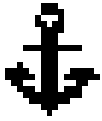


NEW NAVY WORKING UNIFORM -See pg 4

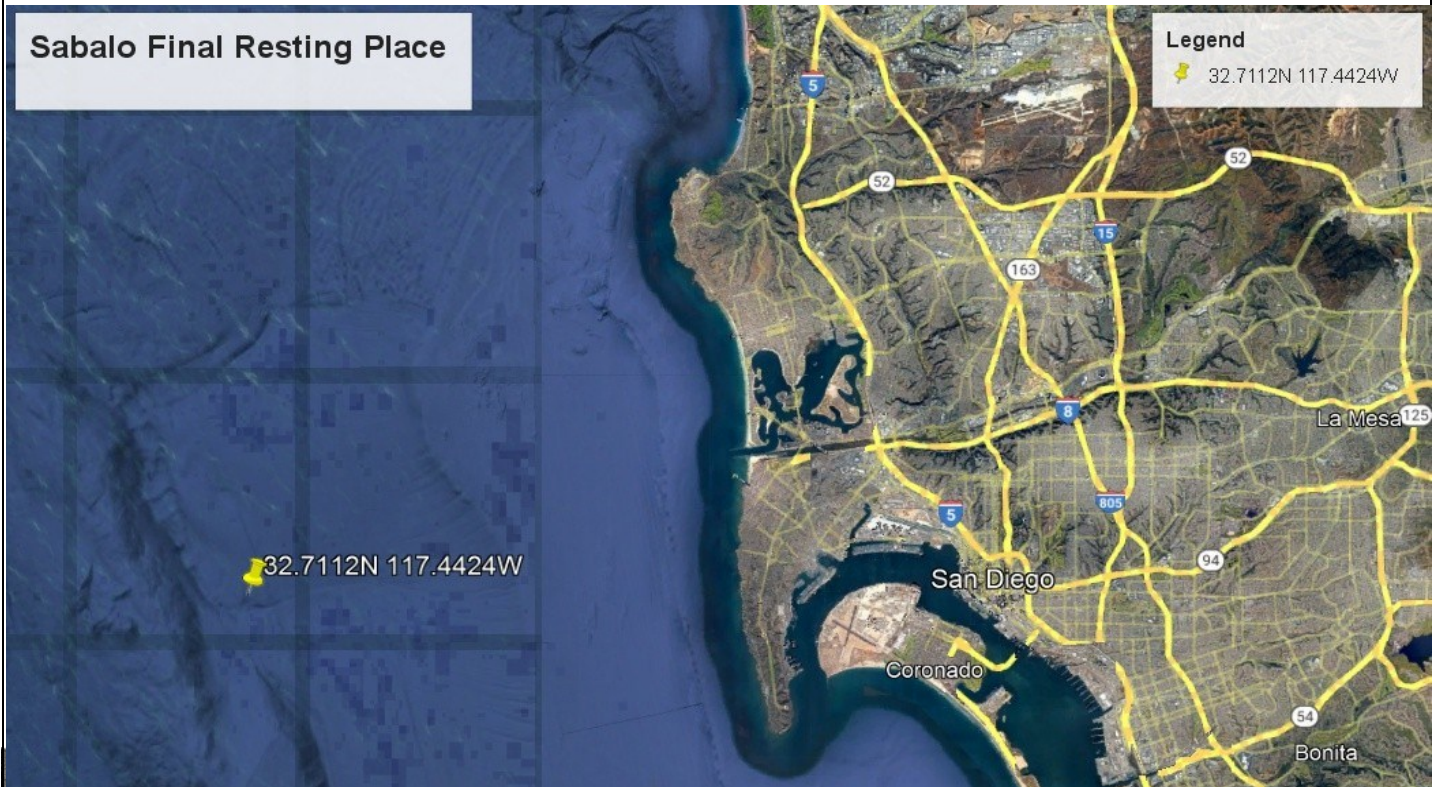




The Lat-Long for the Sabalo resting place is 32.7112, -117.44240. This is almost due west of Point Loma Sub Base, estimated ~ 14-15 miles . Depth = 3.400 feet



Sabalo Final Resting Place




This is an overhead view of the 'turtleback', the aft most part of the superstructure. Notable details: the hole ripped in the superstructure by the implosion; the after capstan; the lifeline track; the towing padeye with stern light on top, *and the flag staff which looks like it is waiting for the ensign to be raised...*


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**2022 USSVI National Convention****August 22-27, 2022, Buffalo, NY**

I received word 3 men signed the registration log that is kept at each convention for each boat, but not the names. Please report if you attended.

