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USS SABALO SS-302

**BALAO CLASS DIESEL-ELECTRIC SUBMARINE
IN COMMISSION: 1945-46 & 1951-71**

A Proud Workhorse of the Fleet

*She made her missions.
We did our best.
We served our country.
This has been done.*



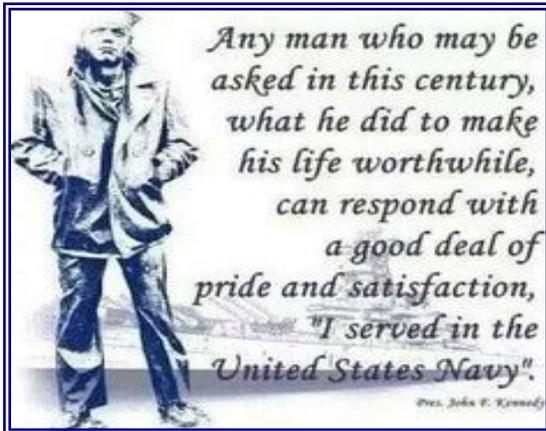
HAPPY BIRTHDAY !! -USS Sabalo (SS 302) was commissioned on 19 June 1945 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Lt. Comdr. James Gold Andrews in command. She was the first submarine and second ship of the United States Navy to be named Sabalo, another name for the Atlantic Tarpon. She served her country for over 21 years of active duty, until decommissioned on 1 July 1971. Happy 76th Birthday, USS Sabalo!

Indonesian submarine with 53 on board goes missing during torpedo drill—Initial report April 21, 2021

Jakarta — Indonesia's military said it was searching for a submarine with 53 crew aboard after losing contact with the vessel during naval exercises off the coast of Bali on Wednesday. The German-built KRI Nanggala 402 had been scheduled to do live torpedo exercises when it asked for permission to dive early Wednesday morning, authorities said.

"After permission was given according to the procedure, the submarine lost contact and could not be reached," the defence ministry said.

A helicopter looking for the missing vessel spotted an oil spill in waters where the submarine was thought to have submerged,. The navy dispatched warships off the northern coast of the holiday island to search for it, while neighbors Singapore and Australia as well as India had been asked for help. The navy sent out an international distress signal, and "several countries have responded and are ready to help including Singapore, Australia and India," the ministry said. There were 53 crew aboard the vessel, which was believed to be in waters about 2,300 feet deep. (see comments pg 15)



Any man who may be asked in this century, what he did to make his life worthwhile, can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, "I served in the United States Navy".

Pres. John F. Kennedy

Sterlet SS-392 Torpedoed 31 January 1969

Read why this relates to Sabalo events on Pg 13

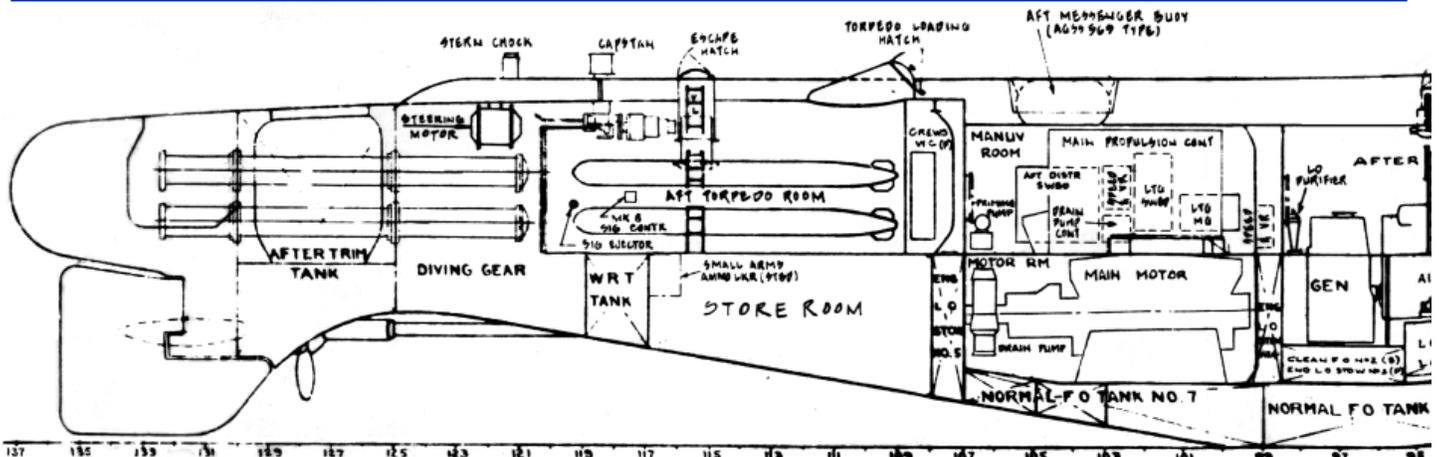


The KRI Nanggala-402 during preparations for the anniversary of Indonesia's military, 25Sep2014 in Surabaya, E. Java

SHIPMATE PICS *Top:* Who's who?- pic from Jim Kramer labeled "Pointer, Hutchenson, Kramer...Luau '62," but unsure of each man's I.D. and who is 4th. — anyone know? *Mid-*
dle: SubBase Pt. Loma ca '67-68. What is the ship to right of tender? *Bottom left:* Art Maccini & Joe Russen 1952; *Bot rt:*
 Tai Pak Floating Restaurant, Hong Kong-Aberdeen Harbor Dec'67. For views of how it is today: [slide show](#): (click on
 arrows to advance)



SHIP'S PLANS: Noted in this older drawing is the location of "Crew's W.C." just aft of the watertight bulkhead between a,f,t, and maneuvering rm. The 'Crew's Water Closet' = head was later abandoned and the small arms storage took over this space.



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Details: <https://ussvconvention.org/2021/>

CLEVER BOY is a privately authored and published newsletter of the **USS Sabalo Association**. The Association is an informal group for the preservation of the submarine's history, the assemblage of the list of all who served in her, chronicling her exploits and missions, and celebrating the memories of those who manned her. "Clever Boy" was the radio call sign for Sabalo, and NXYO was her flag identification code.

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<http://ussabalo.org>

For more information about the men who served in her, the ship's details and exploits, and copies of past *Clever Boy* newsletters beginning from 2009

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11 April was **NATIONAL SUBMARINE DAY**—The U.S. Navy acquired Holland VI, the Navy's first modern commissioned submarine, on April 11, 1900. The first known U.S. Navy submarine (1862) was the USS *Alligator*, the fourth United States Navy ship of that name. The *Alligator* was active during the American Civil War. America's very first submarine, the *Turtle*, was built in the Revolutionary War era. However, the United States Navy did not exist when the *Turtle* was operational.

Designed by Irish-American inventor John Phillip Holland in 1896, the Holland VI was launched on May 17, 1897, at Navy Lt. Lewis Nixon's Crescent Shipyard in Elizabeth, New Jersey. It was later purchased by the United States Navy on April 11, 1900, becoming the United States Navy's first commissioned submarine and renamed USS Holland (SS-1).

Active Ships in the US Navy—Military.com | story updated 9 Jun 21.

