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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."



Passing of June Kracker

Please offer your condolences to Ed Kracker and his family.

Recently Hampton Roads Base lost a dear friend, companion and “shipmate”.

On 20 May June Kracker passed on to other shores.



“Mama June is survived by our Senior member and WWII veteran, Ed Kracker. Other survivors are her brother David Kirchner of Cleveland and numerous nieces and nephews in Ohio.

June was born on June 3, 1930 in Cleveland. She married Ed in November of 1971 and graced his life and those of others for nearly 50 years.

Not one to stay at home, she volunteered in many capacities in the Chesapeake and nearby communities. A few of her activities were:

- Oasis of Portsmouth
- Red Cross Volunteer
- Portsmouth Naval Hospital Pharmacy volunteer
- Girl Scout Leader
- Saint Mary’s Catholic Church Council and Council Chair

Ed, we want you to know that your Hampton Roads Base family is and will be here to assist you in the future.

Again, our condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,

All of us



Updated Contact Information

Because we have had so many changes recently, here is an updated list of contact information for the base officers and other key personnel.

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We remember....

Boats Lost in June



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USS O-9 (SS-70): Lost on 20 June 1941 with the loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.

USS S-27 (SS-132): Lost on 19 June, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.

USS R-12 (SS-89): Lost on 12 June 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



USS Runner (SS-275): Lost between June 26 and July 4th, 1943, with the loss of 78 men.



Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably 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 sink 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.

USS Herring (SS-233): Lost on 1 June 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted



her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sunk a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.



USS Golet (SS-361): Lost on 14 June 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



USS Bonefish (SS-223): Lost on 19 June 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on



her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.

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*They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.***

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### **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.

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HRB June Birthdays

Randy Kulp
Dave Lockwood
Dick Helm`
Julius Jackson
David Stanley
Andy Vuckovich
Bill Mulligan`
Efren Monis
Bill Tilton
Dan Bohlke
Bill Newton,
Paul Schmidt
Jon Walsh
Nick Corey

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



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## **Upcoming Events**

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

### **June 2020.**

**17:** NSL Meeting

**20:** Base Meeting//Scholarship  
Announcement

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## **June Historic Events**

**June 5, 1794** - The first officers of the U.S. Navy under the new United States Constitution are appointed: John Barry, Samuel Nicholson, Silas Talbot, Joshua Barney, Richard Dale, and Thomas Truxtun. They are also asked to supervise the construction of new ships.

**June 8, 1830** - The sloop of war USS Vincennes become the first US Navy warship to circle the globe when she returns to New York. She departs on Sept. 3, 1826, and rounds Cape Horn and cruises the Pacific protecting American merchantmen and whalers until June 1829.

**June 6, 1918** - After Allied troops take Hill 142 at Chateau-Thierry, France, during World War I, 12 enemy soldiers crawl in a position to counter attack with five light machine guns. Realizing his company might withdraw if fired upon, Marine Gunnery Sgt. Maj. Ernest A. Janson, quickly rushes and bayonets two enemy leaders, forcing the rest of the enemy attackers to withdraw. For his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" on

this occasion, he is awarded the Medal of Honor by both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army.

**June 9, 1944** - During her Fifth War Patrol, USS Harder (SS 257) sinks Japanese destroyer Tanikaze in the Sibitu Passage, about 90 miles southwest of Basilan Island. On June 6, she sinks the Japanese destroyer Minazuki 120 miles east-northeast of Tarakan, Borneo. On June 7, Harder sinks the Japanese destroyer Hayanami south of the Japanese fleet anchorage at Tawi, southeast of the Sibitu Passage, Borneo. On the morning of Aug. 24, Harder is sunk in Dasol Bay, Philippines, by enemy depth charges on its Sixth War Patrol. There are no survivors and the crew is never recovered. For his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" in sinking the Japanese destroyers during the Fifth War Patrol, Cmdr. Samuel D. Dealey, Harder's CO, is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

**June 6, 1957** - Two F8U Crusaders and 2 A3D Skywarriors fly nonstop from USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA 31) off the coast of California to USS Saratoga (CVA 60) off the east coast of Florida. This is the first carrier-to-carrier transcontinental flight. The F8Us take 3 hours and 28 minutes and the A3Ds completed the crossing in 4 hours and 1 minute.



