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The purpose/creed of USSVI is 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 may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports 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."

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From the Base Commander



We had a great turnout for the picnic last month seeing that it had been a couple of years since the last one. Gary Galles, our Senior Vice Commander, and his wife, Beverly, spearheaded the event and they did an outstanding job! I appreciate too, the folks that pitched in and helped with the clean-up of the FRA patio the week prior to the picnic. Also, a big shout out to all the folks that helped with the setup and breakdown afterward. It's much easier when we all pitch in and help.

The National Convention is next month (August) and it's still not too late to call and make those reservations. We have several members from our Base attending, and Fran and I are looking forward to the event.

Summer is here so please, remember to stay hydrated, and look in on one another. Just like we did when we were in the Navy – use that buddy system! I hope to see you at this month's meeting, on the 16th. Keep a "Green Board."

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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With regard to the Picnic:

A great big thank you to EVERYONE who helped! This includes the people who did the FRA patio cleanup the week before the picnic, the people who helped set up everything the day of the picnic, the people who cooked for us, and lastly, all the people who cleaned up and put things away after the picnic. Kudos and thanks again to you all!

Beverly Galles



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**From the Base Senior Vice
Commander**



What a picnic!!! Thank you to all who came out. The weather was great. Thank you, Beverly Galles, (I love you, honey), for all the efforts you put out for the Base picnic. I'm sure you were rewarded by seeing all the smiles from the participants. I also want to thank all those who helped at the picnic. Thank you all who came out to clean the FRA patio the week before, I have received compliments for what you did for the SUBVETS and for the FRA.

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**From the Base Junior Vice
Commander**



The picnic was a big success. Thank you to all who came out and helped make it a wonderful day. It's always good to get together with friends and family. The 4th of July, Independence Day, is approaching and I've included information about various celebrations throughout Hampton Roads in the Upcoming Events section, further on in this newsletter.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Secretary



Hello all, happy midsummer already, some fun tidbits for July. Did you know that not only is July 29th my birthday? It is also called National Tiger Day - for the awareness of the preservation of the wild Tigers. July 7th is World Chocolate Day (Dark Chocolate is my favorite) and for those who like cake, July 31st is Raspberry Cake Day. Enjoy the sweets of July and stay cool!!!!

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman
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From the Base Treasurer

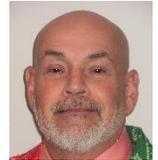


We had a great turnout for the Base picnic meeting last month. Special thanks to Beverly Galles for all her hard work putting it together. My granddaughters Mera (7) and Claudia (10) made a new friend, Katie Nelson (Art Nelson's granddaughter) and they had a great time coloring in the coloring books provided by the FRA bartender and filling up with hotdogs hamburgers, and sodas. I will give an updated Treasurer's report for both June and July at the 16-July Base meeting.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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The CoB's Corner



Byrd Saville is in a retirement home and unable to drive. He would love to have calls from those who know him, he can be reached at 757-604-2956. Typically, he does not answer his cell phone. However, if you leave a voicemail, he will call you back.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Chaplain



Food for thought: With the recent "controversial" topics and decisions of the courts, be it gun control, sex education in pre-school, abortion, or even women serving on submarines, we generally hold strong beliefs which may lead to contentions between friends, co-workers and or family members, sometimes to the point of considering them "enemy". What should our attitudes and actions be concerning these sometimes-toxic subjects?

Jesus said: "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who are abusive to you. Luke 6:27-28 (NASB 2020)

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Storekeeper

We had a great time at the picnic and Storekeeper sales were outstanding! We just got in some Khaki and Blue covers with gold and silver dolphins that were selling pretty fast. I still have some available and I will have them at our next meeting. Also, the Rickover patches (qualified 25-year patches) and various other Submarine-related items will be for sale at the next meeting. Thank you to all that support the ship's store, we are making money! Keep in mind that if I do not have it, whatever it is, I can research and order it for you.