State Tax Breaks Available for Military and Retirees

To see what type of tax breaks any state offers for military members, retirees and survivors check out the list.

<https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/state-tax-information.html>

United States Navy Ships in Service

See the **Current Active Inventory:**

<https://www.wdmmw.org/united-states-navy.php>

Overview of the modern naval fighting capabilities of the United States Navy (2022). The service currently counts 243 total units in its active naval inventory. This total includes frontline commissioned vessels but excludes smaller patrol vessels, auxiliary / survey ships, replenishment, and historical ceremonial types.

**THANKS TO RECENT DONORS** (with rank/rate & dates aboard 302)

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Patrick, John ST2(SS) '67-69

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HEADLINE NEWS

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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.**

Judge Rejects Plea Agreements from Ex-Navy Engineer, Wife in Nuclear Submarine Espionage Case - 16 Aug 2022

U.S. District Court Judge Gina Groh rejected the government's proposed prison sentences, saying they were too lenient, and were "not in the best interest" of the country. The former Annapolis-based Navy engineer Jonathan Toebe, 43, and his wife, Diana, pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to sell classified nuclear submarine secrets to a foreign government.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/08/16/judge-rejects-plea-agreements-ex-navy-engineer-wife-nuclear-submarine-espionage-case.html>

UPDATE—Couple in Submarine Secrets Sale Case Agree to Increased Punishment in Plea Deal –27 Sep 2022

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/09/27/couple-submarine-secrets-sale-case-agree-increased-punishment-plea-deal.html>

The previous sentencing range for him had called for of roughly 12-17 years in prison, and also sought 3 years for her. Under the latest plea agreement the couple would each face a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$100,000 fine, although prosecutors are asking for a sentence for Diana Toebe at the lowest end of the guideline range.

New Uniforms Coming for Sailors

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/09/28/new-uniforms-coming-sailors-navy-looks-leave-flammable-clothing-issue-behind.html>

The new, two-piece uniform, in blue or khaki, that was finally approved after years of trials, and a decade after a previous version of the uniform was found to be dangerously flammable. [Ed. Note— They are shown with high top boots and bloused pants. Will this be the same for subs? Seems impractical.]

Once again, the Navy has a new uniform for sailors

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/once-again-the-navy-has-a-new-uniform-for-sailors/ar-AA12yIRv>

Starting in November and December, the Navy will begin rolling out the Two-Piece Organizational Clothing — henceforward referred to as the extremely catchy “2-POC” — as a replacement for the current Navy coveralls. ... designed to “make it practical in all shipboard environments, including sea-and-anchor detail and other unforeseen evolutions that necessitate the setting of general quarters.” The flame-resistant outfit is “designed for various working conditions and environments— surface ships, submarines and flight decks,” “It’s designed to be free of Foreign Object Debris (FOD), and can be worn with flight deck jerseys. There will no longer be a need for commands to buy separate flight deck pants.”

1st Woman to Serve as a Sub XO Reports for Duty (left)
NAVAL BASE KITSAP – BANGOR, Wash. (Nov. 18, 2022) Lt. Cmdr. Amber Cowan, the executive officer of the gold crew of the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Kentucky (SSBN 737).
<https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/Article/3227880/first-woman-to-serve-as-a-submarine-xo-reports-for-duty/>

1st Woman to Serve as 'Chief of the Boat' (right)

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/08/31/first-woman-serve-chief-of-boat-submarine-reports-duty.html>
Master Chief Information Systems Technician (Submarine) Angela Koogler joined the Gold crew of ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana.



☞ **On the subject of uniforms**—ck out the camo greens .

[Comment on camo: 1st the blue stuff and now this green stuff. It has only one purpose I can see (or can't see) - it hides stains. Otherwise I have never heard of any trees to hide behind on the boats. Ed.]

☞ Tom Wilhelm wrote: “I knew the Nukes were an odd lot but, do they all wear camo in CIC?”

