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Lest We Forget Those Still On Patrol

NOVEMBER ETERNAL PATROLS

USS Albacore	SS218	Nov. 7, 1944	86 men
USS Growler	SS215	Nov. 8, 1944	85 men
USS Scamp	SS277	Nov. 9, 1944	84 men
USS Corvina	SS226	Nov. 16, 1943	82 men
USS Sculpin	SS191	Nov. 19, 1943	63 men
USS Capelin	SS289	Nov. 23, 1943	78 men

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - November 19, 2005
American Legion Post #62
11001 N. 99th Ave.
Starts at 1200 hours
Lunch provided - Donation Suggested \$3

The Perch Base USSVI is not able to totally support itself financially on the dues collected from its members. There has, to date, been no successful and ongoing plan since the base was formed to produce any other steady and effective source of income. Therefore, the Base has relied on additional donations from members -- usually given at membership renewal -- for its survival.

Listed below are those charitable givers, known as the Booster Club.



2005 Booster Club



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**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
HANUKKAH
BANQUET**
(See next page
for details)



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to December 2, 2005. Payments and reservations can be made by mail to the above address.**

**Reservations are limited so please make your reservations early. There will be dancing
following the dinner and awards ceremony.**

Alaska Cruise

As you probably know, USSVI-Bremerton Base is putting together the 2007 Convention Cruise to Alaska. It's been in the planning stages for two years and we are well underway. However, **September 2006 is the booking deadline**, established by the cruise line, to allow Subvets control of the ship's agenda. Currently, over half of the ship is booked but we need a "push" to get interested folks to register before the drop-dead-date. Empty cabins will be opened to the public after **September 2006**.

The following information, and attached PDF flyer, is the most current info available. Please edit and use it in your Perch Base, *Mid-Watch* newsletter, and your Web Site, and base meetings, as appropriate over the next 10 months:

The 2007 USSVI Convention - Cruise Alaska - Sept. 15-22, 2007

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, the *ms Oosterdam* will depart Seattle with the 2007 USSVI Convention onboard. The ship has 900 cabins that can accommodate about 1800. Over half the cabins are booked. **You do not have to be a USSVI member to join the fun. All submariners, their families, and friends are invited. Don't wait—register now!**

A \$350 dollar per person deposit is due when booking your cabin. It is fully refundable until September 2006 when the balance is due. Insurance is available that will refund most of your money in case you are unable to sail in 2007. The price includes: A seven night cruise, all shipboard meals and entertainment, port tax, gratuities, and registration for the 2007 convention.

At <http://www.aaawa.com/submarine/index.htm>, you will find the cruise itinerary, port info, onboard experiences, deck plans, pricing, photos, contacts, and FAQ. View the **deck plans** and **pricing** then contact our **AAA Travel Agent Kim** either by email at www.aaawin.com/submarine or toll free at (877) 802-6894 and book your cabin and Boat Reunion **before September 2006**. For current (updated weekly) 2007 Convention News and the Cruise Roster go to <http://gertrude-check.up-scope.org>. Click on the Cruise Roster to see if you have shipmates attending.

Pride runs deep!

See next two pages for the cruise brochure.



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Don't wait to make your reservations. The best cabins are filling up fast.

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sept. 15	Seattle		5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	At Sea		
Sept. 17	Juneau, Alaska	11:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Cruising Hubbard Glacier and Yakutat Bay	Noon	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Sitka, Alaska	7:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Ketchikan, Alaska	7:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Victoria, British Columbia	8:00 p.m.	Midnight
Sept. 22	Seattle	7:00 a.m.	



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2007 Submarine Veterans Convention Rates

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Rates listed below are per person based on double occupancy.

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L / M / MM	Standard Inside cabin	\$1018
N / NN	Standard Inside cabin	\$899
3rd & 4th Rates		
Adult		\$730
Child		\$522
Infant		\$418
Single Rates		Available upon request.

Optional Cancellation Protection Plan or Access America Insurance can be purchased. Ask for details.

