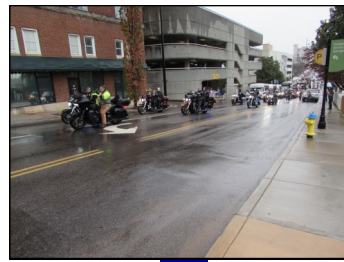
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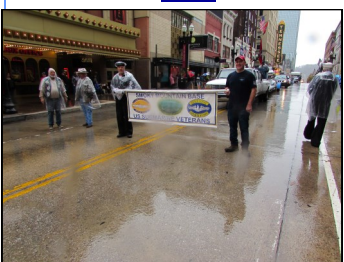
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November 2022 SMB Monthly Meeting



This month's SMB meeting saw fewer members participating mainly due to the weather. Two new prospective members: Earle Wright and Henery M. Jackson attended and are in the process of signing up for the duration.





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? _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ Mil Retired (Y/N): _____ On Active Duty? (Y/N): _____

YR entered Mil Service: _____ YR left Mil Service _____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

☐ 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.

☐ Check here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

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4. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

5. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ Relationship: _____ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Daughter, Parent, Other)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel: _____

(Leave this address line blank if it is the same as your home address)

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