

# RIDING THE VENTS

## Our Creed



To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and it's Constitution.

## USSVI Tang Base News Letter

### NEWS LETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Monthly news letter to keep base members, families and friends informed of the activities and events of the Tampa Bay, Tang Base. And most importantly to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties aboard U.S Navy Submarines.



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#### TANG BASE Meeting at Post #104

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



#### Next Meeting September 21st 2024

Monthly Meeting  
**American Legion Post #7**  
1760 Turner St,  
Clearwater, FL 33756  
Social time 11AM,  
Meal 11:30AM  
Meeting Starts at 12:00PM



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

**Lost Boats for September**

<b>Name of Submarine</b>	<b>Approximate Date of Loss</b>	<b>Number of Men Lost</b>
<u>S-5 (SS-110)</u>	1-Sep-20	0
<u>GRAYLING (SS-209)</u>	9-Sep-43	77
<u>POMPANO (SS-181)</u>	17-Sep-43	77
<u>S-51 (SS-162)</u>	25-Sep-25	33
<u>CISCO (SS-290)</u>	28-Sep-43	76

**Sailors, Rest your Oars**

**Lord, these departed shipmates with Dolphins on their chests are part of an outfit known as the best. Make them welcome and take them by the hand you'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land. So, Heavenly Father add these names to the roll of our departed shipmates on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memory alive; and also, for all our shipmates currently serving and those of us still here and for all our futures**

**The Binnacle list, is any of our Shipmates, Families or Friends that could use a little help with good thoughts or prayer. Please Keep the Tang Base Chaplain and POC Updated for those that desire to have cards sent**

**Base Chaplain : Joel Grainger,  
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**Prayer for our brothers and friends in need.**

**Heavenly Father, we are so helpless, We care so much for our brothers and friends, They are special to all of us, It hurts us to see them suffering. And while we cannot be with them Lord, You be with them please. Be with those who attend them. Comfort those who love them and need them, As well as those who must wait.. Amen**

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**Command Corner**  
By Commander Mike Cailor  
and Vice Commander Robert Brady



## September Commander's Corner

The hardest part of getting old is not the weaking body but the loss of friends. I am sorry to inform you shipmate Philip Beals went on Final Patrol on July 8, 2024.

Thankyou COB, Jerry Anderson, for the rotisserie chicken sliders and all the fixings.

We had a presentation by the principles of the West Central Florida Honor Flight. Thankyou Joel Grainger for arranging the presentation. If you are interested in taking a **free**, escorted, one day trip, to see the monuments in Washington D.C. you can contact the Linda Johnson at [vetcoordinator@honorflightwcf.org](mailto:vetcoordinator@honorflightwcf.org). Joel Grainger is looking for members to go to St. Joesph for a **Kaps for Kids Day**. Please contact Joel if you can attend, at 813 713 1587

At the meeting the membership voted to leave A.L. Post 104, and we will conduct our monthly meetings on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of the month at **American Legion Post 7**. On **September 21, 2024**, the Tang Base Meeting will be held at 11:00, at **American Legion Post 7, located at 1760 Turner Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756**.

At the meeting the membership voted to participate in the November 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade. American Legion Post 7 extended the invitation. More info to follow as it becomes available.

If you are going to attend the picnic on October 19, 2024, we need a hard head count so we can control expenses. You must commit by the September meeting at our **new home American Legion Post 7**. There will be a limited number of same day meals. Same tucker, Australian, for food as last October.

We have a new member, Anthony Bello, a fast attack submariner, from the Virginia Class, California SSN 781. Obviously, our average age has dropped. Welcome aboard Anthony.

Finally, please remember our shipmates who are on the binnacle list in your prayers: John Raney, and Sam Aboulafia.



**From Your Librarian.**

I want to thank all those who donate books to our small, but interesting library.

One thing we all have in common as Submariners is our ability to enjoy a good reader.

After all when your deployed somewhere underway and your qualified in your watch stations and SS quals, most of us read.

Dave Farrugia, Past Commander, SED5 Commander, and your Librarian

**Up Coming Events**

**September 21, 2024. September Monthly Meeting  
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 11 AM**

**October 25th, 2024. Fall Picnic  
Constitution Park, Redington Shores FL.**

**November 16th, 2024. November Monthly Meeting  
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 11 AM**

**December 7th, 2024. Christmas Luncheon  
Location TBD.**

**December 14th, 2024. Christmas Parade  
Pinellas Park Christmas Parade.**

**January 18, 2025. January Monthly Meeting  
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 11 AM**

**February 15th, 2025. February Monthly Meeting  
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 11 AM**



**September Birthdays, And Many Happy Returns**

- Joel L.Grainger 9/1
- Dennis Gordon 9/7
- Donald Edwards 9/8
- Michael W. Ferranti 9/9
- Robert Dunn 9/11
- Gary Bouchard 9/15
- Michael A. Snare Sr. 9/18
- George Ditmore 9/19
- Rick Connole 9/24
- Kenneth E. Burtner 9/26
- Gerard B. Duignan 9/27
- Allen F. Hooker 9/30



Traveling Dolphins

*Happy Birthday*



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Trivia Question?

