

# The MidWatch



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What's "Below Decks" in the  
MidWatch

**THE USSVI CREED GUIDES OUR EFFORTS AS PERCH BASE.  
SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE FULL TEXT OF OUR CREED.**

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### **LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL NOVEMBER ETERNAL PATROLS**

USS CORVINA (SS-226)	4 Nov 1943	82 Lost
Japanese Submarine Attack off Truk		
USS ALBACORE (SS-218)	07 Nov 1944	86 Lost
Possible Japanese Mine between Honshu and Hokkaido, Japan		
USS GROWLER (SS-215)	08 Nov 1944	85 Lost
Possible Japanese Surface Attack in South China Sea		
USS SCAMP (SS-277)	11 Nov 1944	83 Lost
Japanese Surface Attack in Tokyo Bay area		
USS SCULPIN (SS-191)	19 Nov 1943	12 Lost (51 POWS)
Japanese Surface Attack off Truk		

#### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**12 noon, Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010  
American Legion Post #105  
3534 W. Calavar Rd., Phoenix, AZ**

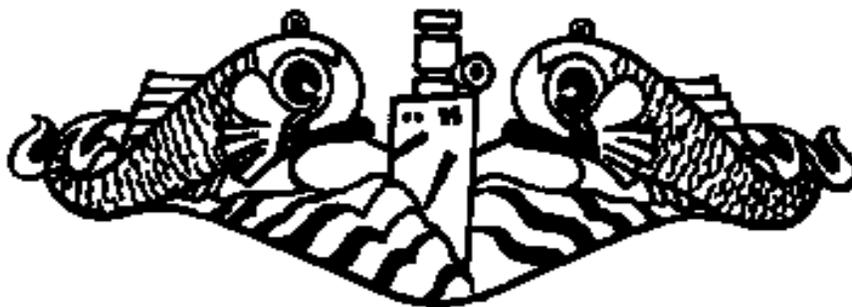
# USSVI CREED

**Our organization's purpose 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 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.”



## 2010 Perch Base Foundation Supporters

The list below contains the names of those Perch Base members who contribute monies to the Perch Base Foundation. The use of these monies for Base operation allows us to keep our dues low and helps us avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

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# Sailing Orders



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**NOVEMBER 1 - 13**

**SANDERSON FORD**

**FLOAT STATIC DISPLAY**

**PART OF THE "RETURN WITH HONOR" CELEBRATION**

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**NOVEMBER 4**

**TEMPE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT**

**FLOAT STATIC DISPLAY**

**5 TO 8 P.M.**

[WWW.PERCH-BASE.ORG/CALENDARS/TEMPE\\_VETS\\_PROJECT.PDF](http://WWW.PERCH-BASE.ORG/CALENDARS/TEMPE_VETS_PROJECT.PDF)