The U.S. Navy may not have the most ships of any country's fleet, but it is well established as the greatest power on the world's seas. The Navy owns 11 of the world's 43 active aircraft carriers – and that doesn't count its nearly two dozen flat-decked amphibious ships that might well be considered carriers in their own right.

Despite this impressive power on the seas, leaders continue to have concerns about how many ships are in the U.S. Navy inventory, warning that competing maritime powers such as China are growing in naval strength and may soon have ocean dominance.

Since December 2016, the Navy has called for a fleet of at least 355 ships, up from its current battle-force total of fewer than 300. But the daunting cost of building that fleet – an estimated \$26.6 billion per year for 30 years – and the challenge of ramping up shipyard work to meet demand have kept progress slow.

The 30-year shipbuilding plan released by the Navy in 2020 has the service reaching a fleet of 355 ships by 2049. It expects to build its active ship total to 305 by the end of 2021. The Navy is also pursuing a number of unmanned ship platforms, large and small. These will not count toward its 355-ship goal, however. <https://www.military.com/navy/us-navy-ships.html>

There is but one Earth, tiny and fragile, and one must get 100,000 miles away to appreciate fully one's good fortune in living on it. Michael Collins (1930-2021), NASA astronaut, command module pilot Apollo II moon mission

No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation. ...Gen Douglas MacArthur

HEADLINE NEWS

Follow links for full story

Hawaii-Based Navy Submarine Commander Relieved Over Morale Problems, 29 Apr 2021

The commanding officer of a Navy fast-attack submarine USS Charlotte SSN-766, based in Hawaii, was removed from his position by ComSubRon 7 over a "loss of confidence in his ability to lead." <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/04/29/hawaii-based-navy-submarine-commander-relieved-over-morale-problems.html>

Sub Dies Final Death: Remains of Cold War-Era Russian Sub Used in Film 'K-19: The Widowmaker' Catch Fire

After the Cold War, the submarine known as **Juliett 484** was sold and used as a restaurant and vodka bar in Helsinki, Finland, and as a set for the 2002 Ford movie "K-19: The Widowmaker." The sub wound up in Providence, R.I. because the USS Saratoga Museum Foundation bought it and opened it to the public as a floating museum in 2002 until it sank in 2007. It sat rusting in the Providence River.. What remained as a hulk caught fire, Tuesday, March 9, 2021, as workers were using a torch to cut it up for scrap. <https://www.military.com/off-duty/2021/03/09/remains-of-cold-war-era-russian-sub-used-film-k-19-widowmaker-catch-fire.html>

Bedbug Infestation of USS Connecticut - 12Mar2021, Clothes got laundered, mattresses replaced and pesticides sprayed as the Navy waged war against a stubborn infestation of bedbugs that found their way onto a nuclear-powered submarine at its Bremerton home port. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/03/12/navy-grappling-bedbug-infestation-of-nuclear-submarine-uss-connecticut.html>

[See **CRABS** article on pg 5 about a Sabalo 'bug' experience]

Navy Restarts Regular Pee Tests as Pandemic Winds Down

The Navy conducts random urinalysis tests roughly four times a month, with 15% of a unit selected for testing at any given time. The service tests for illicit drugs as well as legal medications for which a sailor may not have a prescription. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/06/01/navy-restarts-regular-pee-tests-pandemic-winds-down.html>

Mare Island's Secret Spy Subs - The M.I. Shipyard had a major, top-secret role during the Cold War, refitting submarines as spy ships that slipped undetected into coastal Russian waters and tapped undersea telephone cables in risky U.S. efforts to head off Soviet Union military threats.

in the early 1970s the shipyard was home to what was known as the Ocean Engineering Program, "one of the most highly classified and important programs in the history of the U.S. military." Under the program nuclear subs were secretly modified

FEEDBACK NEEDED—Your editor searches far and wide for topical info to pass along. If you see some cool stuff, send it in for inclusion.

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for intelligence-gathering assignments that were successful until the American traitor Ronald Pelton sold out his country to the Soviets for \$35,000 in the early 1980s. <https://www.timesheraldonline.com/2021/02/25/brendan-rileys-solano-chronicles-mare-islands-secret-spy-subs/>

Lawmakers Fume Over Acting Navy Secretary's Call to Cancel Nuclear Sea-Launched Cruise Missile - 11 Jun 2021

Stars and Stripes WASHINGTON -- Congressional lawmakers voiced concern Thursday over the acting Navy secretary's move to cancel the service's nuclear sea-launched cruise missile in fiscal 2023 as top defense leaders said they had not been briefed on the decision. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/06/11/lawmakers-fume-over-acting-navy-secretarys-call-cancel-nuclear-sea-launched-cruise-missile.html>

Russia's powerful, new class of submarines that has the US Navy Worried

-8Jun 21 **Kazan** is the lead boat of a subclass (Yasen-M). 1st Yasen class is **Severodvinsk**, commissioned in 2013. 456 feet long, the Severodvinsk has 10 torpedo tubes located near the central post instead of the bow (a first for Russian submarines) and eight vertical launch tubes, each capable of holding multiple missiles for a total load of either 32 P-800 Oniks or 40 3M-14 Kalibr missiles, or a combination. <https://www.businessinsider.com/russia-northern-fleet-new-class-of-subs-worry-us-navy-2021-6>



UNMANNED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

DYNAMITE WEB SITE WITH TONS (& I MEAN TONS) OF THE LATEST INFO ON UNMANNED UNDERWATER SYSTEMS, VEHICLES, AND AUTONOMOUS DEVICES OF ALL KINDS -ed.

Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV / AUV) News

- Over 200 articles just on underwater stuff, many with videos on underwater technology of all kinds. Also linked to zillions more on all kinds of unmanned systems under the TABS: *All News, Aerial Systems, Land Systems & Robotics, Surface Systems, Underwater Systems, and Technology*

<https://www.unmannedsystemstechnology.com/category/news/uuv-news/>

*P.S.—You'll be one helluvan expert if you can digest half of the info on this site. Most of it comes under the category of "Holy s***, that's freakin' amazing!" - ed.*

FROM OUT OF THE TOMATO BOX

By Editor Jeff Owens

Not a day goes by, in which my mind doesn't slip away to those days on the Sabalo.

PLEASE & THANK YOU'S

THANKS TO THOSE WHO MUSTERED IN

The last 'census' of Sabalo vets was in mid 2018. The number of those going on Final Patrol or otherwise losing interest continues to erode the list. It is always distressing when I add another man to the deceased list or find I cannot relocate someone previously on the muster list.

Thanks to those who responded to the recent email request broadcast to those I haven't heard from recently. Out of 289 with known contact info, either email or USPS, 164 had communication, either during 2020, or in response to the email muster, that's 55%.

PLEASE REPLY—What section is your favorite in the newsletter?

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➡ Remember if you have trouble reading *CB* online, I can add you to the hard copy mailing list.

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Sabalo Sailing List Stats As of 31 May 2021	
Total shipmates listed	1456
Current Address or Email	281
Known Deceased	813
Not located/ lost contact	362

Marking Time

My body, using geometric progression, or some such thing, is now 50 years older than my ambition.



When I say, "the other day", I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.