Name the admirals in this meeting (1962 in California)

Answer's from last Month:

VADM. Joe Grenfel (CONSUBLANT)

VADM. Charles Lockwood (US NAVY Ret.)

ADM. James Fife Jr. (US NAVY Ret.)

RADM. Roy Benson (COMSUBPAC)

## Important Notice Needs Your Attention

Shipmates:

**Remember our meeting location has changed - We will be now meeting at American Legion Post #7 1760 Turner St, Clearwater, FL 33756**

We will be having a Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) event visit to St Josephs Hospital on Friday September 13th 2024 at 1400 hrs. St Josephs hospital address is 3001 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tampa FL 33607, Visitor parking is right of MLK

If unable to attend and you want to support Tang Base's K4K program, please send your donations in to our Treasurer, Neil Kimes. All contributions are greatly appreciated, as this is a costly program for Tang Base, but so very, very important to those children.

For further information contact Joel Grainger, (813) 713-1587 landman.grainger@gmail.com (Our Kap(SS) for Kids(SS) coordinator .







Commanders Welcome



Historian Report



Cob and Klaxon



Pledge of Allegiance



Moment of Silence





50/50 Raffle Winner



District Commanders Report



USS Tang Commissioning Committee Report



August Meeting Pictures

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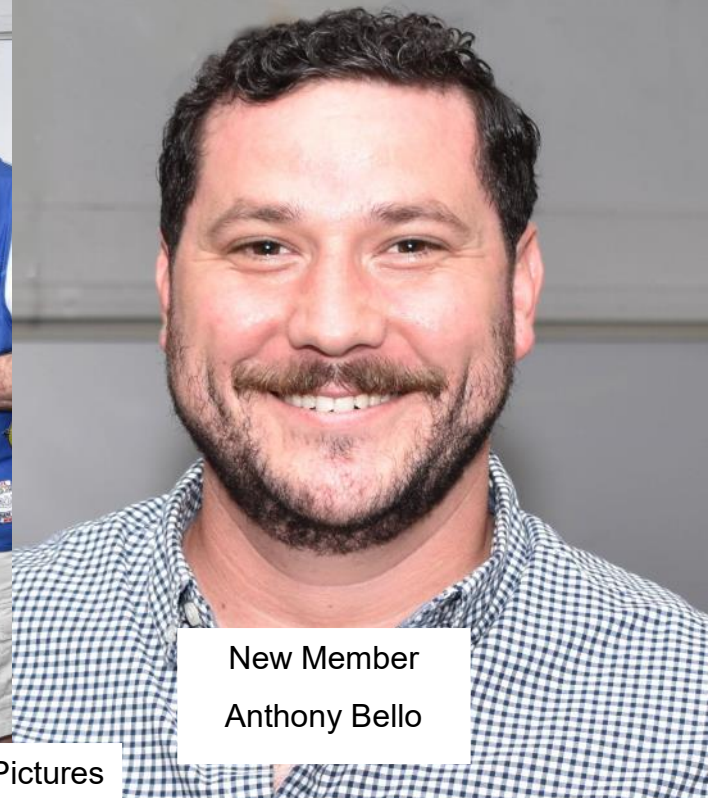


Socializing





Tolling of the Boats



New Member  
Anthony Bello

August Meeting Pictures



Special Guests Honor Flight Team



Membership Report



Secretary's Report



Signing of the Binnacle List Cards





*The Men and Women of  
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay  
the St. Marys Submarine Museum and the Trident Base of  
United States Submarine Veterans Inc.  
request the pleasure of your company at the*

***SUBMARINE VETERANS  
of WORLD WAR TWO  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY***

*on Friday, the Twenty-Fifth of October 2024  
at ten o'clock at the*

*Submarine Veterans of World War II Pavilion  
Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia*

*Military Guests: Service Dress Blue  
or Military Equivalent*

*SubVets and Civilian Guests:  
SubVets Vests and/or Appropriate  
Business Attire*