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*Please see Holland America Line's 2006 Alaska brochure for deck plans, general information, cruise conditions and responsibility statement. Pricing shown reflects savings. Rates are per person double occupancy. Subject to change and availability. Validity dates apply. Land only/cruise only unless otherwise specified. Shipboard credit applies to first two passengers in cabin; maximum \$100 per cabin. Any unused portion is non-refundable. Guaranteed cabins, airline schedules and dining assignments are at the discretion of Holland America. Optional excursions not included. *ms Oosterdam* registered in The Netherlands. Restrictions, limitations and agency fees may apply. Ask AAA for details. Agency #178-018-521. Job 4709, 9/05

From the Wardroom

Dear Shipmates,

We had a great meeting in October. For those of you who did not attend, you missed out on an absolutely delightful occasion. If you ever get the opportunity again, don't miss out on the chance to hear Marshall Trimble wherever he might have a speaking engagement. As most of you probably know, he was proclaimed the official Arizona State Historian by Governor Janet Napolitano and after hearing him speak it is easy to see why he was bestowed with that title. Not only is he an encyclopedia of Arizona History, he presents the facts in a most entertaining fashion. Everyone who was present had a most enjoyable experience. I know you will join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks to Marshall for sharing with us.

Also, I would be remiss if I didn't extend a special thank you to Jim Newman for making it possible. Jim has been a major contributor to Perch Base since the first founders meeting back in 1995. Jim was one of the eight founding members and the first Perch Base Commander. Again Jim, thank you making the necessary arrangements to have Marshall Trimble join us last month and also for your dedication and service to Perch Base and the USSVI over the past ten years.

This week we will be celebrating Veteran's Day and participating in the parade. This is a good time to reflect on our purpose and share the significance of this important occasion with our families, especially our children and grandchildren. I am looking forward to this event. Joining Perch Base has given me a renewed sense of purpose when it comes to honoring those who have served and given so much for us and I feel a special kinship with you that can only be experienced in serving with "Brothers of the Phin". I am extremely grateful to all of you for that. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, commander, Perch Base USSVI

October Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 15 October 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

Shipmate Joe Bernard led the members in a prayer of Invocation followed by the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-eight (28) members and four guests at the meeting. Our guests included Mary Peters, Donald Reinhold, Harold Hanselman and George Anderlohr. The guests were all welcomed with a warm round of applause.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the September meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter "The MidWatch.". The motion carried by voice vote.

Tim Moore reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of October, 2005. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore informed the members that the new building for American Legion Post 62 was essentially complete and would probably be the site for the November meeting.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle had nothing to report.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson had nothing new to report.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced a sale on shirts and T-shirts and recommended that anyone contemplating purchasing these items should take advantage of the sale.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Emmett briefed the members on the schedule of events for participants in the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade on November 11. Participants will meet at the Margaret T. Hance Park where donuts and coffee will be available. At the

appropriate time, the procession of members and vehicles will move to the corner of Indian School and Central Ave. The parade will terminate somewhere in the north part of Phoenix where a bus will be available to transport members back to Margaret T. Hance Park for pizza and soft drinks. As in the past, Arizona Public Service and Palo Verde Nuclear Station will host the festivities at the park.

Tim Moore reminded members of the raffle being held for cash and accommodations on the cruise ship associated with the USSVI 2007 National Convention. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the 2006 National Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. First prize is a free cabin or upgrade followed by prizes of cash and benefits that may be used on the cruise.

There is also a raffle to be conducted by the USSVI National Office for a free life membership in the organization. The details for this raffle are available at the USSVI Web Site (ussvi.org).

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Moore reminded the members of our continuing goal to recruit new members. He also informed the members that the Board of Directors had voted to purchase 100 copies of "The American Submariner" magazine for two issues, as a recruiting tool. The total cost to the Base will be approximately \$350. The magazines will be used to illustrate what USSVI is and garner the interest of ex-submariners and associates.

Billy Grieves took the floor and announced that the SubVets WWII, Arizona Pigboaters had voted to donate their flags and banners to Perch Base. The members demonstrated their appreciation to Billy and the Pigboaters with a resounding round of applause.