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**NOVEMBER 6**

**ANNUAL ANTHEM VET PARADE AND DISPLAY**

**ANTHEM, AZ**

**STAGING AT 7 A.M.**

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**NOVEMBER 9, 10**

**HIGLEY HIGH SCHOOL/ GILBERT MUNI. CENTER**

**STATIC DISPLAY (BOTH DAYS)**

**6:30 - 8:30 A.M. (Nov. 9) AND**

**10 - 12:30 A.M. ON NOV 10**

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**NOVEMBER 11**

**ANNUAL PHOENIX VETERANS DAY PARADE**

**(SEE NEXT PAGE)**

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**NOVEMBER 13**

**REGULAR BASE MEETING**

**1200 TO 1400 HOURS**

**American Legion Post #105**

**3534 W. Calavar Rd.,**

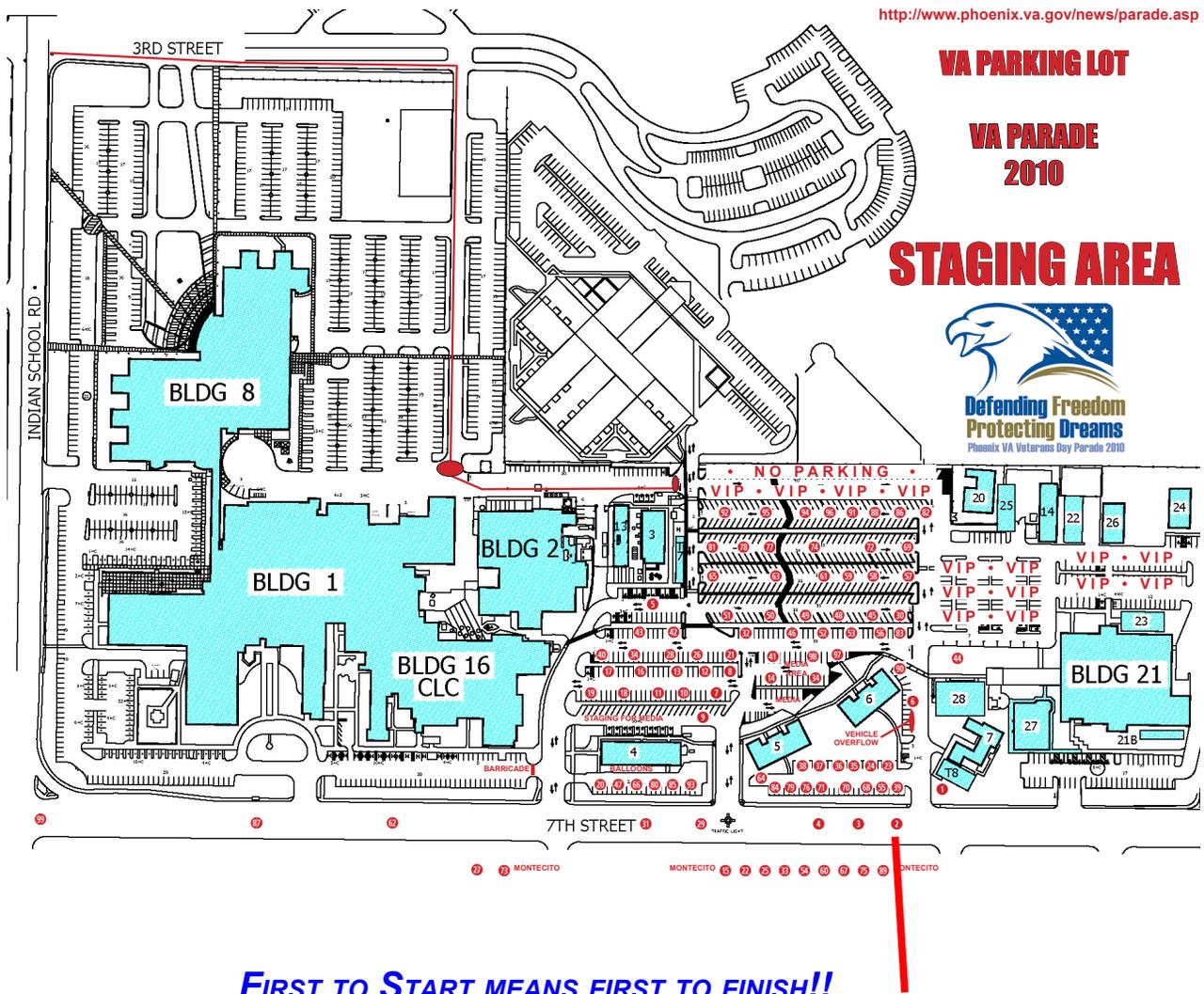
**Phoenix, AZ 85053**

# ANNUAL PHOENIX VETERANS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 11

As in past years, we will meet at the Margaret T. Hance Park (the park over the I-10 tunnel.) This is between Central Ave. and 3rd Ave on the north side. We will be decorating vehicles here and having coffee and donuts courtesy of the fine folks from Palo Verde.

Then we move to the staging area (see map.) Big News. **WE'RE IN THE SECOND SPOT OF THE PARADE!**

**BE THERE BY 7:30 A.M.  
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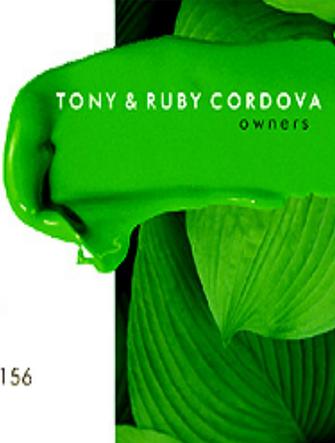
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## October 2010 Perch Base Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1230 hours, 9 October 2010. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was led in a prayer of invocation by Walt Blomgren followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the months of September and October and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

According to the Sailing List there were 39 members and guests present. Jim Denzien introduced a guest (his nephew) John Luna. New members included Rick Baxter who qualified on the USS Permit in 1966, Walt Sweeney who qualified on the USS Argonaut in 1960, and Pete Miller who qualified on the USS Sea Cat in 1967. Members and guests attending this meeting included:

Jim Denzien	Tim Moore	Walt Blomgren	Howard Doyle
Chuck Emmett	Ed Hawkins	Ted Hunt	Jack Kimball
Rick Baxter	Bob Warner	Richard Kunze	John Schlag
Richard Bernier	Jim Nelson	Eldon Hartman	Dan Moss
John Luna	Bob Gilmore	Rick Simmons	Stan Reinhold
Jack Moore	DeWayne Lober	Herb Herman	Steven Balthazor
Tom Clonts	Jim Wall	Mary Denzien	Nancy Nelson
Karen Emmett	Barbara Norris	Linda Wall	Layne Moss
Jackie Hawkins	Carolyn Newman	Walt Sweeney	Jim Edwards
George Crider	Jim Newman	Pete Miller	

As the first item of business, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the August 2010 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jim Denzien, acting as Interim Treasurer, reported on the base's financial status as of 30 September 2010. Jim announced that Bob Warner will be assuming the duties of Treasurer once the turnover of responsibilities is completed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report**

Two recent events were the Glendale Safety Days on 2 October which consisted a parade and a static display where over \$100.00 was raised for our foundation. This was followed by a static display at Palm Valley Elementary School on 6 October.

We have received our 2011 calendars which are now on sale through the Ship's Store for \$10.00 each.

The review and potential changes to our Constitution are on hold pending the final decision and implementation of the proposed changes to the national Constitution. It is likely that we will act accordingly to be in compliance with national. Any changes will be posted to the membership once we know what needs to be done.

Upcoming events include the Veteran's Day Parade in Anthem on 6 November, followed by a static display at Higley High School on 9 November, the City of Gilbert Veteran's Day Celebration on 10 November and finally the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade on 11 November. We are asking and encouraging other members to participate in these events. The general public is very interested and appreciative of what we have done and enjoys hearing from you.

Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held in January 2011. When more information becomes available, it will be provided to the membership.

Perch Base elections will be coming up again in March of 2011. Because of recent changes to the bylaws, there are only two elected positions and they are Commander and Vice-Commander. All other positions are appointed positions. Howard has elected not to run for Commander and Jim announced the he would run for one more term

after which he will no longer be eligible in accordance with our bylaws. We will continue to look for members to step up and be willing to volunteer for the appointed positions.

Jim reported that we no longer have our float storage area available at Butch Deshong's Mesa facility because he now has a need for the space. We are in need of a new permanent storage facility for the float so if anyone knows of a potential storage facility that might be available, please contact one of the board members. We are also considering the possibility of acquiring a sea van. It was decided that we will give up our existing storage space and rent a larger 5' x 10' storage area to accommodate all of our supplies and miscellaneous storage items.

Jim announced that Bob Snedeker, who did the fiber glass work on our float, has a hangar at the Goodyear Airport that might be available for our use and we are still waiting to find out about that. Jim also announced that Bob recently had a heart attack but he is back on his feet and working again.

Jim has been in touch with the UAV (United Arizona Veterans) which is a group of veteran's organizations who have invited Perch Base to join. Jim met with one of their Deputy Directors, Bob Barns and the Director Joey Strickland who are both in the Department of Veteran's Services for the State of Arizona. We are now duly registered with the UAV which is an organization of some 600,000 veterans across the state. Joining the UAV should prove to be beneficial to Perch Base.

The board passed a resolution that all ladies who are life members of the SubVettes ladies auxiliary are eligible to be inducted into Perch Base as Associate Members. Anyone who wishes to accept this offer is welcome to participate in Perch Base functions and will be eligible to be appointed to unelected positions if they so desire and the base commander makes the appointment.

### **Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen**

**Vice-Commander** – Howard Doyle reported on the USSVI National Convention. All USSVI resolutions passed and after the 2014 convention, conventions will be on a two year cycle and held every other year. He also reported that the Palm Valley Elementary School static display event was well received and most successful. Howard also mentioned that if other members know of events that we might want to participate in, let Joe, our Events Coordinator know.

**Secretary** – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

**Treasurer** – Bob Warner had nothing to report.

**Chaplain** – Walt Blomgren suggested that we have either photos or videos to present at our static displays. Anyone who has photos or videos should forward them to Chuck so he can compile them on a DVD for future use.