A: Yes, this is current uni’. No more loin cloths or finds from the rag bag. Nukes are strictly 'uniform of the day'. The blue camo which was specified for about 10 years were called "blueberries". The USS Scranton was the first to test the wear for the boats. Now obsolete. I can't say for sure if every boat specs camo, and they now have new stuff just approved which I think makes them look like oil burner repairman.

Full regs: <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/References/US-Navy-Uniforms/Uniform-Regulations/> & <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/References/US-Navy-Uniforms/Uniform-Regulations/Chapter-3/Male-Enlisted/>

I expect I shall be a student to the end of my days.

Anton Chekhov, writer, playwright

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.

CONTEST— STILL ON

WIN FREE SUB STUFF

FIND A MISSING OR PREVIOUSLY UNLOCATED SABALO VET AND GET PRIZES. — 258 CHANCES TO WIN

See last issue for details

ARE YOU A.W.O.L. ?

AWOL list. See pg 17

Sabalo Sailing List Stats - Dec 2022	
Total shipmates listed	1461
Known Deceased	862
Known USPS address	338
Receives Clever Boy by email or hard copy & contact since Jul 2018	198 ck this
AWOL- Known address but Not heard from since July 2018	79
Known address but has declined to receive Clever Boy	65
Lost Contact—last known address NG & unable to relocate	12
Never located	243

A Man and a Woman—

I was in my back yard trying to launch a kite.

I kept throwing the kite up in the air, the wind would catch it for a few seconds, then it would come crashing back down to earth.

All the while, my wife was watching from the kitchen window.

She opens the window and yelled to me, 'You need a piece of tail.'

With a confused look on my face, **'Make up your mind. Last night, you told me to go fly a kite!'**

Marking Time

↘ Growing old is not for sissies. It may have been Mae West attributed to say: "Parts hurt you didn't know you had. You can't get around much, so you sit and think about things: things you done, things you should have done, things you shouldn't have done, especially those last two."

You can't remember what you did yesterday or what you're supposed to do tomorrow, but you can remember things that happened 50-60 years ago like they just happened. Especially the stuff you wish you forgot.



Reload - Refresh

The pages on the Sabalo web site have changes often with corrected or added material. Some browsers don't automatically reload the new version and use a version previously viewed and kept in 'cache'. If somethings seems wrong try "Reload or Refresh" of your browser functions..

Postponed to next issue-

A tale told by CO Larry Savadkin about a post-war visit to Japan. Also, some explanation of Omori prison camp pics where Savadkin was kept prisoner:

http://www.warfish.com/tang/scrap5_t.html

ERRORS: 1. Last issue had printers error for hard copies with the first 2 pages duplicated—with both b/w & color included. 2. A composition error caused a cutoff of the top part of the Final Patrol list. Missing listings included in this issue. Online posting was corrected.

KEEP SENDING GOOD STUFF!

Some of the stuff in this issue came from readers.

Thanks guys,. If you see something you like or find informative, probably shipmates will too.

THE OLD BOATS

Life aboard WWII submarines was brutal 23 Jul 2022

[Anyone from 302 could have written this –ed.]

“Because of these conditions submarines [developed a unique smell](#) – a combination of diesel fuel, sweat, cigarettes, hydraulic fluid, cooking, and sewage.”

<https://www.wearthemighty.com/popular/life-aboard-wwii-submarines-was-brutal/>

Captain James Bradley and the USS Halibut: A Story Like No Other

By the time the Halibut entered service, the Navy had developed the Polaris Ballistic Missile. Thus making obsolete the Regulus. Still, the Navy saw useful potential in Halibut’s unconventional layout, and in 1968 she received a unique overhaul. The bulged missile hangar was converted into the ‘Bat Cave’ (inspired by comic book character’s lair) stuffed full of spy equipment, including a rare 60s-era 24bit UNIVAC computer, a retractable seafloor-scanning sonar and more.