Tim Moore announced that much of the preparations are underway for developing the awards portion of the Base Christmas Party. The party will be held at the Luke AFB Enlisted Men's Club on the evening of Saturday, December 10th. The price for attendance this year will be \$30 per person. More details will be available through email and on the Base Web Site.

Dave Harnish announced that there will be a USSVI Western Regional Conference held in Reno, Nevada in March, 2006. Everyone is invited to attend.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dave Harnish informed the members that they can purchase ceramic tiles with custome pictures of their submarine or surface ship. Anyone interested should contact Dave.

Tim Moore called Perch Base Newsletter Editor, Chuck Emmett front and center where he presented Chuck with the National 1st Runner-up Award for the best base newsletter. The award was presented to Perch Base, in September, at the USSVI National Convention in Kansas City.

Dick Caraker informed the members that the Pigboater Chapter still has 2006 Calendars for sale. Anyone interested should contact Dick.

Ed Brooks informed the members that there is a call for items of submarine memorabilia for the 2005 on-line auction conducted by Ron Martini. Anyone wishing to donate items to the auction should send them to Ed in Prescott. All the proceeds from the auction will go to the US Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation. More details of this event will be forthcoming.

Ed also directed the members to a model of the USS Sea Wolf SSN-21 constructed by Gudgeon Base member Al Weiss. The model is being raffled for the Charitable Foundation's Brotherhood Fund for Katrina Relief. Anyone wishing to enter the raffle may do so.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was preceded by drawings for special pins created by Shipmate Herold Lister. One of the sterling silver pins was won by Les Hillman and the other was won by Davy Jones. The money prize was won by Dave Harnish who donated it to the Base Treasury.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1332 hours.

POST MEETING EVENT

Following the regular meeting, the members welcomed special guest Marshall Tremble. Mr. Tremble is reputed to be Arizona's Official Historian. Marshall treated the combined group of Perch Base members and Subvettes to a presentation on the more comical side of Arizona History.

Ed Brooks, Base Secretary

From Beyond the Wardroom Perch Base SubVettes

I want to thank all VETERANS for your service especially our SUBMARINERS.

I hope to see everyone at the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Phoenix on the 11th.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I wish you all good health and as many blessings as I have been given.

Our next meeting is at 12:30 at the Chowhound Restaurant.

With my fondest regards,

Nancy Nelson, president, SubVettes of Perch Base

SUBVETTES MEETING MINUTES October Meeting

The twenty first Monthly Meeting of the SUBVETTS OF PERCH BASE, was convened on October 15, 2005 at the Chowhound cafe, 11101 N. 99th Ave, Peoria, at 12:45 hours. Our President, Nancy Nelson, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Bernard then led us in our opening Prayer. There were 15 members in attendance and one guest. Our guest was Mary Margaret Kruse.

Hurray, our minutes were printed in the MidWatch this month. However there was an amendment to be made at this time. Jackie reported that Muriel won the 50/50 raffle last month, but it was Mary Lou Nance. Our apology goes out to you Mary Lou. Now can we have a motion to accept the minutes as printed with the amendment? A motion to accept the minutes was made by Linda Wall. It was seconded by Sandy Bernard. The motion carried.

Hiromi was asked to give the Treasurers Report. It was read; a motion was made to accept the report by Sandy and seconded by Jan Ballenger. The motion carried.

Sandy Do you have anything to report to us. Kathryn Otreba had shoulder replacement a few weeks ago. She is also a diabetic. When physical therapy started her treatments they overlooked these facts and caused her a lot of pain and weakness. She is home now and another PT group are coming to her home, giving her the proper treatment and she is eating properly again. Needless to say she is improving greatly.

OLD BUSINESS

We haven't found a Member of the Year yet so Nancy passed out slips of paper and had us vote today. We took a count,

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and found our member of the year. You will all find out who she is at the Holiday Awards Banquet in December.

We had a short meeting this time so we could join the men's meeting to hear the special guest Marshall Trimble. I'm sure the men have given a glowing report in the MidWatch this month so I'll just say I'm sure it was wonderful.

