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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."

From the Base Commander

Shipmates:

Greetings and welcome to fall.

As most of you know now Fran and I went to the USSVI Convention in Austin, TX. what a great experience, there were only about 400 people there however, it was a very well put together convention. The tours were very good, I for one really enjoyed the Pacific World War II museum, if you ever have the chance to see this, it should be a must for you. We also did a river tour where we got to see the Bats fly out of a bridge by the thousands and go on their nightly feeding trip. Of course, there were other things going on, the Commanders meeting was based on membership, recruiting and dues. We need to do better at getting our dues in on time.

I won't be at the October meeting Gary will be running it for me. See you all in November.

Ted



From the Junior Vice Commander

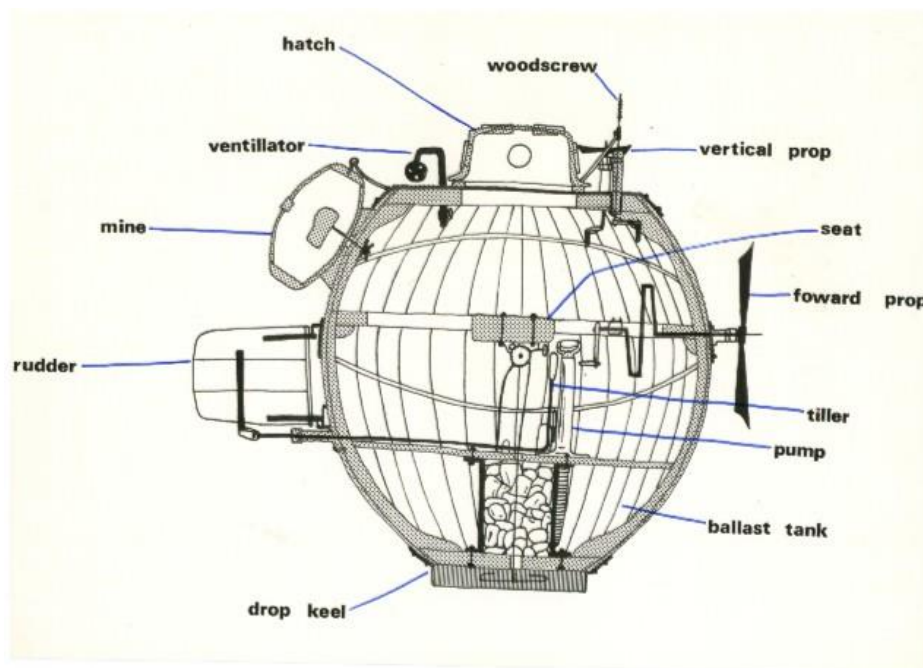
Shipmates,

I've been busy with personal affairs but would be remiss not to revisit this vital part of our history, the place where it all began.

On September 6, 1776, the first functioning submarine, called the Turtle, attacked the HMS Eagle anchored in New York Harbor. Designed by Saybrook native and Yale graduate David Bushnell, the Turtle was a one-man vessel that submerged by admitting water into the hull and surfaced by pumping it out by hand. The oak carved egg-shaped submarine was armed with a torpedo made from a keg of powder that would be attached to an enemy ship's hull and gave Americans a secret weapon against the British—one that could potentially destroy British ships in New York Harbor.

On the night of September 6 and 7, the Turtle, operated by Army volunteer Ezra Lee, made its way through the dark waters of the Harbor and conducted the attack. Problems arose, however, when the boring device operated from inside the submarine failed to penetrate the ship's hull. The torpedo was eventually abandoned and Lee emerged unhurt. The abandoned torpedo detonated about an hour after it was released but did no harm. The Turtle would attack again, only to be discovered. It was subsequently captured by the British, and sunk with the sloop upon which it was being transported.

It wasn't exactly a success but naval warfare was forever changed and showed that the submarine could become a potent asset defending the nation and controlling the seas.



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*From the Secretary/
Treasurer*

The annual dues renewal drive is in progress and I have contacted everyone by email that needs to pay Base and/or National dues for the 2020 calendar year and beyond. As of this writing, 24 of 113 members who have to, have responded and already renewed their membership by paying their dues. If you are one of the members I contact, please, pay your dues promptly so I can put this to bed sooner than later and not have to worry about it anymore. Consider paying multi-year dues or even better, Life dues. If you are interested in Life dues you must contact me to verify the amount and it must be for both Base and National.

Nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame (HoF) boat will be made at our 19-OCTOBER meeting. These are nominations ONLY. We will bring forward and add in the boat nominations from the 2019 HoF for those boats that were not selected then. At our 16-NOVEMBER meeting we will have presentations for each of the boats nominated and vote to make the HoF selection at our 21-DECEMBER meeting.