**Chief of the Boat** – Jack Moore had nothing to report.

**MidWatch Editor/Webmaster** – Chuck Emmett wanted to extend a big Bravo Zulu to Bob Warner our Treasurer for converting the roll of microfiche containing the Perch war patrol information to a jpeg file so it could be posted on the website. Chuck also proposed that we remove the classifieds from the website.

**Base Storekeeper** – DeWayne Lober reported that he has the 2011 calendars for sale for \$10.00 and some cups for \$5.00. He also has some \$10.00 caps & shirts available. Jim added that we will be talking to Chase Bank about ways to accept on line payments.

**Membership Chairman** – Rick Simmons reported on the re-enlistment effort. He reported that all reenlistment letters have gone out and a timely response from the membership would be appreciated. To stimulate an early response, any member who pays their Perch Base dues by the end of October, will be entered into an early bird drawing. A name will be drawn and the winner will not have to pay dues for 2012. He also reminded the membership to verify all contact information; e-mail addresses, street addresses and phone numbers to insure our data base is correct and up to date. Rick mentioned that anyone who has paid their national dues and needs an annual membership sticker for their USSVI membership cards should contact him for the same.

**Historian** – Jim Newman had nothing to report.

**Events Coordinator** – Joe Varese was not present.

**Past Commander** – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business reported other than a few comments about this year's USSVI Convention in Cincinnati. The general consensus was that this year's convention was not up to par with others we have had in the past but it

was good to get together with old friends.

### **New Business**

As mentioned in the Commander's report, we are seeking covered storage space for the float so if anyone has any ideas or recommendations, please let the board know.

With respect to removing the classified section from the website, it was moved and seconded that we remove it from the website. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Howard announced that in 2014 the USSVI will be 50 years old. There is a proposal that in 2014 the USSVI would like to have individual bases participate with their floats in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. At this time it is only a proposed idea and no firm plans are in place. At this point it is being presented to individual bases for future consideration.

### **Good of the Order**

Stan mentioned that Tony Curtis passed away this past week and that he had served on submarine relief crews as a Signaller from 1943 until 1945.

Jim announced that Stan has had a prostate issue and he will be going in for outpatient surgery next Wednesday, October 13th. His recovery should take from 7 to 10 days and we want to wish Stan the very best.

Ted Hunt reported that he has recently gone in for a stress test and discovered some problems. Ted went on to say that considering the average age of the group that we all ought to consider seeing a cardiologist and if recommended, gets stress tests as a preventative measure for diagnostic purposes.

Jim announced that Tom Clonts had a stent put in yesterday and is doing very well.

Jim reported on his and Mary's summer trip and a number of visits to submarine memorials. Of particular interest was the Lapon Memorial in Springfield, MO. This was a sail project which is very similar to our proposed Phoenix project but was erected for some \$20,000 which is considerably less than projected costs for our project. Rick Simmons also mentioned his visit in Cleveland to the USS Cod SS-214 which he said is an excellent museum boat and is in very good shape.

Jim announced that we had tried to make arrangement for a guest speaker from the Return with Honor project but he was unable to attend because of a commitment to dedicate a memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza today. The board is contemplating participating in a Medal of Honor exhibition at Don Sanderson Ford November 1 – 13. Anyone interested in finding out more about this can visit their website at [www.returnwithhonor.org](http://www.returnwithhonor.org).

As a result of his summer trip, Jim announced that he wants to aggressively move forward with our SOS project.

### **50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Rick Simmons donated his share of the \$97.00 back to the Perch Base Foundation.

### **Adjournment**

All outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 1325 hours.

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

Tim Moore, Secretary, Perch Base USSVI



## From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

Our calendar is full! There are a lot of events scheduled in the next two weeks. Rather than detail them here, please check the calendar on our website.

The upcoming Veterans Day parade should be a fantastic event! We are number 2 in the order. Can't get much better than that. We'd like to see as many as possible of you at the parade.

I have not yet gotten the pictures ready from our trip this last summer, but look for them soon. They will be posted on the website.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on November 13.

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander



Shipmates, we are one month into the 2011 membership reenlistment drive and are doing pretty good so far. As of the last week of October we have received dues payments from about 50% of those owing them. For Perch Base dues we have 29 shipmates who will be in the Early Bird drawing for 1 free year of base dues. While this is great, we can't slack off on our efforts to get our dues paid up before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember, if you haven't paid your dues yet there is NO GRACE PERIOD. Don't let your membership laps. Doing so will affect any longevity awards and can possibly delay induction into the Holland Club. Get that check in today!

A special thanks to those 52 members who have contributed to the Perch Base Foundation so far. Your support is appreciated. Thanks.

On another note. In this issue of the MidWatch we have listed 3 of our Shipmates who have departed on Eternal Patrol. Unfortunately, we quite often do not know about the passing of a shipmate until their reenlistment letter comes back as undeliverable. Thanks to the Internet, we can get a little information about their passing but that usually does not let us know any next of kin information.

It is very important that each of us make arrangements to have someone notify USSVI and/or Perch Base when we pass or when we are seriously ill. See the Chaplain's section of the MidWatch for more information on this subject. It is also important to have our information in the USSVI database as complete and up-to-date as possible. Having complete information allows USSVI and Perch Base to properly remember and honor those who have served, provide condolences to your family and notify other such as boat associations.

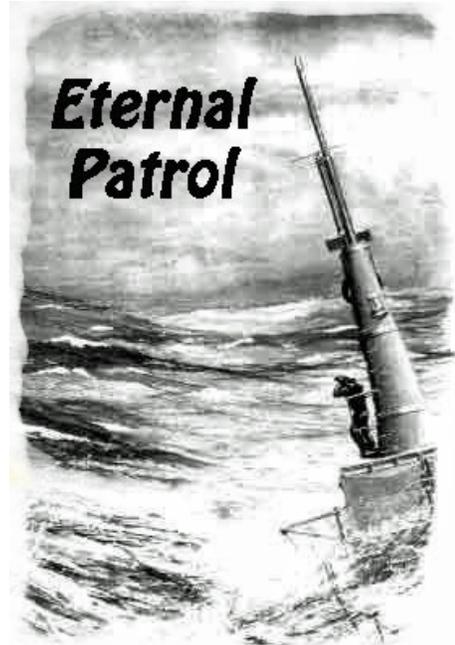
You can update your own information by logging into [USSVI.org](http://USSVI.org) with your user name and password. If you don't have a user name and password there are instructions for obtaining them when you go to the site. If you don't have internet access you can contact me anytime and I can let you know what information we (and USSVI) currently have and I'll be more than happy to update it for you.