CRABS— Slang for pubic lice, parasitic insects that can infest in the genital area of humans. Pubic lice are usually spread through sexual contact. Rare-

ly, infestation can be spread through contact with an infested person's bed linens, towels, or clothes. The key symptom of pubic lice is itching in the genital area. Lice eggs (nits) or crawling lice can be seen with the naked eye.

Some of you readers may remember an infestation on 302 during the 67-68 era . It began in the after torpedo room, but spread forward. This was aided by the behavior of typical submariners....

The chow line extended back into after battery berthing, where off-watchstanders were in rack sleeping. While quiet was mostly observed and red light was set, there was another activity going on. An infected man would lower his trousers, and while another man would hold a flashlight, the little critters would be spotted running for cover, generally at the base of a pubic hair. Once location was established, the little demons of itching were picked from their hiding and flicked upon one of the unsuspecting sleepers who were especially unlucky to be berthed along the main passageway.

[*TINBS!* - I swear this all happened, because I witnessed it, and saw one of the victims, my brother Roy, catch a few of the relocated vermin. I laughed at the time. I knew what the whole thing was like, having myself picked up some of the bugs while in boot camp, probably from bedding.]

Once it got totally out-of-hand, and nearly every man berthed in the after torpedo room had them, action was taken which included bringing all bedding top side and the room was fumigated. I can't remember all of what took place, but that seemed to cure the epidemic.

THE OLD BOATS:

Featuring WWII Craft & Exploits

World War II Technology: German U-Boats

When WWII broke out Dönitz had only 57 submarines — and less than half of them were actually sea-worthy. No one, either in Germany or in Great Britain, believed that submarines would ever play any significant role in marine warfare. And they believed that for two reasons.

The first was their experience during WWI. During the first half of the Great War, German submarines did manage to damage British battleships and Merchant Marine ships that were carrying essential equipment and raw materials. But, as soon as commercial shipping started using convoys, the submarines became far less effective. A lone merchant ship was easy prey, but a crowded convoy escorted by armed warships was harder to attack. The Germans lost 178 U-Boats during WWI, more than half their entire fleet — without managing to significantly disrupt the British lines of supply. The second reason was the invention of sonar — a new technology that the British developed in the inter-war period. <https://www.cmpod.net/all-transcripts/wolf-packs-and-floating-coffins-u-boats-in-wwii-text/> -includes links to two vids

Operation Barney - Submarines Sent for Revenge of Pearl Harbor Attack—Early in WWII, Japanese forces sank the USS Wahoo with 79 men on board. VAdm Charles Lockwood, ComPacFlt, demanded retaliation. However, the Wahoo had been sunk in the Sea of Japan, and the US Navy was not quite ready to venture back into the heavily-mined Pacific waters controlled by the Japanese. After two-years of research and development a plan was hatched. A group of 9 subs using an experimental and highly effective sonar system would penetrate the minefield and venture into the Sea of Japan to wreak havoc among their merchant vessels. If successful, the submarines could accelerate Japan's surrender before more American lives were lost. Operation Barney was launched in May of 1945. For 8 of the 9 boats it was a success. The **Bonefish**, however, never reemerged from the Sea of Japan, having been attacked and sunk on June 19. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkxLa2yebIU>
Full story: <https://pearlharbor.org/operation-barney-revenge-for-a-lost-submarine/>

An Old Sailors Toast!

“There are good ships

And there are wood ships

And there are ships that sail the seas.

But the best ships are friendships

And may they always be!”

NAVY SLANG —“Skating”

Work can be monotonous for junior sailors who spend their days cleaning, painting, and other tiresome work. The trick is to make the best of it. Some seasoned sailors of the Submarine Bubblehead Brotherhood and US Navy Veteran Facebook groups offered some ideas on how to avoid working without getting caught — better known in the fleet as **"skating."**

There's an art to skating. As one sailor from the Bubblehead Brotherhood put it, "Many people think that skating is merely a lazy man's forte. But few fail to realize its complexity as a whole. To skate is to be a good actor, good talker, and well-liked among divisions."

The original article* gives 9 ways, but some would not be adaptable to a 312 foot diesel boat. Here's 7 I modified that might work. - **(I swear I never used any of these ideas. - ed.)**

1. Volunteer to go on a run for the division/department -Runs involve going for snacks, supplies, repair parts, or other LPO-type errands. The key here is to take your time. Turn it into a half-day event, go to the NEX, the barracks or anywhere you want, but avoid looking suspicious.

2. Hide in plain sight with cleaning materials - If you look busy, no one will bother you. Always have a cleaning item on hand and pull it out when someone of a higher rank approaches.

3. Sit in a stall in the head - Go to the head and take your time. You can spend half the day rotating through different heads. — The latter, of course is not possible on an old boat. Second problem is arousing suspicion you are whipping little willy in there.

4. Volunteer for a dreaded task or one that requires little supervision. - Lot's of this possible, but goofing off on a diesel boat means you are in somebody's way, and it won't be long before you are told to get out. This works best with a task that you don't mind doing.

5. Walk around the boat with a worried look while holding a clipboard. The key to skating with a clipboard is your facial expression. Always look focused, worried, or angry. Nobody will want to get involved in whatever you're dealing with. Might work for 2nd class and above, but a seaman with a clipboard would be dangerous. This could be modified if it's qualification drawings. (Don't think it would work for an ET poking around in the engine or torpedo rooms either.)

6. Chase the signature - If someone asks what you're doing, you respond saying you're waiting for a certain individual to go over quals on a particular system. When asked for the status of your qualification, no one can deny that you weren't trying. --This won't work. A dink is a dink. Delinquent non-quals can't hide for long.

7. Take a nap in a storage room (#7 MBT storeroom, lower flats, sonar room, torpedo room lower level, pump room). Lots of places on big surface craft and bigger nukes, but the old diesel boats had limited hideouts.

*9 Tips for 'Skating' in the Navy" from Military.com - We Are The Mighty | By Orvelin Valle 12 Mar 2021

The Seadragon Mystery

On 27 October 1961 the Personnel Diary of Sabalo lists 22 men transferred from the muster list of 302 to the Seadragon SSN-584 for duty. For reasons previously unexplained most of these men traveled to Pearl Harbor to 'wait' for the Seadragon while being listed as Sabalo crewmen.

So to explain: Some early history of the 584 prior to October 1961 from [Wikipedia](#) is needed:

The contract to build her was awarded to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine on 29 September 1955 and her keel was laid down on 20 June 1956. She was launched on 16 August 1958 sponsored by Mrs. Robert L. Dennison, and commissioned on 5 December 1959, with Lieutenant Commander George P. Steele in command.

Following a Caribbean shakedown cruise, Seadragon returned to Portsmouth, whence, on 1 August 1960, she sailed for the Pacific. Ordered to proceed via the Northwest Passage, she moved north to Parry Channel, at mid-month reached Lancaster Sound, the eastern end of the channel, and continued westward with Edward Parry's 1819 journal as a guide.

Collecting oceanographic and hydrographic data en route, Seadragon transited the Barrow Strait, Viscount Melville Sound, and McClure Strait. On 21 August, she completed the first submarine transit of the Northwest Passage, entered the Beaufort Sea, and headed for the North Pole, which she reached on 25 August. The ship surfaced through the thin ice becoming the third submarine to surface at the pole. Members of the crew laid out a softball diamond with the pitcher's box at the pole where the captain claimed he hit a fly ball at 4:00 pm on Wednesday and it wasn't caught until 4:00 am on Thursday. From the pole, Seadragon (having no other choice) turned south, and after conducting experiments in cooperation with scientists on ice island T-3, headed for the Chukchi Sea and Bering Strait. On 5 September, she reached Nome, Alaska, and, nine days later, she arrived at her home port, Pearl Harbor. She was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her transit of the Northwest Passage via Parry Channel.

