



# TULLIBEE TIMES



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## Commander's Corner

Hello, Shipmates! I am late on this newsletter, but with good reason! We have been hammering out the details for the reunion in Portsmouth, NH. The reunion will be held 15-18 June 2017. Why Portsmouth for the reunion? The Tullibee spent a lot of time in the yards, and that means a lot of Tullibee sailors spent a good deal of time in Portsmouth. Several people have been working extremely hard to make this reunion truly memorable. I hope that we have a record attendance this year.

Please make plans to attend and join shipmates from nearly three decades that served on board SSN 597. Many people have been attending the reunions; some people just say, "Maybe next year." We aren't getting any younger!  
 --Bill

## Reunion Details:

Host Hotel: Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel. We have a block of rooms at this hotel. It is in a great location and I hope many will consider staying here. At this time, we have a block of 15 rooms for Thursday, 15 June 2017, and 40 rooms for Friday and Saturday nights, 16 and 17 June 2017. If we fill these rooms, we can request additional rooms. Why only 40? Because there are other options in the area and any rooms we do not secure have to be paid for. So, better to request more rooms as we go! Please use the following link to make a reservation at the Sheraton. It is important that you register this way so that the rooms are credited to our block. The following is a message and reservation link from the Sheraton:

*A personalized Web site for USS Tullibee Reunion occurring (June 15, 2017 - June 17, 2017) has been created for you.*

Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from November 4, 2016 to June 18, 2017.

Below you will find the appropriate link(s) for your participants to access the site:

USS Tullibee Reunion: copy and paste the following link into a web browser:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1611040226&key=137DAA23>



# REUNION 2017

Portsmouth, NH  
15-18 June 2017

The reunion fee this year is \$75 per person. This includes the reunion banquet, function space at the Sheraton, challenge coins, and a 3-hour Isle of Shoal cruise on the M/V Thomas Lughton (private charter just for us!). Box lunches are available for sale on the Thomas Lughton, as are wine, beer and soft drinks.

Below is a preliminary itinerary of things that we are planning. Not everyone will choose to take part in all these activities, but there will be many things from which to choose! And, of course, small individual gatherings are encouraged!

## Preliminary Itinerary:

### 15 June 2017 (Thursday)

Meet and Greet at Portsmouth Elks Lodge, 3 PM until....

### 16 June 2017 (Friday)

Tour of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
Planned activities in groups or individually: deep sea fishing, golf, Historic Portsmouth walking tour, and other activities.  
Portsmouth Underbelly Tour

### Saturday, 17 June 2017

Isle of Shoals Cruise (M/V Thomas Lughton) followed by a Memorial Service and sub tour at Albacore Park Reunion Banquet at Portsmouth Elks Lodge

### Sunday, 18 June 2017

Breakfast  
Church Services  
Prearranged get togethers  
Departure

## Hotels

### Other Portsmouth Hotels

(this list is not a list of all hotels in the Portsmouth area; it is a list that was generated by the reunion committee of hotels that they would recommend)

### Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel (Host Hotel).

\$219 per night plus \$19 per night parking.

(Please see the link on page one of newsletter for all pricing information)

### Homewood Suites Portsmouth.

\$149-169/night. Pros: Includes Breakfast - Free Parking - Quiet - It's a HILTON - On Demand Shuttle to Kittery (malls, etc.) - Indoor Saltwater Pool, Center Courtyard. Cons: 1.3 miles to Downtown Portsmouth.

### Residence Inn (Marriott)

1 International Drive (Pease Air Force Base) On Pease Tradeport - Indoor pool, 3-Star Hotel All-suites \$189. - Pros: Free Parking - Close to Pease Golf Course. Adjacent to Redhook Brewery, Free breakfast. Cons: 3 miles from Portsmouth.

### Courtyard Marriott Portsmouth

\$159/night. Half Mile to Portsmouth - Indoor Pool, Jacuzzi (6 am - 11 pm). Shuttle 'On Notice' runs on the hour.

### Holiday Inn - Portsmouth

300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth 3-Star, \$206 per night. Pros: The do have a Full service restaurant. Cons: No free breakfast. 6 minutes to downtown. Potentially noisy due to Rotary traffic.

### Best Western Plus Portsmouth Hotel and Suites

580 US Highway 1 Bypass, Portsmouth 3-Star, \$206 per night. 6 minutes to downtown. Potentially noisy due to Bypass traffic.

