

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 OCTOBER 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.



Visit our Website at:

[Tang Base Tampa Bay](#)

Visit our YouTube channel at :

[\(367\) Tang Base Tampa Bay - YouTube](#)

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 October 25th 2024

Monthly Meeting

Spring May Picnic

Constitution Park

18214 Gulf Blvd

Redington Shores, FL 33708

Meeting Starts at 12:00 PM

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

Lost Boats for October

Name of Submarine	Approximate Date of Loss	Number of Men Lost
<u>SEAWOLF (SS-197)</u>	3-Oct-44	100
<u>S-44 (SS-155)</u>	7-Oct-43	56
<u>WAHOO (SS-238)</u>	11-Oct-43	80
<u>DORADO (SS-248)</u>	12-Oct-43	77
<u>ESCOLAR (SS-294)</u>	17-Oct-44	82
<u>SHARK (SS-314)</u>	24-Oct-44	87
<u>DARTER (SS-227)</u>	24-Oct-44	0
<u>TANG (SS-306)</u>	25-Oct-44	78
<u>O-5 (SS-66)</u>	28-Oct-23	3

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

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Tang Base Website & Facebook

Website: [Tang Base Tampa Bay](#)

Facebook: [\(2\) Tang Base | Facebook](#)

Command Corner

By Commander Mike Cailor
and Vice Commander Robert Brady



The September meeting was held at our new location, **American Legion Post 7.** Our hosts are happy to have us, and we have more than enough space to hold our meeting. I encourage you to check out the post and attend the November base meeting.

The next meeting will be the **October 26, 2024**, social picnic at Constitution Park located at Redington Shores. The cost per person is \$20.00. The usual burgers, dogs, brats with all the fixings and cake. We will have a 50/50 raffle and a QVC raffle also.

In September our Chaplin, Joel Grainger, led a trip to St. Joesph's hospital for Caps-for- Kids. Thank you to the stalwarts who helped Chaplin.

I hope all the members survived Helene. If you need help, the USSVI Charitable Fund is available.

Al Aumack is our representative. Al can be reached at 813 434 7298.

Be sure to read the Vice-Commander's report.

The **USS Tang SSN 805 Charitable Foundation Inc.** We had our first meeting, and the ball is rolling. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to attend **the 2nd meeting** of the Foundation on October 19, 2024, at American Legion Post 7, at 11:00.

We need talent for: marketing, finance, fundraising, membership, and planners of all descriptions. You guys were members of an all-volunteer service. Tang base needs **YOU.**

My best to you and your family and see you at the picnic.



From Your Librarian.

The ship that sunk six Japanese submarines in twelve days in the Pacific was the USS England DE-635.

The ship used hedgehogs which were fatal to a submarine when they were dropped accurately, usually based on an accurate sonar reading.

Until next month, see you around the library.

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

Up Coming Events

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

**November 16th, 2024. November Monthly Meeting
Meet at American Legion Post #7 at 12 PM**

**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 12 PM**

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

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



October Birthdays, And Many Happy Returns



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|------------------|-------|
| Dennis E. Fraher | 10/2 |
| Bill Ogburn | 10/7 |
| John J. Poyer | 10/13 |
| Peter A. McGuire | 10/19 |
| William R Morris | 10/19 |
| John Ranes | 10/23 |
| Daniel K. Craw | 10/27 |



Traveling Dolphins

'Riding the Vents' is the monthly publication of Tang Base. The Editor is often guilty of plagiarizing anything he reads that he likes. Please also feel free to copy anything you like, but if he gets into trouble, so will you. If you would like to have a copy of this or any other issue emailed to a friend or to a potential new member, please contact the editor at spar-nonjagang@gmail.com



Hello Shipmates, Families and friends for those of you like myself that missed this years national convention attached is a video that highlighted the convention, I hope you enjoy , Joel

<https://youtu.be/SKfacZ7SCSU?si=yJ9ItcVvJWQLyHP1>

Here is the link to the new USS Tang commissioning page

<https://www.ussvcf.org/uss-tang-commissioning.html>

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

Shipmates here are links to some videos that show some of the newer technology, especially for you smoke boast guys . I hope you enjoy—Joel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0StWrXoN8nI&t=49s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0lb46Zi5-s>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKy87o_xaDE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXXMJAU6vY8&t=18s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjuzJODdH8Q>