Did you know: A church in Kyoto, Japan calls its congregation to worship with a bell from a submarine? The bell, from the submarine USS RAY (SS-271), was purchased for the church and was transported to Yokosuka, Japan by another submarine, the USS RONQUIL (SS-396), as reported by the Goat Locker's article on "Little known facts about the Submarine – 2022.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Have a Blessed Day!

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From the Editor

Here we are, and half the year has gone by. Where did it go? As they say, "**Time Marches On**" no matter how strongly we may wish or want otherwise. It is now summertime and with it comes high temperatures and high humidity. Please, make sure you drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and avoid any heat-related illnesses or problems. Stay out of the sun!



We are also now in hurricane season. It will last through the end of November and according to NOAA, this year is expected to have a 65% chance of having above-normal activity. You should have a hurricane preparedness kit assembled and a plan ready. Living here in Hampton Roads, you should know the evacuation routes for your area and be prepared to leave if the authorities order an evacuation for safety. I would hate to hear that one or more of my shipmates were harmed or had some sort of loss due to the temperatures, the humidity, or because of a hurricane. Follow this link for a good guide when getting things ready for an evacuation:

ENSMINGER'S HOUSEHOLD HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MANUAL

A special thank you to my two proofreaders, Naomi Werner, and Chuck Steenburgh.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

~ **Stay Safe & Stay Well** ~

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Membership

We are starting to take a nip from our covid dip. At the picnic, we signed up 2 new members. I encourage you all to pass out business cards, wear your sub memorabilia, and look out for the same. It works! Someone saw my license plate and put a card under my windshield wiper (I'll reuse it). It's not a numbers game, it's a build for the future game. Remember when you joined? Did you join because of the camaraderie we had on the boats? I did.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Ways & Means

As always, we're on the lookout for ideas for base fundraising opportunities. You can present them to the base leadership or contact me directly anytime.

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Public Relations and Publicity

A reminder for everyone, please wear your HRB ball caps and other USSVI logoed clothing (shirts, jackets, etcetera) when running around and about town. We want to be seen, to get our name out in the community, and promote our public image. I have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone (see the sample below). Please, get rid of your old ones and pick up new ones at any meeting.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman
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Hampton Roads Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

*"To Perpetuate the Memory of our Shipmates, who gave their lives
in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country."*

We are a fraternal organization of Submarine Veterans.
We are open to and welcome any and all who have qualified to wear dolphins.
Contact us by email at USSVI.HRB.Secretary@gmail.com with any questions
and come visit our website at <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org>

Join us for our monthly meeting at 11:15 hours, the 3rd Saturday of every month
(except March). We meet at FRA #60 in Ocean View, 9601 1st View Street,
Norfolk, VA 23503-1603 (the corner of 1st View St. & Balview Ave. and across
'A' View Ave. from the Post Office).

We look forward to meeting you at a meeting.

HRB Scholarship Program

This year's scholarship committee duties were performed by me, Sid (our treasurer), and Rick Perez. Thank you to all who have donated to the scholarship fund and those who help me decide on the recipient. Rick Perez will announce the recipient at the next meeting. This year we had 2 applicants. It was no easy choice and it was a very close decision. Stay tuned for the winner's announcement.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Upcoming Events

Click on the links below for the websites of some activities you can partake in on the 4th of July:

[Stars in the Sky at Victory Landing Park
\(Newport News\)](#)

[4th of July Great American Picnic & Fireworks
\(Norfolk\)](#)

[Shaggin' 4th of July Celebration \(Portsmouth\)](#)

[July 4th Celebration at Mount Trashmore Park
\(Virginia Beach\)](#)

The next upcoming event for the Base will be the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Parade. More information to follow as details emerge.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame

Thank you to the SLF Norfolk who did a great job last month with the WWII Memorial and HOF ceremonies. Looking ahead, per the HR Base Bylaws, nominations for next year's HOF boat will be taken at the October meeting, discussed at the November meeting, and voted on at the December meeting.



Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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About The Base Website and Social Media

For those members seeking Base Website Access: Members are validated against the Base Roster email address given to the Secretary in your membership application, if the email address you wish to connect to the Website differs from the email contained in the Roster, please contact the Base Secretary at Secretary.HRBase@gmail.com to update the Roster.