# TANG BASE BOOSTERS

2023		2024	
Sally Key	Special fund in Memory of Charlie Key	Bob Sommer	Special fund
Bob Sommer	Model Storage, Special Fund	Bob Brady	Special fund
John Poyer	Special fund	Bob Backmen	Special fund
Ken Burtner	USS Rock Fish SS274, Special Fund	Neil Kimes	Special fund
Pauline Burtner	In Memory of	Mike Cailor	Special fund
Robert Westfall	Special Fund		
William Brown	Special Fund		
Jim Franz	Special Fund		
AL Aumack	Model Storage		
Bill Ogburn	Kaps 4 Kids, Port St Lucie Memorial , Picnic Donation		
Jerry Lee Edwards	Special Fund		
Bob Brady	USS Dace SSN 607, Special Fund		
Bernice Brady	Friend of Tang Base		
Al Ryback	USS Cavalla SSN-684		
Colleen Rybak	Friend of Tang Base		
Jerry Anderson	Special Fund		
Anneta Krauss	Special Fund		
Debbie Vingin	Associate Member		
William Vingin	Associate Member		
Dan Crow	Kaps 4 Kids		
Bill Ogburn	Christmas Luncheon Donation		
James Schiebrei	Special Fund		
Anneta Kraus	Kaps 4 Kids		

## Contributions Gratefully Accepted

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

**Neil A. Kimes**

**1373 Curtis Drive E**

**Clearwater, FL 33764**



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

Robert Sheets USS Odax SS-484 5/10/1995	Dean Steinmetz USS Sea Owl SS-405 8/16/1997	Larry B. Moody USS Chopper SS-342 1/13/1998	Karl Hermann USS Odax SS-484 12/5/1999	Edward Wilson USS S-10 SS-115 1/12/2000	George Rocek USS Sculpin SS-191 Unknown
Joseph J. Lilienfeld USS Sailfish SS-192 8/8/2000	Werner Fridman USS Cavalla SSK-244 10/20/2000	Edgar A. Chase USS S-7 SS-132 10/24/2000	Rudy Burkett USS Flyingfish SS-229 5/15/2001	Doyle Rowell USS Pickerel SS-524 6/1/2002	John McNelis USS Spot SS-413 Un- known
John Scott Sr. USS Halfbeak SS-352 6/29/2002	Dean Brooks USS Rasher SS-269 8/19/2002	Donald Dubendorfer USS S-14 SS-119 9/6/2002	Clayton S. Scisco USS Crevalle SS-291 11/19/2002	Clifford Perry USS Bergall SS-320 5/15/2003	Joe Anderson USS S-11 SS-116 9/21/2003
John A. Burke USS Argonaut SS-166 1/31/2004	Norbert E. Ayres USS Diablo SS-479 2/18/2004	John Buczek N/A 4/10/2004	Robert Warnock USS Barracuda SS-163 8/3/2004	Gerhard R. Richter U-81 10/19/2005	Richard Hogan USS Baya SS-318 12/13/2005
Ernest Van Deventer USS Pompon SS-267 1/11/2006	Lester J Seaver USS Runner SS-476 4/13/2006	James L. Monte USS Sea Devil SS-400 4/19/2006	Robert H. "Bob" Collins USS Cavalla SS-244 7/1/2006	Donald L. Powell USS Cubera SS-347 7/21/2006	William J. Mayer USS Pomfret SS-391 11/17/2006
John P. Kulik USS Bowfin SS-287 11/29/2006	Mark A. Kohlhof USS Cod SS-224 12/30/2006	John H. Morrissey USS Sturgeon SS-187 1/15/2007	Thomas Harrow USS Argonaut SS-475 3/29/2007	Leon Marion USS Quillback SS-424 6/26/2007	Nickolas Manolas USS Grampus SS-523 10/21/2007
Robert W. Rose USS Pike SS-173 11/19/2007	Michael Porter USS Grouper SSK-214 12/3/2007	Arthur F. Hunsberger USS Conger SS-477 7/23/2008	James F. Rankin USS R-15 SS-92 10/15/2008	Charles Anderson USS Dolphin SS-169 10/18/2008	James Foley USS R-13 SS-90 10/22/2008
Donald C. Birch N/A 11/2/2008	Joseph A. Sabol USS Raton SS-270 11/3/2008	Grant Besser USS Requin SS-481 12/5/2008	Benjamin C. Davis USS Sea Dragon SSN- 584 12/8/2008	Ostiglio F. Carbonari USS Pogy SS-266 7/10/2009	Francis J. Higham USS S-12 SS-117 8/16/2009
Joseph Milner, USS Aspro SS-309 9/13/2009	Theodore McAnly USS Scabbardfish SS-397 10/22/2009	Thomas B. Dabney USS Plunger SS-179 5/21/2010	Harry Flagg USS Hoe SS-258 7/19/2010	Henry Kaskey USS Capelin SS-289 1/2/2011	James D. Tobin USS Steelhead SS-280 2/19/2011
Frank P. Dell USS Cachalot SS-170 4/3/2011	Archibald Warnock USS S-20 SS-125 5/31/2011	Robert Flaherty USS Torsk SS-423 7/30/2011	J. Read Gwyer USS Bluegill SS-242 2/2/2012	Howard Stein USS Becuna SS-319 4/30/2012	Harry Peche USS Lamprey S-372 6/2/2012
John Romeo USS Sea Poacher SS-406 5/30/2012	Rowland Brown USS Quillback SS424 8/12/2012	Charles W. Brink USS Icefish SS-367 10/27/2012	Gerhard Bultmann USS Chivo SS-241 12/16/2012	James W. Eubanks USS Drum SS-228 2/24/2013	Charles F. Miles, Jr. USS Bang SS-385 3/19/2013
Emmett D. Miller USS Pomfret SS-391 4/16/2013	Charles W. Crawford USS Raton SS-270 4/18/2013	Edward H. Frank USS Hoe SS-258 5/22/2013	Patrick J. McGee USS Threadfin SS-410 10/2/2013	Huie Thomas Dickey USS Trumpetfish SS-425 10/14/2013	Charles W. Boisvert USS O-6 SS-67 2/3/2014
Donald L. McCurley USS Sablefish SS-303 5/8/2014	Edgar W. Nordyke USS Croaker SS-246 5/24/2014	Robert Sundmaker USS Diablo SS-479 11/10/2014	Donald Van Dorn USS Barracuda SS-163 3/1/2015	Warren P. Johnson USS Sabalo SS-302 3/9/2015	Raymond C. Aldrich USS Irex SS-485 9/19/2015
Albert J. Dempster USS S-43 SS-154 10/2/2015	Robert E. Chambers USS Trigger SS-564 4/6/2016	James H. McCullough USS Sirago SS-485 8/13/2016	Claude (Wes) Gallaher USS Dragonet SS-293 11/26/2016	Albert Frederick Cabana USS Sea Cat SS-399 1/24/2017	John Benedict Gantnier USS Porpoise SS-172 5/1/2017
Walter Ragan USS Grampus (SS-523) 12/10/2017	Richard "Dick" F. Mohl USS Aspro (SS-309) 1/29/2018	Douglas DeWitt USS Scorpion (SSN- 589) 4/7/2018	Robert Gruschow USS Tirante (SS-420) 5/12/2012	Michael R. Jacqmin USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609) 8/25/2018	Robert C. Readell USS O-10 (SS-71) 10/9/2018
Charles T. Key USS Chopper (SS-342) 1/17/2019	Thomas "Tom" R. Rostan USS Abraham Lincoln SSBN 602 11/18/2019	James H. Sills USS Sea Fox SS 402 12/13/2019	John D. Fink USS Tigrone SS 419 4/11/2020	James J. Schmidt USS Thomas Jefferson (SSBN 618) 9/11/2020	Edward R. White USS Bugara SS 331 11/15/2020
John E. Harrison USS Tilefish SS 307 2/1/2021	Charles "Charlie" E. Bond USS Spikefish SS 404 2/8/2021	Raymond J. Dennis USS Sealion SS 315 5/15/2021	C. Frank Wreath USS Quillback SS 424 8/2/2021	Leonard D. Greenwood USS Growler SS 215 11/23/2021	Allen C. Holt USS Tambor SS198 12/8/2021
Roland Creaser USS Grayback SSG 574 1/28/2022	Donald Edwards USS Jallao SS-368 6/1/2022	Vincent J San Filippo USS Theodore Roose- velt SSBN 600 USS John Marshall SSBN 611 11/9/2022	Leland B. Holmes Asso- ciate Member 11/8/2022	William Gordon Hill USS Bonfish SS-223 Jan 1, 2023	Edwin W Thompson JR. USS Sea Poacher 12/20/2022