Photo Of the Recent Kaps 4 Kids adventure at St, Joes Children's Hospital. From Sept 13

Picture left to Right :

Anthony Benaglio, Agela Flemister (Child Life Service St Joshephs Children's Hospital), Bob Sommer (Past Commander) and Joel Grainger (K4K Chairman)



Comments from the Immediate Past Commander, Tang Base of USSVI:

Shipmates, while reflecting on the warm welcome and supportive atmosphere of American Legion Post 7 during our first meeting at their post, it came to mind that we have a great opportunity to not only support USSVI, its creed and our purpose, but to start a new chapter in Tang Base history.

What will drive this momentum forward is cooperation and personal involvement. For example, we have three parades on 9,10 and 11 November to celebrate

Veterans Day. Two of these events Tang Base was invited to participate in by our new hosts, AL Post 7. Great opportunity to show our participation and symbiotic relationship with our new hosts. You don't have to walk in the parades, there is room to ride and show your support of USSVI and Tang Base. Your presence speaks volumes. BE THERE.

The event on Monday the 11th is not a parade, but a gathering during which we will have a table under a tent with the Tang Model Submarine and members to meet the public and answer questions about submarines. Again, our success is one hundred percent dependent upon YOUR participation. I hope to see you at least at one of the events. Come to the meetings and participate.

Bob Sommer Tang Base Immediate Past Commander.

TANG BASE USSVI Membership Meeting Minutes

American Legion Post 7, Clearwater, FL

Klaxon – DIVE DIVE (TIME: 12:00) (COB Jerry Anderson)

Chaplain Invocation – Chaplain Joel Grainger

Vice Commander reads creed – Robert Brady

Pledge of Allegiance

Base Commander Welcome - Robert Michael Cailor

Recognize Past Commanders

Tom Donan

David Harriss

John Raney

Bob Sommer

Welcome new members and Guests:

New Member: Anthony Benaglio

Dave Harris (Dave Harris' son) – retired LCDR in Intel

Rebecca Cailor – Base Commander's wife

Binnacle List

John Poyer – Lives in Maryland now. Diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Treatment at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

Dan Crow - Bob Sommer read e-mail from Dan. Is wheelchair-bound. Needs a lot of help with care and transportation. Wanted to thank Tang Base for card he recently received that was signed by several Tang Base members

Tolling of the Boats

Leader: Gerold Anderson (COB)

Reader: Ken Burtner

Bell Toller: John Raney

Base Commander's Report: Robert Michael Cailor

Picnic on 25 OCT

Need good headcount to picnic on 4th Saturday on 25 OCT to help refine attendance numbers and headcount for caterer in order to determine price per person

Price will be in newsletter

Parades and Veterans Day events

SAT 9 NOV – Parade in Clearwater. Already committed to participating based on invitation from American Legion Post 7 (the host unit for Tang Base meetings)

COB Gerry Anderson will tow submarine model

SUN 10 NOV – Parade in Treasure Island

Secretary David Frazier will tow submarine model

MON 11 NOV – Dunedin event – booth setup

Neil Kimes providing tent for booth

COB Gerry Anderson will tow submarine model

Vice Commander's Report: Robert Brady

Big thanks to Bob Brady for providing lunch for today's meeting and for Gerry Anderson for setting up and tearing down

Member providing lunch for 16 November : David Frazier

USS Tang SSN 805 Commissioning Committee

USS Tang SSN 805 Commissioning Foundation received corporate license

Florida Department of Agriculture approved foundation to solicit donations in FL

Received EIN from IRS with approval for non-profit corporation

Non-profit application for 501(c)(3) approved by the State of Florida

Opened corporate account with Bank of America (Neil Kimes and Bob Brady)

Can make donations to Foundation either directly through Neil Kimes or Bob Brady

Donations can also be made via USSVCF website

OFFICERS:

Chairman – Mike Cailor

Vice Chair – Bob Brady

Treasurer – Neil Kimes

Secretary – John Raney

Anthony Benaglio and Dave Farrugia also on board

Other – contact Bob Brady if interested in serving on board

New Meeting Location

American Legion Post 7 - Clearwater

1760 Turner St., Clearwater, FL 33756

Future meetings at this location all scheduled for 3rd Saturday of each month

Warm reception from Post 7

Secretary's Report: David Frazier

Attendance at today's meeting: 22 members, 2 visitors

Invitation from Tampa Bay Chapter No. 252 of National Sojourners, Inc. for individual members to participate in Lodge of Military Tribute on Monday

4 NOV at the Clearwater Masonic Center

Ceremony conducted by Osceola Camp, Heroes of '76, sponsored by Tampa Bay Chapter No. 252, National Sojourners, Inc.