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## **HUMOR**

A German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost.

Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep shit now!"



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Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"



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Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"



Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

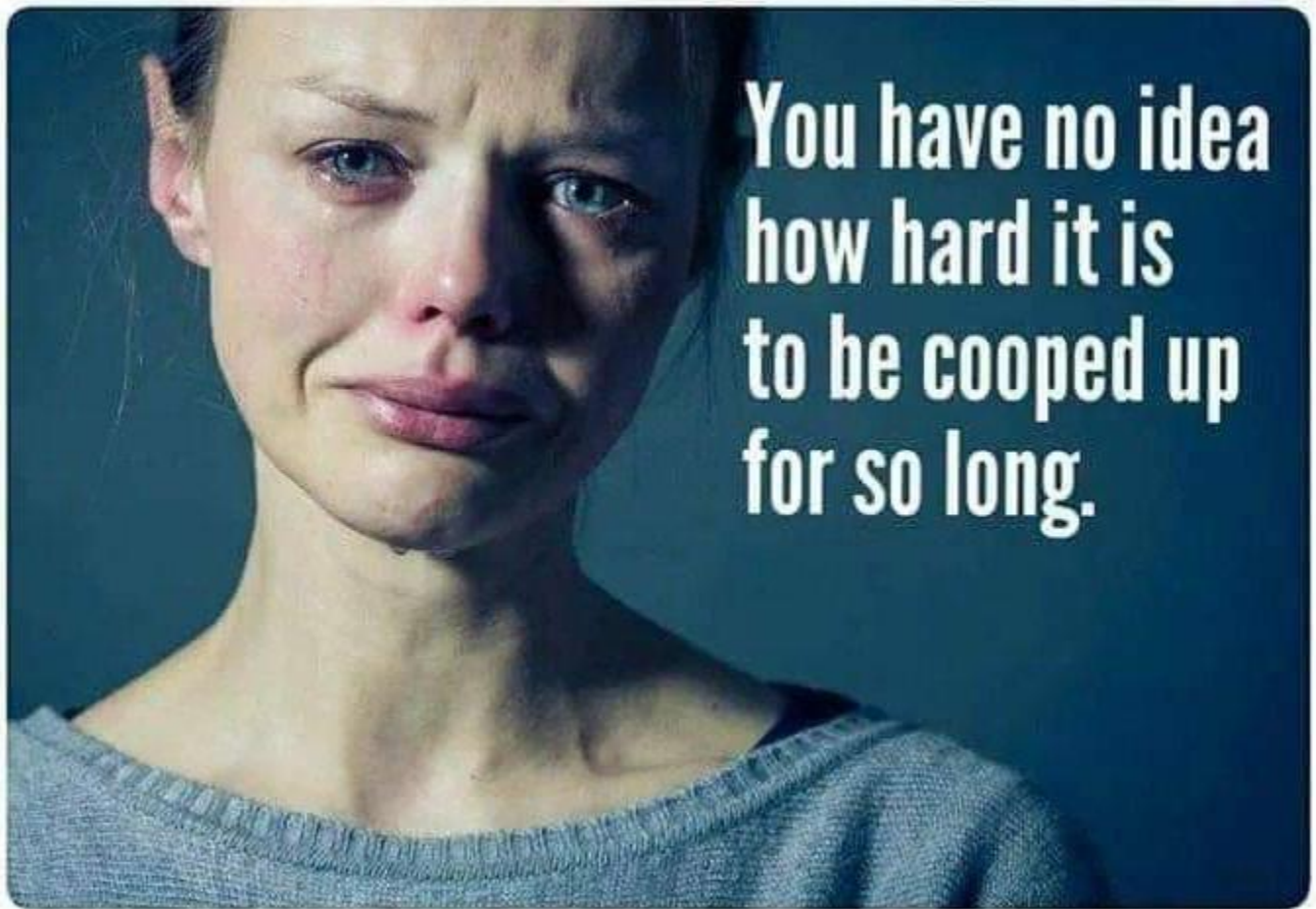
Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story...