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/reboot/captain-james-bradley-and-uss-halibut-story-no-other-198825>

THAT TIME A SURFACING RUSSIAN SUB SLAMMED INTO AN AMERICAN SPY SUBMARINE

All was going well off the coast of Murmansk as the sub Baton Rouge conducted its mission silently and unnoticed, until the crew was rocked by an impact from outside the boat. A Russian Sierra I-class sub, the Kostroma, collided with Baton Rouge from below as the Russian sub was trying to surface. <https://www.wearthemighty.com/mighty-history/that-time-a-surfacing-russian-sub-slammed-into-an-american-spy-submarine/>

Veterans Saved Batfish By Moving It to a Soybean Field

The USS *Batfish* (SS-310) is a *Balao*-class submarine that holds the US Navy record for sinking three enemy ships in three days. After serving the military, she was retired and was purchased by veterans in Oklahoma, who transformed the underwater vessel into a memorial and museum. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/veterans-saved-the-uss-batfish-ss-310-by-moving-it-to-a-soybean-field/ss-AA105zZI>

How the U.S. spied on China’s war games

In early August, China’s military conducted military drills intending to intimidate Taiwan.

The U.S. had at least four warships sitting east of Taiwan. This included the USS Reagan aircraft carrier. Yet, beyond demonstrating the fighting capabilities of the U.S. ships, they were there were gathering intelligence on Chinese capabilities.

<https://spyscapeandevasion.com/blog/2022/09/20/how-the-u-s-spied-on-chinas-war-games/>

The True Story Of The Russian Reindeer Who Lived On A British Submarine For 6 Weeks

In 1941, British and Soviet naval forces fighting German ships in the Arctic Circle met and exchanged strategies and pleasantries. The captain of Britain’s HMS Trident said off-hand that his wife back home had difficulties pushing her pram, a baby stroller, through the snow.

The Russian admiral to whom he spoke replied that what she really needed was a reindeer to pull the pram, and saw to it that one was captured from the Arctic shores and brought to the captain...

Read More: <https://www.grunge.com/986395/the-true-story-of-the-russian-reindeer-who-lived-on-a-british-submarine-for-6-weeks/>



Nautilus Returns Home After a \$36 Million Facelift—10 Sep 2022

4 Aug 2022 she tied at the Submarine Force Museum in Groton, Connecticut, nearing the end of a \$36 million preservation project. Nautilus made its way down river, leaving from Submarine Base New London and will be reopened to the public.

“We did the top-side decking. We did a full hull blast and paint, so we took her down to bare metal and painted everything. We went into all of the tanks. We did inspections, repairs as necessary,” said Lt. Cmdr. Derek Sutton, Director of the Submarine Force Museum and officer-in-charge of the USS Nautilus.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/09/10/worlds-first-nuclear-powered-submarine-returns-home-after-36-million-facelift.html>

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO HONK KONG'S FLOATING RESTAURANTS 10 Nov 2022

Tai Pak Floating Restaurant has been transferred to another operator. **Jumbo** Floating Restaurant's sister eatery could reopen under new owner in Hong Kong.

The **Jumbo** Floating Restaurant was towed away from Hong Kong on June 14 after a kitchen barge linked to the main vessel sank. The vessel keeled over six days later at the Paracel Islands, known as the Xisha Islands in China, while en route to Cambodia.

Tai Pak's brand was less famous than Jumbo's, but it's still special for the south side to have a floating restaurant ... While Tai Pak is

a lot smaller than Jumbo, The new owner, which has not been named, intended to reopen the floating restaurant in Aberdeen "to help preserve the legacy of one of the most iconic attractions in Hong Kong.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/society/article/3199040/jumbo-floating-restaurants-sister-eatery-could-reopen-under-new-owner-hong-kong-company-says>



Movie Night in the After Battery



USS Sea Viper (2012)—During World War II, The German U-Boat, U-234, from the Port of Kiel is trading cargo with the Japanese. USS Seaviper must locate and stop this dangerous exchange. The American submarine must evade a Japanese destroyer and carry a potentially game-changing secret back to Pearl Harbor.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1274596/>

Hell Hath No Fury (2021) Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztgpgImviOY>

Review: " It's a made-up story about gold fever in the waning days of WWII in Europe. American G.I.s, Resistance fighters and Nazi troops are searching for a stolen cache of gold ingots hidden in a French cemetery."