If you are going to want a USSVI Calendar for 2020 you must order it from our NEW Storekeeper, Fran Vorce, and pay for it (\$10) NLT our 19-OCTOBER meeting. She is not planning on ordering extras so if you're going to want one you will have to order it.

The Submarine Khaki Social we were planning for the end of September didn't happen because the venue we normally use, Vista Point, was not available and we weren't able to locate another suitable venue. We will look at scheduling a Social sometime after the first of the year, working around CSL/CSS-6 scheduling.



This year is an election year for Base Officers with the election being held at our 21-DECEMBER meeting. Brian Daugherty will be the Nominating Committee chair. If you are interested in an elected Base leadership position, please, contact Brian directly (bdaugherty7@verizon.net) and let him know. The responsibilities of each elected officer position can be found in the Base Bylaws
ARTICLE IV – ELECTED BASE OFFICERS.

That will be all from me for this month. As always, if you need something, don't hesitate to email me or call me so I can help you out. I'm only as far away as your computer or the other end of your phone. Finally, don't forget about our regular monthly meeting at FRA #60 on 19 October, we want to see you there, otherwise...

~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~

EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)
Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer



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We remember.... We Honor...



Boats Lost in October

USS O-5 (SS-66): Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Abagarez off the Panama Canal.

USS S-44 (SS-155): Lost on Oct 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived

the war.

USS Wahoo (SS-238): Lost on Oct 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.



USS Dorado (SS-248): Lost on Oct 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.



USS Seawolf (SS-197): Lost on Oct 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer.

Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



USS Escolar (SS-294): Lost on Oct 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.



USS Shark II (SS-314): Lost on Oct 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POW's on board.



USS Darter (SS-227): Lost on Oct 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.



USS Tang (SS-306): Lost on Oct 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



WELCOME ABOARD



At the 21 September meeting we gained one new shipmate, IC1 (SS) Art Nelson, who earned his dolphins aboard USS Baton Rouge (SSN-689) in 1977.

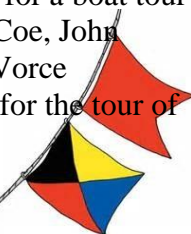
Art also sailed on USS Batfish (SSN-681).



Thank you from the Thomas A. Edison Reunion

A big BRAVO ZULU goes to HRB members who came to the aid of the Thomas Edison reunion. We came up short on credentialed drivers for a boat tour 26 September. Four shipmates, Bob Coe, John Donaldson, Chuck Steenberg & Ted Vorce volunteered to provide transportation for the tour of USS Boise.

Jim Simpson & Marlin Boyle



CHIEFS

I know that most of you'all reading this have been CPO's. You know that you and your fellow goats were the ones who made the Navy function. Recently there were new members initiated into your ranks. Below is a photo of a letter sent from CNO Gilday to the newly pinned Chiefs. It looks like "He Gets it".



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

September 4, 2019

Dear Chief Select,

As I reflect on the critical impact Chief Petty Officers have had on my own life and career, I am convinced of the importance of the Mess as an institution. By institution, I do not mean a space, a uniform insignia, or a set of traditions, but rather the sum total of daily acts – large and small – that Chiefs routinely undertake to enable our Sailors to perform at their very best. This is the root of our success in battle over our illustrious 244-year history.

As you undergo this critical transformation, I charge you to enliven this critical institution each and every day. None of us can afford to rest on our laurels – the competitive environment today is too intense and the margins of victory will be close.

Carrying forward the legacy of those who came before you will test you, and will draw on all the skills, knowledge, and experiences that formed the basis for your selection. I'm confident that you'll rise to the occasion and validate your readiness for this paramount enlisted career milestone.

My first Chief told me that our most important weapon system is our Navy team. Today's team is looking to you for training and mentorship, and we need your best efforts more than ever.

Sincerely,

M. M. Gilday
M. M. GILDAY
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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HRB October Birthdays

- 1: Bob Vincent
 - 2: John Procida, Harold Weston
 - 3: Brad Sargent
 - 5: Bud Atkins, Gene Lockwood
 - 6: Walter Kreger
 - 8: Ed Wegiel
 - 10: Dave Snyder
 - 12: Jason Ritchie
 - 13: Joe Pepperman, Gene Roberts
 - 14: Mike McGinn, Rich Moore,
 - 16: Greg McRae, Jeffery Briggs
 - 17: Mike Noftsgier, Clif Williams
 - 20: Bill Ralston, Tony Ficca
 - 22: David Cosgrove
 - 26: Mike York
 - 27: Al Keck, Dave Davidson
 - 29: Bobbie Holt
 - 30: Harry Hampson
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not a disaster. Child Life Coordinator, Chris Brogan, being the resourceful guy that he is, had a large supply of stuffed animals that we were able to tap for this visit. These and a few submarine pens from our pockets proved sufficient to stock our visit with the kids and parents.