**Don't mess with the old dogs. Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! Bullshit and brilliance only come with age and experience.**

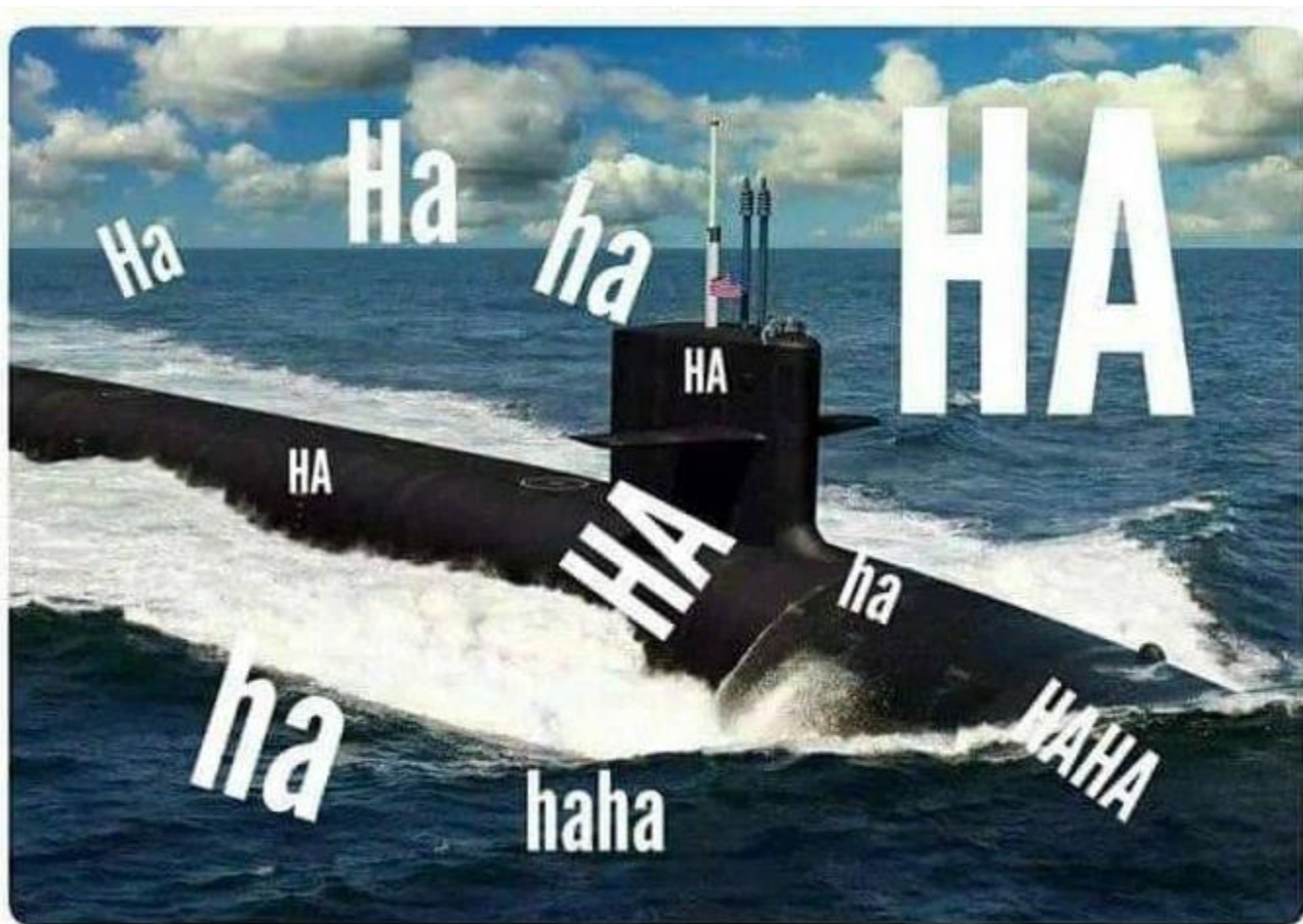




**You have no idea  
how hard it is  
to be cooped up  
for so long.**







*Thanks to Earl Densten sending this in.*



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## **AROUND THE FLEET**

### **Navy Extends High-Year Tenure Waiver for Enlisted Sailors with Critical Skills**

**Ben Werner, USNI News, May 6**

As the Navy tries ensuring COVID-19-related restrictions don't hollow out the force, active-duty enlisted sailors with vital skills can now delay their high-year tenure separations for up to 24 months and sailors can reenlist up to a year before their contracts end.

