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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 JANUARY 2025

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



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Tang Base Tampa Bay

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TANG BASE Meeting at Post #7

Tang Base meets on the 3rd
Saturday of each month except
April, May, October & December at

American Legion Post #7

1760 Turner St

Clearwater FL 33756





Next Meeting January 18th 2025

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 January

Name of Submarine	Approximate Date of Loss	Number of Men Lost
ARGONAUT (APS-1/SS-166)	10-Jan-43	102
SWORDFISH (SS-193)	12-Jan-45	89
<u>S-36 (SS-141)</u>	20-Jan-42	1
<u>S-26 (SS-131)</u>	24-Jan-42	46

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,

(813)713-1587, landman.grainger@gmail.com

Prayer for our brothers and friends in need.

Heavenly Father, we are so helpless, We care so much for our brothers and friends, They are special to all of us, It hurts us to see them suffering.

And while we cannot be with them Lord, You be with them please.

Be with those who attend them. Comfort those who love them and need them, As well as those who must wait.. Amen, William Ogburn, Chaplain Emeritus, Tang Base of USSVI

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Command Corner By Commander Mike Cailor and Vice Commander Robert Brady



January Commander's Corner

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

We had a good participation at the Pinellas Christmas parade. My wife and I went to the Christmas Party in Panama City Fl. There were 50 couples, and the banquet had good food.

At the Christmas Luncheon 2025 officers took the oath of office. Joel Sparnon received the member of the year award.

There will be a Zoom meeting on Jan. 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST for the board of the 805 commissioning.

We will have a meeting with Com Sub Force Atlantic either 1-17-2025 or 1-24-2025. I have the American Legion Post 7 reserved for those entire days. Email to follow when Com Sub Force Atlantic tells me when they are coming.

See you at the Jan 18, 2025, meeting at the American Legion Post 7 located 1760 Turner Street, Clearwater Fl. Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Please be prepared to volunteer to head up some new committees

From Your Librarian.

U Boats in the Gulf of Mexico during WW2 sunk many ships off the coast of Louisiana and other southern states.

Allied cargo ships and oil tankers traveling to and from the Mississippi River were the main target. 58 ships were sunk and 19 others damaged by U boat attacks.

During the day the U boat remained submerged and came out at night to makes their attacks.

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



January 18, 2025. January Monthly Meeting Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM

February 15th, 2025. February Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM

March 15th, 2025. March Monthly Meeting Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM

April 26th, 2024. Memorial Service TBD

May 17th, 2025. Picnic TBD

June 21st, 2025. June Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM

July 19th, 2025. July Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM



January Birthdays, And Many Happy Returns

NAME BIRTH DATE

David Ragan-George 1/1

Albert Rybak 1/27







Traveling Dolphins



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Submarine Memorial on Cape Cod