## A Submariner's Prayer

"Eternal Father, strong to save  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep.  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

Bless those who serve beneath the deep.  
Through lonely hour their vigil keep.  
May peace their mission ever be,  
Protect each one we ask of Thee.  
Bless those at home who wait and pray,  
For their return by night or day."



Shipmate Robert A. Sungy departed on Eternal Patrol Dec. 3, 2009. Unfortunately, the Base has just now been made aware of his departure.

Bob qualified on the USS Bluegill (SS-242) in 1957 and also served on USS Barbell (SS-580), USS Corporal (SS-344), USS Patrick Henry (SSBN-599) and USS Sea Robin (SS-407.) He was a RMCS(SS) when he left the Navy. He had been with Perch Base and USSVI since 1996 and resided in Wittman, AZ. Sailor, Rest Your Oar.



Shipmate Reginald F. Murphy departed on Eternal Patrol September 7, 2010. Reg, a resident of Litchfield Park, qualified on the USS Lamprey (SS-372) in 1945 and was a FN(SS) when he left the Navy. Sailor, Rest Your Oar.



Ray Lee Graybeal, a resident of Stanfield, AZ, departed on Eternal Patrol December 5, 2008. Ray qualified on the USS Pickerel (SS-524) in 1956 and was a EM1(SS) before leaving the Navy. Ray was inducted into the Holland Club in 2006. Sailor, Rest Your Oar.

## ETERNAL PATROL PREPARATIONS

Shipmates, while we hope your day and those of your shipmates is far off in the future, we must nevertheless prepare. Please copy this notice (in the box immediately below) and place it with your will or important papers.

### IMPORTANT

In the case of my death, please immediately notify the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., (USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978 and give the person on duty the information regarding my death, funeral, and burial arrangements, plus who they can contact for follow-up and support.

Please ask them to contact my local chapter's Base Commander with this information as well (they can look it up in their membership records).

This information can alternatively be E-Mailed to the National Office at "[office@ussvi.org](mailto:office@ussvi.org)".



## SHIPMATES RUNNING ON LESS THAN A FULL BATTERY CHARGE

◇ Stan Reinhold

◇ Ted Hunt

**Both shipmates are either recuperating or are in an out-patient status.**

Do you know a shipmate who is on the lee side of a fair wind? Someone who could use the help of a shipmate? Remember, we are the "**Brotherhood** of the Phin."

Contact our Base Chaplain if you know of any way we can help:

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# Perch Base November Birthdays



<b>Bill Sherman</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>
<b>Mike Keating</b>	<b>Nov. 6</b>
<b>Roger M. Miller</b>	<b>Nov. 7</b>
<b>Larry Rankin</b>	<b>Nov. 11</b>
<b>Bill Tippett</b>	<b>Nov. 14</b>
<b>Harry Ellis</b>	<b>Nov. 17</b>
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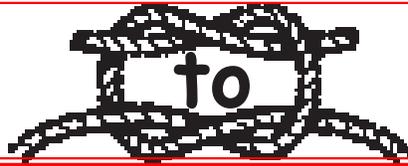
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## *WHAT'S NEW ONLINE*

Not sure of something you read here? Check out the web page [www.perch-base.org](http://www.perch-base.org) to get the details. The web page has copies of all of our newsletters and just about everything else a Perch Base member needs to know plus a whole lot more.

If you have a question on a nauticle term, check out the glossary page.

# Shipmate



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## Now, This Ain't No Sh\*t . . .

We're still looking for stories! All of us have heard the one about the difference between a fairy tale and a sea story. The fairy tale starts, "Once upon a time," and a sea story starts, "Now this ain't no sh\*t!"

Well, that's what we are looking for; sea stories. And they only need to be as true as a sea story ALWAYS is! So send something in. Here are the rules (or not, whatever):

1. We can use your name or not: your choice just let me know.
2. Grammar and spelling DO NOT COUNT. I will edit and change just enough to make it somewhat readable!
3. Remember, this is from "boat" sailors to "boat" sailors. BUT, since this publication may fall into skimmer hands (or worse, decent civilians!.) I may have to substitute punctuation marks in place of letters in certain words, as in the title.
4. There is absolutely no limit on how many you can send in. I will publish AT LEAST one each month as we get them.

So send them to:

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[communications@perch-base.org](mailto:communications@perch-base.org)

or

7011 West Risner Road  
Glendale, AZ 85308.



**SHIPMATE TO SHIPMATE  
STORIES THAT ARE  
"ABSOLUTLY, POSITIVELY, THE TRUTH!"**

I don't remember the year — or the reason — we were in dry dock in Puerto Rico (that's San Juan in the Caribbean,) but while we there, the Navy decided that the anchor chain had to be cleaned. The only place that had the equipment to tumble the chain and clean it was on the other side of the island.

As luck would have it, the only means of getting the chain over to the other side of the island was by truck. I, being the only one on board having a five-ton military license, was given the detail of delivering the chain to the facility on the other side of the island.

Well, I was given directions how to get there and whom to speak to when I got there. The only truck available big enough to handle the amount of chain was a tractor trailer combo — you know the low boy type that you put a bulldozer on to transport it

Well if you can imagine the width of the streets in Puerto Rico, especially in the outlying suburbs, you can visualize the problems I had with this big rig

Sure enough, I went through this one little town with streets so narrow you just maybe could get two small cars to pass each other. Suddenly, with a sharp right turn to navigate, I almost made it . . . but not quite. The trailer didn't make it. I completely took the corner of a building off!

I delivered the anchor chain but, when it got time to pick up the cleaned links, no more road trip. The boat itself got underway, left the dry dock and went to the other side of the island by sea to get the chain!

What an experience! I guess the Navy paid for the destroyed building by I never heard anything more.

SUBMITTED BY SHIPMATE WALT BLUMGREN

# PERCH BASE OCTOBERFEST

Our very own Master Chef (and Past Commander) Stan Reinhold provide a magnificent Octoberfest luch at the October Base meeting.



Our wives and girlfriends. Most are "new" members. The Base Board voted to make all SubVettes life members part of Perch Base as Associate Members.



It wouldn't be Octoberfest without strudle.



The Octoberfest spread; steamed all-beef bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad and pulled pork. Good stuff!