<https://www.military.com/off-duty/movies/2021/11/05/hell-hath-no-fury-explores-darker-side-of-world-war-ii.html>

Sea Power

Release year: 2020 This 4 episode documentary series delves into the battleships, submarines and aircraft carriers that have changed the history of modern warfare. Watch on [NetFlix](#) - each episode about 3/4 hr



🌀 **Surfin' Submariner**

USN Pacific Submarine Campaign - The Struggle is Real (Jan'43 - Jun'43)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=P5LpV9bFtCc> 45 1/2 min

Naval History and Heritage Command

Official file photos online about SS-302 & the 1st Sabalo SP-225

<https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/search.html?q=uss+sabalo>

NavSource—more official and other photographs of SS-302

<http://www.navsource.org/archives/08/08302.htm>

Here's how shipboard internet access can ruin your career <https://www.wearethemighty.com/mighty-trending/admiral-fired-for-watching-porn-didnt-realize-how-many-hours-hed-been-at-it/>

Remembering When I Was Once a Crew Member of the Diesel - Snorkel Submarine, The USS SABALO SS-302

My name is **Harry Day ETR2(SS)**. I was assigned to the USS Sabalo SS-302, after completing Sub School in May, 1964. She was the only Boat I was on until I was mustered off of her and out of the Navy in January, 1967. A nickname I got while in Sub School was "Dayve", which stayed with me the two years and seven months I was aboard the Sabalo.

Things have really changed in the 55+ years since I was discharged. Hard to believe I will be 79 my next birthday, 15 Feb 2023.

I decided to write some "Memoirs" about my life and recount and highlight two particular days experiences about when I first saw the **302**, as well as the day I left her, "**My Boat**", at Hunters Point Shipyard in San Francisco, California".

Harry Day,. Customer Service Coordinator [still working]

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"MY BOAT" -- FIRST LOOK AT the Sabalo

After two weeks of waiting with not much else to do in the barracks, and nearly "Open Gangway" liberty, **My Boat** finally arrived back into port on a Friday evening. I was in town (Honolulu) on liberty when she arrived. I got back to base about 1700 just after dark. "Gif" (fellow ET Tom Giffin) told me the Boat was in port; so, he and I took off our civies, got into our dungarees, and went down to see what she looked like.

When we got there, only one sub was tied-up at Boat Piers. The most distinctive thing noticed was the black brow about 18 feet in length with chrome posts about every 4 feet with a white nylon line threaded through an eye at the top of each post. Attached to the posts at the top and bottom was a green plastic-leather canvas with the name of the boat, "USS SABALO (SS302)" printed in about 2S" Golden letters. She was painted Black!

Sabalo was in a class called "Fleet Snorkel". Originally constructed in WWII, she was modernized with a streamlined superstructure called the "sail", but unlike the "Guppy" conversions, she kept her bull-nose bow.. The forward end of the superstructure had an entrance hatch about two feet above the main deck into what was called the "Dog-House". After entering the "Dog-House", you could step up about three feet to the main bridge deck where the Watch Officer and two Lookouts were stationed while underway. This area was fitted with a clear plastic, half-bubble which could be raised to reduce sea-spray.

Looking at her for the first time, the windows in the "Dog-House", the high sail above and behind the Dog-House, the "Bull Nose", and with the Bow Planes folded back on both port and starboard like a pair of wings, her 306 foot long, sleek black superstructure sloping downward from fore to aft with the stern portion of her deck just two feet above the waterline, it made me think of her as the "Black Night", as in the classic tales of Robin Hood. Romanticist I may be, but I loved her from the first time I saw her! I knew we were going to have a great adventure together as I served aboard this majestic warship, **My Boat**.

At the end of the brow, stood the Topside Watch, dressed in his white uniform and wearing a 45 pistol on his waist belt. I stepped onto the brow and asked, "Permission to come aboard?" The Topside Watch answered and returned my salute, "Permission granted". I saluted the colors on the stern and crossed the brow. and I stepped onto the deck of **My Boat**, for the first time. It was a good feeling! I felt I was home! For the next two and one-half years of my life, it would be.

"Welcome aboard!", he said as Topside Watch introduced himself, and asked if we were assigned to the Sabalo. We both just grinned and said, "Yep! We are!" He said, "Good! Welcome aboard! Glad to have you as members of our crew!"

After shaking hands, he led us aft to the hatch just behind the sail. He hollered, "Hey below! There's a couple of new crew members up here! Come topside and meet 'em!" Three guys came up. Their names were Gunther "Gunner" Swenson, Patrick "Pat" Onan, and Michael "Mike" Smith.