Host Chris Brogan, Marlin, Craig, Dave, George, Lynn & Bob. Not in the picture is Joe Demnicki

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News



On September 23 the K4K crew visited NMC-P. The crew was comprised of Lynn Moran, Dave Snyder, George Williams, Bob McClaren, Craig Werner, Joe Demnicki and Marlin Boyle.

We saw six boys and one girl aged from 3 years to 15 years. However, we were not able to make any of the kids Honorary Submariners this trip. Sid Sidlovsky, who had all of the gear, got tied up at a jobsite and could not make it to the hospital. However, this was



The next visit is slated for 22 October.

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PREVIOUS HALL of FAME BOATS

With the Hall of Fame selection coming soon, here is list of the previous selections:

1999: USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) - First Navy Ship to have all Tomahawks land on target.

2000: USS NARWAHL (SSN 671) - 25 years of special operations.

2001: USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) - First Nuclear Submarine.

2002: USS IREX (SS 482) - First Fleet Snorkel Submarine.

2003: USS TRITON (SSN 586) - First to circumnavigate the world submerged

Upcoming Events

October 2019

03: Dolphin Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament

16: Navy Submarine League Meeting

19: Base Meeting

22: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

November 2019

11: Veterans Day Parade

16: Base Meeting

19: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

December 2019

13-15: Holiday Party

21: Base Meeting

TBD: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

January 2020

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

February 2020

15: Base Meeting

18: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

March 2020

21: Base Meeting

24: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

April 2020

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

May 2020

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

TBD: Scorpion Memorial

TBD: WWII Memorial & Hall of Fame

25: 136th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade



October Historic Events

13 October 1775 - The Continental Congress votes for two vessels to be fitted out and armed with 10 carriage guns, a proportional number of swivel guns, and crews of 80 then sent out on a cruise of three months to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America. **This legislation, out of which the Continental Navy grew, constitutes the birth of the U.S. Navy.**

8 October 1842 - Commodore Lawrence Kearny, commanding the East Indian Squadron, sends a letter to the Viceroy of China urging American merchants in China be granted the same treaty privileges as the British. As a result of his letter, Chinese ports are opened to American ships. These agreements are formalized by Caleb Cushing in the Treaty of Wangxia in 1844.

16 October 1885 - Capt. Alfred Thayer Mahan becomes the superintendent of the Naval War College at Newport, R.I.

19 October 1915 - The Naval Submarine Base at New London, Conn. is established.

5 October 1943 - USS Wahoo (SS 238) sinks the Japanese army transport Konron Maru in the Tsushima Straits.

3 October 1944 - USS Shelton (DE 407) is sunk by Japanese submarine off Morotai Island, Indonesia. During anti-submarine operations, USS Richard M. Rowell (DE 403) accidentally sinks USS Seawolf (SS 197), which is transporting U.S. Army personnel to the east coast of Samar. There are no survivors among the more than 100 crew and passengers.

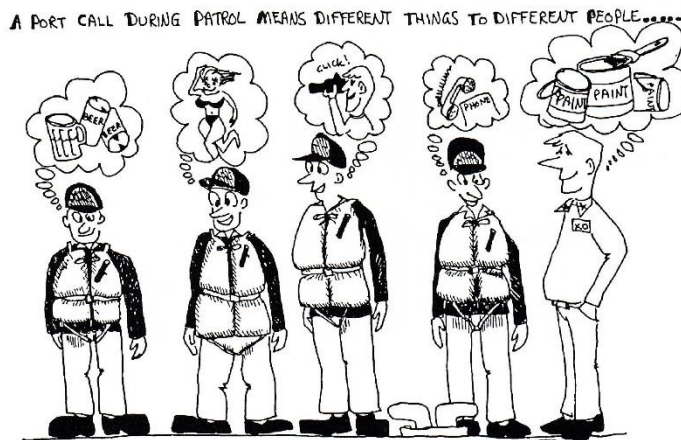
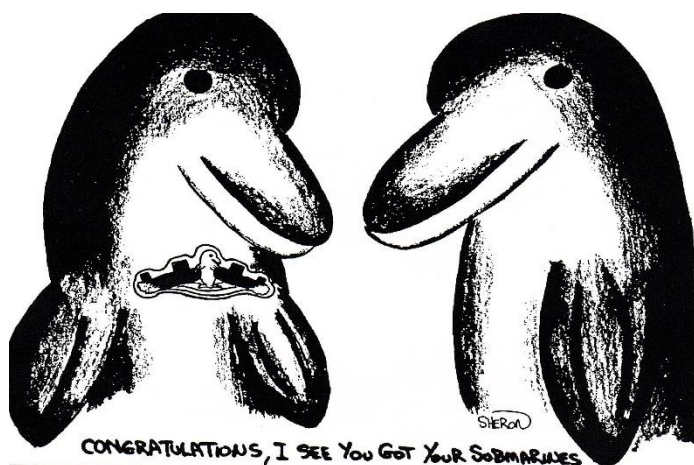
18 October 1944 - USS Bluegill (SS 242) and USS Raton (SS 270) attack a Japanese convoy in the South China Sea. Bluegill sinks the army cargo ships Arabia Maru and Chinsei Maru and freighter Hakushika Maru. Raton sinks the army cargo ships Taikai Maru and Shiranesan Maru.