This is a good view of the entire layout of Stan's great meeting luncheon. We always eat good when Stan brings it, but this outdid them all. Bravo-Zulu, Stan.



Last but not least, the guys line up for the feast.

# **A Thank-you Note . . .**

**Dear Mr. Doyle,**

**Thank you so much for coming to our Book Fair Family Night. The display and all the handouts for the kids were much more than I expected. It was a wonderful treat for everyone who attended!**

**Please pass our many thanks on to your fellow veterans!**

**Sincerely,**

**Mrs. Pearson and the Palm Valley Staff**



**Mrs. Pearson, the Palm Valley principal, and some of the shipmates who attended the event on October 6.**

# PERCH BASE HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERS



**Holland Club members are USSVI members who qualified in submarines at least 50 years ago. They are the men who have set the example for young submariners to follow.**

<i>Year Qualified</i>	<i>Shipmate</i>	<i>Qual. Boat</i>
1939	Billy Arthur Grieves	USS R-10 (SS-87)
1945	Harold J. Bidigare	USS Medregal (SS-480)
1940	Robert Wayne Lents	USS Sea Wolf (SS-197)
1945	Robert Richard Caraker	USS Runner (SS-476)
1940	Marion M. Turner	USS Perch (SS-176)
1945	Stanley I. Rud	USS Caiman (SS-323)
1941	Robert Norman Hanson	USS Sea Wolf (SS-197)
1947	Kenneth E. Becker	USS EX-U-2513 (U-2513)
1941	Raymond Marshall	USS Porpoise (SS-172)
1948	Jerome Frederick Becker	USS Dogfish (SS-350)
1941	Ernest V Plantz	USS Perch (SS-176)
1950	Kenneth R. Anderson	USS Greenfish (SS-351)
1943	Wayne A. Braastad	USS O-8 (SS-69)
1950	Robert E May	USS Clamagore (SS-343)
1943	Richard P. Weber	USS Ray (SS-271)
1950	James W. Newman	USS Sea Leopard (SS-483)
1944	Jack Richardson	USS Tilefish (SS-307)
1951	Edward Joseph Hawkins	USS Carbonero (SS-337)
1944	Emil J. Schoonejans	USS Burrfish (SS-312)
1952	George Debo	USS Tilefish (SS-307)
1952	Lester R Hillman	USS Blackfin (SS-322)
1955	Edward J Wolf	USS Ray (SS-271)
1952	Mel Rycus	USS Sirago (SS-485)
1956	Eugene V. Crabb	USS Catfish (SS-339)
1953	Roger J. Cousin	USS Angler (SS-240)
1956	Ray Lee Graybeal	USS Pickerel (SS-524)
1953	Harry Ellis	USS Sea Devil (SS-400)
1956	Jack R. McCarthy	USS Cusk (SS-348)
1953	Raymond C. McKinzie	USS Runner (SS-476)
1956	Ramon Samson	USS Charr (SS-328)

1953	Royce E Pettit, Jr.	USS Barracuda (was K-1 and the SSK-1)
1957	Walter Blomgren	USS Argonaut (SS-475)
1954	Dennis Kerton	USS Bugara (SS-331)
1957	James J Cooper	USS Atule (SS-403)
1954	Alexander Martin	USS Sea Cat (SS-399)
1957	James R Foote	USS Bashaw (SS-241)
1955	Joseph J. Hawkins	USS Becuna (SS-319)
1957	Danny Ray Moss	USS Tunny (SS-282)
1955	Robert A Lancendorfer	USS Redfin (SS-272)
1957	Robert A Sungy	USS Bluegill (SS-242)
1958	Ronald B. Beyer	USS Skate (SSN-578)
1960	Glenn Herold	USS Sea Leopard (SS-483)
1958	Harold Heller	USS Charr (SS-328)
1960	Davy L. Jones	USS Amberjack (SS-522)
1958	George Long	USS Sea Fox (SS-402)
1960	George Marions	USS Salmon (SSR-573)
1958	Roger R. Miller	USS Nautilus (SSN-571)
1960	Fred D. Saunders	USS Sablefish (SS-303)
1958	Daniel J Reel	USS Tirante (SS-420)
1960	Adrian M Stuke	USS Requin (SS-481)
1959	Edgar T. Brooks	USS Sea Leopard (SS-483)
1960	Eugene B. Veek	USS Tang (SS-563)
1959	Ronald A. Dutcher	USS Caiman (SS-323)
1960	John G. Zaichkin	USS Trigger (SS-564)
1959	Carl Scott	USS Caiman (SS-323)
1960	Ronald J. Zomok	USS Tang (SS-563)
1960	Richard A. Bernier	USS Irex (SS-482)
1960	George L Crider	USS Sea Devil (SS-400)





# ***BOATS SELECTED FOR FIRST FEMALE SUBMARINE OFFICERS***

## ***TWO BOOMERS AND TWO SSGNs PICKED***

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By ANNE GEARAN, AP National Security Writer  
WASHINGTON (Associated Press)

The Navy selected four submarines Thursday to carry the first women serving aboard what has been the last class of warship off-limits to them.

Twenty-four female officers are in training for submarine service and are expected to join their ships in December 2011. The Navy selected the USS Wyoming and USS Georgia, based in Kings Bay, GA., and the USS Maine and USS Ohio, with their home port in Bangor, WA. The ships are guided-missile attack submarines and ballistic-missile submarines.

The Navy announced in the spring that it was lifting the ban on women serving aboard submarines. Women had been barred from subs on the theory that the close quarters and long deployments common to these ships were unsuitable for a coed crew.



**USS Wyoming (SSBN-742)**



**USS Ohio (SSGN-726)**

The initial class of women will serve in teams of three, all sharing a stateroom, Navy spokeswoman Lt. Rebecca Rebarich said. The lone bathroom for officers will bear a reversible sign letting men know that it's in use by women and vice versa.

They'll be divided up so that women are assigned to each sub's two rotating crews.

Limiting women to officer slots lets the Navy, for a time at least, sidestep the more vexing and cost-prohibitive problem of modifying subs to have separate bunks and bathrooms for enlisted men and women. Enlisted sailors make up about 90 percent of a sub's 160-member crew.