## Reunion Fee

Please make checks for the 2017 Reunion fees of \$75 per person to USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association and mail them to the following address:

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USS Tullibee SSN 597 Assoc.  
333 Songbird Road  
Collierville, TN 38017

If you need more information, please email me at [bkeel597@gmail.com](mailto:bkeel597@gmail.com)

## Let's Spread the Word!

Every time we have a reunion, we hear from shipmates after the fact who were upset they did not know about the reunion and wished they could have attended. Almost all of us have shipmates in our contact lists. Why not forward a copy of this newsletter to every Tullibee shipmate you know? If they are already on the mailing list, they'll appreciate you for making sure they have received it! If they are not on the mailing list, it will give them the opportunity to be included. Even if you cannot, or choose not to attend the reunion, let's give our shipmates the chance to get together with old crew members, get reacquainted with old friends, and swap a few stories!

# USS TULLIBEE SSN 597 ASSOCIATION

Are you a member of the USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association? Being a member is not essential in order to get newsletters, attend reunions, or enjoy the camaraderie of shipmates, but it does help to maintain funds to ensure reunions and perpetuate the memory of the SSN 597 and those associated with her. If you are not a member, please consider joining.



## Memberships

Membership Dues for the USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association are as follows:

**YEARLY DUES:**  
\$10 per year and renewable December 31 of each year.

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The rates are as follows and are based upon the member's age at time of payment of lifetime dues:

Age 65 and Over:

\$50.00;

Age 60-64: \$75.00;

Age 50-59: \$100.00;

Age 49 and under:

\$150.00.

----- **Pride Runs Deep** -----

## Ship's Store

Tullibee items are available in our ship's store. I get a lot of emails from people claiming to be Tullibee and they sell "Tullibee" items. Remember, they usually are not associated with the USS Tullibee SSN 597 and their sales go to their private enterprises. That's good, and private enterprises make America run. But when you buy from the Tullibee Association, you are supporting the mission of the Association, and we need your support!



We have the following items available:

-*Golf shirts, with gold or silver Dolphins*

-*Ball caps, with gold or silver Dolphins*

-*Tullibee coffee mugs*

-*Tullibee T-shirts*

-*Zippo lighters with the boat's crest*

*on one side and the T2 emblem*

*on the other*

-*Tullibee patches, with the boat's*

*Crest*

-*T2 patches*

You can see these items and prices on the webpage at [www.usstullibee.com](http://www.usstullibee.com). If you are getting this newsletter by snail mail, drop me a note or give me a call and I'll send you a picture of the items that are available.

# Navy News

## Sailors rallied to overturn the Navy's unpopular ratings decision. Here's how the White House responded.

**Navy Times** By: [Mark D. Faram](#), Nov 16, 2016

There will be no executive intervention in the highly unpopular decision to eliminate Navy rating titles in the service.

That news comes with a mid-November White House statement supporting the Navy's decisions posted on the [White House Petition web page](#), saying the long-term angst among sailors and veterans doesn't outweigh the future benefits of the move to the service.

"Organizational changes that require a cultural shift can cause friction during transition periods, but [President Barack Obama] has confidence in the decisions made by U.S. Navy leaders and agrees that the benefits in future years will outweigh growing pains in the next several months." Navy officials declined to comment on the White House's statement, other than to say "it speaks for itself."

In the rest of the statement, the White House reiterated the Navy's already stated position on the reason for the moves, saying that elimination of titles was necessary for the service to move forward with reforms that, Navy leaders contend, will

open up career opportunity, advancement and duty assignments.

But the White house took special note of the effort to include civilian certifications in Navy career paths.

"This Administration believes that providing widely-recognized credentials will improve service members' chances of success in the private sector. Improving hiring opportunities for veterans remains a high priority for this Administration, embodied in efforts such as the First Lady [Michelle Obama] and Dr. [Jill Biden's 'Joining Forces' initiative."

This official response comes just two weeks after the petition reached the mandated 100,000 signatures required to trigger the White House to review the decision, something the White House says is very rare as only 0.001 percent of those started reach the level of a formal response.

"Within the last year, approximately 39,000 petitions have been filed on the petition site, the majority of which don't become public," The White House said in an email response to Navy Times. "Within the last year, 40 petitions have achieved 100,000 signatures."

Since achieving the goal, the total numbers of signatures continued to rise, reaching 103,744 total signatures before the petition was closed as the response was posted on their website.