They had just finished chow, and said they were going to "Hit the Beach", and go to a late-night drive-in movie. They asked if we would like to join them? Gif and looked at each other and said, "Hey, sounds like fun! Let's do it!!" With that the 5 of us walked together to the barracks and put on our civies. Within minutes, we were in Mike's old Ford convertible that was cramped with five of us guys, but we made a plan to open the top once we got into the Drive-In. Ready or not, Honolulu, here we come!!

My Last Duty Aboard the USS Sabalo (SS 302)

My last period aboard, was putting her into dry dock" at Hunter's Point Shipyard. Prior to the floating dry-dock being submerged so the boat could be steered to dock inside of its structure, a "Nest" of blocks had been accurately built and placed along the complete length of the inner deck of the dry-dock to support the boat's heavy structure as the floating dry-dock was raised and the boat lifted out of the water. The boat was steered very slowly into the floating dry-dock. Once inside the dry-dock, numerous lines (i.e. One through the Bull Nose of the bow, one port and one starboard on the forward quarter, one port and one starboard amidships, and one port and one starboard aft quarter) were cast to the men on the sides of the dry-dock and attached to "capstans" in order to accurately position the boat over (cont.)

My Boat—cont.

the blocks. When in position, the hydraulic doors at the stern of the dry-dock closed and the water began to be pumped out, and **My Boat** settled into the Nest, where she would rest for the next six months. All personnel then transferred all gear and belongings to the barge alongside which would be their quarters for the same period.

As I climbed up the After Battery Hatch to topside with my gear, the "Sand Crabs" (yard birds or other terms for shipyard employees) had already started to remove the wooden teak deck planks of the boat and the some of the superstructure in order to get at the tank-tops. I'm sure it was standard operation for the shipyard; but it seemed like they just couldn't wait to tear into the Grand Old Lady!

That was the last time I saw **My Boat**, intact. She was a beautiful boat that had to come in for some major work that was long overdue. She had the superstructure and the tank tops pulled off her motor room, the aft engine room, the forward engine room, and the forward and after battery compartments. The two "Screws" (Propellers) were removed and placed on railroad flat cars to be moved to the Hunter's Point Shipyard Propulsion Warehouse to be sandblasted and reconditioned. The two motors and motor shafts were removed from the motor room for overhaul and placed on railroad flat cars. The two opposing-piston Fairbanks Morse diesel engines in the Aft engine room and the two opposing-piston Fairbanks Morse diesel engines in the Fwd engine room were removed and placed on railroad flat cars to be taken to the engine shop in the Shipyard for total rebuild. The two generators that were directly connected to the diesel engines in the Aft engine room, as well as the two generators that were directly connected to the diesel engines in the Forward engine room, were removed from the engine rooms and placed on railroad flat cars to be taken to the "Hunter's Point Shipyard Electric Generator Shop" for overhaul.

In the After Battery, after the tank tops were removed, each of the 126 cells in the battery were removed one at a time (Each cell weighed 2000 pounds) and placed on railroad flat cars to be taken to the Hunters Point Shipyard "Battery Shop" for rebuild with new lead plates. The same occurred with the 126 cells in the forward battery room. In the Control Room, the "Low Pressure Manifold" and pipes were removed from the Control Room for reconditioning. The periscope and radar masts were removed from the Conning Tower for re-conditioning. The "Snorkel Mast" was removed in order to be replaced with a newly designed unit. Within two (2) days, the boat had been totally gutted.

My Boat was there for three months prior to my discharge from the US Navy. I spent New Years Eve 1966-67 with duty standing topside watch. **My Boat** was ripped apart, laying in dry dock like a wounded veteran in a hospital being treated for a major wound; but, she still held herself as erect as she possibly could in the condition she found herself to be in, and deserving the respect of a member of her crew to stand watch to ensure no one came aboard to abuse or destroy any portion of her empty hull.

On January 6th, I received my orders to debark to the Treasure Island Naval Base to process my discharge from the Navy. The day I left, as I crossed the brow, and about midway, I looked back at her empty metal shell with only her bull nose and sail intact. She had a quiet peace about her as if to say, "Thank you for watching over me while I'm here being fixed. I'm a bit messed up right now; but, soon I will be OK, putting back on my uniform, my armor, and getting back to defending this great nation such as I have been doing since 1946 with all my friends that have gone to sea with me. As you leave, I wish you smooth sailing throughout the rest of your days; and, don't forget your 'Clever Boy' friend for life!"