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

Ronald E. Clauson USS Blenny (SS-324) 6/12/2023	Ronald William Rivard 8/24/2023	William W. Strand USS Barracuda SSK-1/SST-3 1/11/2024	Eugene Ray Girtman USS Skate (SSN-578) May 22, 2024	Edward R Gaurich USS Requin SS/SSR/AGSS-481 July 1, 2024	Dennis Zipay USS Nathan Hale SSBN-623 March 10, 2024
Phillip Edward Beals Sr. USS Bang (SS 385) 7/8/2024					



### Prayer for our Departed Shipmates

Almighty God, our heavenly father, who art our refuge and strength and a very present help in times of trouble. Help us at this time to put our trust in thee, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to see us through our times of sorrow.

We thank thee for the life and love, of our shipmates and we ask that the work they started here on this earth be carried in the hearts and hands of their family and friends. They leave more than just memories.

Help us to go our way bravely. Even though alone and to do our tasks faithfully day-by-day. Make our true love and brotherhood be a constant inspiration to our lives and may their memory live on through us. Grant us peace and strength for the battle of life while it lasts, and rest at the close of day, when work is done.

Father, when we too are tired, and would prepare ourselves to slip beneath the final wave. Grant that we may let loose the moorings and sink slowly into the deep waters trusting like them, to wake with thee.

We commend into your hands of mercy, most merciful father, the souls of our departed shipmates may they be found acceptable in your sight.