**Here's the full White House statement posted in mid-November:**

*Thank you for adding your name to this We the People petition and for your concern regarding the men and women who serve in the United States Navy. The Navy's recent announcement about Navy Occupational Specialties has garnered attention from many veterans and supporters like you who cherish naval tradition.*

*This new classification system, which was produced by a comprehensive review led by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy and his senior enlisted leadership, moves toward occupational specialties titles similar to the other armed services. Modernizing this system provides many benefits within the Navy, such as increased flexibility in training and assignments. It also affords our Sailors opportunities when transitioning to the civilian workforce by aligning their specialties with civilian occupations.*

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*career occurred under the former rating structure or today's modernized system, the President maintains his steadfast pride in Sailors who have sacrificed and worked hard to serve with distinction.*



## **These conservative researchers say the U.S. military has become 'weak' and 'marginal'**

*Navy Times* By: Andrew Merica, Medill News Service, Nov 16, 2016

There are “significant concerns” about the U.S. military's strength and its ability to combat global threats, according to a report released Wednesday by a leading conservative think tank.

“Clearly, the takeaway on this ... is that the military is too small,” said Dakota L. Wood, editor of the Heritage Foundation’s 2017 Index of Military Strength. “It’s much too small to handle the tasks being assigned to it.”

This is the foundation's third annual report on U.S. military strength in the context of global threats and opportunities. And as with the first two, it blames the military's perceived decline on reduced funding — the mandatory spending caps known as sequestration.

But, as some observers have noted, since the Budget Control Act was passed in 2011, many of the crippling effects that were predicted never fully materialized. Among them:

**The end of the F-35 procurement program.** In fact, military officials announced the aircraft’s initial operating capability in August.

### **A fleet of fewer than 230 ships.**

Actually, the Navy still has 270 with plans to grow.

**The smallest civilian workforce in department history.** Today, the Defense Department's 770,000 nonmilitary staff is larger than in the early 2000s.

Personnel is one area that has seen a sizable impact. If current downsizing plans remain intact, the ground forces will drop to 632,000 in coming years, the smallest figure in almost seven decades.

But with the balance of power about to shift in Washington, there is a growing sense of optimism that President-elect Donald Trump will deliver on his campaign promises to substantially reinvest in America's armed forces.

The Heritage Foundation's nearly 400-page report assessed the military’s capability, capacity and readiness. It called the Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy “marginal,” a term it also applied to U.S. nuclear capabilities. The Army, it said, has grown “weak.”

Wood said the service branches don’t have enough troops or training. “If you have a small force, and you had to go do something, that force has to be able to do that,” he said. If more funding is made available, “tactical competency is the first order of business.”

Retired Col. Joseph Collins, who heads the National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies, described the tension that exists in trying to balance military spending.

“You could use a lot more people in the overhaul transition from the Atlantic to the Pacific Fleet, which also improved the quality of life for the ship's crew and their families.

“The workforce really took ownership of their work; they're empowered to suggest and implement improvements to ensure first-time quality,” said Project Superintendent Scott Curtis. “Our mechanics, engineers, inspectors, support personnel, and ship's crew really came together as a collaborative team to become the driving force behind this record-setting overhaul.”

The SECDEF Maintenance Awards are presented annually in recognition of outstanding achievements in weapon system and military equipment maintenance. The depot-level award is named in honor of

Robert T. Mason, a former assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for maintenance policy, programs, and resources.

“The [Mason] Award is a true testament to the efforts we have made to empower our workforce to drive innovation and efficiency in all aspects of our work,” said PNSY Commander, Capt. Dave Hunt. “By focusing on people first, and safety always, Portsmouth will continue to deliver excellence for the Navy and the nation.”

The awards will be presented to the winners Dec. 6 in the Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico during the awards banquet in conjunction with the 2016 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium.

PNSY is the Navy's center of excellence for attack submarine maintenance, repair, and modernization. As a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command, PNSY is committed to maximizing the material readiness of the fleet by safely delivering first-time quality, on time, and on budget. “armed forces,” he said. “At the same time, if you do that, you’re going to use up the funds that you need for modernization. ... You’ve got that tremendous trade-off.”

Conrad Crane, a professor at the United States Army War College, explained why modernization was so important.

“The military has developed these new design processes to identify problems that are better to deal with the complexity of modern warfare,” he said. “You always want to have a certain amount of excess capacity. We definitely don’t have any excess capacity.”

Rep. Michael Turner, R-Ohio, who spoke at the report's release, echoed the frustrations surrounding defense funding.

“We’ve had much less levels of spending than, as this report shows, we need,” said Turner, who is chairman of the House Armed Services Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee and a member of the House Intelligence Committee. “President [Barack] Obama is handing the next president a military that is much less capable than the military he

was handed in a world that is much less safe.”