Provide attendance information by 31 OCT

Appropriate attire is business dress or military uniform

Treasurer's Report: Neil Kimes

See detailed Treasurer's report maintained by Treasurer

Membership Chairman Report: Richard Geyer

85 Tang Base members

52 – USSVI

58 Life members

58 – Holland Club

7 – Associate

2 – up for Holland Club membership; awaiting confirmation

Membership dues – December

\$45 total

\$15 – Tang Base

\$30 – National USSVI

Dues increase effective 1 JAN 2025

National – increases \$10; from \$30 up to \$40

NOTE: Dues paid prior to 1 JAN 2025 are still \$30 (pre-increase)

Life Member costs increasing by 25%

COB: Jerry Anderson

Pleased with reception of Tang Base at American Legion Post 7

Storage room provided for Tang Base

Librarian: Dave Farrugia - No report

Historian: Rick Connole – no report

Storekeeper: Terry Hershman – temporarily turning over duties to David Frazier

Kaps 4 Kids: - St. Joseph's Hospital 9/13/24. Successful event, attended by Bob Sommer, Anthony Benaglio and Joel Grainger

Web Master: Bill Strand, Jr. – will add video for USS Tang SSN 805 Commissioning

Public Relations: Bill Strand, Jr – no report

SED5 Commander's Report: Dave Farrugia – no report

USSV-CF Ambassador: Robert Bachmann

Robert Bachmann is the new President of USSV-CF

Bob Brady volunteered to be the leader of fundraising for future submarine commissionings

Al Aumack volunteered to be Controller for USSV-CF

Per above, Tang Base now has three members who are serving the national USSV-CF organization

Base Commander Additional Notes of Interest: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Good of the Order: (i.e. new member sea story; other)

Dave Harriss – recommends Vinson Law Group in Tampa for anyone interested in joining class action lawsuit re: asbestos exposure. They benefited him and he wants to let others know that may also benefit from the law group's efforts on behalf of service members who are suffering from effects of occupational exposure to asbestos from naval service.

50/50 Raffle: Winner – Jerry Duignan

TANG BASE USSVI Membership Meeting Minutes (Continued)

QVC Raffle: No drawing

Next Tang Base Meeting:

Executive Board: Saturday October 18, American Legion Post 7, 1100 hours with USS Tang SSN 805 Commissioning board meeting to follow

Base Picnic: Saturday October 25, Constitution Park, Indian Shores

General Membership meeting: Saturday, November 16, 2024 at American Legion Post 7, 1760 Turner St., Clearwater, FL 33756, 1100 hours