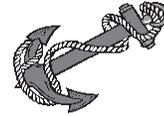
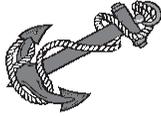


## Eternal Patrol November 11, 1944

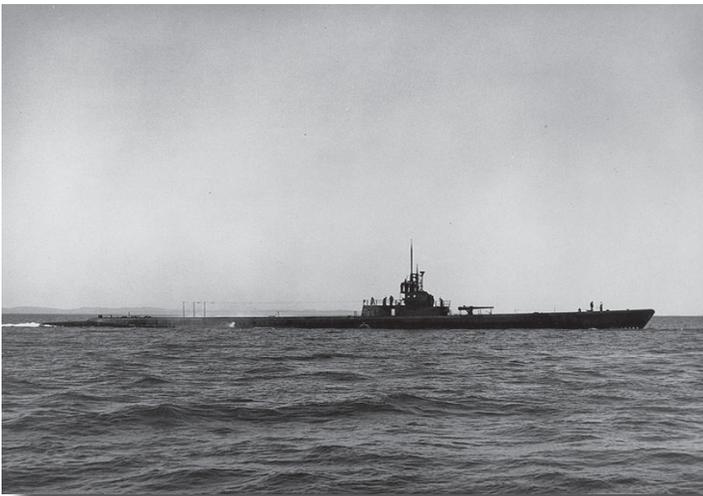
Editors Note: Less we forget, each month, one boat on eternal patrol will be highlighted in this newsletter. Sailors, rest your oars.

### The Final Patrol

Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphins on his chest  
Is part of an outfit known as the best.  
Make him welcome and take him by the hand.  
You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.  
So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll  
Of our departed shipmates still on patrol  
Let them know that we who survive  
Will always keep their memories alive.



### USS Scamp (SS-277) November 11, 1944 83 men lost



#### Gato-class diesel-electric submarine

Displacement: 1,549 tons (surf) 2,463 tons (sub)  
Length: 311 ft 9 in; Beam: 27 ft 3 in; Draft: 17 ft 0 in]  
4 × Fairbanks-Morse Model 38D8- $\frac{1}{8}$  9-cylinder diesel  
engines  
driving electrical generators; 2 × 126-cell Sargo batteries]  
4 × high-speed GE electric motors with reduction gears  
two propellers]  
5,400 shp (surf); 2,740 shp (sub)  
Speed: 21 kn (surf); 9 kn (sub)  
Range: 11,000 nmi surfaced at 10 kn  
Endurance: 48 hours at 2 kn submerged  
75 days on patrol  
Test depth: 300 ft  
Complement: 6 officers, 54 enlisted  
Armament: 10 × 21-inch torpedo tubes  
(six forward, four aft)  
24 torpedoes  
1 × 4-inch/ 50 caliber deck gun  
Bofors 40 mm and Oerlikon 20 mm cannon

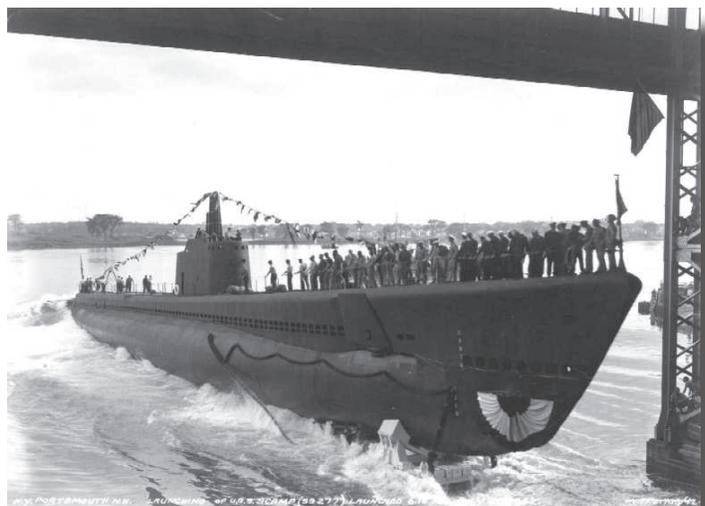
**USS Scamp (SS-277)**, a Gato-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the scamp, a member of the Serranidae family.

Her keel was laid down on 6 March 1942 at the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 20 July 1942 sponsored by Miss Katherine Eugenia McKee, and commissioned on 18 September 1942 with Commander W.G. Ebert in command.

#### **First and Second War Patrols**

On 19 January 1943, after training out of New London, Connecticut, Scamp set course for Pearl Harbor, via the Panama Canal. She arrived in Hawaii on 13 February 1943 and commenced final training in the local operating area. Scamp began her first war patrol on 1 March 1943. She stopped at Midway Island on 5 March, debarked her passenger, Rear Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Jr. Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, fueled, and then, headed for the coast of Honshū.

Her first two attacks on the enemy were doomed to failure by the faulty magnetic detonators in her torpedoes. After



the inactivating of the magnetic features on her remaining torpedoes, Scamp scored two hits, one on an unidentified target on the night of 20 March and the other damaged Manju Maru early the next morning. The submarine stopped at Midway Island again on 26 March and returned to Pearl Harbor on 7 April.

Scamp put to sea again on 19 April, bound for the Southwest Pacific. She took on fuel at Johnston Island then slipped between the Marshall Islands and the Gilbert Islands to reconnoiter Ocean Island and Nauru Island. This mission she completed on 27 April and 28 April and then shaped a course for the Bismarck Archipelago. She had to hold fire on each of her first three enemy contacts because they were hospital ships. However, on the afternoon of 28 May, she succeeded in pumping three torpedoes into the converted seaplane tender Kamikawa Maru (The Kamikawa MARU had been damaged during an attack by the USS Wahoo (SS-238) on May 4, 1943). She evaded the enemy escorts and came up to periscope depth to observe the results. The enemy ship was down by the stern and loading men into boats. A little after midnight, Scamp finished off her stricken adversary with two more well aimed torpedoes. She ended her second war patrol at Brisbane, Australia, on 4 June 1943.



### Third and Fourth War Patrols

From Brisbane, she departed on her third war patrol on 22 June 1943. She patrolled a scouting line off the Solomon Islands and north to the Bismarck Sea. She passed the Shortland Islands on 14 July and, on 27 July, encountered an enemy convoy. During her approach, a destroyer passed over her and dropped two

depth charges some distance from her. Scamp continued her approach and loosed a spread of six torpedoes at a Japanese tanker. She scored a hit but had to dive in order to escape the escorts. When she surfaced, a little over an hour later, all enemy shipping was out of sight. Continuing her patrol into the Bismarck Islands, Scamp patrolled to the southeast of Steffen Strait, between New Ireland and New Hanover. At 17:54, still on 27 July, she sighted a submarine, which launched a torpedo at Scamp. Scamp went ahead full and levelled off at 22 feet (6.7 m), letting the torpedo pass above her. Less than ten minutes later, she returned to periscope depth to engage her adversary. At 1812, she launched four torpedoes and the Japanese boat erupted in a tremendous explosion. At the time, it was believed that the loser of that duel was the Japanese submarine I-24. Later analysis of Japanese records indicated that it was not; rather, it was I-168, which had previously sunk aircraft carrier Yorktown at the Battle of Midway. By 8 August, Scamp was back in Brisbane.