The report calls Russia the primary threat to American interests, followed by Iran, China and terrorist groups such as the Islamic State and Hezbollah. The threat posed by North Korea was downgraded, from “hostile” to merely “aggressive.”

On the campaign trail, Trump called repeatedly for improving U.S.-Russia relations. Many of his fellow Republicans, including Sen. John McCain, the powerful head of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have denounced the idea.

*(With reporting by Military Times' Capitol Hill bureau chief, Leo Shane III.)*



## Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Earns SECDEF Maintenance Award

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From Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

KITTERY, Maine (NNS) -- Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) was announced as the winner of the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence for the record-setting engineered overhaul of attack submarine USS Alexandria (SSN 757).

PNSY delivered Alexandria back to the fleet approximately two weeks early and \$9 million under budget. Completion of the 280,000 man-day, engineered overhaul established

significant benchmarks in safety and first-time quality, making Alexandria's overhaul the fastest in the Navy's history.

"NAVSEA's (Naval Sea Systems Command's) top priority is the on-time delivery of ships and submarines so that we can expand our warfighting advantage," said Vice Adm. Tom Moore, commander, NAVSEA. "Maintenance wins like Alexandria highlight the amazing work and dedication of our shipyard employees and their steadfast commitment to our national defense."

The project team, ship's crew, and the entire PNSY organization utilized improved processes, innovative management techniques, and sound leadership principles to meet every major overhaul milestone on, or ahead of schedule with best quality and safety records. Returning Alexandria to the fleet early resulted in a smooth post-overhaul transition from the Atlantic to the Pacific Fleet, which also improved the quality of life for the ship's crew and their families.

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For more information, visit <http://www.navy.mil>, <http://www.facebook.com/usnavy>, or <http://www.twitter.com/usnavy>.

For more news from Naval Sea Systems Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/navsea/>.



# Army-Navy Game in Baltimore on Dec 10 is Sold Out

(Baltimore Sun Nov 17 2016)



Photos from Navy's 2016 football season.

Is this the year Army snaps a 14-game losing streak to Navy?

The Army-Navy game at M&T Bank Stadium on Dec. 10 is sold out, the Ravens announced today.

This is the sixth time the Army-Navy game has been held in Baltimore and it's also the fourth game at the home of the Ravens, with each game at M&T Bank Stadium being sold out, including most recently in 2014.

M&T Bank Stadium holds 71,008.

Navy has won 14 straight games between the two and leads the all-time series, 60-49-7. Army West Point is 5-5 this season while Navy is 7-2. The last time both teams entered the game with a winning record was 2010.

The Mids won last year's game 21-17 in Philadelphia.

Army faces Morgan State on Saturday in West Point, N.Y.

Navy can wrap up the West Division of the American Athletic Conference with a win on Saturday at East Carolina.



# US sends message with nuclear sub visit to Guam

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

(CNN) - The US military is sending a double-barreled message this week to potential adversaries in the Pacific.

A US Navy submarine carrying nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles is visiting Guam for the first time since the late 1980s and US and Japanese troops will practice amphibious landings on Pacific islands.

The submarine USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735) is making what the Navy formally calls a "scheduled port visit" to the US territory in the Pacific, according to a Navy press statement. But a US defense official says that both Japanese and South Korean delegations are in Guam at this time and will be offered rare tours of the submarine.

The visit comes as military tensions are high both with North Korea over its nuclear program, and China, over its moves in the South China Sea. The Navy is making the public statement about the Pennsylvania in part to show its presence to allies and adversaries in the region.

"This specific visit to Guam reflects the United States' commitment to its allies in the Indo-Asia-Pacific, and complements the many exercises, training, operations, and other military cooperation activities conducted between the US and its partner nations," the Navy said in its statement.

"Ballistic missile submarines such as USS Pennsylvania are on patrol continuously, providing a critical, stabilizing and highly effective element of the US nuclear deterrence force."

The Pennsylvania, one of 14 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines in the US fleet, carries 24 Trident II D-5 ballistic missiles, according to the US Navy. Each missile carries multiple warheads which can be programmed to hit different targets.

## 37,000 Japanese and US troops in drills

The amphibious landings, meanwhile, are part of Exercise Keen Sword 17, involving 11,000 US and 26,000

Japanese troops. They will take place around Japan, Okinawa, Guam and the island of Tinian in the Northern Marianas.