Base Chaplain Benediction: Chaplain Joel Grainger

Adjourn: 12:52

Klaxon: SURFACE-SURFACE-SURFACE





Commanders Welcome



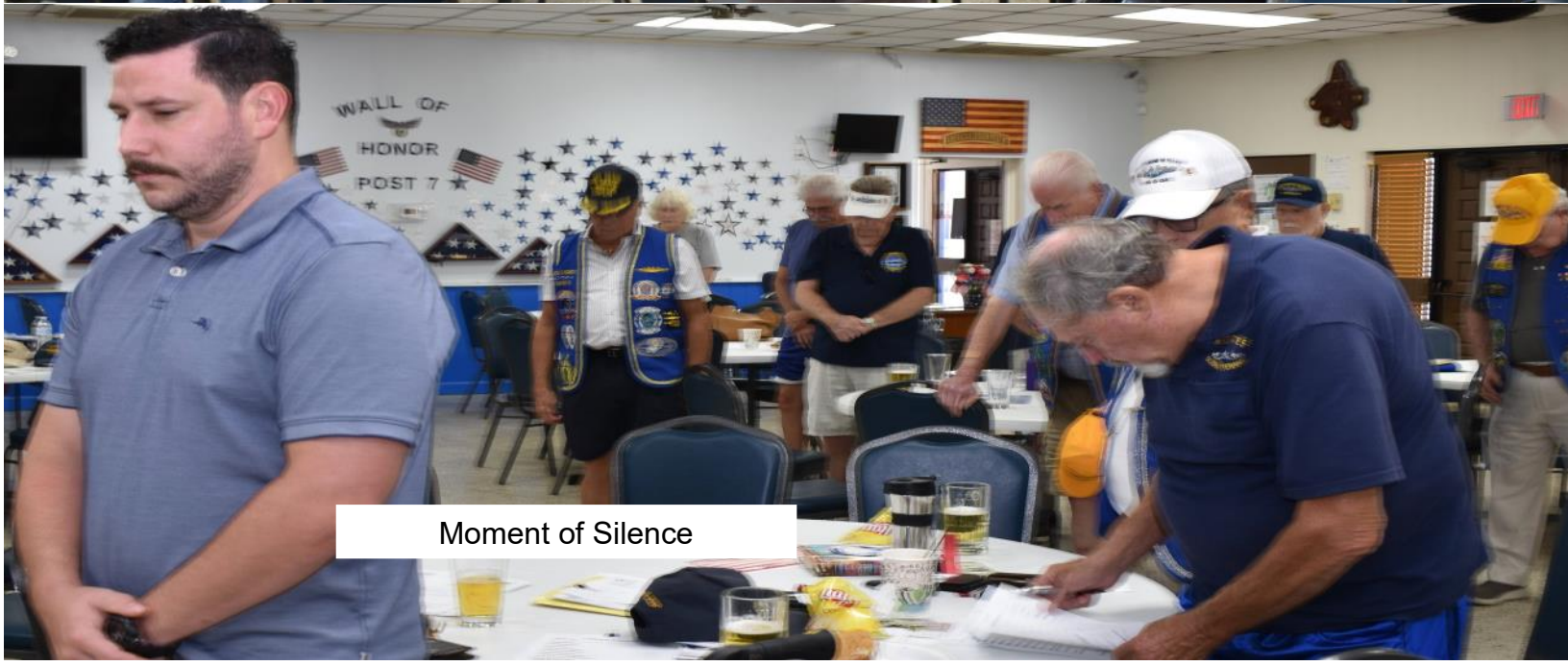
Base Vice —
Commanders Welcome



Cob and Klaxon



Pledge of Allegiance



Moment of Silence



Store Keepers Report



Treasurers Report



Secretary's Report



Charitable Fund Report



COB's Report



Base Officers



50/50 Raffle Winner



Tolling of the Boats



USS Tang Commissioning Committee Report



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Socializing





*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*





Submarine Veterans' Gulf Coast 2024 Annual Christmas Party



Thursday Dec 12th – Sunday Dec 15th, 2024

Holiday Inn Resort

(New, Better, Completely Remodeled)

11127 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

1-850-234-1111 or 1-800-633-0266 (toll-free)

Rooms \$89.00 plus tax

Hospitality Room *and* Banquet **\$70.00**

(Hospitality Room includes Morning Coffee & Donuts, Free Libations & Assorted Snacks)

Hosted by Robert Wilson, Sturgeon Base, (swfllegends@gmail.com,)

Gary Clinefelter, Sturgeon Base (Gclinefelter@outlook.com)

This is a Christmas Party – Gifts Optional (to receive a gift, you must bring a gift)

Everyone Bring a Present (around \$20) - Men bring a Guy's gift and Ladies bring a Gal's gift.

Banquet Christmas Party Saturday Night

Banquet will have a *Cash Bar* starting at 5 P.M. followed by Dinner and Party at 6:30 P.M.

MENU – SANTA'S FAVORITE BUFFET

Garden Fresh Salad

Tender Roasted Tom Turkey with Giblet Gravy - Spiral Honey Glazed Ham

Country Style Sausage Cornbread Stuffing - Whipped Potatoes - Candied Yams

Green Bean Almandine - Fresh Whole Kernel Corn - Freshly Baked Rolls

Dessert Selections - Freshly Baked Pumpkin, Apple Pie or Cobbler - Iced Tea or Coffee

Memorial Service 11 A.M. Saturday December 14th

Hospitality Room Closed during ceremony.