For the next nine months, Seadragon was employed in local operations. In June 1961, she headed west for her first tour in the western Pacific (WestPac), during which she participated in Seventh Fleet exercises – primarily antisubmarine warfare training exercises – and completed a submerged endurance cruise of 58 days. In October, she returned to Pearl Harbor and local operations.

SO WHAT'S THE MYSTERY?

Over time, the number of men with "FFT to USS Seadragon in

their orders increased as more were added to the Sabalo roster for dates between June '61 and October '61.

As searching for Sabalo men has taken place, contact with many of the men awaiting the Seadragon return revealed that they had no memory of the Sabalo. Via telcon with a couple it was finally refreshed. Although they had been attached to Sabalo, the circumstances were not as actual crew. The requirements were that they had to muster in with the Sabalo daily (none remember if this actually meant at morning quarters), and other than maintaining presence during working hours, they mostly hung around the barracks. I have yet to receive any report that any of these men actually went to sea, or performed other duties aboard the 302. With old memory being weak, a few have totally denied they know anything about the Sabalo.

The date of 27 October for the mass transfer of these men was just recently discovered by research using the Navy muster lists recently available on Ancestry.com.

It seems odd that these men would be assigned to Sabalo's roster. Why not under squadron, flotilla, SubPac or even the in-port tender administration?

22 men were transferred to Seadragon on 27 Oct 1961—21 TDY to Sabalo and one regular Sabalo crewman*

Ashook, Michael EMFN; **Davis**, James IC2(SS); **Dwyer**, Edward EMFN; **Glockner**, James EMFN; **Hendrick**, Bruce EMFN, **Knepper**, Edward SA; **LeSchiutta**, Harold EN1(SS); **Lowrance**, David EMFN; **Martinez**, Erminio EMFN; **Peeling**, Thomas MMFN; **Roddy**, Wilton IC2(SS); **Roripaugh**, Nonie, ICFN; **Simpson**, Delmar, ICFN; **Slocum**, Richard, MMFN; **Smith**, Alfred FT2; **Stauffer**, Everett MM3; **Taylor**, Donald ET2(SS); **Teters**, Tomas SOSSN; **Warnke**, Larry SN; **Wood**, Kirk ICFN; ***Gregory**, William QM1 (SS)*

For status and later Navy service of these men ck the Sabalo web site roster pages and DeckLog.com

A side note:

The early 60's also had another peculiar aspect about personnel in Pearl Harbor. It has been reported to me that athletic competition between commands was fierce and talented personnel were held onto and given favorable billets to keep them on the 'team'.

One thing about this is that shore duty commands got the complaint from some individuals that they were missing out on sea and sub pay as a result of being kept with a shore duty billet. Thus there seems to be a work around allowed in those days of assigning men to ride a boat once a month to be technically allowed for such extra pay.

Can't say for sure this was true, but a number of substantial rumors seems to say so. **Anybody got anymore dope on this?**

VA NEWS

BLUE WATER NAVY—AGENT ORANGE UPDATE

Congress Hopes to Deliver the Biggest Veterans Health Bill Ever. But What Will It Cost? 20 May 2021 The key to a legislative package is language that would create a presumptive service connection to veterans suffering from a long list of diseases who were exposed to burn pits during deployments. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/05/20/congress-hopes-deliver-biggest-veterans-health-bill-ever-what-will-it-cost.html>

[[While this problem should have been addressed decades ago, there remains the VA's delays in fully administering the Agent Orange remedies established by Congress. Some kind oversight needs to be conducted as to why claims are taking so long for review.—ed.]]

A new study of more than 300,000 Vietnam-era U.S. veterans has found that **those who were exposed to Agent Orange are nearly twice as likely to develop dementia** as those who were not. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/01/26/agent-orange-exposure-doubles-risk-of-developing-dementia-study-finds.html>

A section of the fiscal 2021 national defense bill passed by Congress on Jan. 1 requires the VA to **expedite disability claims** and benefits : <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/02/24/congressional-pressure-adds-urgency-agent-orange-claims-va-secretary-says.html>

**THE GOVERNMENT IS LIKE A BABY'S ALIMENTARY CANAL,
WITH A HAPPY APPETITE AT ONE END AND NO RESPONSIBILITY AT THE OTHER. -- Ronald Reagan**

MORE VA NEWS

Proposed Law Would Make It Easier for Vets to Get Private-Sector Care on VA's Dime

3 May 2021 Military.com© | By Steve Beynon (some content of original has been deleted for the CB)

The Veterans Health Care Freedom Act would largely take the VA out of the community care process by allowing veterans themselves to find and schedule necessary appointments at private-sector clinics in the department's network.

Right now, veterans must be approved by the agency to receive community care; the department then refers the patient to a facility. If this measure becomes law, veterans would need approval only from their primary-care doctor.

The legislation is largely based on 2016 recommendations by a congressionally appointed commission, which included a proposal to allow veterans themselves to choose their private-sector care to alleviate wait times.

The time it takes a veteran to receive community care by going through the current referral system varies depending on where they live, the services they need, and the urgency of the health situation.

"When a veteran is in need of care on an urgent basis, veterans are consistently receiving it within two days in the community," a VA spokesperson said. "For routine care services, the time between when a request for care is placed and when a veteran receives an appointment will vary due to the urgency of the appointment and the Veteran's individual preferences for when to receive the care."

On average, it takes 30 days for a veteran to receive routine care, according to the spokesperson. However, that average includes a wide range of procedures, including screenings, that are sometimes ordered months ahead of time. This fact may skew the data.

"Given VA's lack of action over the prior seven years implementing wait-time goals for various community care programs, congressional action is warranted to help achieve timely health care for veterans," the GAO said in its report.

The legislation would direct the VA to test the program for three years in four regions that cover a diversity of locations, including rural and urban areas. The program would become permanent across the country after four years.

Community care became a much larger element of VA care with the 2018 passing of the Mission Act, which dramatically expanded veterans' access to VA-funded private-sector care as a reaction to scandals involving egregious wait times.

But expanding community care has had serious impacts on the VA's already mammoth budget. The VA is the second-largest federal agency, and its budget has ballooned over the years.

President Biden's proposed budget for VA health care next year is \$97.5 billion, an increase of \$7.6 billion. VA Secretary Denis McDonough told lawmakers at a budget hearing that the boost was needed partly because of the larger role of private-sector care.

Privatized VA health care has been a contentious issue among some progressives, who argue that expanded use of community care could slowly drain resources away from VA hospitals. Yet the issue rarely comes up among Democrats in the VA committees on Capitol Hill.

Biden told Stars and Stripes last year that he does "not under any circumstances support moving to total privatization" of the VA. He argued that the department is uniquely positioned to handle the "consequences of war and pressure."