NEW BUSINESS

We discussed our annual donations to charity. After much discussion we have decided to donate to the families left behind from Luke Air force Base, an \$800 donation. To our other charity, New Life Center, we will give a \$300 donation, plus a donation of clothing, diapers, bedding, old cell phones, canned goods and just about anything you can think the families might need to get started again; even phone cards. Bring all these things to the next meeting and we will see that they get delivered.

There will also be a luncheon at the Wigwam Resort on Nov. 4 put on by the New Life Center. I hope we will see a lot of you there. We will present the \$300 at that time.

Also the Veterans Day Parade is on November 11. We hope many of you can come. We need all the support you could muster.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

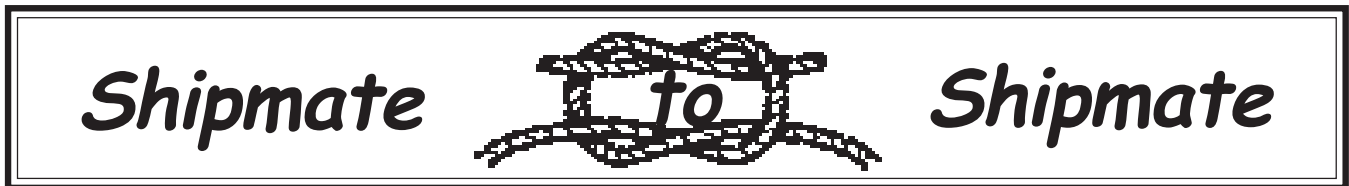
Our only "birthday baby" for November is Millie Hillman on Nov. 25. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DRAWING

The Large Gingerbread House was won by Millie Hillman. The Small Gingerbread House was won by Muriel Grieves. CONGRATULATIONS!

Our next meeting will be here at the Chowhound on Nov. 19, 2005 at 1230 hours.

A motion was made by Kay to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Sandy. Sandy gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1321 hours.



Shipmates, the American Legion has supported our Base by providing a place for our meetings. When the new Legion building is completed, will have space there for us too. Your Base officers believe we should help support those who support us. Join the American Legion and support them too.

If you missed lunch at the October Base meeting, here's what you missed:

**Tenderloin a la Deutsch
Spaetzle
Homemade Whole Wheat Bread
Apple Strudel**

Gourmet meals for a \$3 donation (suggested)!
Come for lunch — stay for the meeting!



Eternal Patrol November 9, 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.

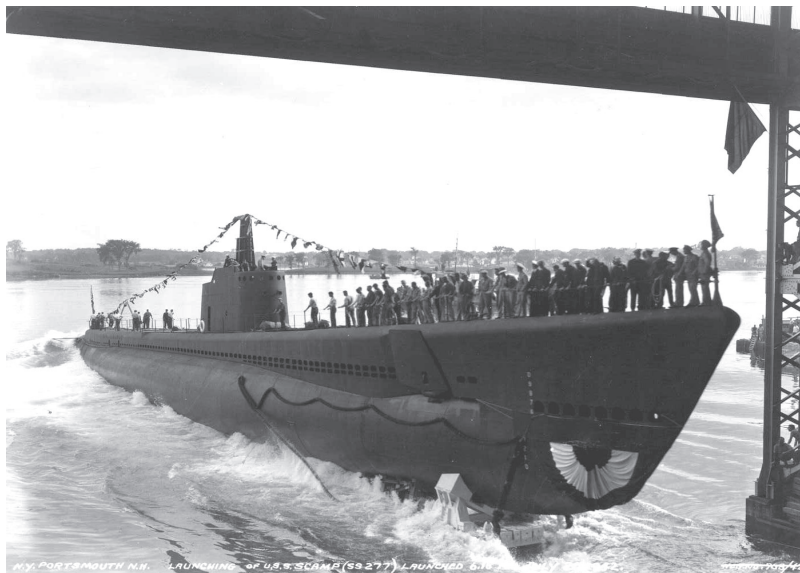
Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.