Nightly Bar Raffles (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00

Large Split the Pot Saturday Night Raffle (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00



Season's Greetings 2006

Mail Reservations for Banquet and Hospitality Room to

Robert A Wilson, 4935 N Peppermint Dr, Beverly Hills, Fl 34465

Make Checks out to Robert A Wilson, please include Christmas Party in Memo

Reservations have to be in hand NLT November 25th to guarantee your banquet seating

(Refunds for Banquet after December 1st, 2024, cannot be guaranteed)

Problems or Questions? Contact Robert Wilson, 352-212-0605 (swfllegends@gmail.com)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Spouse /Guest: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

(Tel) (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail Address _____

Local Chapter/Base: _____ Qual. Boat _____

Banquet & Hospitality Room (Only) # _____ x \$70.00 = \$ _____

Hospitality Room (only) \$35.00 p.p.# _____ = \$ _____ Banquet (only) \$45.00 p.p. # _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Night 50/50 Raffle (6 tickets for \$5) How Many: _____ x \$ 5.00 \$ _____

If you like a certain beverage, please let me know or put on registration.

Total Remitted: \$ _____ Check # _____

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

Navy Commissions Submarine USS New Jersey

MIDDLETOWN, N.J. – The Navy commissioned the fast-attack Virginia-class submarine USS New Jersey (SSN 796) in a traditional ceremony held September 14, at Naval Weapons Station Earle in Middletown, New Jersey.

The ceremony culminated a years-long process for commissioning the New Jersey, the third U.S. Navy ship named after the state of New Jersey, the most recent being the decorated battleship BB-62 which saw action during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

New Jersey's commanding officer Cmdr. Steve Halle called the event "a truly historic moment" during his speech, praising all the distinguished guests, shipbuilders, and supporting organizations before addressing his crew.

"To the crew, the plank owners, this ceremony... is about you" Halle emphasized. "You operate the most complex platform on the planet and you continuously strive for excellence. I'm amazed and humbled at what we have accomplished" he continued.

"Our superior professionalism is enhanced by our crew integration and our diversity," Halle said of his crew being the first fully integrated fast-attack submarine. "We have exceeded expectations at every turn and overcome every obstacle set before us."

Halle also spoke to the people of New Jersey stating "I know that the legacy we have inherited from the state of New Jersey and BB-62 will carry forward in our pursuit of greatness."

"Today, we commissioned our ship, and she is the fastest, most advanced, fully integrated fast-attack to date," Halle said in closing.

Susan DiMarco, New Jersey's sponsor and wife of former Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, gave the crew the traditional order to "man our ship and bring her to life," after which New Jersey's sailors responded "aye aye ma'am" before ceremonially running aboard the submarine.

Other speakers at the commissioning ceremony included New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, Ms. Jennifer Boykin, president of Newport News Shipbuilding, and Mr. Larry Runkle, vice president of General Dynamics Electric Boat. Adm. William Houston, director of the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion program, served as the senior Naval officer and Submarine Force commander Vice Adm. Robert Gaucher as the presiding officer. Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Hutchison, the ship's executive officer, served as master of ceremonies.

The submarine is 377 feet long, has a 34-foot beam and is able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots. New Jersey has a crew of nearly 135 Navy personnel.

Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities – sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

2024 Veterans Day Teacher's Resource Guide now available for download

As a new school year begins and Veterans Day nears, now is a great time to acknowledge those who fought and served in harm's way to preserve our freedom and the freedom of others. So that young Americans can better understand the sacrifice of Veterans, VA and the Veterans Day National Committee are pleased to present the [2024 Veterans Day Teacher's Resource Guide](#) as a tool to assist educators in planning lessons and activities around Veterans Day.

In addition to providing information on the contributions and sacrifices Veterans have made throughout the years, the guide also includes student activities, scholarship information, and ideas for projects and events that can be used to thank Veterans. Feel free to reproduce and share the guide in your school and community.