The Navy extended by two years the high-year tenure waiver available for rates seaman, petty officer third class and petty officer second class, E3 through E5. This affects sailors who are facing mandatory separation dates because of the number of years they've served at their rate without advancing.

At the same time, the Navy is encouraging sailors considering reenlisting to sign up earlier, up to a year before the end of their contracts. The Navy also increased the reenlistment bonuses for several critical-need skill sets.

"Navy is implementing additional personnel policy actions necessary to maintain our maritime superiority," reads a statement from Vice Adm. John Nowell, the chief of naval personnel. "These efforts mitigate the

effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and maintain operational, sailor and family readiness."

The updated policy does not apply to any sailor with a pending mandatory separation or retirement because of misconduct, or anyone already approved for disability separation or retirement.

In March, the Navy started offering one-year high-year tenure waivers for sailors in critical-need billets. Since then, the Navy approved nearly 700 one-year waivers. Already, the Navy Personnel Command reports 565 enlisted sailors are currently serving on high-year tenure waivers. The billets split between sea duty and shore duty, with 269 sailors at sea and 265 sailors at operational shore duty units.

Meanwhile, approximately 1,470 sailors up to petty officer first class are coming into their high-year tenure window, according to Personnel Command. By expanding the high-year tenure waiver by an additional 12 months, the Navy is offering sailors more of a cushion before they leave the service for an uncertain job market.

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## **U.S. Navy fast-attack submarine departs Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for sea trials**

**Dylan Malvasov, Defence Blog, May 12**

The U.S. Pacific Fleet has reported that Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Missouri (SSN 780) departs Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard after completing a scheduled extended dry-docking selected restricted availability (EDSRA).

According to a recent service news release, during the maintenance period, the shipyard and crew performed tank blasting and coating, hull preservation, propulsion and ship system repairs, and made enhancements to mechanical and electrical systems.

Following sea trials, the crew will work together to maintain readiness prior to completing their certification for overseas deployment to support theater and national tasking.

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. The submarines are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship

warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and mine warfare. The vessels are capable of a variety of missions, from open ocean warfare to projecting power ashore with special operation forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or response to regional crises.

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## **The New and Improved Tomahawk Missile Now Runs on Corn**

**Kyle Mizokami, Popular Mechanics Online, May 25**

One of the nation's most prestigious national labs has developed a new fuel substitute for the same jet fuel that powers cruise missiles. Los Alamos National Labs has come up with a replacement fuel for JP-10 that uses corn bran and other feedstocks instead of petroleum products. The result is a fuel that can be sourced directly from America's most plentiful crop, bypassing foreign sources.

The Tomahawk missile is one of the most plentiful missiles in the US military arsenal. Developed in the 1970s, Tomahawk was one of the first low-altitude, radar-evading cruise missiles to enter service, and today 145 U.S. Navy warships carry the missile daily as part of their standard missile



loadout. Unlike other missiles that are powered by rocket motors, the Tomahawk and others like it are powered by turbine engines, in effect miniature, single-use airplane engines that trade speed for fuel efficiency and range. These engines, like their bigger, more powerful cousins run on JP-10 jet fuel.

The U.S. Navy sits on a stockpile of 4,000 Tomahawk missiles, each powered by a Williams International F415 turbofan engine, making JP-10 an important part of the fleet's inventory. The result, LANL says, is a fuel that can be made entirely within the United States, using home-made agricultural products. Unlike petroleum-based JP-10, the feedstock-based method doesn't require harsh acids to manufacture, making it more environmentally friendly to use as well.

The fuel is made with a byproduct of the process for making corn-based ethanol, making more efficient use of the corn and giving ethanol

manufacturers an incentive to manufacture it.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the new formulation: it's entirely renewable and made with America's largest crop. American farmers plant 90 million acres of corn every year, which is then used in everything from high fructose corn syrup to feeding livestock. This ensures a steady supply of feedstock that is less susceptible to market volatility. LANL believes that a JP-10 market dominated by the new fuel could drop prices 50 percent, with all of the planting, processing, and refining done in the U.S., which will also create American jobs.

LANL believes that JP-10's high energy density might lead more high-performance jet engines to use the fuel. This would result in planes with longer ranges or that need to carry less fuel to get from Point A to Point B. If so this new fuel could be yet another military innovation that carries over to the civilian world.

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