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/05/03/proposed-law-would-make-it-easier-vets-get-private-sector-care-vas-dime.html>

SUNKEN SUBS

16 Abandoned & Sunken Submarines (11 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5aQoNUYJWI>

Mega Movers: Recovering Sunken Submarines— Raising the CSS Hundley , Russian Kursk and development of underwater recovery techniques- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5utnRPdvws&t=270s> (44 min)

Raising of WW2 German submarine U534— A Royal Air Force bomber sank her on 5 May 1945 in the Kattegat 20 kilometres northeast of the Danish island of Anholt. U-534 was salvaged in 1993 and since February 2009 has been on display in Birkenhead, England as part of the U-boat Story. The U-boat is one of only four German World War II submarines in preserved condition remaining . (5 1/2min) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbjjEbGmjig>

“U534 was reported to have been carrying boxes of gold” - (4 min) <https://youtu.be/M9-Ae2MbuGc>

Raising the Kursk <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BqZoDKjJ-A> (1hr 15min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5utnRPdvws> (44 min)

AIR INDEPENDENT PROPULSION

A.I.P., as it's known, has been a technological feature of many subs of some foreign navies. In a conversation (see Mailbag on pg 12) with Wayne Hachey (TM '68-69) there was a brief discussion on the subject. Those who attended the 2007 reunion in San Diego will remember our tour of the Swedish HMS Gotland which has such engines.

Many navies have boats using this technology which allows running their diesel-electric power plants for up to two weeks without surfacing or snorkeling.. The most prevalent design is the German Type 212.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Type_212_submarine

More info:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air-independent_propulsion &

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/engineering/air-independent-propulsion>

"If you're a sailor, best not know how to swim. Swimming only prolongs the inevitable--if the sea wants you and your time has come."

--James Clavell, author

A Fool's Errand

There is a certain hazing ritual, known by the term "**golden rivet**". The prank consists of informing a new sailor of the existence of the "golden rivet" and encouraging him to look for it. After scouring the entire ship without success, it eventually dawns on the junior that he has been the butt of a joke. This practical joke or "fool's errand" is perpetuated for the amuse-

ment of senior crewmembers at the expense of their naive and gullible junior crewmates.

A Golden Rivet refers to the claim in naval folklore that every ship is built containing a single, commemorative "golden rivet", an idea seemingly derived from the commemorative golden spike that was temporarily driven at the completion of the U.S. transcontinental railroad in 1869.

MAKING FRESH WATER

This still is the type we used to make water, but whatever I learned in quals is long forgotten. As part of quals my exposure to any long periods of making fresh water was limited. I believe my creation was limited to one or two batches blown into the storage tanks, and this under direct supervision of an engineman. Later when water was really required, and continuous operation was performed, I remember the ordeal of the watch standers required in temperatures up to 130. **Thank you enginemen for the job you did!**

To keep these temperatures from being a health problem "salt" pills (actually a number of minerals were in them) were consumed in quantity along with a lot of water.

To alleviate some heat, it was common for "Loin Cloths" to be worn on still duty. A suitable, and many times decorative, rag was selected from the rag bales, and using the regulation web belt, or a strip of material, the rag was used as the only 'clothing' worn.

I hope some of those who stood still watches will send an email or call about the experience for a future issue. -ed.

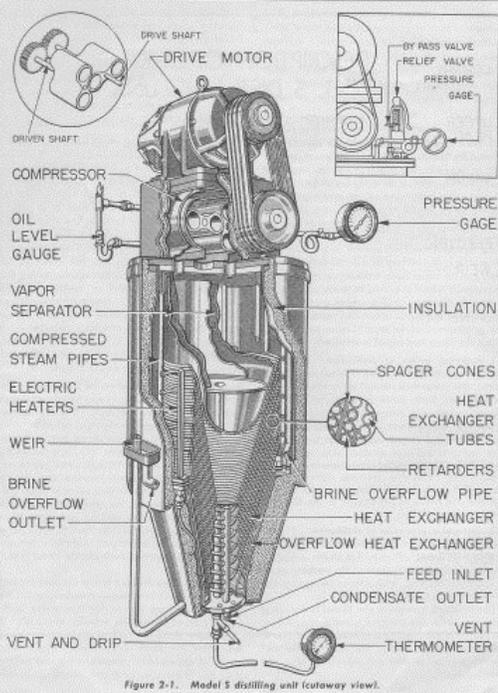


Figure 2-1. Model 5 distilling unit (cutaway view).

VA LINKS

The VA has begun an Agent Orange Newsletter—

2020 issue of the annual Agent Orange Newsletter

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/agent-orange/agent-orange-2020/index.asp>

How to check the status of a disability claim you have

filed: This page has the procedure to check online:

<https://www.va.gov/claim-or-appeal-status/>

Once you're signed in you can go to this page. On the right side there is a "**Disability**" block with a link to check claims: <https://www.va.gov/>

There is a tab "**Files**" which has the procedure to up-

load directly if you want to try that.

Sabalo Muster Lists Now Online

Ancestry.com. *U.S. Navy Muster Rolls, 1949-1971* [database on-line] requires paid subscription. (incomplete as of publication)

VA's collaboration with NARA digitizes V.N.-era deck logs

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/79052/vas-collaboration-nara-digitizes-vietnam-era-deck-logs/>

Blue Water Navy Association—has updates that may be helpful. <https://www.bwnvva.org/>



Reader's Puka* - Book recommendations and reviews—

Who's read a good book lately? - Send in the details.

Hostile Waters is a 1997 nonfiction book by Peter Huchthausen, Igor Kurdin and R. Alan White that describes the 1986 major accident of the Soviet submarine K-219 off Bermuda while captained by Igor Britanov.

Actions inside and maneuvers made by the American sub present, USS Agusta at K-219's ordeal were reconstructed from Russian observations, American reports, interviews with many American naval officers and experts, and the author's long experience in naval affairs. Like any intelligence analysis, the authors had to reconstruct this story from multiple sources. Sometimes they disagreed on the details. Their substance, however, is true.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hostile_Waters_%28book%29

SHIP'S STORE — https://ussabalo.org/Ship's_Store.html



If you are looking for something specific, or have contacted me in the past and might be waiting for response, please contact me again. I found a few t-shirts and hats. Still have a lot of patches, note pads, luggage tags, and also 2 lapel/hat pins.

"A Veteran-whether active duty, retired, served one hitch, or reservist is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The Government of the United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including their life."
-Author unknown.
 That is honor, and there are too many people in this country who no longer understand it.



Movie Night in the After Battery

SAND CASTLE- The film centers on a young private in the US Army, who's unit is tasked with restoring water to a village in Iraq. It is based on the true events and the experience of the film's writer during the Iraq War. It was released on April 21, 2017 on Netflix.

(1hr 53min) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sand_Castle_%28film%29

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hq28cZ938E>

[ed. Rating= ☆☆☆☆]

→ **What the foreign Navies are doing**

SOVIET COLD WAR HISTORY

Seaman Preminin, The Man Who Stopped Disaster — On 3 Oct 1986 the Russian K-219 had a missile tube explosion. This vid tells the story of how reactor meltdown was avoided.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pv-IQGYvnfE>

A book on the occurrence is entitled *Hostile Waters*. See the **Reader's Puka** (pg 10) for details.