Our Nation's history is the history of America's Veterans, those individuals who stood the watch every moment of every day of every year. Thank you for remembering and honoring Veterans on this important and special day.

For more information on Veterans Day, please visit our [Veterans Day website](#).



Shipmates,

USSV CF News September 2024

We are thrilled to announce the donation of a fully restored '42 Willys Jeep to the Foundation! This magnanimous gift by shipmate John Martin of Frostburg Maryland was a complete and most welcome surprise. We intend to engage an auction house and turn John's labor of love into cash to help our deserving members.

We are in the planning process readying to move our library from its current location to the military history museum in Punta Gorda Florida. The museum venue will allow us to showcase our activities and add submarine artifacts. Volunteers with visual design experience will be needed to assist us in making our submarine veterans exhibit the finest in the nation. Call 860-886-3566 to help.

2025 calendars. USSV CF is selling 2025 Subvets calendars for \$10 each. You can order yours online. Just go to the USSVCF website at: www.ussvcf.org and find the donation pulldown. Enter your name and address and use your credit or debit card to complete the purchase. Your calendar will arrive by mail within a week or so. The theme of this year's calendar is the various configurations of the Virginia Class submarines.

Cool. Our Shipmates Program is a hit! So far 10 of our shipmates have received new A/C units! Email Mike at Brotherhood@ussvcf.org for details

JUST OFF THE PRESS! WE ARE SUPPORTING TANG BASE IN COLLECT-ING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS FOR USS TANG SSN-805 CHRISTENING AND COMMISIONING. MORE NEXT month on how you can contribute

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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



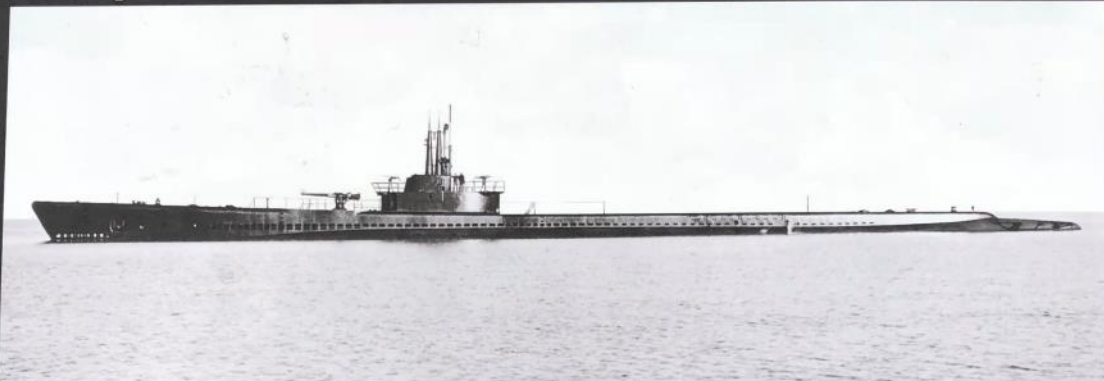
Launched
17 August 1943

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	STEPHEN, 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.	CTM
BRESETTE, Bernard V.	QM3	HAINLINE, Howard W.	QM3	LLEWELLYN, Lindley H.	RM2	WALKER, Howard M.	StM1
BUSH, John	EM2	HAINLINE, Howard W.	QM3	LONDON, Charles W.	F1	WEEKLEY, Leland S.	CTM
CHIAVETTA, Benjamin	Y3	HARMS, Frank G.	MoMM2	LOVELESS, Chester	EM1	WELCH, Robert E.	QM2
CLARK, Walter J.	QM3	HAWES, Glen O.	MoMM2	LYTTON, Ellroy	MoMM1	WHITE, James M.	GM1
COFFIN, Robert J.	EM3	HENRY, John F.	F1	McMORROW, Robert V.	MoMM1	WILLIAMS, Walter H.	Y2
CULP, James H.	CEM	HEUBECK, John H.	LTJG	McNABB, John J.	F1	WINES, Paul T.	LTJG
DARIENZO, Arthur J.	EM2	HUDSON, Albert L.	CMoMM	PARKER, John J.	CCS	WUKOVICH, George	MoMM1
		IJAMES, Homer W., Jr.	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: _____
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Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member? {Mandatory for Associate Members}: _____

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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}

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