Also, The URL for the Website is <https://www.HRB-USSVI.org> if forgotten, you may find it in your electronic edition of this Newsletter.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

STS1(SS) Sam Stevens, U.S.N. (Ret.)
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Holland Club News

I am hopeful you all will be able to join us at our 16 July meeting where the following 16 members will be inducted into the Holland Club:

- Neal Chaves qualified in 1968 on USS Tiru (SS 416)
- Bradley Matters qualified in 1970 on USS Spadefish (SSN 668)
- Dominick Missaggia qualified in 1970 on USS Spadefish (SSN 668)
- Robert Phillips qualified in 1970 on USS Sea Fox (SS 402)
- William Ralston qualified in 1970 on USS Salmon (SSR 573)
- Stephen Schultz qualified in 1970 on USS Spadefish (SSN 668)
- David Stanley qualified in 1970 on USS Kamehameha (SSBN 642)
- Thomas Etter qualified in 1971 on USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628)
- Duane Ettwein qualified in 1971 on USS Casimir Pulaski (SSBN 633)
- Dan Hengerer qualified in 1971 on USS Harder (SS 568)
- David Snyder qualified in 1971 on USS Hammerhead (SSN 663)
- Franklin Dunn qualified in 1972 on USS Sailfish (SSR 572)
- Oscar Hudson qualified in 1972 on USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN 644)
- Earl Koepcke qualified in 1972 on USS Haddo (SSN 604)
- Anthony Walker qualified in 1972 on USS Scamp (SSN 588)
- Alfred Walters qualified in 1972 on USS Shark (SSN 591)

If my roster is correct, following this Holland Club Induction we will have 131 blue hats, 129 Yellow

Hats, and 11 Associate members. As things stand, with 4 members becoming Holland Club eligible next year the yellow hats will be dominant!
If you are eligible for induction into the Holland Club and have not been inducted, please contact me by email.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

EMCM(SS) William (Bill) Heron, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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The Norfolk Sail Project

I have contacted the Daughters of the American Revolution about moving their stone if our project is approved. The DAR leadership (all volunteers) turns over every three years at the chapter, district, state, and national levels. They are in that transition now. This will probably slow down the process. I will be contacted soon with a new email address for contact once they complete the process.

The Norfolk Parks and Rec Commission have invited me to attend their meeting at noon on 08-September-2022. More details and results to follow.

Ken Paulson, Commissioner of the Norfolk's Mayor Advisory Commission has been assisting our venture throughout this process and I wanted to give him a shout-out. He is gathering all the information I need to contact all the different Civic leagues to discuss our project to see if they will have issues with our mission.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Emergency Relief Fund

In this time of National Emergency due to COVID-19, many *Brothers of the Phin* may find themselves (or the small business that they own) being economically impacted through no fault of their own. If you have a current financial support need, please reach out to me on my Cell (757-618-5624), or to any of the ERF Committee, EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell: 757-481-1297), or HMCS (SS) Jack Ritz (Cell: 757-647-4669), or contact our Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman (Cell: 757-354-7259), as this is the reason that the USSVI-HRB Emergency Relief Fund was put in place. There is a designated ERF donation box at each of our meetings. All funds donated are kept separate from other Base funds and are only used for ERF purposes.

Some information about the Submarine Veteran Hampton Roads Base T-shirts that we're selling:



They will help support ERF and the Base's Community Outreach. As of the June picnic meeting, we have orders for 35 of the 48 shirts we need to place the order. We will keep taking orders through the July meeting. If we do not sell the last 13 shirts, we will cancel the order and refund the money to those who had paid for the shirts.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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The USS SCORPION Memorial

2023 will be fifty-five years since Scorpion was lost and the family members and shipmates on the 22-May virtual memorial discussed meeting in Norfolk for the 55th Memorial. The two locations discussed were Newport News where the Knights of Columbus hold an annual Scorpion Memorial and Woodlawn Cemetery on Virginia Beach Blvd, where there is also a Scorpion memorial. The consensus was that it is not held on Norfolk Naval Station due to the difficulties involved with getting people on base and a lack of active Navy support.