22 October 1951 - The first detonation, Able, takes place in the Operation Buster-Jangle nuclear tests. Uncle, the last of the seven tests, is detonated Nov. 29. Navy and Marine Corps observers and 3rd Marines take part in this Department of Defense operation.

25 October 2008 - Virginia class submarine USS New Hampshire (SSN 778) is commissioned at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine.

HUMOR

Thanks to Dave Snyder for the book. and with permission from the Dolphin Scholarship FUND Foundation cartoons from the DSF's 1992 publication Thirty Years of Submarine Humor will be sporadically appearing in this section of CURRENTS. Also, let's acknowledge the young (then) artists whose work appeared on the DSF Calendars.



A Dying Man's Last Note

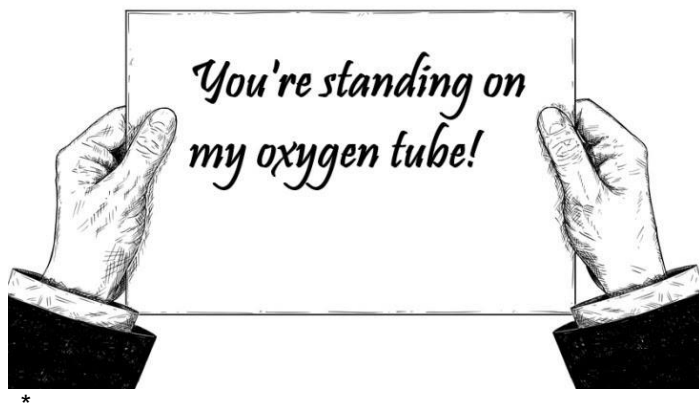
Ol' Fred was in the hospital, badly ill. The family called his personal physician and best friend to stand with them. As his best friend stood next to the bed, Ol' Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate and he motioned frantically for something to write on.

His friend lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper, and Ol' Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then immediately after, died. The friend, in his grief, put the note in his wallet and forgot about it.

Four days later, at the funeral, as he was finishing a speech about the life of his best friend, Fred, he realized that he still had the note.

He said, "You know, Ol' Fred handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Fred, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all."

He opened the note and read:



USWN ARTICLES

Russia deploys S-400 missiles in Arctic

Not Attributed, Agence France-Presse, September 16

Russia has placed S-400 missile defence systems at the Novaya Zemlya archipelago as Moscow seeks to increase its military presence in the Arctic, the defence ministry said on Monday.

The surface to air-missile regiment of the Northern Fleet's air defence forces based on the archipelago's southern Yuzhny Island has been fully equipped with new S-400 systems, the fleet said.

The regiment was earlier equipped with S-300 systems, a previous version of the missile.

The S-400 is one of the most advanced missile defence systems in the world and can hit enemy targets at up to 400 Kilometres.

Over the past few years Russia has significantly upgraded its military infrastructure in the Arctic.



In addition to the Novaya Zemlya forces, the country has stationed troops in the Franz Josef Land, the New Siberian Islands and several other places. Russia has increasingly asserted itself as an Arctic nation, proclaiming the region as a top priority due to its mineral riches and strategic importance.

USS Nebraska Tests Four Trident II D5 Missiles

Not Attributed, U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Programs Public Affairs, September 6

SAN DIEGO -- The U.S. Navy conducted four scheduled missile test flights of unarmed Trident II (D5) missiles from USS Nebraska (SSBN-739), an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, off the coast of Southern California this week.

The first two launches took place Sept. 4, and the last two were Sept. 6. All occurred before sunrise.

These test flights were part of a Commander Evaluation Test (CET) whose primary goal was to validate performance expectations of the life-extended Trident II (D5) strategic weapon system.