"Significant training activities during KS17 will include air and sea operations, integrated air and missile defense and ballistic missile defense in order to keep pace with the growing ballistic missile threat in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region," said a statement from US Forces Japan.

Keen Sword has been held yearly since 1986 but this is the first year that it will include amphibious landings.

"Amphibious operation training offers an opportunity to build bilateral interoperability in this area, and it supports Japan's developing amphibious capabilities," the US military statement said.

The amphibious exercise comes amid tensions between Japan and China over the disputed island chain off China's east coast that Japan refers to as the Senkakus and China as the Diaoyus.

Both countries have put the islands in their Air Defense Identification Zones and flights over and ship transits around the islands by both countries have been contentious. Keen Sword has already drawn reaction from Beijing, with a report posted on the website of state broadcaster China Central Television (CCTV.)

"Okinawa will stage a scenario in which the US is at war with a third party and Japan offers its assistance," the CCTV report said.

"Analysts say this is to prepare Japan's Self-Defence Forces for involvement in similar situations," it added.

The Japanese Self Defense Force said along with their 26,000 troops, 260 aircraft and 20 warships will be involved in the exercises.

US Marines have deployed on Japan's 13,950-ton helicopter destroyer JS Hyuga, the flagship of the four-ship Japanese task force involved in the exercise, a US Navy statement said. CNN's Junko Ogura contributed to this report.





## Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of October

**USS O-5 (SS-66) 11-Oct-1923.** Two men lost.

**USS S-44 (SS-155) 7-Oct-1943.** 56 men lost and two taken as POW. Both survived the war.

**USS Wahoo (SS-238) 11-Oct-1943.** All hands lost (79).

**USS Dorado (SS-248) 12-Oct-1943.** All hands lost (78).

**USS Escolar (SS-294) 17-Oct-1944.** All hands lost (82).

**USS Shark II (SS-314) 24-Oct-1944.** All hands lost (90).

**USS Seawolf (SS-197) 3-Oct-1944.** All hands lost (102).

**USS Tang (SS 306) 24-Oct-1944.** 78 men lost. 9 taken POW and survived the war. CDR Richard O'Kane was awarded the Medal of Honor for his leadership and heroism as CO.

**USS Darter (SS-227) 24-Oct-1944.** All the crew was rescued by USS Dace.

### **USS SEAWOLF (SS-197) October 3, 1944 – All Hands Lost – 102**



USS Seawolf (SS-197), under the command of LCDR A.M Bontier, was sunk by U.S. forces on 03 October 1944 while on her 15th war patrol. She was carrying supplies and 17 U.S. Army personnel to Samar, in the central Philippines.

On the morning of 03 October, a U.S. task group was attacked by the Japanese submarine Ro-41. USS Shelton (DC-407) was torpedoed and sunk in the attack.

Shortly after the attack, a plane from the escort carrier USS Midway (CVE-63), sighted a submarine on the surface, and dropped two bombs on it as it was submerging, even though the submarine was in an established safety zone for U.S. submarines. USS Rowell (DE-403) steamed into the area and detected the submerged Seawolf. Believing the submerged contact to be a Japanese submarine, Rowell attacked, even though the submarine tried to send a series of dashes and dots with her underwater signaling equipment. Rowell's attack resulted in an underwater explosion, and debris rose to the surface.

Seawolf was the only U.S. submarine known sunk by American forces in World War II. 102 men, including the 17 U.S. Army personnel, were lost.

After the war, it was learned by Ro-41 successfully escaped detection by US forces. She would be sunk with all hands by USS Haggard (DD-555) on 22-23 March 1945.

LCDR Bontier had been the Commanding Officer of USS Razorback when she was commissioned.



## Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of November

**USS Corvina (SS-226) 16-Nov-1943.** All hands lost (82)

**USS Sculpin (SS-191) 19-Nov-1943.** 40 men lost. 42 taken as POW, only 21 survived the war. Captain John P. Cromwell, USN, Commander of a Submarine Task Group (Wolfpack) went down with the ship to ensure his knowledge of impending operations was not compromised. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

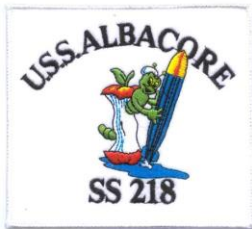
**USS Growler (SS-215) 8-Nov-1944.** All hands lost (86)

**USS Albacore (SS-218) 7-Nov-1944.** All hands lost (86)

**USS Scamp (SS-277) 16-Nov-1944.** All hands lost (83)

### **USS ALBACORE (SS-218)**

**November 7, 1944 – All Hands Lost – 86**



ALBACORE with Lt. Cmdr. H.R. Rimmer in command, left Pearl Harbor on October 24, 1944, topped off with fuel at Midway on October 28, and departed there for her eleventh patrol the same day, never to be heard from again. Her area was northeast of Honshu and south of Hokkaido, and because of the danger of mines, she was ordered to stay outside of waters less than 100 fathoms deep.

