

THE HAWAII SUBVET

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives while voluntarily serving in submarine warfare in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. To further promote and keep alive the spirit and unity that existed among submarine crewmen during World War II. To promote sociability, general welfare and good fellowship among our members. To pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its constitution.

IMC

- 11 Apr/1100 – Submarine Veterans Plaque Re-Dedication.
- 12 Apr/1800 – 119th Enlisted Submarine Birthday Ball.
- 13 Apr/1130 Tolling of the Boats lost in April at Sharkey Theater.
- 17 Apr/1800 – Monthly Meeting at Clean Sweep Bar Lockwood Hall.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John C. Brandes	Jeffrey M. Snider
ADM James F. Caldwell Jr.	Timothy Sparks
Raymond E. Engle	Richard S. Taltavall
John Geng	Robert W. Wasson
Paul T. Jurcsak	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David L. Atkins	Gary C. Sutton
Karl R. Dye	J William Winney Jr.
Edwin L. Mee	

BINNACLE LIST

Please keep Paul H. Gagnon, Dick Taltavall, Linda Womac and Stumpy Taggart in your good thoughts and prayers for a full and complete recovery.

USSVI



**BOWFIN BASE
HONOLULU, HAWAII**



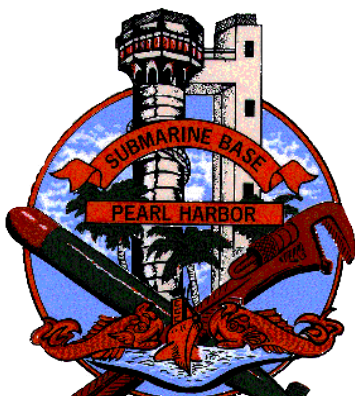
BOWFIN NEWS

1. On Thursday February 21, 2019, Rear Adm. Blake Converse relieved Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle in the time-honored tradition of the U.S. Navy change of command. On the deck of the USS Mississippi (SSN 782) Rear Adm. Converse assumed the duties as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. The guest speaker was Adm. John C. Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.



The Submarine Veterans of USSVI Bowfin Base wish Rear Adm. Caudle all the best in his next assignment as Vice Director Strategy, Plans & Policy J5 Joint Staff in Washington, DC. We offer a warm aloha to Rear Adm. Converse, who's previous assignment was Commander, Submarine Group 9 in Bangor, WA.

2. 2019 marks 100 years of the U.S. Submarine Force at Submarine Base Pearl Harbor, and the 119th anniversary of the U.S. Submarine Force established April 11, 1900 with the purchase of USS Holland (SS-1).



3. Treasurer Report – Bank balance as of February 28, 2019 is \$2,524.40.





Lest we forget those lost in March!

Bowfin Holland Club Members

	<p>USS Pickerel (SS-177) - Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.</p>
	<p>USS Gudgeon (SS-211) - USS Gudgeon (SS-211) was probably lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 79 men SE of Iwo Jima, but may have been sunk on May 12, 1944 in another attack on an unidentified submarine and heard by several other submarines in the area. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack.</p>
	<p>USS Grenadier (SS-210) - Lost on April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, Grenadier was bombed, causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. While she shot down the plane. When enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 76 crew members taken prisoner, 72 survived the war.</p>
	<p>USS Snook (SS-279) - Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.</p>
	<p>USS Thresher (SSN-593) - Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" - then, silence.</p>

Donald Clemons	1943	Denison Parker Jr	1962
Velton Parker	1947	Arthur Allwood	1963
Robert Wasson	1947	Daniel Del Monte Jr	1963
Wallace Berry	1949	Joe Gomez, Jr.	1963
Richard Cicero	1950	Nelson Greer	1963
Esteban Padua	1950	James Kikis	1963
Edwin Erickson	1952	Richard Lychywek	1963
Kenneth Joyner	1952	Crichton Roberts	1963
Douglas Stahl	1952	Gary Sutton	1963
Raymond Engle	1953	Bruce Anderson	1964
Edwin Mee	1954	Jerome Bacon	1964
Napoleon Bragado	1955	Joseph Shook	1964
Donald Fisher	1955	Charles Womac	1964
Harry Jefferson, Jr	1955	Christopher Calligan	1965
Richard Taltavall	1955	Paul Gagnon	1965
David Graham	1956	Michael Oakland	1965
George Stott, Jr	1956	Mike Trotto	1965
Richard Riddle	1958	Steve Good	1966
Walter Taggart	1958	Bernard Greeson, Ph.D.	1967
Stanley Cook	1959	Patrick Stevenson	1967
Peter Demmer	1959	Richard Armstrong	1968
John Hatch	1959	Edward Finan	1968
Christopher Cunha	1960	Thomas Foglesong	1968
John Peters	1960	Frank Raymond Jr	1968
Billy Sears	1960	Henry Schwartz	1968
John Dalrymple	1961	Charles York	1968
Karl Dye	1961	John Burnett	1969
John Geng	1961	Agapito Cueva	1969
Timothy Seipp	1961	Stephen Lehto	1969
Howard Smith	1961	William Steinke	1969
Joseph Winzenried	1961	Stanley Worthley	1969
Gerard Blanchette	1962		

Leadership & Committees

USSVI National Commander <u>John E. Markiewicz</u>	Bowfin Base Commander <u>Paul T. Jurcsak</u>	USSVI Committee <u>John D. Peters</u>
USSVI Office Manager <u>Fred Borgmann</u>	Bowfin Base Vice Commander <u>John J. Dugan</u>	Aloha Committee <u>John J. Dugan</u>
Western Region Director <u>Robert J. Bissonette</u>	Bowfin Base Secretary <u>Brett Kulbis</u>	Binnacle List <u>Dan Del Monte</u>
Western District 6 Commander <u>Michael Williamson</u>	Bowfin Base Treasurer <u>Carl L. Tatro</u>	Storekeeper <u>George F. Bartlett</u>
	Bowfin Base Chief-of-the-Boat <u>Gary G. Johnson</u>	Boy Scout Troop 97 <u>George F. Bartlett</u>

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Important Links

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<u>Bowfin Official Website</u>	<u>Bowfin Eternal Patrol</u>
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<u>Bowfin Ship's Store</u>	<u>COMSUBPAC</u>
<u>Bowfin Holland Club</u>	<u>USSVI Official Website (How to Login)</u>
<u>Bowfin Sub Vettes</u>	<u>USSVI Membership Form</u>

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Bowfin Ball Caps
\$20.00 at the meetings
or
request info from:
Base Storekeeper

Note gold or silver dolphins





Bowfin Base Patch
\$10.00 at the meetings
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Submarine Humor



Lord

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

Lord God, our power evermore,
 Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor,
 Dive with our men beneath the sea;
 Traverse the depths protectively.
 Hear us when we pray, and keep
 Them safe from peril in the deep."

Amen