Cuban Missile Crisis 1962—The How One Man Saved the World

Soviet submarine commander Vasili Arkhipov made a choice that may have saved the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2sgI9aBas0>

What the U.S. Didn't Know About This Soviet Sub Near Cuba

A Soviet B-59 submarine has been spotted off the southeast coast of the U.S. mainland in 1962. The White House draws up a plan, but they don't know that this sub is carrying a devastating nuclear weapon on board. Thankfully, Vasili Arkhipov refused to authorize the captain's use of nuclear torpedoes against the United States Navy that day in 1962. Without his consent the torpedo could not be launched, and therefore he likely prevented the annihilation of millions upon millions of people across the globe that this act may have initiated. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dlUpY4rIJO>

Stopping A Nuclear Torpedo: Why Did the Soviets Hide the Man Who Saved the World?

Inside the Soviet Foxtrot class submarine, B-59, the crew could feel the impact of explosions shaking the walls. They waited for hours, enduring the intense pressure of U.S. depth charges, desperate to receive some kind of signal or call to action. They knew it was their responsibility was to fire their nuclear-tipped torpedo in the event of an attack on Russia, and in the intense chaos they debated how to act. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8cmgwe6I8k>



Russia's Nuclear Submarine Graveyard -

The equivalent of six-and-a-half Hiroshimas lies just beneath the ocean's surface.

In the icy waters north of Russia, discarded submarine nuclear reactors lie deteriorating on the ocean floor—some still fully fueled. It's only a matter of time before sustained corrosion allows seawater to eat its way to the abandoned uranium, causing an uncontrolled release of radioactivity into the Arctic.

For decades, the Soviet Union used the desolate Kara Sea as their dumping grounds for nuclear waste. Thousands of tons of nuclear material, equal to nearly six and a half times the radiation released at Hiroshima, went into the ocean. The underwater nuclear junkyard includes at least 14 unwanted reactors and an entire crippled submarine that the Soviets deemed proper decommissioning too dangerous and expensive. More-<https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/navy-ships/a34976195/russias-nuclear-submarine-graveyard/> & https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_T-TCLZeKgE

HMS Narwhal (S03), the 2nd sub of the **Royal Navy** to carry the name, was a Porpoise-class submarine launched 25 Oct 1957. She was in the first class of subs built for the RN after the end of WWII which were designed to take advantage of features of the German Type XXI U-boats, and additionally British wartime experiments with the submarine Seraph, which was modified by streamlining and fitting a bigger battery. [similar to Guppy mods]

Look at Life—Submarine —a movie from 1960 made about life aboard Narwhal and her mission (10:12min)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hEm951BodYM>

HMS Narwhal had an incident in which she ran aground at the entrance of Campbeltown Loch the same year this film came out. She was decommissioned 10 Feb 1977. And on 2 Jun 1980 was sunk off Portland, Eng., but was raised in a salvage exercise on 26 Jun 1980 by the Swedish heavy-lift ship Hebe III. Her ultimate fate was as a target on 3 August 1985 and her hulk lies in the English Channel. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Narwhal_%28S03%29

How a Misplaced Decimal Point Nearly Took Down Spain's Newest Submarines

The first in the S-80's class was commissioned in 2003, but economic trouble in Spain delayed its design and construction by a decade. In that time, engineers noticed a critical design flaw: The boat was an estimated 100 tons heavier than they expected. One of the designers, it turns out, put a decimal point in the wrong place somewhere down the line.

This meant the sub, once submerged, may never make it back to the surface, which is (again) very important for submarines and their crews.

So the Spanish shipbuilder assigned to the S-80 class, *Navantia*, called in some backup from General Dynamics to assist. The solution they came up with was to increase the size of the *Isaac Peral*, lengthening it by more than 30 feet and adding a pressure ring to support that length. More: <https://www.military.com/military-life/how-misplaced-decimal-point-nearly-took-down-spains-newest-submarines.html>



MAILBAG

In the Jan. issue I mentioned finding—**Dan Pointer, SO3(SS) '60-62**, and that he would like contact anyone who served with him & to locate shipmate: **Hutchinson, Jerry CS3(SS)**, cook on board and steaming buddy. *Well, Hutchinson has been located and hopefully they are catching up on things. I goofed up their addresses. Pointer is in Edmund, OK and Hutchinson is in Burleson, TX*

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22Feb21 telcon w/ **Wayne Hachey**, (TM Feb67-Nov68 mentioned shipmates **Sanborn; Senter**; diesel engines running underwater re U-864
[see pg 9 for article on A.I.P.]

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28 May21 eml from **Dieter Dauber**. (RM Oct61-Feb62) He & Linda have located full-time to what was formerly only their winter place in Winter Haven, FL

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17 Apr 21 eml from **Carl Jauernig** (EN Oct66-Jan67) "My wife finally twisted my arm long enough that we bought into a 50-plus community and we are finding that we have way too much stuff that we simply don't need. Downsizing has turned out to be a bigger job than either of us thought." [Carl- Keep us posted on your new address when you get settled.—ed.]

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13 Apr 21 eml fm **Joe Bruzzo** (RM Apr57-Mar58) "Still on the green side of the grass, and as always enjoying receiving the newsletter. Now 84 years old, and I guess I'm probably one of the oldest crewmen still above ground*. Still recall all the good times I had while on the 1958 far east cruise with all my shipmates. A fine ship, with an excellent crew. Proud to have served. Best wishes to all and smooth sailing."

[*Joe, you're not even close to the oldest. See page __ for details on who I believe is the oldest, former **CO Mahoney**.... Many more of CB readers are in their 90's.—ed.]

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3 Apr 21 eml fm **Dick Port** (IC 62-63) "A lot has been going on for me this last year. I have decided to move back to Mexico, and have been putting my affairs in order to go. I leave May 18. I will be living in a little town called Aijijic Mexico. It's on the largest lake in Mexico, Lake Chapala, about 5300 feet above sea level & 30 miles south from Guadalajara, and it's about 50 miles long, 20 miles wide. I will still be getting my email, so no changes there. Thanks for checking on me. I still will try to get to any reunions. Wish every one the best. Dick/ Rocky "

[Dick- Keep us posted on your new address when you get settled.—ed.]

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2 Apr 21 eml recd "Letter writing, now e-mail writing, has never been my strong suit. Yes I have been receiving the Newsletter and enjoy reading it. My stay on Sablo was very short. It was a Temporary Duty Assignment while waiting for my Nuclear Power School Class to start. The only memo-

ries of my time on Sablo are the theft of unattended white hats and she fed the crew VERY well. Wishing you and yours fair winds and following seas." **Rich Campbell** LCDR, Ret. (on 302 was MMFN mid' 64)

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2Apr21 eml fm Cindi Howard dau of **Richard Honeysett** (RM Jul52-Apr54)- "I haven't been able to visit my dad since Covid. Unfortunately he does not have a computer, and I was hoping to share the news letter with him. Also thought of copying it and mailing it to him but he doesn't seem to read these days either. I've learned that his dementia is worse and he doesn't even recognize family. He turns 92 on Saturday and I'm still unable to visit him. I do read the news letter. If you still want to send it via email." [Hope the virus restrictions have eased up in your location when you read this. -ed.]