She was to depart her area at sunset on December 5, 1944, and was expected at Midway about December 12th. When she had not been seen or heard from by December 21st despite the sharpest of lookouts for her, she was reported as presumed lost.

Enemy information available now indicates that ALBACORE perished by hitting a mine. The explosion occurred on November 7, 1944, while ALBACORE was submerged, and was witnessed by an enemy patrol craft. The craft reports having seen much heavy oil and bubbles, cork, bedding and various provisions after the explosion. Prior to her loss, ALBACORE had been a very successful submarine, especially in her engagements with Japanese combat vessels. Her record of enemy combatant ships sunk is the best of any U.S. submarine. She sank a total of 13 ships, totaling 74,100 tons, and damaged five, for 29,400 tons, during her first ten patrols. She began her series of patrols with one at Truk in September 1942, damaging two freighters and a tanker. On her second patrol, near New Britain, ALBACORE sank a transport, and, on 18 December 1942, the Japanese light cruiser TENRYU. Her third patrol was in the Bismarck Archipelago; ALBACORE sank an escort vessel and a destroyer. The latter was OSHIO sunk near the New Guinea coast on 20 February 1943. During her fourth patrol, again in the Bismarck-Solomons-area, ALBACORE was able to inflict no damage on the enemy herself, but she sent contact reports which enabled GRAYBACK to sink several enemy ships. In her fifth patrol, ALBACORE covered the same area and damaged a transport. She patrolled the Truk area on her sixth war run, sinking one freighter and damaging another.

ALBACORE's seventh and eighth war patrols were both in the area north of the Bismarck Archipelago during the period from mid-October 1943 to the end of February 1944. In her seventh patrol she sank a freighter and in her eighth a transport. In addition, during her eighth patrol on January 14th, ALBACORE sank the Japanese destroyer SAZANAMI. ALBACORE was ordered to patrol west of the Marianas and in the Palau area during the Allied invasion of these places in June 1944. On June 19th she intercepted a Japanese task force proceeding from Tawi Tawi anchorage, in the Sulu Archipelago, toward Saipan to engage our surface forces in the first Battle of the Philippine Sea. ALBACORE torpedoed and sank the aircraft carrier TAIHO. In addition, she sank a small freighter on this ninth patrol. ALBACORE conducted her tenth patrol near the southern coast of Shikoku, Japan. Here she sank a medium freighter, a medium tanker and a large patrol craft. ALBACORE has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for her second, third, eighth and ninth patrols, the ones in which she sank enemy combatant vessels.

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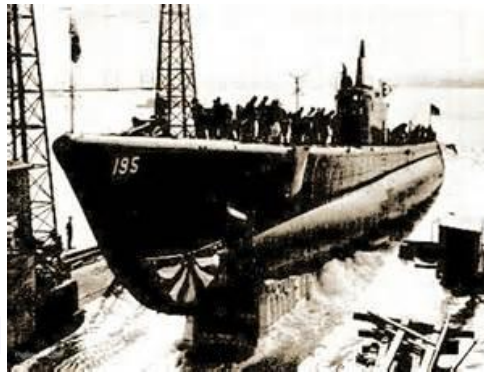
USS F-1 [ex-CARP] (SS-20) 17-Dec-1917. 19 men lost

USS S-4 (SS-109) 17-Dec-1927. 34 men lost

USS SEALION (SS 195) 10-Dec-1941. 4 men lost. Boat scuttled in Manila Bay on 25-Dec-1941

USS Capelin (SS-289) 1-Dec-1943. All hands lost (76)