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Bob Sommer	Model Storage, Special Fund	Bob Brady	Special fund	
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Pauline Burtner	In Memory of	Mike Cailor	Special fund	
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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 Craw	Kaps 4 Kids			
Bill Ogburn	Christmas Luncheon Donation			
James Schiebrel	Special Fund			
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Robert Sheets	Dean Steinmetz	Larry B. Moody	Karl Hermann	Edward Wilson	George Rocek
USS Odax SS-484	USS Sea Owl SS-405	USS Chopper SS-342	USS Odax SS-484	USS S-10 SS-115	USS Sculpin SS-191
5/10/1995	8/16/1997	1/13/1998	12/5/1999	1/12/2000	Unknown
Joseph J. Lilenfeld	Werner Fridman	Edgar A. Chase	Rudy Burkett	Doyle Rowell	John McNelis
USS Sailfish SS-192	USS Cavalla SSK-244	USS S-7 SS-132	USS Flyingfish SS-229	USS Pickerel SS-524	USS Spot SS-413
8/8/2000	10/20/2000	10/24/2000	5/15/2001	6/1/2002	Unknown
John Scott Sr.	Dean Brooks	Donald Dubendorfer	Clayton S. Scisco	Clifford Perry	Joe Anderson
USS Halfbeak SS-352	USS Rasher SS-269	USS S-14 SS-119	USS Crevalle SS-291	USS Bergall SS-320	USS S-11 SS-116
6/29/2002	8/19/2002	9/6/2002	11/19/2002	5/15/2003	9/21/2003
John A. Burke	Norbert E. Ayres	John Buczek	Robert Warnock	Gerhard R. Richter	Richard Hogan
USS Argonaut SS-166	USS Diablo SS-479	N/A	USS Barracuda SS-163	U-81	USS Baya SS-318
1/31/2004	2/18/2004	4/10/2004	8/3/2004	10/19/2005	12/13/2005
Ernest Van Deventer	Lester J Seaver	James L. Monte	Robert H. "Bob' Collins	Donald L. Powell	William J. Mayer
USS Pompon SS-267	USS Runner SS-476	USS Sea Devil SS-400	USS Cavalla SS-244	USS Cubera SS-347	USS Pomfret SS-
1/11/2006	4/13/2006	4/19/2006	7/1/2006	7/21/2006	391 11/17/2006
John P. Kulik	Mark A. Kohlhof	John H. Morrissey	Thomas Harrow	Leon Marion	Nickolas Manolas
USS Bowfin SS-287	USS Cod SS-224	USS Sturgeon SS-187	USS Argonaut SS-475	USS Quillback SS-424	USS Grampus SS-
11/29/2006	12/30/2006	1/15/2007	3/29/2007	6/26/2007	523 10/21/2007
Robert W. Rose	Michael Porter	Arthur F. Hunsberger	James F. Rankin	Charles Anderson	James Foley
USS Pike SS-173	USS Grouper SSK-214	USS Conger SS-477	USS R-15 SS-92	USS Dolphin SS-169	USS R-13 SS-90
11/19/2007	12/3/2007	7/23/2008	10/15/2008	10/18/2008	10/22/2008
Donald C. Birch	Joseph A. Sabol	Grant Besser	Benjamin C. Davis	Ostiglio F. Carbonari	Francis J. Higham
N/A	USS Raton SS-270	USS Requin SS-481	USS Sea Dragon SSN-584	USS Pogy SS-266	USS S-12 SS-117
11/2/2008	11/3/2008	12/5/2008	12/8/2008	7/10/2009	8/16/2009
Joseph Milner,	Theodore McAnly	Thomas B. Dabney	Harry Flagg	Henry Kaskey	James D. Tobin
USS Aspro SS-309	USS Scabbardfish SS-397	USS Plunger SS-179	USS Hoe SS-258	USS Capelin SS-289	USS Steelhead SS-
9/13/2009	10/22/2009	5/21/2010	7/19/2010	1/2/2011	280 2/19/2011
Frank P. Dell	Archibald Warnock	Robert Flaherty	J. Read Gwyer	Howard Stein	Harry Peche
USS Cachalot SS-170	USS S-20 SS-125	USS Torsk SS-423	USS Bluegill SS-242	USS Becuna SS-319	USS Lamprey S-
4/3/2011	5/31/2011	7/30/2011	2/2/2012	4/30/2012	372 6/2/2012
John Romeo	Rowland Brown	Charles W. Brink	Gerhard Bultmann	James W. Eubanks	Charles F. Miles, Jr.
USS Sea Poacher SS-406	USS Quillback SS424	USS Icefish SS-367	USS Chivo SS-241	USS Drum SS-228	USS Bang SS-385
5/30/2012	8/12/2012	10/27/2012	12/16/2012	2/24/2013	3/19/2013
Emmett D. Miller	Charles W. Crawford	Edward H. Frank	Patrick J. McGee	Huie Thomas Dickey	Charles W. Boisvert
USS Pomfret SS-391	USS Raton SS-270	USS Hoe SS-258	USS Threadfin SS-410	USS Trumpetfish SS-425	USS O-6 SS-67
4/16/2013	4/18/2013	5/22/2013	10/2/2013	10/14/2013	2/3/2014
Donald L. McCurley	Edgar W. Nordyke	Robert Sundmaker	Donald Van Dorn	Warren P. Johnson	Raymond C. Aldrich
USS Sablefish SS-303	USS Croaker SS-246	USS Diablo SS-479	USS Barracuda SS-163	USS Sabalo SS-302	USS Irex SS-485
5/8/2014	5/24/2014	11/10/2014	3/1/2015	3/9/2015	9/19/2015
Albert J. Dempster USS S-43 SS-154 10/2/2015	Robert E. Chambers USS Trigger SS-564 4/6/2016	James H. McCullough USS Sirago SS-485 8/13/2016	Claude (Wes) Gallaher USS Dragonet SS-293 11/26/2016	Albert Frederick Cabana USS Sea Cat SS-399 1/24/2017	John Benedict Gant- nier USS Por- poise SS-172 5/1/2017
Walter Ragan USS Grampus (SS-523) 12/10/2017	Richard "Dick" F. Mohl USS Aspro (SS-309) 1/29/2018	Douglas DeWitt USS Scorpion (SSN-589) 4/7/2018	Robert Gruschow USS Tirante (SS-420) 5/12/2012	Michael R. Jacqmin USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609) 8/25/2018	Robert C. Readel USS 0-10 (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	Charles "Charlie" E. Bond	Raymond J. Dennis	C. Frank Wreath	Leonard D. Greenwood	Allen C. Holt
USS Tilefish SS 307	USS Spikefish SS 404	USS Sealion SS 315	USS Quillback SS 424	USS Growler SS 215	USS Tambor SS198
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Roland Creaser USS Grayback SSG 574 1/28/2022	Donald Edwards USS Jallao SS-368 6/1/2022	Vincent J San Filippo USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN 600 USS John Marshall SSBN 611 11/9/2022	Leland B. Holmes Associ- ate Member 11/8/2022	William Gordon Hill USS Bonefish SS-223 Jan 1, 2023	Edwin W Thompson JR. USS Sea Poach- er 12/20/2022