These launches mark 176 successful flights of the Trident II (D5) strategic weapon system. CETs and other flight tests are conducted on a recurring, scheduled basis to evaluate and ensure the continued reliability and accuracy of the system. The missile tests were not conducted in response to any ongoing world events.

"Our nation's sea-based deterrent has been a critical component of our national security since the 1960s, and this week's launches continue to demonstrate the credibility and reliability of our life-extended missiles," said Vice Adm. Johnny R. Wolfe, director of the Navy's Strategic Systems Programs, the command responsible for the Navy's strategic weapons.

The Trident II (D5) strategic weapon system, originally designed with a life span to 2024, recently underwent a life extension that will keep it operational through the late 2040s. The life-extended missiles will serve for the remaining service life of U.S. Ohio-class and United Kingdom Vanguard-class SSBNs, and as the initial loadout for the U.S. Columbia-class and U.K. Dreadnought-class SSBNs.

The life extension program addressed potential aging and obsolescence issues. "The life extended missiles are now being deployed to the Fleet, but our work is not done," Wolfe said.

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US Navy makes a major breakthrough in autonomous weaponry

David B. Larter, Defense News September 10

LONDON — The U.S. Navy has achieved a major milestone in its efforts to autonomously combat one of the most persistent threats it faces, the service's deputy head of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations' mine warfare office said Monday.

The Navy successfully demonstrated what's known as single-sortie mine hunting, which sends out an autonomous boat to sweep for mines with a sonar system, detect a mine- like object, classify it and then deploy another system that destroys the mine, according to Stephen Olson.

It's a significant achievement in the years long effort to "get the man out of the minefield" by deploying robots to perform a job traditionally performed by manned minesweepers and highly trained divers. Beyond the safety benefits, it also quickens the process. The successful test opens up the possibility of having a small cadre of human operators who can oversee whole packs of robots as they sweep minefields on their own.

"That single-sortied, detect-to-engage was a great example of something that would represent supervisory [control of unmanned systems]," Olson said. "It was a small group [of people] who oversaw the entire effort: Multiple systems were in operation together, working together and cueing each other."

When reached for comment on the successful test, the Navy would not divulge further details.

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Russia's first sea-borne nuclear power plant arrives to its base

Not Attributed, Reuters, September 14

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's first-floating nuclear power plant has arrived to its permanent base near an isolated Russian town across the Bering Strait from Alaska, Russian state nuclear energy company Rosatom said on Saturday.



Developed by Rosatom, the plant, known as "Akademik Lomonosov", set off on a 5,000 km (3,100 mile) journey on Aug. 23 through Arctic waters to reach the Chukotka region.

Rosatom said it aims to make the floating station operational by the year-end. It would become the world's northernmost nuclear power station.

The plant will replace a coal-fired power plant and an aging nuclear power plant supplying more than 50,000 people with electricity in Chukotka.

Rosatom has long planned to launch the sea-borne power units, which, with their mobile, small capacity plants, are best suited to remote regions. It has said they can help the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming.

The small plants were designed to make it possible to supply electricity to hard-to-reach areas of Russia. They can operate non-stop without the need for refueling for 3-5 years.

Environmental protection groups, including Greenpeace, have expressed their concerns over potential safety issues.

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U.S. 2nd Fleet Flexes Arctic Operational Muscle

Ben Werner, U.S. Naval Institute News, September 25

U.S. 2nd Fleet flexed its Arctic operational muscle this week by opening a temporary expeditionary Maritime Operations Center in Keflavik, Iceland as a Surface Action Group enters the North Atlantic.

The MOC embodies a mission Navy leadership has discussed since reestablishing 2nd Fleet more than a year ago — monitoring North Atlantic Russian submarine activity while also maintaining an Arctic presence. About 30 2nd Fleet staff members are working out of the MOCa cording to the service.

"Iceland is a key ally, and its strategic location in the North Atlantic provides a perfect opportunity to

test out our expeditionary MOC for the first time,” Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis, the commander of 2nd Fleet, said in a statement.

“Operating out of Iceland reinforces our partnership while allowing us to practice operating in an expeditionary manner and test our ability to surge forward.”

As ships assigned to the recently deployed surface action group enter the region, the MOC will take over command and control of their operations. The SAG was hastily formed and departed on Sep. 12, when it was clear Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) would not be able to deploy because of problems with its electrical distribution system.

The SAG includes Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG-60) and Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Lassen (DDG-82), USS Forrest Sherman (DDG-98) and USS Farragut (DDG-99).

Also deployed are aircraft from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 72, according to the Navy.