### USS Sealion (SS-195) December 10, 1941 – Four Men Lost



The first submarine victim of enemy action was USS SEALION (SS 195). The start of the war on December 8, 1941 found her, along with USS SEADRAGON, in the final stages of overhaul at the Navy Yard, Cavite, Philippines. Both ships were scheduled for completion on December 12th. Despite frequent air raids in the Manila area during the first two days of war, enemy planes waited until the third day to pay a visit to the Navy Yard in Cavite on the afternoon of December 10th. The air raid alarm sounded at approximately 12:30 PM as 54 enemy planes zeroed in on the shipyard. SEALION, nested at Machina Wharf, had SEADRAGON inboard and the minesweeper BITTERN outboard. All hands, with the exception of the Commanding Officer, LCDR R.G. Voge, the Executive Officer, LT A. Raborn, and three men, were below decks. LCDR Voge saw the first wave of bombs land 100 to 200 yards astern of SEALION and noticed that the planes were too high to reach by machine gun fire. He immediately ordered all hands below. It was a wise decision. The second wave of bombs hit the ship almost simultaneously, one striking the aft end of the conning tower, completely destroying the machine gun mount that had been vacated just moments before. The bomb exploded outside the hull a few feet above the control room, which was occupied by the majority of the crew who would surely have been killed, had the bomb exploded inside. While the SEALION crew was spared from that initial blast, a fragment of the bomb pierced the conning tower of the inboard SEADRAGON killing ENS Sam Hunter, the first submarine casualty of the war. Seconds later another bomb passed through the main ballast tank and the main pressure hull and exploded in the after engine room, killing four men working in the compartment – electrician mates Foster, O'Connell, Paul, and machinist mate Ogilvie. The explosion also flooded the aft engine room causing SEALION to settle in the mud aft while the forward engine room and torpedo room slowly began to flood as well. When the ship had finally settled the remainder of the crew escaped to safety while 40% of the main deck was underwater with a 15-degree list to starboard. All motor controls, reduction gears, and main motors were destroyed, totally immobilizing the ship. The damage to the ship would normally have been considered non-fatal had there been overhaul facilities available for repair, but the SEALION wasn't so lucky. The bombing that wrecked the ship had also destroyed the Navy Yard and the closest repair facility now lay 5,000 miles due east at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Considering the war situation at hand, it was impossible to tow SEALION that distance. On Christmas Day, 1941, after the removal of all gear of value, such as gyro, radio and sound equipment, three depth charges were exploded inside the ship to prevent her from falling into enemy hands.

Sailors Lost On USS SEALION (SS 195) 12-10-1941: Foster EM2, Paul EM1, O'Connell EM1, Ogilvie MOMM

**"We shall never forget that it was our submarines that held the lines against the enemy while our fleets replaced losses and repaired wounds," Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, USN.**



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Ackerman, William H.  
 Adams, Michael 1/1/72  
 Adams, Rockwood F. 12/12/00  
 Adler, Leonard, 3/1/11  
 Alford, Zeb D. 8/4/09  
 Ash, James R. 9/29/99  
 Bible, George 9/1/12  
 Bickford, Lewie M. 3/10/13  
 Birk, George A.  
 Bogess, Layne Forrest 10/6/08  
 Bracy, Timothy Ford 12/19/14  
 Bradley, Richard  
 Bratley, Melton 7/9/08  
 Brigham, Paul 4/8/06  
 Broderick, Thomas Powell 12/16/12  
 Brown, Rowland 8/12/12  
 Bugarin, Ely Manglicmot 12/1/87  
 Bullough, Bruce 4/28/03  
 Chumney, Larry Joe 8/23/13  
 Cloke, Paul R. 7/2/07  
 Compton, Gregory Steven 12/14/09  
 Coons, Bard S. 12/27/2006  
 Cremin, Raymond J. 1/23/05  
 Davis, Webster C. 7/20/00  
 DeNicola, Vincent J. 2/12/07  
 Dickson, Ernie 11/5/06  
 Dizdul, Mike 3/1/86  
 Dodson, G. Carol 12/7/07  
 Dollison, Larry L. 7/19/01  
 Donnell, Richard Stover 7/10/15  
 Eck, William S. 2/21/07  
 Eldridge, Peter L. 6/26/13  
 Farnon, Thomas E., 5/23/12  
 Fisher, Daniel Hough 5/20/11  
 Fitzgerald, Jr., Thomas Wooten 12/27/05  
 Forni, Elwood Henry 4/10/63  
 Forsythe, James Perry 5/6/11  
 Garrelts, Larry H. 5/10/08



*There is a port of no return, where ships  
 May lie at anchor for a little space.  
 And then, some starless night, the cable slips,  
 Leaving only an eddy at the mooring place...  
 Gulls, veer no longer,  
 Sailor rest your oar.  
 No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore.*

