



# HAMPTON ROADS BASE



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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."*

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Presentations for the 2022 Hall of Fame (HoF) boat were made at our 20-NOVEMBER meeting. The HoF selection will be at our 11-DECEMBER meeting by vote of the membership present. **You must be present to vote.**

The Base Winter Holiday Party is 17-19 of DECEMBER at the Best Western Sandcastle Beachfront Hotel on Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. Tickets are \$25 each and are available from Beverly Galles. Contact her directly **ASAP** if you want to be there and haven't already purchased your tickets. We always have a good time at this annual event and the more attending the merrier the party.

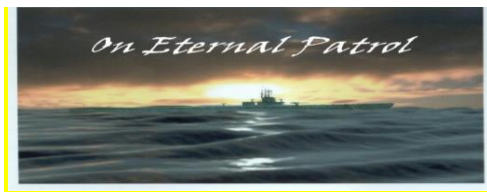
This year is an election year for Base Officers with the election being held at our 11-DECEMBER meeting. All your elected Base officers are standing for re-election with exception to Base Secretary and treasurer. The nominations are **Lynn Merryman** for secretary and **John Sidlovsky** for treasurer there have been no other nominations. **Again, you must be present to vote.**

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**We remember.... We Honor...**



### **Boats Lost in December**

**USS Carp (F-1), (SS-20):** Lost on December 17, 1917 due to collision with USS F-3 (SS- 22). Nineteen of her crew were lost while five were rescued by boats with which she was operating. Previously, in 1912, she slipped her mooring and grounded on a beach near Monterey, California. Two of 17 aboard were lost in that event.

**USS S-4 (SS-109):** Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and re-commissioned. She was later scuttled off Hawaii in 1937.

**USS Sealion (SS-195):** Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 5 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.



**USS Capelin (SS-289):** Lost on Dec 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol, but her exact location, date and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



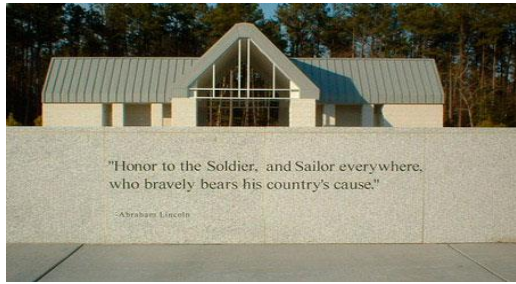
### **HORTON WREATH LAYING**

The following is taken from the Horton Wreath Society Website:

*On Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 9:00 AM, the Horton Wreath Society Inc., Suffolk, VA, will hold its annual wreath laying event at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on all the graves and columbarium rows of our country's fallen heroes along with the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.*

Due to expansion activities, there is no longer parking at the cemetery itself. Beginning at 0700

shuttle busses will be running from Kings Fork Middle and High Schools.



The exact date of the early January Wreath pickup is undetermined at his time.



**HRB December Birthdays**

- 2 Rebecca Kingsley
- 4 Rick Shaw
- 7 Kevin Adams
- 8 Reggie Erman
- 9 Chris Clements
- 10 Oscar Hudson
- 11 Charley Harvilicz
- 12 Bill Jones, Kenneth Warren
- 13 Fred Seifert
- 15 Ron Garner
- 17 Daniel Giel
- 18 Paul "Mad Dog" Hanes
- 19 Tom Etter
- 23 Larry Mantta
- 24 Mervin Burlette
- 25 Bill Bond
- 26 Ron Busila, Bob Driskell
- 28 Shawn Kaylor
- 29 Jerry Benbrook, J.A. Aldredge, Dave DeCook,
- 31 Mark Berner



Our 2021 Holiday Party is slated for the Third weekend of December.

**GET YOUR RESERVATIONS TO Gary & Beverly Galles ASAP!!**



## Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News



The next visit is TBD. Most likely Sometime in 2022



## 2021 HALL of FAME NOMINEES

The nominees and proponents for this 2021 are:

- USS GUARDFISH (from last two years)
- USS ATLANTA (from last two years) was nominated by Bill Heron.
- USS PROVIDENCE (from last two years) was nominated by Sam Stevens.
- USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER nominated by (Plank owner) Gary Merryman.

Final voting will be made at the 11 December base meeting. You must be present to Vote



## Upcoming Events

### December 2021

- 11: Base meeting
- 14: Horton Wreath Laying
- 18: Holiday Party

### January 2022

TBD:



## December Historic Events

**2 December 1944** - USS Sea Devil (SS 400) attacks a Japanese convoy in the East China Sea and sinks merchant tanker Akigawa Maru and passenger-cargo ship Hawaii Maru, while USS Gunnel (SS 253) evacuates 11 rescued aviators from Palawan, Philippines and turns over all available stores to Filipino forces ashore.

**3 December 1775** - The first American flag is raised on board a Continental ship when Lt. John Paul Jones hoists the Grand Union Flag during Continental ship Alfred's commissioning at Philadelphia, Penn.

**4 December 1944** - USS Flasher (SS 249) sinks Japanese destroyer Kishinami and damages a merchant ship in the South China Sea. Flasher is the only U.S. submarine to sink more than 100,000 tons of enemy shipping in World War II.

**10 December 1941** - A PBY aircraft piloted by Lt. Harmon T. Utter is attacked by three Japanese Mitsubishi A6M2 Type 0 (ZERO) carrier fighters. Chief Boatswain Earl D. Payne, Utter's bow gunner, shoots one down, scoring the Navy's first verifiable air-to-air kill of a Japanese plane in the Pacific War.

**14 December 1944** -The rank of Fleet Admiral (five-star admiral) of the U.S. Navy is established during World War II due to the rapid build-up of U.S. military forces. **The first five-star admirals** are: William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King, and Chester W. Nimitz. Adm. William F. Halsey joined the selected group Dec. 11, 1945.

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

**29 December 1943** - USS Silversides (SS 236) sinks the Japanese transport Tenposan Maru, the army cargo ship Shichisei Maru, and the freighter Ryuto Maru while also damaging the army cargo ship Bichu Maru off Palau

**26 December 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.



### *Humor*

**"The Silent Service" EXPLAINED.**

**On my submarine, we did some of the stuff we did.**

**We didn't do the other stuff we did because if we did do it, it was a secret.**

**So, we didn't do it.**

**Even though we did, but not really.**

**The medals my shipmates and I didn't earn for doing what we didn't do, we did receive, except we didn't, because we never went where we were and weren't there when we**

**were, but we did the stuff we didn't do while we weren't there not doing it.**

**As far as what boat I was on, we didn't go where we went and didn't do what we did while not doing it.**

**So, the bottom line, we weren't on a boat that I won't mention, not doing what we did, where we weren't.**



## **Base Officers & Key Personnel**

Here is an updated list of contact information for the base officers and other key personnel.

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