They now sail under your orders on their eternal patrol, Shipmates rest your oars, Amen



# US Navy News

## **Joint Statement - Submarine Tendered Maintenance Period**

Aug. 23, 2024

The Honourable Richard Marles MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Australia; the Right Honourable John Healey MP, Secretary of State for Defence, United Kingdom; and the Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary of Defense, United States.

Today, AUKUS nations will commence the Submarine Tendered Maintenance Period (STMP) at HMAS Stirling in Western Australia. This is a historic milestone for the AUKUS partnership, which promotes stability and security in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

Over the last year, Australian personnel have undergone training provided by the U.S. and the U.K. to understand how to safely operate, maintain, and regulate Australia's future conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine (SSN) capability, to be delivered under AUKUS.

Continuing this training, the STMP is a significant step in Australia's acquisition of SSNs, marking the first time Australian personnel will directly participate in the maintenance of a nuclear-powered submarine in Australia. Building on the success of earlier U.S. SSN visits, Australian personnel will undertake hands-on learning and observe a range of activities during the STMP.

Through this activity, uniformed and civilian personnel from our three nations will work together to transfer knowledge and skills necessary to set us on the trajectory to establish Submarine Rotational Force – West (SRF-West) and accelerate Australia's efforts to be 'sovereign ready' to own and operate its own sovereign SSN capability. SRF-West will involve the rotational presence of one UK Astute class and up to four U.S. Virginia class submarines at HMAS Stirling.

Australians are now learning, and serving, alongside their shipmates in both the Royal Navy and U. S. Navy's submarine forces, in their training establishments, gaining the knowledge and experience needed to support and operate future Royal Australian Navy SSNs.

Nuclear stewardship is an absolute priority for AUKUS partners. During the STMP, simulated training exercises will help Australia increase its knowledge and implement a safety culture that ensures the highest level of protection to our people, the public, and the environment.

AUKUS partners are also committed to setting the highest nuclear non-proliferation standard for the acquisition of a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability for Australia.

Our navies are committed to reinforcing the same guiding principles within Australia that have allowed the United States and United Kingdom to safely operate nuclear-powered ships for nearly 70 years. We are stronger, safer, and more effective when we learn, train, work, and operate together. The STMP, coupled with the continued learning across our three nations, is an opportunity to share critical skills, training, and knowledge, and further improve our interoperability.

The STMP is a foundational activity under the AUKUS partnership that will strengthen our defense capabilities, deter aggression in the region, and uphold the rules-based international order.

# VA Information

## VA and the Biden-Harris Administration announce new government-wide website, call center to protect Veterans from fraud and scams

WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Biden-Harris Administration announced the launch of VSAFE.gov and 1-833-38V-SAFE (1-833-388-7233) — a new government-wide website and call center designed to protect Veterans, service members, and their families from fraud and scams.

These new resources will help inform Veterans and their families of common fraud schemes, give them tools to protect themselves, and provide an outlet for reporting and further assistance. Launched as part of the White House VSAFE (Veterans, Servicemembers, and Families Fraud Evasion) interagency Policy Council effort, the call center and website combine resources from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of State, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Internal Revenue Service, Office of Management & Budget, and Social Security Administration to ensure that there is no “wrong door” approach for Veterans and service members to access reporting tools and resources to combat fraud.

Fraud prevention resources are particularly critical at a time when VA is delivering more care and more benefits to more Veterans than ever before under the PACT Act, which was signed into law by President Biden two years ago tomorrow. This influx of new benefits may make Veterans, service members, and families targets for bad actors. VA and the entire Biden-Harris Administration are laser-focused on getting these heroes the tools they need to avoid fraud and scams.

“This new call center and website are a one-stop-shop for Veterans, service members, and their families to help avoid fraud and scams,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “We know that more Veterans than ever before are now receiving VA benefits, which sadly means that more bad actors are trying to steal those benefits. That’s why we’re launching these tools: to give these heroes every tool at the federal government’s disposal to protect themselves and their families.”

“Predatory actors are constantly looking for new ways to exploit new and evolving technologies to target service members, compromising their personal data and financial stability as well as their military readiness,” said Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Rohit Chopra. “The VSAFE initiative is a key component of a whole-of-government collaboration to protect veterans from fraudsters and scammers, and the CFPB is committed to working with our partners in this important effort.”

“Under President Biden, the Department of Education has taken seriously its role in preventing and responding to scams and fraud targeting servicemembers, veterans, and their families in the federal student aid programs. We have stepped up enforcement efforts, expanded partnerships with other state and federal agencies, and issued a number of new regulations—including closing the 90/10 loophole that encouraged predatory colleges to target veterans and servicemembers. Today, we are pleased to join the White House and other partner agencies across the federal government in standing up a new central hub for servicemembers and veterans to report fraud and connect with the proper agency to assist them,” said Under Secretary of Education James Kvaal.