When ships deploy to the 2nd Fleet’s area of responsibility, the staff handles operational and administrative authorities over the ships, aircraft and landing forces. The fleet conducts exercises and operations within the U.S. European Command area of responsibility as an expeditionary fleet.

The temporary operations center in Keflavik is the second time this year 2nd Fleet is operating out of a forward location. In June, when the massive BALTOPS exercise started, 2nd Fleet sent the majority of its staff to work aboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20).

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

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for 21-SEPTEMBER-2019

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander, Ted Vorce at 11:15 hours and the normal meeting opening sequence was followed:

- A moment of silence for our departed brother and sister submariners was observed.
- The invocation was made by Base Member, Byrd Saville.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- New members Art Nelson and Robin Spellman were recognized; they stood and identified themselves and their backgrounds.
- There were no members visiting from National Leadership, Region Leadership, District Leadership, or other Bases.
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles, was then held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guests they brought to the meeting.

Binnacle List – Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- Al Budd – He is recovering from a knee replacement.
- John Donaldson – He was at this meeting but is recovering from Gall Bladder surgery.
- Al Friedman – He is home following Doctor's orders, recovering and rebuilding his strength.
- Al Keck – His health is deteriorating and is becoming more than his daughter can help with, she will be moving him to a facility out of our area – we've had no recent contact with him or his daughter.
- Doc Kennedy – He has had surgery on his back 05-AUG and at last report was at Lake Taylor for rehab.
- Bill Mereno – He has had the first round of chemo-therapy for a slow growing tumor on his liver and is doing well all things considered.
- Jim Taylor – He is still recovering from Back Surgery.

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The minutes of the 17-AUGUST-2019 Base Picnic Meeting were emailed out to all members on 18-AUGUST.
- As a reminder to everyone;
 - If you have a suggestion, recommendation, or question about our meeting programs contact the Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
 - If you have a suggestion, recommendation, or question about our fund raising efforts contact the Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
 - All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail address, phone number or any other personal statistics maintained by the Base.

- When you receive the monthly roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that you can fill in and get that information to me
- I need everyone's help to keep everything up-to-date, for National and the Base, please, help me with this. I also need to know about any members who should be on the Binnacle list but aren't.
- If you need a member's identity badge contact Terry Pattison, in person or by email (TPattison@Cox.net), so that he can generate one for you.
- There is no new news on the new USSVI.org website.

Treasurer's Report – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-AUGUST-2019 was \$ 38,591.34.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of AUGUST-2019 of \$ 617.81.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of AUGUST-2019 of \$ 241.18.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-AUGUST-2019 at \$ 22,757.76 and ended the month at \$ 22,794.07 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 36.31.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-AUGUST-2019 at \$ 881.33, after donations, and expenditures totaling \$ 6.00, ended the month at \$ 894.33.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-AUGUST-2019 at \$ 3770.58, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.09, the program ended the month at \$ 3770.67.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-AUGUST-2019 at \$ 1172.44, after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling \$ 0.03, ended the month at \$ 1172.47.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of AUGUST was \$ 456.80.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of \$ 376.63 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of AUGUST-2019.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was
- \$ 38,993.18.

Store Keeper's Report: Base Storekeeper, Ryan Straughan/Fran Vorce:

- Effective with this meeting, because of a change in my home situation, Fran Vorce will be taking over the position of Base Store Keeper.
- We are continuing to take orders and collecting for the 2020 USSVI Calendars, we are not ordering any extras so if you want one you need to order it and pay for it.
- All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.
- Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Base Storekeeper.
- All the materials on the Help-Yourself table are no cost but feel free to make a contribution to the donations bucket, it helps and is appreciated.
- If you have something specific you need from the Store Keeper, send an email to FVorce@Verizon.net.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The annual membership renewal drive is in progress.
 - We have a total of – 120 – members that need to renew their membership for 2020 or beyond.
 - So far we've had – 13 – members that have completed the process.
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 08-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - As of the beginning of this meeting, with gains and losses, we are at – 295 – members; last year at this time we had – 278 – members so this is a gain/loss of – 17 – members over last year and that's great!
 - **WE'RE STILL NUMBER 2!!!** I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and, as of now, we still hold 2nd place in membership nationally by – 14 – members.
 - We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members; if we push we should be able to get to 300 members before the end of this year.
 - As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge for their first calendar (dues) year..
 - Any Active Duty member joining for the first time after 01-OCTOBER-2019 will be good through 2020.
 - If you have any questions contact Craig.
 - If you have any suggestions of ways to increase our membership and meeting attendance please let the Base leadership know of it.
 - Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should see Craig after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The committee is working to produce an application for the 2020-2021 scholastic year.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - The 2019 USSVI National Convention in Austin Texas was 14 thru 20-AUGUST-2019.
 - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 20-AUGUST-2019.
 - There was a NSL meeting, on 21-AUGUST-2019.
 - There was a Field Day here at FRA #60 Saturday, 07-SEPTEMBER-2019 and the patio was cleaned up of debris from the storm that passed through..
 - There was an HRB E-Board meeting here at FRA #60 Saturday, 07-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here 11-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - The September Base meeting is today, 21-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - Pending Events:
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 24-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - Dedication ceremony for the Thresher Memorial at ANC with reception after on 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Parade next Saturday, 28-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - The 14th Annual Virginia Beach DSF Golf Tournament Thursday, 03-OCTOBER-2019, at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club.
 - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 05-OCTOBER-2019.
 - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 09-OCTOBER-2019.
 - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 16-OCTOBER-2019.
 - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60, at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 19-OCTOBER-2019.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P at 09:30 hours, on Tuesday, 22-OCTOBER-2019.

- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 02-NOVEMBER-2019.
- The Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade on Monday, 11-NOVEMBER-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, at 18:30 hours 13-NOVEMBER-2019.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 07-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, at 18:30 hours 11-DECEMBER-2019.
- The Base Winter Holiday Party will be 13 thru 15-DECEMBER at the Sandcastle Hotel.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 07-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, at 18:30 hours 11-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 18-DECEMBER-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P at 09:30 hours, on Tuesday, 24-DECEMBER-2019.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - We are slowly eating up our working capital and **still** need a good fundraiser for this year.
 - Base Leadership is looking at a couple of ideas including selling advertising space in the Base newsletter, "*Currents*".
 - If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please, send the specifics to leadership by email
 - Tickets for a raffle for two pair of tickets to the 2019 Base Winter Holiday Party are being sold at the raffles table.
 - Raffle tickets are \$1 each (there are no multi-ticket discounts).
 - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner, after the meeting to purchase your pens, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
 - If you have suggestions for any other income streams let Base Leadership know of them.
- **Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - Our K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-JUNE was highlighted in the Portsmouth section of the Pilot On-Line on 09-SEPTEMBER.
 - 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 to promote our public image.
 - We're coming into the fall season and windbreakers or light jackets are going to be used more and more, having one with the USSVI and/or the HRB logo and/or name would help, contact Jenny.
 - I have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone get rid of your old ones and pick up a pack of new cards.
- **Newsletter Committee** – Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
 - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the twenty-fifth of this month.
 - All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle to have their picture and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter.
- **Website and Social Media** – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens
 - The THRESHER Memorial dedication ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery followed by a reception this Thursday, 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - If you are intending to be at this event you should have already let Sam Stevens know.
 - All those attending are asked to meet with Sam immediately after this meeting in the back of this room.

- Website Statistics since last meeting:
 - Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 03
 - Total number of website member/users – 93
 - Number of unique visitors to the site last 30 days - 79
- Facebook Statistics
 - New Page members last 30 days - 06
 - New Page Interactions last 30 days – 657 (^ 183%)
 - Total Page “Likes” – 1,023
 - Total Members – 168 (+6 - 4%)
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - Candidates are named at our next (October) meeting.
 - Past candidates (at least from last year) that were not selected will be considered unless withdrawn by their original sponsor.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky.
 - We visited on Tuesday, 27-AUGUST when we got together with – 3 – boys and – 2 – girls aged – 1 – month through – 21 – years old.
 - We had a crew of – 6 – for the visit.
 - We will visit the kids again on Tuesday, 24-SEPTEMBER after meeting at 09:30 hours, in the 2nd floor Food Court of Building 3.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program
- **Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
 - We've had no requests for financial assistance since our last meeting.
 - If you are in need of financial help, as per our Bylaws, contact any member of the committee.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Emergency Relief Fund should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Emergency Relief Fund or drop it into the ERF Donations Box on the booze table.
- **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - Nothing to report
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
 - No report.

Old Business:

- Gary Galles – Plans for the restoration of parade trailers.
- Craig Werner –Submarine Khaki Socials.
 - This event that was scheduled for yesterday was cancelled because our preferred venue, Vista Point, was not available and a suitable alternative was not found.
 - We will look at having Socials again after the first of the year.
- Adam Kingsley – the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Parade is on Saturday, 28-SEPTEMBER.
 - We are Unit #034a.
 - Parade Step-Off is 11:30 hours.
 - We have to be at our staging position by 10:30 hours.
 - We will gather at the Virginia Beach Convention Center SW Corner Parking lot at 09:30 hours.
 - The Drivers are:
 - For the Submarine Float – John Sidlovsky
 - For the Ride-On trailer – Adam Kingsley

New Business:

- Adam Kingsley – heads up the Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade will be on Monday, 11-NOVEMBER.