After almost a month in port at Brisbane, the fleet submarine stood out on her fourth war patrol. She again patrolled off the Solomon Islands and into the Bismarck Sea. On 18 September, she attacked a three-ship convoy and crippled one of them. Another changed course and avoided her torpedoes. Scamp passed close under the stricken enemy, trying to evade her escorts and come under machine gun fire from her victim. She escaped the pursuit of the enemy destroyers but lost the undamaged quarry in a rain squall. Scamp returned to finish off the 8614 ton passenger-cargo ship Kansai Maru, which she succeeded in doing late that night.

On the morning of 21 September, Scamp happened upon a heavily guarded convoy and began to stalk it. After dark, she moved in for the kill and, after launching three torpedoes, heard two double explosions. Her second attack was foiled by a severe rain squall. However, Scamp hounded the convoy all through the day on 22 September and, at around 03:00 on 23 September, unleashed four torpedoes at the convoy. While still maneuvering to attack the convoy, she passed through the wreckage of Kansai Maru and came upon an empty boat containing the sunken ship's logs and other documents. These were taken on board and later turned over to intelligence. Scamp made one more attempt upon the convoy, but was driven off by planes and kept down by aerial bombs. On 24 September, she was ordered to terminate her patrol and she re-entered Brisbane on 1 October.

### Fifth and Sixth War Patrols

She cleared port again on 22 October and began her fifth patrol with a mission in support of the Treasury Island invasion, 28 October to 30 October. From there, she moved to her patrol area, between Kavieng and Truk. On 4 November, she launched three torpedoes at a passenger-cargo ship. One exploded prematurely, but one reached its mark. By the time of the explosion indicating success, Scamp was already in a dive evading a depth charge attacker. Six days later, she disabled the 6481 ton Tokyo Maru; then, after evading the escorts, fired three more torpedoes into the listing target. At about 21:00, the cripple was observed being towed away. It was later learned

that Tokyo Maru sank before daybreak. On 12 November, she damaged light cruiser Agano, so severely that the enemy warship remained in repair at Truk until the American strike of 16 February and 17 February 1944. On 18 November, Scamp suffered minor shrapnel damage from two bombs dropped by an enemy float plane. Eight days later, she sailed back into Brisbane.

On 16 December 1943, Scamp left Brisbane and headed back to the Bismarck Archipelago for her sixth war patrol. On the night of 6 January 1944, she missed a small tanker and was boxed in by the sound search of two Japanese destroyers. At 2323, she was able to surface and clear the area while the convoy escorts hunted for her about 8,000 yards (7.3 km) astern. On 14 January, she slipped by two destroyers to launch six torpedoes at Nippon Maru. The 9,975 ton tanker sank as Scamp made her escape. Foiled in an attempt to return to the area, she headed south to act as plane guard north of Lyra Reef for B-24 bombers. On 6 February, she put into Milne Bay, New Guinea, for refit.

### Sixth and Seventh War Patrols

Scamp spent her seventh war patrol searching the shipping lanes between New Guinea, Palau, and Mindanao in the Philippines. She exited Milne Bay on 3 March 1944 and, after uneventful patrolling, put in at Langemak Bay, from 29 March to 31 March, for repairs to her torpedo data computer. Following her resumption of patrol, she battle surfaced on 4 April and set fire to a 200 ton trawler, but broke off the action when her deck gun failed.

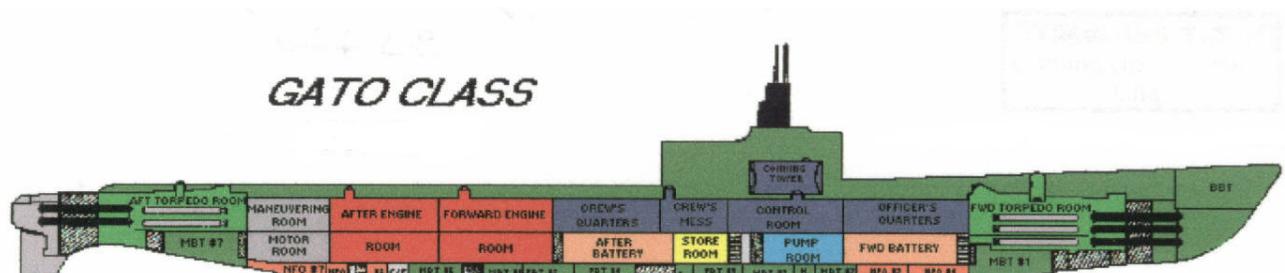
Three days later, south of Davao Gulf, she encountered six cruisers escorted by destroyers and planes. She dived and the destroyers passed overhead without noticing her presence a scant 10 feet (3.0 m) below the surface. She returned to the surface at 1405 but was forced down by a plane. A little later, she tried to surface again but was attacked by a diving float plane. As she crash dived to escape the enemy plane, an aerial bomb exploded. All hands were knocked off their feet by the explosion and all power was lost. Scamp began to take an up angle and started to settle rapidly. At just below 300 feet (91 m), she began to hang on, then started up. The diving officer reported that the hydraulic controller had been jarred to "off" in the attack and that the hydraulic plant started closing all the main vents as fire started filling the maneuvering and after torpedo rooms with a thick, toxic smoke.

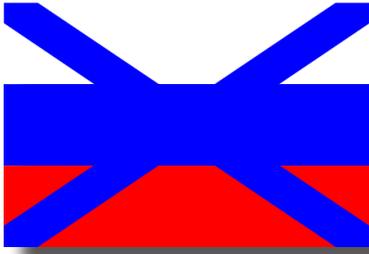
Fortunately, the sub caught at 5 feet (1.5 m), the decision having been made to surface and slug it out with the deck gun if she could not be held below 5 feet (1.5 m). Scamp started down again, "see sawed" three times, and started down a third time before power was regained. Soon the submarine was making two thirds speed on each shaft and had levelled off at 15 feet (4.6 m). She released oil and air bubbles to appear to have sunk and then headed for the Admiralty Islands. At 21:03, she surfaced and, with a 17 degree list, made for Seeadler Harbor, Manus, where she arrived on 16 April 1944.