“The White House’s scam and fraud evasion campaign has provided the Department of Defense an opportunity to connect with twenty-six federal agencies to coordinate, collaborate and create long term partnerships to identify and prevent scams and fraud. The comprehensive website and toll-free helpline will provide centralized, vetted, information from across the Federal government for Service members, veterans and their families,” said Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Ashish Vazirani.

“This initiative will bring together the expertise from across the federal government in support of veterans, service members, and their families. The FCC is proud to be a part of this important work to combat fraud that too often targets these households,” said FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel. “To that end, the FCC continues to work with its federal partners to protect veterans, service members, and their families from scammers pushing misleading ‘debt relief’ robocalls. We have put these bad actors on notice that they can’t target people with this junk and take advantage of their efforts to build a better financial future for themselves.”

“The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ establishment of this essential website and hotline is a proactive measure to help protect veterans, service members, their families, and consumers alike from vicious scams. These centralized resources will help consumers better safeguard their assets, obtain accurate information, and report fraud,” said Acting Social Security Administration Inspector General Michelle Anderson. “In collaboration with SSA, the Office of the Inspector General is excited support this initiative and collaborate across government, as we have successfully done with our Slam the Scam Day initiative over the last five years. We know firsthand that partnerships exponentially increase public awareness and significantly help to combat scams and fraud.”

“The FTC stands shoulder to shoulder with its sister agencies, fully committed to serving veterans, servicemembers, and their families. Protecting military consumers from fraud and other illegal practices has long been a priority for the Commission — from cases like Harris Jewelry and Career Step, to rulemakings to address scams and illegal business practices that target those who serve our nation, to data analysis of military reports to the FTC’s Consumer Sentinel, to our education and outreach work at MilitaryConsumer.gov and co-leading Military Consumer Month with DoD’s Office of Financial Readiness and the CFPB’s Office of Servicemember Affairs. We’re proud of the Agency’s work with our VSAFE partners. By collaborating to create a centralized hub for fraud prevention resources, we’re ensuring veterans, servicemembers, their families, caregivers, and survivors get the access to the help they need right when they need it. We look forward to these efforts deepening the ability of all member agencies to better serve the military community,” said FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection Director Samuel Levine.

“The Internal Revenue Service is proud to partner with other agencies to help veterans and their families impacted by fraud or identity theft. Making it easier for those who have served and sacrificed is the right thing to do. We look forward to the ongoing collaboration and partnership,” said IRS Taxpayer Services Chief Ken Corbin.

Key new resources include:

Launching a centralized website for support and reporting: VSAFE.gov is a fraud prevention, response, and reporting information hub. Information from across federal agencies can be accessed in one place, making it easy for Veterans, service members, and their families to find out more about different kinds of fraud, to get assistance, and to report.

Opening a centralized call line for Veteran and service member complaints: VSAFE is standing up a single shared call line, 833-38V-SAFE, to aid in the “no wrong door” approach. Veterans, service members, and their families and survivors can call one single number to get help with fraud, scam, and predatory practice related concerns. Depending on the kind of issue facing the caller, callers will be routed to the correct federal agency to address their specific concerns.

Creating common call center training materials to ensure Veterans and service members are routed to the relevant agency no matter which federal agency they initially call: Even if individuals do not utilize the centralized call line, all VSAFE agency fraud call centers have been trained to connect callers to the best agency to handle their report and provide help. These coordinated responses are guided by joint reference materials utilized by agency representatives. This approach minimizes confusion, and gets Veterans, service members, and their family members routed to the best support as effectively and efficiently as possible.

VA encourages Veterans, transitioning service members, and their families to remember they do not need to pay anything to apply for VA health care or benefits. Instead, at no cost, they can safely apply directly with VA through VA.gov or with a VA-accredited service representative.

This is just one component of the government-wide effort to protect Veterans from fraud. VA is also launching a strategic communications campaign to spread awareness of the rising threat of claims predators and conduct outreach to Veterans, and their family members, caregivers, and survivors in order to equip them with information and guidance to protect their earned benefits. Additionally, VA is sending cease and desist letters to predatory actors, conducting public outreach to educate Veterans about the risks, launching this new one-stop-shop resource page for Veterans, creating a Veteran fraud protection resource kit, and much more.

All Veterans, service members, and their families are encouraged to visit VSAFE.gov to learn more and what to do if experiencing fraud.





National Convention Report and  
Picture of Officers Being Sworn in



**From Dave Farrugia USSVI National Secretary:**

Here is a quick version of the National Secretary's notes from the National Convention .

Budget of \$337,000. passed.

2025 dues increase to \$40. 70% of members are life members so this effects the other 30%. Suggest they pay their dues prior to 31 Dec 2024 under the current rates. Life membership will be pro-rated.

2025 convention in Orlando 8/29-9/5

2026 convention in Corpus Cristi

2027 convention in Reno at Grand Sierre Hotel

20 bases have an Ambassador for the Charitable Fund. Each base should have one.