Program – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:

- Report from the 2019 National Convention.
- Report from the HRB E-Board meeting.

Good of the Order:

- Bob Coe – spoke on a support program called “Project Sanctuary (ProjectSanctuary.US).
 - The program is open to all military active, retired, reserve or veteran and their families.
 - It offers support for family issues, monetary issues, mental or other health issues.
 - It offers local help and also has retreats all across the country.
- Craig Werner – I’ve kept in touch with Ann Sokolowski, the wife of our Past Base Commander, Steve Sokolowski.
 - Steve passed away earlier this year, in the spring.
 - He wanted to be buried at sea from a submarine.
 - Ann was informed this past week that his cremains will be going out sometime between now and the end of next month.
 - Having a burial at sea is a lot more complicated than you would think with a lot of administrative hurdles as well as scheduling issues that have to be overcome.
 - If you are planning on being buried at sea, make sure your survivors know this in advance and are aware of the lengthy wait that may be involved before it actually occurs.
- **Review of boats lost in this month – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:**
 - USS S-5 (SS-110) in 1920
 - USS S-51 (SS-162) in 1925
 - USS GRAYLING (SS-209) in 1943
 - USS POMPANO (SS-181) in 1943
 - USS CISCO (SS-290) in 1943
- **Review of members’ birthdays for the month – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:**
 - Art Picart on 03-SEP
 - Doug Simon on 03-SEP
 - Paul Benton on 04-SEP
 - Ray Casella on 04-SEP
 - Kareem Masha on 04-SEP
 - Paul Worthington on 04-SEP
 - Dom Missaggia on 05-SEP
 - John Baldwin on 08-SEP
 - Ed Hynes on 08-SEP
 - Bob McClaren on 08-SEP
 - Tom Hanlon on 10-SEP
 - Matt Beckman on 12-SEP
 - Tim Palmer on 12-SEP
 - Paul Hansen on 15-SEP
 - Bill Heron on 16-SEP
 - Tommy Pollock on 16-SEP
 - Paul Lucas on 17-SEP
 - Mike King on 18-SEP
 - Bruce Cohen on 22-SEP
 - Ken Swan on 22-SEP
 - Bill Hazard on 21-SEP
 - Vern Wright on 26-SEP
 - Beverly Galles on 27-SEP
 - Bill Mereno on 27-SEP
 - Ike Spears on 27-SEP
 - Dick Fox on 28-SEP
 - Steve Jiran on 28-SEP
 - Ken Sandridge on 28-SEP
 - Bob Rodriguez on 29-SEP
 - Ted Vorce on 30-SEP

- The 50/50 raffle of \$ 108 was won by: Rich Corey (the base received \$ 108).
- The booze raffle was won by: Tony Fica (the base received \$ 134).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: \$ 25.
- There was \$ 83.50 donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: \$ 5.
- There was a total of \$ 50 was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of \$ 25 was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.
- There were - 64 - members and - 3 - guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be our picnic at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **19-OCT-2019** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,



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

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Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 21-SEPTEMBER-2019)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Qty. On Hand</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
BALL CAPS		
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 12.50
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Silver Dolphins)	5	\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Gold Dolphins)	5	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Commander)	1	\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Commander)	3	\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Captain)	2	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI - Khaki (Silver Dolphins)	4	\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran - Khaki (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
PATCHES & CLOTHING		
Hampton Roads Chapter Patch	37	\$ 8.00
USSVI Patch (4-1/2 x 3-1/8)	1	\$ 10.00
USSVI Patch (3-5/8 x 3)	0	\$ 3.00
USSVI Patch (2-7/8 x 2-3/8)	0	\$ 3.00
USSVI Life Member Patch	2	\$ 6.00
Vice Commander	1	\$ 3.50
Life Member Rocker Patch	0	\$ 6.00
Holland Club Patch	3	\$ 7.00
Vice President Patch	1	\$ 3.00
Base Secretary Patch	1	\$ 3.00
Base Chaplain Patch	1	\$ 3.00
Base Store Keeper Patch	2	\$ 3.00
Associate Member Patch	1	\$ 3.00
USSVI Bolo Tie	2	\$ 7.00
USSVI Booney Hat (Khaki w/ Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 20.00
Vest Clasp w/ Silver Dolphins	3	\$ 25.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
HRB Challenge Coins	112	\$ 10.00
HRB Decal (Silver Dolphins)	20	\$ 5.00
HRB Decal (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 5.00
Dolphin Decals (6")	0	\$ 1.75
License Plate Frames	0	\$ 4.50