Several HRB members supported the 50th Memorial and I'd like to have Base members support this memorial as well, to ensure that the Base has a plan for supporting these Memorials in the future and to ensure continuity from year to year.

A virtual meeting will be held at **18:30 hours on 07-August** to discuss plans for the 55th Memorial and Base members are encouraged to participate:

Join the Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8410762700?pwd=WDRCRHdZnkVrRmYwTitZMzFXSzFLQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 076 2700

Passcode: 6ZHtnR

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

CWO4 John Donaldson, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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An Update about our Shipmate Byrd Saville

John Donaldson has been in touch with Byrd Saville and has brought us a message from Byrd:

At the assisted living facility he is in, they check his vitals daily and he's in great shape and enjoying his living arrangements. He misses the meetings and fellowship of his Shipmates and appreciates everyone thinking of him.

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KAP(SS)4KID(SS) News

My thanks to Terry Miles for covering the K4K visit while I was out of town on business. We had 4 members who visited 3 patients in person and left items for 2 other patients that could not receive visitors. Our next K4K visit is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th (the Tuesday after our July meeting).

Rules for visits:

- Must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated, (booster shots are not required). You do not have to show a vaccine card as this is on the honor system.
- Following patient isolation protocols, each visit will be at the patient's room door only.
- Face Masks must be worn in the hospital.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Re: The USSVI 2024 National Convention

After further investigation, and due consideration, it has been decided that we, the Hampton Roads Base, will NOT be applying to host the USSVI 2024 National Convention. There is too much work involved for the level of support that has been offered for this project. Additionally, we'd be competing with the Groton Base.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Some New Members from the Meeting

Say Hi!

These new members joined us at our June Picnic/Meeting. When you see them, introduce yourself and invite them to sit with you.



ET2(SS) Tony Demarche
Qualified onboard USS NORFOLK in March of 2002



MSC(SS) Ray Bohanon, U.S.N. (Ret.)
Qualified onboard USS TECHUMSEH in 1970

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EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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HRB Members with July Birthdays

(If I've gotten your birthday wrong, or missed it, please let me know.)

- 03: Bradley Matters
- 04: Gregg Weber
- 05: David Duffié
- 08: David Carney
- 09: John Sidlovsky
- 11: Larry Ward
- 12: Nate Mewhinney
- 14: Rick Perez
- 15: George Vest
- 16: Craig Faubion
- 17: Mark Waddell
- 20: Eric Kellgren
- 22: Doug Roberts
- 23: Jason Melton
- 24: Chris Fairbanks
- 25: Gary Stephenson
- 26: Andrew Smith
- 27: Brian Daugherty
- 27: James Mattox
- 29: Lynn Merryman
- 30: Paul Rice

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We remember....



Boats Lost in July

USS GRUNION (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942, with the loss of 70 crew members, while on her first war patrol, near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006, off of the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944, with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28 was last known to be. The exact cause of

her loss remains a mystery. The remains of S-28 were located off the coast of Hawaii in December of 2017.

USS ROBALO (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944, with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.

USS RUNNER (SS-275)

Lost between June 26 and July 4, 1943, with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her third war patrol and probably was lost due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sinking happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

*They shall not grow old as we who are left behind
grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
them.*

*From the rising of the sun in the morning, until
it's rising again the following morning,*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,

FOREVER.

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As everyone should know, our June meeting was our Annual Base Picnic.

Here are some pictures from the picnic taken by one of our newer members, Neal Chaves. Thanks Neal.