USSVI Library in Arkansas on a barge may move to Punta Gorda, FL to a library that wants it.

Retention Number One.

We have 165 bases, 11,828 members. We loose one a day due to death. We lost 662 for failure to pay dues this past year.

Election. By law change passed by 90%. Ken Nichols re-elected as SE Region Director. Only 15.3% of members voted.

Website under construction over next 6 to 9 months. Each base will get a FREE 3 or 4 page web page. That in my opinion is a good deal.

I was elected National Secretary, thank you for the votes. Your new SED5 Commander, Past Base Commander, Fernando Borges, will be installed on 19 September at the Sailfish Base meeting. It has been an honor to be your District Commander over the past three years.

**Thank you. Green Board, Dave, National Secretary**



Shipmates, Families, and Friends,

With great sadness in my heart, I report that we received news that Tudor Davis went on Eternal Patrol last night, Wednesday, August 28, 2024, around 1700. For those of you who may not know of him, Tudor was a WWII Veteran, a member of the Blueback Base, a founding member of Bremerton Base, and a former National Commander (1984-86). Earlier this year, he celebrated his 100th birthday.

Tudor enlisted in Philadelphia, PA, on 12/31/1941. He qualified in Submarines in 1943 on the USS Halibut (SS-232). He was a Life Member and was inducted into the prestigious Holland Club. On behalf of Bremerton Base, we offer our sincere condolences to Tudor Davis' family.

Hand Salute

“There is a port of no return where ships may lay at anchor for a little space. And then, some starless night, the cable slips, leaving only an eddy at the mooring space. Gulls veer no longer, Sailor, rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore.”

TMC Davis, Rest Your Oar!

Jon Jaques

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



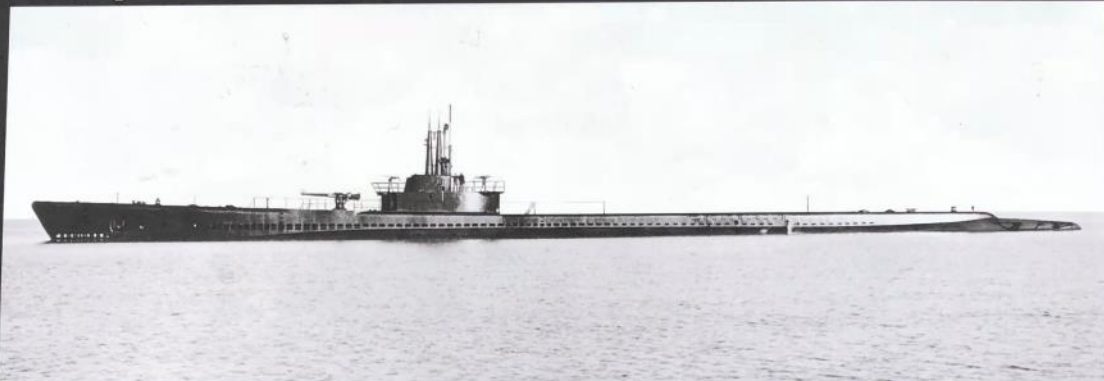
Launched  
17 August 1943

# USS TANG (SS-306)

CDR R. H. O'KANE, USN, COMMANDING OFFICER



Lost  
24 October 1944



The exploits of *Tang* are legendary in submarine history. Under the bold leadership of CDR Richard H. O'Kane, *Tang* executed five brilliant patrols, sinking 24 ships for a total of 93,824 tons. *Tang's* rescue of 22 downed naval pilots off Truk Lagoon during her second war patrol made headlines and proved the value of submarine life guard duty. It was not the enemy but fate that finally ended *Tang's* career. Patrolling the Formosa Straits, *Tang* had already sunk seven enemy ships, when on 24 October 1944, she launched a nighttime surface attack on an enemy transport. Only two torpedoes remained on board. The first of these was fired and when it was observed to be running "hot, straight and normal", the second and last torpedo was loosed. It broached, curved sharply to the left, and circled. Emergency speed was called for and the rudder was thrown hard over, but the torpedo struck *Tang* in the after torpedo room. The explosion was catastrophic. People as far forward as the control room received broken limbs. The nine men topside were catapulted into the sea as the after three compartments flooded and *Tang* quickly sank by the stern in 180 feet of water.