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1Apr21 eml fm Chris Dummar. "I receive [the CB] for my Dad, **Arnold Kent Dummar** (EN 67-68). He loves getting it. My mom, his wife of 50 years passed away in December. It has been really hard on him these past few months, but he keeps going and is trying to make sure he doesn't give up. Thanks again for the great news letter, I know it helps at least one old Vets life have a little bit more happiness."

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4Apr21 eml fm **Jimmy Dale Sharp** - "I received a notification that you are looking for USS Sabalo crew members. I first came aboard the Sabalo in 1966 while she was in drydock at Hunters Point in late 1966. I was a cook (I started out as an ET, but changed over after we got out of drydock). I made a WestPac after I got out of Commissary B School. I picked her up at Subic Bay. She was a great boat and I was proud to serve aboard. I was transferred to the USS Raton in 1968."

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4Apr21 eml fm **Bill Putman** (TM Jun52-Aug55) "Still hanging on. Just turned 91. Keep up the good work. Wish I could make a reunion."

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5Apr21 eml fm **Bill Barnes** (FN Jun57-Feb59) "I retired from the Tacoma Police Dept. as Sargeant years ago. Thanks for the newsletters."

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6Apr21 eml fm **Howard Venezia (ET '54-56)**- "Winter is still upon us here in Colorado, but I am no longer skiing... so I'm ready for Spring and maybe some golf. Stay healthy!!!! Howie V

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7Apr21 eml fm **John Shailer** (ENS '69) "Still here and seem to have avoided the plague."

A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right and evil doesn't become good just because it's accepted by a majority.

...Booker T Washington

FINAL DISPOSITION OF SABALO—Omissions and Erroneous Info Corrections

The following paragraph is information that appears on the [Sabalo web site](#) 'History' page. It was authored by me as a result of information gathered on the internet (not always reliable) and direct communication with a few of the eye witnesses and participants of events.

...Jeff Owens, Sabalo newsletter (*Clever Boy*) editor & [Sabalo.org](#) webmaster.

“SABALO remained moored in San Diego [after decommissioning in June ‘71] until she was selected for her final mission. Among other preparations, the boat had all of its deck planking removed, and apparatus was rigged to allow manual opening of the ballast tank vents from atop the pressure hull. SABALO was escorted (towed) to a position SW of San Diego. Once in position at sea, tanks and ballasting arrangements were done in a strategic manner to cause partial internal flooding. Navy divers on the topside of the ballast tanks opened the vents, and then left the boat via an inflatable launch, and subsequently SABALO flooded and sunk on 21 February 1973. The USS BOLSTER (ARS-38) provided diver transport and recovery, and assisted in the operations. SABALO was sunk in 3,400 feet of water, enough depth to insure hull implosion would take place, but still allowing later photographic exploration by submersibles once on the bottom. This procedure was part of an experiment to record the sounds of the hull implosion. The sound data from this test was used as part of the ongoing investigation into the cause of the sinking of the USS SCORPION SSN-589.” [The USS Blackfin SS-322 was sunk in much the same manner, as part of the same experiments, shortly after on 13 May 1973.]

In a recent article in the *American Submariner*, official magazine of United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), it was erroneously reported Sterlet SS-392 was used in this experiment and not Sabalo.

[The Sterlet was sunk by a torpedo fired by Sargo SSN-583 on 31 Jan 1969.] 3 photos appear on this web site: <http://www.navsource.org/archives/08/08392.htm> & more here: <https://websitesbycook.com/sterlet/page/>

Communication was received by email in April 2021 with clarification from one of the former officers of Sabalo who later had details relayed from the court of inquiry of the Scorpion accident.

“STERLET was NOT used as part of the SCORPION investigation. The author of the old reprinted article in the *American Submariner* got it wrong. There are a lot of things wrong in many stories about the loss of SCORPION.”

“The sinking of SABALO in this test was after my indirect participation in the Court of Inquiry on the loss of SCORPION in the fall of 1968. I was assigned to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet at the time of my involvement. However, I was indirectly informed of the SABALO experiment when it occurred. Be assured, the SABALO was the boat used in the investigation.”

“*Note: The purpose of the recording was to verify that no “Bubble Pulse” was generated by the hull implosion. A pulsating Bubble Pulse is characteristic of an EXPLOSION (explosive release of gas) underwater. The data from the test sinking of SABALO was confirmation that an explosion was not involved in the loss of the SCORPION.*”

“Hope this helps. Always keep in mind that submariners tell tall tales and many stories are altered by the vivid imaginations and fading memories of the authors.”

Vic Peters, CDR, USN(Ret) [on board Sabalo Aug '64-Jul '66 as Weapons Offcr-Engineer]

WUHAN VIRUS NEWS - When will the next round of vaccines start?

VA Study Shows How Long Vaccine Immunity May Last, 26Mar21 How long does immunity last and will booster shots will be needed over time. ** Several studies have shown that immunity following an infection can last at least six months, and perhaps as many as eight months, research on the lasting impact of vaccines is ongoing, and scientists have been hesitant to predict.

But the VA's findings could extend the CDC early message that immunity from a vaccine lasts at least six months. The results of any ongoing research should be treated with caution, as primary outcomes may differ from those as time yields positive results. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/03/26/groundbreaking-va-study-shows-how-long-covid-19-vaccine-immunity-may-last.html>

Ω Editor's note: Two Navy slang phrases come to mind: “Cycle on Station” and “Cluster F***”, both indicating 'confusion'. It seems like the Wuhan vaccine will turn into a yearly thing like the regular flu thing. What will happen next year when this is realized??



'A 302 Submariner's Thirst'

by Jeff Owens

It was early one morning
We were leaving the moorings,
And the rock crushers pounded away.
The lines were thrown.
The sea was our own,
With nothing but water in the way.

Long days we did pass,
The depths were weary and vast,
Snorkeling was misery to crack the ear.
The only thought that we had,
That would keep us from going mad,
Was the image of that first cold beer.

The time for return came near,
And the crew laid bets when tie-up would be.
As the navigators laid course.
Lookouts spotted the coast,
And line handlers when out to stand their post.
The props were churning,
And fuel was burning,
What had the crew yearning,
Was to crack that first can of beer.

paraphrased from 'A Submariner's Thirst'
by Mark 'Blue' Reynolds from a Submarine Association of
Australia newsletter. found at: <http://pigboats.com/subs/subpoems.html#AusPoem> (Mark wrote the above poem for a VB beer competition) What's VB?: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Bitter

Popeye the Sailor Man - He really existed.

His real name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel. He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois. As a young man, Rocky went to sea. After a 20-year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired. He was later hired by Wiebusch's Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois as a 'Bouncer' to maintain order in the rowdy bar.

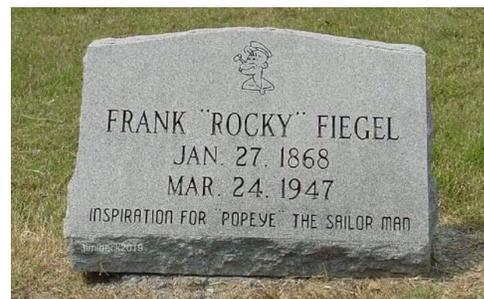


Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye ("Pop-eye"). He also 'always' smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth. In his spare time as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the 'Seven Seas.'

