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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 its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment.

Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.

The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."



Greetings From the Commander

Greetings,

Hope this finds you well as we head into Fall. I cancelled the October meeting; however, I am planning on having a meeting in November at the FRA. We will social distance and bring a mask. Only come to the meeting if you feel comfortable doing so. We will not muster you UA! As expected, membership has dropped due to COVID-19. Please continue to reach out to fellow Submariners and ask if they would like to join. Wear the Submarine Navy gear that often sparks conversation when standing in lines. Carry some SUBVET business cards with you to hand out. There will be no Christmas Party this year down at the waterfront; however, we will reengage next year with a possibility of a new place to attend. Shipmates, keep safe this flu season and I am looking forward to getting back to our normal monthly meetings. Keep a Green Board!



Respectfully, Ted



Congratulation to Craig



Craig Werner received a Certificate of Appreciation from our Canadian Brothers of the Phin in support of his dedication and hard work during his tenure as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Hampton Roads Base.



Passing of Captain Murray

Shipmate Captain Tom Murray departed on Eternal Patrol on 12 September of this year. He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on 18 February 2021 at 1pm.

Rest easy sailor, we have the watch...



Boats Lost in November

USS CORVINA (SS-226): Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



USS SCULPIN (SS-191): Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 63 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. Forty-one men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT John Philip Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander. He rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



USS ALBACORE (SS-218): Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS GROWLER (SS-215): Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



USS SCAMP (SS-277): Probably was sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.



Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News

Unfortunately, we have had to suspend the monthly visits to NMCP for the duration.

Many thanks and Bravo Zulu to the Base Members who have made these visits. **AND**, a REAL BIG BRAVO ZULU to the medical staff at NMCP and to all the others in the front lines. As of now, there are no projected dates for future visits.

HRB November Birthdays

- 5: Tom Amann
- 6: Thomas Bergen
- 7: Lowell Lewis
- 7: Michael Jakubiszen
- 8: Ed Kracker
- 11: Bob Spencer
- 13: Bert Hoyt, Bob Marquez
- 15: Jim Simpson
- 16: Al Konetzni, Frank Decker
- 18: Randy Kingsbury
- 19: Marlin Boyle, Roy Larsen, Scott Seddon
- 20: Keith Nesbit, Samuel Boyd
- 21: Byrd Saville
- 22: Harlie Dockens
- 23: D. J. Heisner



- 24: Ruddy Summers
- 26: Ron Boddy
- 30: Eric Adkins

Upcoming Events

November 2020

- 11: Veteran's Day**
- 21: Base Meeting**
- 26: Thanksgiving Day**

HALL of FAME

- Due to the COVID-19 situation, the USS SPADEFISH will remain as the HOF ship for 2021.

November Historic Events

10 November 1775 - Congress voted to raise two battalions of Continental Marines, establishing the Marine Corps.

1 November 1841 - The "Mosquito Fleet," commanded by Lt. Cmdr. J. T. McLaughlin, carried 750 Sailors and Marines into the Everglades to fight the Seminole Indians.

3 November 1853 - The frigate Constitution, as the flagship of the African Squadron, under the command of Commodore Isaac Mayo, captured American slaver the schooner H. N. Gambrell, 60 miles south of Congo River. This capture was Constitution's last prize.

17 November 1943 - USS Sailfish / Squalus (SS-192): Sailfish departed, under the command of Robert E. M. Ward, for her 10th war patrol, which took her South of Honshu. She suffered a "hot run" in tube 8,

and after the skipper himself went over the side to inspect the damage, ejected the torpedo.

19 November 1943- USS Nautilus (SS-168) entered Tarawa lagoon for the first submarine photograph reconnaissance mission. It was later damaged by friendly fire from USS Santa Fe (CL 60) and USS Ringgold (DD 500) off Tarawa. Due to the mission's secrecy, Nautilus' presence was unknown to the vessels.

25 November 1944 - USS Hardhead (SS-365) attacked a Japanese convoy 60 miles west of Manila and sank Coast Defense Vessel No.38 off Bataan Peninsula while USS Atule (SS 403) sank Japanese freighter Santos Maru off Sabtang Island, Luzon. Also, USS Mingo (SS 261) sank Japanese army transport Manila Maru.

29 November 1944 - USS Archerfish (SS-311) sank Japanese carrier Shinano on her maiden voyage 160 nautical miles southwest of Tokyo Bay. Shinano was the largest warship sunk by any combatant submarines during World War II. Also, on this date, USS

Scabbardfish (SS-397) sank Japanese submarine I-365 east of Honshu.

26 November 1952 - USS Tirante (SS-420): Tirante was recommissioned at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME. After conversion to GUPPY configuration and conducting shakedown, she returned to the East Coast of the United States to prepare for her first deployment with the Sixth Fleet.

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