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Phillip Edward Beals Sr. USS Bang (SS 385) 7/8/2024

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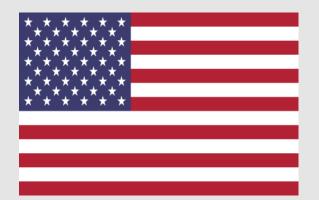
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July 1, 2024

Nathan Hale SSBN-623 March 10, 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

Jimmy Carter, 39th US president and Navy veteran, dies at 100

Former President Jimmy Carter, the 39th leader of the United States, a Navy veteran and the only commander-in-chief to graduate from the United States Naval Academy, died on Sunday at his home in Plains, Georgia. He was 100 years old. Carter, who began hospice care at his home in Georgia in February 2023, is often remembered as the one-term president who led the nation in the wake of the Vietnam War and who oversaw treaties involving the Panama Canal and a diplomatic relationship between Egypt and Israel. But before Carter's 1977-81 presidency, Carter served his nation in the sea service. Born James Earl Carter Jr. in Plains, Georgia, the sailor-turned-president attended Georgia Institute of Technology as a Navy ROTC student before receiving an appointment to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Inspired by his uncle to join the service, he graduated in June 1946 and commissioned as an ensign, according to Naval History and Heritage Command. Carter received his first assignment with the battleship Wyoming, stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, where he served until the vessel was decommissioned in 1947. He then served on the battleship Mississippi as a training and education officer.

Following a six-month course at the U.S. Navy Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, Carter served aboard the Balao-class submarine Pomfret, based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and later as an engineering officer with the K-1 submarine. After a promotion to lieutenant in 1952, Carter began working with the Navy's nuclear submarine development team. Only a few months later, he successfully helped prevent a nuclear disaster. When a power surge at Chalk River Laboratories in Ontario, Canada, caused fuel rods to melt in a nuclear reactor, damaging its core, Carter and his team assisted in the response, according to the Navy. Each person was allowed up to only 90 seconds at a time for the cleanup work due to the extreme radioactivity. "We were fairly well instructed then on what nuclear power was, but for about six months after that I had radioactivity in my urine," Carter previously told CNN. While preparing to work aboard one of the first subs to operate on atomic power, Carter's father passed away in July 1953 and the young naval officer opted for an honorable discharge to return to Georgia and assist his family's peanut-growing business. "It was a very torturous decision for me to make," Carter previously told CNBC. Carter remained in the Naval Reserve until 1961, transferring to the retired reserve at the rank of lieutenant before beginning a career in politics. Five other presidents also served in the Navy, including Carter's four presidential predecessors as well as George H. W. Bush, according to the Navy's heritage command. The third Seawolf-class nuclearpowered submarine is named after the former president. Last year, a building at the Naval Academy was renamed after Carter following a congressionally-mandated decision to redesignate military assets across all branches with ties to the Confederacy. Carter's grandson indicated in May that his grandfather was "coming to the end" during an event with The Carter Center, the nonprofit the former president — and eventual Nobel Peace Prize recipient — founded after he left office to advance human rights internationally.

Carter's wife Rosalynn died in November 2023.

VA Information

With the Holidays here sometime there are mental health challenges below is support information from the VA for your Mental health needs

Learn About Resources and Support

VA has a variety of mental health resources, information, treatment options and more — all accessible to Veterans, Veterans' supporters and the general public. Explore the pages below to learn more about a specific mental health topic or to find information specifically tailored to your needs. You can also visit the Get Help page to explore VA resources that address the unique stressors and experiences that Veterans may face.

Explore by Topic

VA provides support for a variety of mental health conditions and other challenges. Each of these pages includes resources, information on treatment options, and more.

<u>Anxiety Bipolar Depression Effects of TBI Military Sexual Trauma PTSD Schizophrenia Substance Use</u> Suicide Prevention Tobacco

Find the Support You Need

Browse our catalog of resources for specific types of Veterans and civilians.

<u>Transitioning Service Member Veteran Looking for Support Woman Veteran LGBTQ+ Veteran Family</u>

Member or Friend Older Veteran Health Care Provider College Faculty Member Learn about VA Benefits

Treatment

VA is here to provide and connect you with clinical resources and peer support so you can confront and manage any mental health challenge. We offer more treatment options and more ways to access treatment than ever before.

To get more information on treatment at VA, visit our <u>Learn About Treatment</u> page.



Shipmates,

As we arrive at the Christmas season, I pray you are surrounded by family and friends who bring you joy and happiness!

While you celebrate, I hope you will be mindful of the family member or shipmate you need to reach out to and wish them a Merry Christmas. Your voice may be the gift they need this year.

My wish for each of you is to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

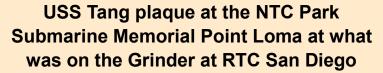
Best wishes,

Jon Jaques, National Commander















APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



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

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