The creator of Popeye, Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester and, as a young man, met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor's amazing 'sea' stories.' Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called 'Thimble Theater.' He honored Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, 'Popeye the Sailor Man,' after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed.

Segar claimed that 'Olive Oyl,' along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was Dora Paskel, owner of a small grocery store in Chester. She apparently looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics. He claimed she even dressed much the same way.

Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations. [story contributed by Vic Peters, LT on 302 '64-66]



"Don't be ashamed of your ignorance, be ashamed of your unwillingness to overcome it"

— Bangambiki Habyarimana, *The Great Pearl of Wisdom*

MEET YOUR SHIPMATE

- **Mahoney, George Henry "Jack", CDR, Ret.**
- Born 20 Jan 1921—*making him age 100***
- Officially entered service: 21 Jun 1940
- Graduated from USNA 9 Jun 1943 (was Class of 1944)
- Served on Sea Cat SS-399 1948;
- Executive Officer Cusk SS-348 1950
- Executive Officer Carp SS-338 1954-55
- **Commanding Officer Sabalo SS-302**
19 May 55-8 Jun 57

- CO U.S. NavSch, Diving and Salvage at Wash(DC) Navy Yard 1957-60
- Retired 30 Sep 65
- USSVWWII member
- Hometown=Washington, DC
- High School Yearbook pic- 1938

**Last known residence: Carlsbad, Calif.
It has been a few years since any contact, but no record is found to indicate he is deceased.



Comments on Indonesian Sub Sinking (-ed.)

-From pg 1

The wreckage was found in the Bali Sea in the presumed location after a five-day search , and had broken into three pieces. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN-Lvt_gxl

I have watched at least a dozen vids on YouTube about it. The ignorance (and inability to research information) of reporters is painful. Of course these are the same bozos that have been told the definition of an assault weapon, but still can't get it in their freakin' head.

I saw a couple of the vids showing the floating debris found, and would have failed quals on that boat - none of it looked like anything I could recognize. They did show a plastic bottle of something - about 8 oz I'd say, with an orange liquid inside. This demonstrates the non-compressibility of liquids. There's a physics lesson here to be learned, other wise that bottle would have been compressed to a sheet of plastic rather than fully retaining shape. Wonder what was inside that is lighter than sea water than made it float

The position where it was found was a depth 2,800 feet. Yet they still were talking about "rescue".

1. The boat either crushed or had such a massive leak that it flooded within seconds/minutes.
2. The 40 year German made boat (although major overhaul by S. Korea 2 years ago) was reported to not have installed - in the international standard configuration - provision for attaching the rescue bell, or maybe no such capability at all. And at that depth I'm pretty sure such rescue is not possible due to the pressure anyway
3. Some videos showed divers and suggested they could go down and survey the boat for damage or survivors inside. (Max depth of special divers is 600 ft. In one vid they explained that once the divers got there they wouldn't be able to open the hatch because of the tremendous pressure. Shit - a diver couldn't open a hatch at 30 feet with ~15 psi only at that point. Where it's at now the pressure is about 13,500 psi. (P.S. - Why the hell would one just want to 'open the hatch' anyway - to let water in? What a totally stupid idea expressed by totally ignorant news persons. And if it was flooded, then the pressure would be equalized, (I mean you get it right?)

I fail to find any real experts in the visual media, even those called "experts". We are being led by propaganda specialists that wouldn't know how to identify truth no matter where they would find it. -ed.

Pictures: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RvVDySIFlw>

Finally... "The Indonesian Navy says it will attempt to recover the wreck of the submarine and the bodies of 53 crew. It has released the first pictures of the crushed sub almost a kilometre down. There is also evidence that some may have tried to escape." Read more: <https://7news.link/3dTGFyi> News reports: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doxIQK92Ro> & <https://youtu.be/JZGiO3yf89w>



☼ Surfin' Submariner

Online CB viewers can use these clickable links, or others can find these sites online using the URL

10 Best Sub Movies: <https://youtu.be/LGWDbCHvY0k>

50 Submarine Facts (15 min):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wg_vlcwTZQ

[not sure everything is totally accurate.-ed.]

A Man and a woman-

The brain is the most amazing organ. It works 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year right from birth until you get your first erection.

**BINNACLE LIST***Send your health reports so shipmates can know how you're doing.*

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

Paraphrased fm <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/385568-the-clock-of-life-is-wound-but-once-and-no>



Alcantara, Emmanuel, Leyva, d.13 Nov 2020 ag 88, Goose Creek, SC, SD1(SS) in 302 May68-Feb69; later Ret. w/22 yrs, also served in 348, 311. OBIT (w/pic): <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/north-charleston-sc/emmanuel-alcantara-9902999>

Chelle, Jerry Steven, Sr., d.30 Aug 2017, ag 78, Lancaster, NH, FTG2 (SS) in 302 mid '69; later FTG1(SS), Ret., also served in 270 and 623. OBIT (w/pics) <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/2519634/Jerry-S-Chelle-Sr>

Collier, Larry Dale, d.4 Apr 2021, ag 91, Jacksonville, FL, was LT in 302 Aug57-May59; also in 351, Ret, 1964 LCDR

Gross, Lawrence D., d.11 Jan 2014, ag 79, Grand Forks, ND, was ETR2(SS) in 302 Jul61-Feb62, also served in 241 (Q) & 337 OBIT: <https://www.grandforksherald.com/obituaries/lawrence-d-gross-0>

Klamm, Leonard Charles, d.21 Aug 2020, ag 80, DuBois, IL, RM2(SS) in 302 Oct59-Aug62 OBIT (w/pic): <https://www.searbyfuneralhomes.com/obituary/leonard-charles-klamm>

McKnight, Robert Donald, Jr. "Mack" "Bob", d.10 Feb 2021, Valejo, CA, age 85, COB in 302, was abd May67-May68 & Oct68-Feb71; qualified on USS Pickerel SS 524 1Jun56; Also served in Barb SSN 596, Charr SS 328, & Gray-back SS 328. He retired TMC(SS) in Mar'77

Morrell, Kenneth Arnold, d. 15 Aug 2019, Pleasant Hill, CA, age 88, was EMP3(SS) in 302 Sep52-Sep53

Rogers, Dennis Hurley, d.4 Dec 2020, Calhoun, TN, age 78, was FN(SS) in 302 Dec61-Sep62. OBIT w/pics: <http://clevelandbanner.com/stories/dennis-hurley-rogers,118106>

Weaver, Wayne Francis, d.11 Jan 2020, Colorado Springs, CO, was ET2(SS) in 302 Jun54-Jan55; also served in 283, & SSSK-2/SS-551 OBIT w/pic: <https://obits.gazette.com/obituaries/gazette/obituary.aspx?n=wayne-weaver&pid=195095485>

Wright, Charles Howard, Jr. "Chuck", d.31May2021, San Diego, CA, was LCDR & XO in 302 Mar 63-Jun 65; CO of 328 Charr, also in 321, 394

Yonker, William Bruce, d.26 Feb 2021, Rhinelander, WI, age 74, was EN3(SS) in 302 Mar66-Jul67; 302 nickname was 'Wayne'. OBIT- <https://www.generationsfuneral.com/obituaries/William-Billy-B-Yonker?obld=20117494#/obituaryInfo>

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