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.



U.S.S. Scamp (SS-277) November 9, 1944 84 men lost



dp. 1475 tons (surf.), 2370 tons (subm.); l. 307'; b. 27';
s. 20k (surf.), 8.75k (subm.); td. 300'; a. 1-3"/50, 6-21" tt. fwd., 4-21" tt. aft;
cpl. 6 officers - 54 enlisted men; cl. "GATO"

Keel laid down by Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME, 6MAR42;

Launched: 20JUL42; Sponsored by Miss Katherine E. McKee;

Commissioned: 18SEP42 with Cdr Walter G. Ebert in command.

On 19 January 1943, after training out of New London, CT, USS SCAMP (SS-277) 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 Honshu.

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 another target early the next morning. The submarine stopped at Midway 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 Marshalls and the Gilberts to reconnoiter Ocean Island and Nauru Island. This mission she completed on 27

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 a converted seaplane tender. 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.

From Brisbane, she departed on her third war patrol on 22 June 1943. She patrolled a scouting line off the Solomons and north to the Bismarck Sea. She passed the Shortland Islands on 14 July and, on the 27th, 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 1754, still on the 27th, she sighted a Japanese submarine which fired a torpedo. SCAMP went ahead full and leveled off at 220 feet, 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 submarine erupted in a tremendous explosion. 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 Solomons and into the Bismarck Sea. On the 18th, 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 8,614-ton passenger-cargo ship 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 the 22nd and, at around 0300 on the 23rd, unleashed four torpedoes at the convoy. While still maneuvering to attack the convoy, she passed through the wreckage 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 reentered Brisbane on 1 October.

SCAMP cleared port again on 22 October and began her fifth patrol with a mission in support of the Treasury Island invasion, 28 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 a 6,481-ton target; then, after evading the escorts, pumped three more torpedoes into the listing target. At about 2100, the cripple was observed being towed away. It was later learned that the target sank before daybreak. On 12 November, she damaged a light cruiser so severely that the enemy warship remained in repair at Truk until the American strike of 16 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 departed 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 astern. On the 14th, she slipped by two destroyers to launch six torpedoes at an enemy tanker. The 9,975-ton target 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.

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 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 100 feet 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, 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 52 feet, the decision having been made to surface and slug it out with the deck gun if she could not be held below 50 feet. 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 leveled off at 150 feet. She released oil and air bubbles to appear to have sunk and then headed for the Admiralty Islands. At 2103, she surfaced and, with a 17-degree list, made for Seeadler Harbor, Manus, where she arrived on 16 April 1944.

Leaving Pearl Harbor on 16 October 1944 SCAMP headed for Midway, topped off with fuel there, and departed that place for her eighth patrol during WWII on 21 October 1944. SCAMP was to patrol in the vicinity of the Bonin Islands. On 8 November, her area was changed to the vicinity of 29!N;141!E.

On 9 November, SCAMP was told to stay clear of the Bonins area south of 28!N during B-29 raids and she acknowledged, saying she was in 28!-44'N;141!-44'E, and had made two torpedo attacks. This was the last communication received from SCAMP. In order to provide rescue services for downed aviators during Saipan-based B-29 assaults on Tokyo, SCAMP was ordered to lifeguard duty on 14 November. She was told to proceed to a point just east of the peninsula which forms the eastern boundary of Tokyo Bay, on Honshu. Between that date and 26 November 1944, numerous messages were sent to SCAMP which required no acknowledgement, thus rendering it impossible to tell whether she received any or all of them.

On 29 November 1944, information was received of an enemy minefield in the vicinity of Inubo Saki, a point on the previously mentioned peninsula, and all submarines in that area were warned. Since all transmissions to SCAMP after 9 November 1944 remained unacknowledged, and she had not appeared by 21 December 1944, she was reported as presumed lost on war patrol in enemy waters.