Gentry, Robert 4/14/06  
 Gilbert, Clyde 1/14/15  
 Gladd, Adrian D. 9/12/99  
 Griffiths, Rodney D. 8/7/10  
 Hale, Robert 6/6/64  
 Hall, Gareld Edward 5/20/09  
 Hammond, Larry R. 10/15/12  
 Harring, William 2/7/15  
 Harris, Darrell Eugene  
 Harvey, John W. 4/10/63  
 Hinkle, David R. 4/27/09  
 Hogeland, Gary H. 5/18/15  
 Huffaker, Douglas Dean  
 Ingram, Grover 9/27/12  
 Irving, Dennis  
 Jamison, Hugh  
 Jeffcoat, A. Bruce 7/29/07  
 Jortberg, Richard E.  
 Kalata, Emil R.  
 Keich, Edwin G. 5/8/98  
 Kelley, Harvey 5/1/07  
 Kerfien, Jim 11/19/09  
 Kersteter, Franklin G. 6/11/10  
 Kessell, Edward 2/1/87  
 Klinedinst, Paul R. 1/13/80  
 Latimer, James A. 3/1/07  
 Lee, Charles J. 11/9/09  
 Lindley, Silas Eugene 9/20/11  
 Loposer, Avery K. 6/27/16  
 Low, Douglas 4/6/08  
 Lukacsy, Louis 3/14/06  
 Marsh, Charles R. 12/7/07  
 Masson, Rogers 8/31/89  
 Mattina, Angelo James 1/12/03  
 Mays, Pete  
 McCrea, Thomas O. 4/15/14  
 McCroskey, Bruce 5/29/04  
 McGrath, William J.  
 Melton, Morgan T. 3/11/16  
 Monogue, Kenneth R. 1/1/03  
 Montgomery, David R. 6/24/09  
 Morgan, John Franklin 11/14/86  
 Moroney, Thomas H. 1/1/99  
 Moshier, Clyde 11/1/70  
 Moyer, David 5/11/09  
 Murphy, Sterling 6/27/07  
 Murtha Sr., William P. 8/10/09  
 Neidermeyer, Willism H. 9/20/07  
 Neiswonger, James W. 12/24/10

Nestor, Jr., Joseph 6/27/11  
 Nicely, Randolph Lee (Randy)  
 Nikola, John H. 11/26/04  
 O'Dell, Rex Dale 2/4/04  
 O'Malley, John S.  
 Oxforth, Arthur 3/3/07  
 Papillard, Georges Marcel 10/17/08  
 Parr, Jay E. 5/29/10  
 Petty, William Douglas 12/12/09  
 Phillips, Edgar V. 5/27/14  
 Picklesimer, Lionel 12/20/87  
 Piggott, Paul E. 5/23/06  
 Potter, Jr., Frederick James 5/6/03  
 Rankin, James D. 6/25/10  
 Razinha, Marshall J. 10/1/00  
 Scida, John P. 1/11/14  
 Scott, Harold Truett 9/18/02  
 Shelton, Sr., David  
 Shelton, Merle Duane 12/27/11  
 Shewmon, John Curtis 11/15/03  
 Shimckus, Carl A. 1/2/10  
 Shirek, Ken H. 7/22/11  
 Speck, Wilfred C. 4/21/11  
 Steiner, Frederick T. 2/9/07  
 Stolz, William C.  
 Strassels, James H. 4/22/15  
 Synhorst, Gerald E. 10/1/86  
 Tall, Donald Eric 11/23/10  
 Tapley, Frank 9/20/13  
 Tardiff, Henry  
 Templin, Ron 6/3/08  
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 Towery, Robert F.  
 Turner, John 8/1/71  
 Turnier, Harry A. 12/28/02  
 Vincente, Jose 3/19/11  
 Wallace, John 6/5/68  
 Warner, Wayne A. 3/5/16  
 Weaver, John 8/11/13  
 Whitcomb III, Allison H. 5/11/10  
 Whitcomb, Robert  
 Wigley, Lawrence S. 9/25/13  
 Wilson, Barry A. 1/7/15  
 Winge, Don 1/1/05  
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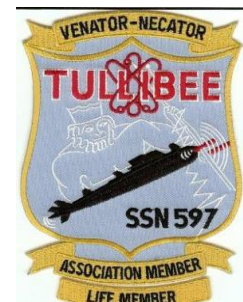
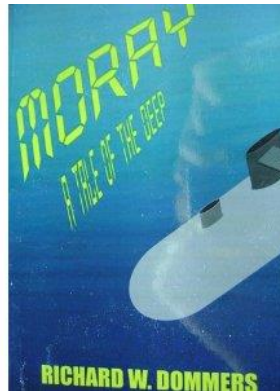
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