



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.

1MC

- 27 May/1100 Memorial Day Ceremony @ Pearl Harbor Submarine Base Memorial Park
- 7 Jun/1800 Monthly Meeting at Clean Sweep Bar Lockwood Hall.
- 12 Jun /1130 Tolling of the Boats lost in April at Sharkey Theater.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Wallace D. Berry	William H Steinke
John A. Burton	Carleton L. Tatro
Stanley Cook	Kenneth Voorhees
Peter L Demmer	Scott D Waddle
Jonathan W. Greenert	Stanley A Worthley
Peter Moss	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David E. Bilek	Dr. Gerald R. Menefee
Tom B. Fargo	Henry J.C. Schwartz
Thomas V Foglesong	Wilfred Tilton
Ronald M. Gero Jr	Charles R. Womac

BINNACLE LIST

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

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**BOWFIN BASE
HONOLULU, HAWAII**



BOWFIN NEWS

1. Congratulations to our newest inductees into the Holland Club - John Burnette, Agapito “Pete” Cueva, Stephen Lehto, William Steinke, and Stan Worthley.



3. Treasurer Report – Bank balance as of April 30, 2019 is **\$2,650.47**.



NATIONAL NEWS

1. WASHINGTON - The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is saluting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie for saying during congressional testimony that he would recommend the Justice Department not contest a recent federal court ruling that will benefit some 90,000 so-called Blue Water Navy veterans. His support to move forward potentially paves the way for the return of earned disability benefits that regulatory changes arbitrarily stripped away in 2002.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit focused on the intent of the 1991 Agent Orange Act, which was to grant a presumption of service connection for certain diseases to veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam. At issue was whether service within territorial waters constituted service in the Republic of Vietnam. By a 9-2 decision, the Appeals Court ruled it did.

There are currently no submarines on this list, so submission of a claim for one of the presumptive diseases by a submariner will have to be submitted by the VA to the respective service and added to the approved list of ships included in the Vietnam exposure areas by that service. This review could take some time to review the ships deck logs and other information used to show that your ship was within the 12 mile limit of Vietnam. But, it all starts with the claim submission so if you know you were on a submarine that fits the requirements to be included on the list of approved ships then please submit your claim to get the process started.



Lest we forget those lost in May!

Bowfin Holland Club Members

	<p>USS Lagarto (SS-371) - Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) 2 weeks later.</p>
	<p>USS Scorpion (SSN-589) - Returning to Norfolk, VA. from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.</p>
	<p>USS Squalus (SS-192) - On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors use the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.</p>
	<p>USS Stickleback (SS-415) - Lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.</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		

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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