Following the end of the war, these facts were brought to light from Japanese sources. On 11 November 1944, a Japanese patrol plane bombed what appeared to be oil trails left by a submarine, in 33!-38'N;141!E. A coast defense vessel was led to the scene by the plane and dropped some seventy depth charges in three runs on the target whereupon a large oil pool appeared. The position of the attack is one in which SCAMP might have been expected to be on 11 November, in proceeding toward her lifeguard station. On 13 November USS GREENLING (SS-213), herself on lifeguard stations, contacted a ship at 29!-41'N;140!-10'E. Due to the nature of radar interference, GREENLING thought that her contact was on SCAMP, although she was unable to sight anything.

On 16 November two attacks were made by the Japanese, one is 32!-10'N;139!-30'E, the other in 29!-21'N;141!-30'E. Amplifying data on these attacks reveal that on the latter attack, "Great explosive sounds came as a result of this attack." It would seem then, that SCAMP was attacked several times during her period of lifeguard duty. Whether she was badly damaged and withdrawing from the Japanese coast at the time of the last two attacks, is impossible to say. No attack cited here ties in with any anti-submarine attacks reported by submarines returning from patrol. It is possible that damage to SCAMP became progressively more serious as she absorbed each successive attack, and she may have been withdrawing from the Empire without transmission facilities when the end came.

SCAMP earned seven battle stars for World War II service.



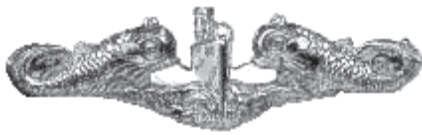
October Meeting -- Special Guest

Thanks to past-commander and base founder Jim Newman, the October Base meeting had a special guest, Marshall Tremble. Mr. Tremble is reputed to be Arizona's Official Historian. Marshall treated the combined group of Perch Base members and Subvettes to a presentation on the more comical side of Arizona History.





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USS Alabama Offloads Last of C4 Trident Missiles

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SILVERDALE, Wash. (NNS) — Distinguished visitors and the crew of USS Alabama (SSBN 731) came together to witness the decommissioning of the C4 Trident I Weapons System at the Explosive Handling Wharf on Naval Base Kitsap in late October.

The crew of Alabama had just completed offloading the final 24 rounds of Trident I C4 missiles to go to sea, the last ever.

“Your outstanding work during the last two weeks of offload, and the four weeks of preparation preceding it, exemplifies your contribution to the deterrence of war,” said Cmdr. Mel Lee, commanding officer, USS Alabama (Gold). “This is an awesome accomplishment. Well done, Alabama.”

Now that the C4 missiles have been successfully offloaded, Alabama will move to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in January to undergo a conversion to carry the Trident II D5 missile.

The Trident I C4 is a submarine-launched ballistic missile that was developed to replace the Poseidon missile in existing strategic missile submarines and to arm the Ohio-class SSBNs. The first C4 missile was deployed in 1979.



Off San Diego, Calif., May 25, 2000 — Crewmembers of USS Alabama (SSBN 731) spell out “BAMA 50,” signifying the completion of the ballistic missile submarine’s 50th deterrent patrol. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer’s Mate 1st Class Mark A. Correa

“Over the course of the past 26 years, the C4 missile has been an integral part of our history, and I think the C4 missile did more for this country than the Navy and Congress ever expected. Because of its impact, I think the C4 missile could’ve very easily shaped history,” said Lee.

The Trident II D5 missile is more sophisticated than the Trident I C4, with a significantly greater payload capability. All three stages of the Trident II are made of lighter, stronger, stiffer graphite epoxy, whose integrated structure means considerable weight savings. The missile’s range is increased by the aerospike, a telescoping outward extension that reduces frontal drag by about 50 percent.

When the missile attains sufficient distance from the submarine, the first stage motor ignites, the aerospike extends and the boost stage begins. Within about two minutes, after the third stage motor kicks in, the missile is traveling in excess of 20,000 feet per second.

With the D5 missile system now the standard for all U.S. ballistic missile submarines, Lee is confident that it will do its job and then some.

“I believe the D5 missile is more in tune with the nation’s strategic deterrence policy, and its capabilities are more on target with the new threats that we face,” said Lee.



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