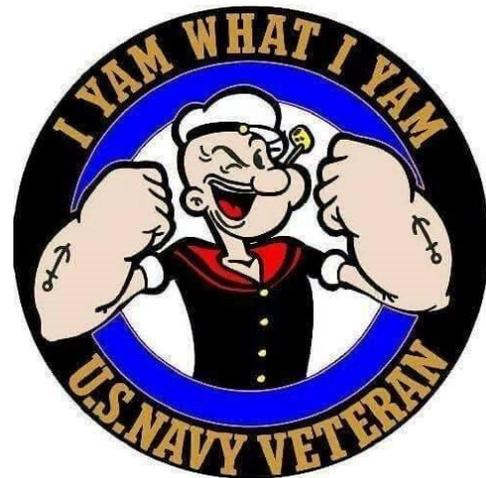
If you are interested in getting a copy of any of the pictures from the picnic, contact Neal (757-450-6891), he can provide you with an e-file of a good, high-resolution copy of any of these pictures.

USSVI is not the only association of Submarine Sailors, there is also ISA/USA Inc. Check them out at their website: <http://www.ISAUSA.org>

**International Submariners
Association of the United States of
America
ISA/USA Inc.**



Founded 1987



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Here is a little Submarine trivia for you.

The SS-19½, G-1 SEAL

SEAL, a Simon Lake-designed submarine was approved in the FY1908 program and laid down by Newport News Shipbuilding in February 1909. She was renamed G-1 in November 1911 and was commissioned in October 1912. She was the first submarine with an even keel design and the first Lake-designed submarine to join the US Navy. SEAL was the forerunner of the Lake designs that influenced United States Navy submarines into the atomic and hydrodynamic era. Holland and Lake were at odds in developing their submarine concepts. Lake experimented with boats that ascended vertically according to negative or positive buoyancy controlled by pumps and tanks. Lake was the only competitor of John Holland and is credited with the following design aspects of the modern submarine: escape trunk, conning tower, diving planes, control room, and the rotating, retractable periscope.

By 1907 a significant controversy had grown over Electric Boat's role as the Navy's single submarine builder, amid charges of cronyism, Navy Department collusion, and financial irregularities. In 1908, a congressional investigation was initiated, with intense lobbying on both sides, and when Simon Lake threatened legal action over the Navy's procurement procedures, the Secretary of the Navy relented and agreed to the purchase of a submarine from the Lake Torpedo Boat Company. Built under a subcontract with Newport News Shipbuilding in FY1908, USS SEAL (later G-1) was Lake's first U.S. Navy submarine, and after 19 predecessors, the first U.S. submarine not built by Holland and/or Electric Boat.

SEAL was launched in February 1911 and commissioned in October of the following year. In design, she was very similar to the KAIMANS that Lake had built for Russia, and at 516 tons and 161 feet long, she was essentially intended for harbor defense or coastal patrols. As-built, SEAL had Lake's customary wheels, amidship planes, and an airlock, as well as trainable (external) torpedo tubes mounted in the superstructure. Her twin screws were powered by four 300-horsepower gasoline engines (two in tandem on each shaft) and 375-horsepower electric motors. Although SEAL was a notoriously slow diver, and her tandem engines caused recurring breakdowns until one of the two on each shaft was removed in 1916, she squeaked through her trials, and Lake was paid.

Likely because of continuing political pressure, the Navy ordered two more submarines from Lake in fiscal years 1909 and 1910. USS TUNA (later G-2, SS-27) and USS TURBOT (later G-3, SS-31) were nearly identical to SEAL, but to save costs, they lacked both wheels and airlocks. TUNA, launched in 1912, was the last boat built for Lake at Newport News Shipbuilding. TURBOT was the first submarine laid down in Lake's own new shipyard in Bridgeport and had two diesel engines, vice the unorthodox propulsion of the earlier boats. However, in November 1913, before she could be completed, Lake was forced to put his shipyard into bankruptcy, and TURBOT had to be turned over to the New York Navy Yard for completion. Even so, she was not fully operational until 1916, and like her two sisters, saw only five years or so of active service.

In March 1915 SEAL set the US Navy submerged depth record at 256 feet. Her official test depth was 200 feet. From October 1915 until her decommissioning in 1920, G-1 served as a trainer and experimental submarine at New London CT.

“And now for the rest of the story!” as Paul Harvey used to say.

G-1 SEAL is anomalously numbered SS-19½ because by the time SS-19 D-3 SALMON and SS-20 F-1 CARP were assigned submarine numbers SEAL had been decommissioned.



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