One officer escaped from the flooded conning tower. The remaining men on board assembled in the forward torpedo room to escape. The escape was delayed by a Japanese escort vessel, which dropped depth charges and started an electrical fire in the forward battery. Thirteen men escaped from the forward torpedo room, and using Momsen Lungs, ascended 180 feet to the surface. By the time the last made his exit, the heat from the fire was so intense that the paint on the bulkhead was scorching, melting, and running down. Of the 13 men who escaped, only eight reached the surface and of these only five were able to swim until rescued. By morning just nine survivors including O'Kane remained to be pulled from the water by a Japanese escort vessel. They were imprisoned for the duration of the war, but lived to tell the story of their 78 shipmates' final battle aboard *Tang*. *Tang* is one of only two American submarines to twice receive the presidential unit citation, and her skipper CDR Richard H. O'Kane, earned the nation's highest award for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

## On Eternal Patrol

ACCORDY, John G.	SM3	DeLAPP, Marvin V.	CMoMM	IMWOLD, Stewart S.	MoMM2	RAIFORD, Rubin M.	Ck3
ADAMS, Ralph F.	StM2	DORSEY, William E.	MoMM1	JENKINS, Donald M.	Y3	REABUCK, Francis J.	F1
ALLEN, Dwayne D.	MoMM2	ENOS, Fred M., Jr.	LTJG	JONES, Sidney V.	COM	RECTOR, Darrell D.	GM3
ANDERSON, Philip E.	TM3	ERICKSEN, Lawrence H.	F1	KAISER, Louis C.	MoMM3	REINHARDT, Ernest	F1
ANDRIOLO, Charles L.	RM2	FELLICETTY, Daniel C.	Y3	KANAGY, John T.	EM1	ROBERTS, James L.	SC3
ANTHONY, Homer	F1	FINCKBONE, Bruce H.	EM2	KASSUBE, John T.	COX	ROBERTSON, George L.	MoMM2
BALLINGER, William F.	CTM	FLUKER, John W.	TM1	KEY, John A.	SC3	SMITH, Seymour G., Jr.	LT-XO
BAUER, Edwin C.	Y3	FOSTER, John M.	TM1	KNAPP, Ralph B.	FC3	SPRINGER, Frank H.	F1
BEAUMONT, Edward H.	LT	GALLOWAY, William C.	TM2	KROTH, Richard J.	LTJG	STAPIEN, Edward F.	EM3
BERGMAN, Edwin F.	RM1	GENTLE, Thomas E.	F1	LANE, Le Roy R.	EM1	SUNDAY, Fred L.	Cox
BISOGNO, Frederick N.	TM3	GORAB, George J., Jr.	EM3	LARSON, Paul L.	CPhM	VAUGHN, Paul B., Jr.	TM3
BOUCHER, Wilfred J.	TM3	GREGG, Osmer D.	COX	LEE, Robert P.	RM3	WADSWORTH, Charles W.	Qm3
BRESETTE, Bernard V.	QM3	HAINLINE, Howard W.	QM3	LLEWELLYN, Lindley H.	RM2	WALKER, Howard M.	StM1
BUSH, John	EM2	HARMS, Frank G.	MoMM2	LONDON, Charles W.	F1	WEEKLEY, Leland S.	CTM
CHIAVETTA, Benjamin	Y3	HAWES, Glen O.	MoMM2	LOVELESS, Chester	EM1	WELCH, Robert E.	QM2
CLARK, Walter J.	QM3	HENRY, John F.	F1	LYTTON, Ellroy	MoMM1	WHITE, James M.	GM1
COFFIN, Robert J.	EM3	HEUBECK, John H.	LTJG	McMORROW, Robert V.	MoMM1	WILLIAMS, Walter H.	Y2
CULP, James H.	CEM	HUDSON, Albert L.	LTJG	McNABB, John J.	F1	WINES, Paul T.	LTJG
DARIENZO, Arthur J.	EM2	IJAMES, Homer W., Jr.	CMoMM	PARKER, John J.	CCS	WUKOVICH, George	MoMM1
			RM3	PEARCE, Basil C., Jr.	ENS	ZOFCIN, George	MoMM1



# 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 and it's 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. Navy submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin {Name}: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Daughter, Parent, Other)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

If Associate applicant:  Veteran  Spouse of Veteran  Other (specify \_\_\_\_\_)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member? {Mandatory for Associate Members}: \_\_\_\_\_

Addr: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

## U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

Mil Retired (Y/N): \_\_\_\_ On Active Duty? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_

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

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

◇ Check if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company {attach additional sheets if necessary}

_____	Hull#: _____	From: Yr _____ to _____
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### USSVI National Dues

Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

1 Year (Jan-Sep): \$30 ~ (Oct-Dec includes the next year): \$35

3 Years: \$85      5 Years: \$140

### USSVI National Life Membership

(age 76 and up = \$120) (66 to 75 = \$240) (56 to 65 = \$360)  
(46 to 55 = \$500) (46 and younger = \$600)

Note: You cannot belong to Tang Base unless you belong to National

Please indicate your National dues term preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Then combine **National and Base** dues making check payable to:

**U.S. Submarine Veterans Tang Base**

Send check with this form to: Richard Richie" Geyer, 2862 Matchlock Dr. Holiday, FL 34690-2909.

e-Mail: [subrich598mm2@gmail.com](mailto:subrich598mm2@gmail.com) or phone: (631) 312-1795

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