### Eighth War Patrol and Loss

She made emergency repairs at Manus, shifted to Milne Bay on 22 April and then moved on to Pearl Harbor for a thorough overhaul at the yard. Scamp set out on her eighth war patrol on 16 October. She fueled at Midway Island on 20 October, then set course for the Bonin Islands. On 9 November, she acknowledged a message changing her patrol area. She reported her position to be about 150 miles (240 km) north of the Bonin Islands with all 24 torpedoes aboard and 77,000 US gallons (290,000 L) of fuel remaining. On 14 November, she was ordered to take up the life guard station off Tokyo Bay in support of B-29 Superfortress bomber strikes, but failed to acknowledge the message. Scamp was never heard from again. From records available after the war, it appears that Scamp was sighted by Japanese planes and reported depth charged by Kaibokan CD-4 to the south of Tokyo Bay on 11 November 1944. Scamp was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 28 April 1945.

Scamp (SS-277) earned seven battle stars for World War II service.





# RUSSIAN NAVY'S "ROCKET" TORPEDO

THE "SHKVAL" ACTUALLY FLYS THROUGH THE WATER

The VA-111 Shkval (from Russian: шквал - squall) torpedo and its descendants are supercavitating torpedoes developed by the Soviet Union. They are capable of speeds in excess of 200 knots.

Design began in the 1960s when the NII-24 research institute was ordered to produce a new weapon system capable of combating nuclear submarines. In 1969, the GSKB-47 merged with NII-24 to create the Research Institute of Applied Hydromechanics in Kiev, Ukraine (constructor Merkulov); the Shkval being a product of this merger.

Announced as being deployed in the early 1990s, although previously operational as early as 1977, the Shkval is designed as a countermeasure against torpedoes launched by undetected enemy submarines. It may also be used as a counter to incoming torpedoes whereby it is launched at the enemy submarine, forcing it to evade, and hopefully cutting the guidance wire to its own torpedo in the process.

The speed of the VA-111 far exceeds that of any standard torpedo currently fielded by NATO. This speed is a result of super-cavitation: the torpedo is, in effect, flying in a gas bubble created by outward deflection of water by its specially shaped nose cone and the expansion of gases from its engine. By keeping water from coming into contact with the surface of the body of the torpedo, drag is significantly reduced, allowing extremely high speeds. In effect, the Shkval is an underwater missile.



Launched from 533 mm torpedo tubes, the VA-111 exits the tube at 50 knots (93 km/h). Shortly afterwards, its liquid-fuel rocket ignites and propels it to speeds of up to 200 knots (370 km/h). Some reports indicate that speeds of 250+ knots may be achieved, and that work on a 300-knot (560 km/h) version was underway. The rocket engine uses the combination of high test peroxide and kerosene; the propellant tanks contain about 1.5 tons of hydrogen peroxide and 500 kg of kerosene.

Early designs may have relied solely on an inertial guidance system. The initial design was intended for nuclear warhead delivery. Later designs reportedly include terminal guidance and conventional warheads of 210 kg (460 lb).

The missile controls its direction using four fins that skim the inner surface of the super-cavitation envelope.

To change direction, the fin or fins on the inside of the desired turn are extended, and the opposing fins are retracted.

To make faster turns, (as seen in the images) the push plate on the nose can be used to control the shape of the bubble the missile is traveling in.

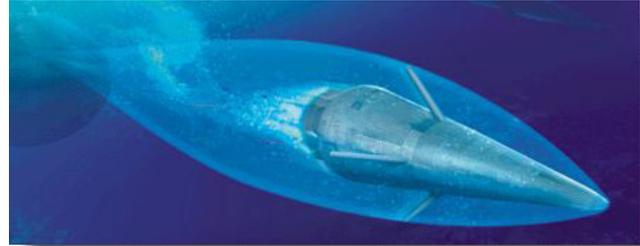
These missiles can be deployed in a drum containing six vertically placed missiles as well as a central guidance system to act as a deep sea mine of the PMK-2 type.

## Specifications

There are at least three variants:

VA-111 Shkval - Original variant; GOLIS autonomous inertial guidance.

"Shkval 2" - Current variant; believed to have additional guidance systems, possibly via the use of vectored thrust, and with much longer range.



A less capable version currently being exported to various world navies. The export version is sometimes referred to as "Shkval-E" [citation needed] by Western analysts.

Iran claimed it has created a version named Hoot.

All current versions are believed to be fitted only with conventional explosive warheads, although the original design used a nuclear warhead.

Length: 8.2 m (~27 feet)

Diameter: 533 mm (~21 inches)

Weight: 2,700 kg (~5,952 lbs.)

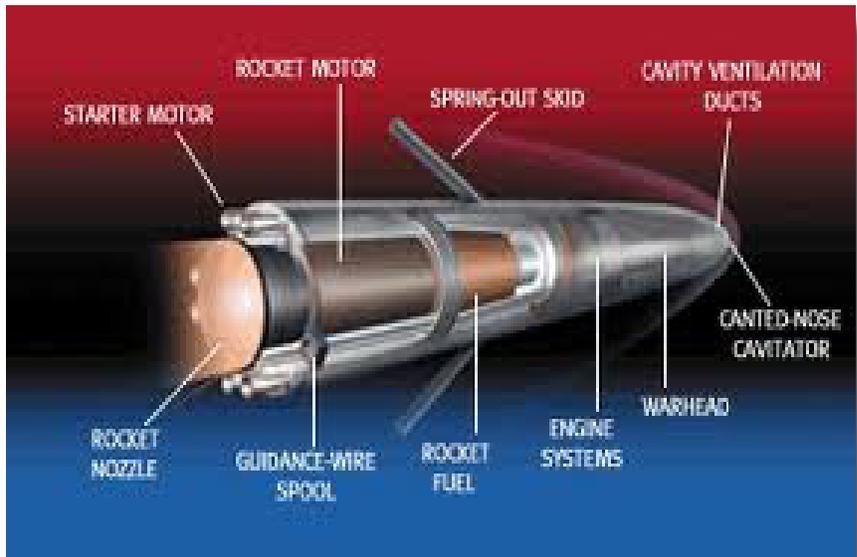
Warhead weight: 210 kg (463 lbs.)

Speed

Launch Speed: 50 kt

Maximum Speed: 200+ kt

Range: Around 4.5 miles to 8.1 miles (New version) Older versions could only fire 1.2 miles.



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**NEXT MEETING**

12 noon, Saturday, November 13, 2010  
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