I could only reply in my mind, "Thank you for protecting me from the ravages of the sea while we served together. It has been an honor to be a part of your crew and to feel your spirit in fighting for freedom!" I gave a salute to the ship and the colors flying at her stern requesting permission from the topside watch to "Leave the Boat". ... "Permission granted".

It was over that fast.

I completed my departure across the rest of the brow, my thoughts drifted as I walked to my car. I had completed my tour of duty with **My Boat**, USS Sabalo, (SS-302), and left her in dry-dock at Hunter's Point Shipyard, San Francisco, California. That same day I drove halfway across the Bay Bridge to Treasure Island to Out-Process and be discharged.

My Boat's Final Mission

The story of Sabalo's last mission – the intentional sinking for sound studies appears on the Sabalo web site:
See: https://ussabalo.org/History_Sabalo.html [near the bottom of the page]

After reading this recount more than 40 years later, I thought, "True to the end, she was a Great Lady that gave all she had, even to her death by implosion, in order to help her fellow submariners keep safe in the depths of the oceans." She now maintains an eternal patrol with her departed shipmates on the other side of the veil. In my mind, **My Boat**, "Sabalo" will always be a proud memory!

Ed Note: Harry noted that he left 2 months before I came abd Mar '67, so in a sense I replaced his spot in the crew.-
Jeff

→ **What the foreign Navies are doing**

China's Plan to Conquer the U.S. Navy -- MINISUBS ??

Why China's New Mini-Submarines Could Be More Lethal Than US' Nuclear Subs In The Taiwan Strait

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hB0eNGWf1xY>

"China has been looking at options to take on AUKUS that will provide Australia with eight nuclear submarines. With 80 submarines, China has the highest proportion of submarines in relation to surface vessels than any other navy. However, China only has 6 nuclear-powered submarines and 67 conventionally-powered submarines. While US allies like Australia are investing in nuclear-powered submarines, China has decided to focus elsewhere." Lengthy discussion (23 min) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=RrS-B9nm7KQ>

China's New Submarine Missile Puts the U.S. Within Striking Distance

—The JL-3 theoretically can reach as far as Utah, sparing the continental United States east of Salt Lake City. However, [Chinese submarines](#) cannot reach the continental U.S. from their existing patrol areas, and China would have to switch things up to hit targets as far as Salt Lake City.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/chinas-new-submarine-missile-puts-the-us-within-striking-distance/ar-AA14EHHs>

Russian Typhoon Class

Why are Russian Typhoon class nuclear submarines more than twice the size, by displacement, of the US Navy's Ohio class? Unlike some claims, it wasn't big for propaganda purposes. There were multiple reasons for its massive size.

The first reason was the firepower it carried. When the Ohio and Typhoon were first commissioned in 1981, the Typhoon had double the firepower. The Typhoon carried 20 R-39s ((NATO Designation: SS-N-20 Sturgeon - The largest SLBM ever.) with 10 x 200 kt warheads each. Giving total firepower of 40 Mt. The Ohio had 24 Trident 1 4Cs with 8 x 100 kt warheads each. Giving total firepower of 19.6 Mt. The R-39 also had a range advantage against the Trident 1 C4. They had ranges of 8300 km and 7400 km respectively. What Soviets lacked in nuke yield density and solid fuel tech, they compensated with brute size successfully. Addtl info w/pics: <https://www.wearethemighty.com/articles/why-russias-typhoon-class-submarines-are-so-massive/> & <https://www.19fortyfive.com/2022/04/meet-the-typhoon-class-why-russia-built-the-largest-submarine-ever/> & https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Typhoon-class_submarine

23 Jul 2022- Russian submarines have now gotten involved to disintegrate Ukraine with a barrage of missiles. Ukraine has no formidable submarine threats or defenses. This potential overkill could be what pushes NATO to join the conflict more directly. And should that happen, These NATO Submarines Can Destroy Russia in 30 Seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGJXIFMzE60>

Russian Navy's massive submarine could set the stage for 'a new Cold War' in the oceans 24 July 2022

The Russian Navy has taken delivery of what is the world's longest known submarine, one its maker touts as a research vessel – but what others say is a platform for espionage and possibly nuclear weapons.

The **Belgorod** was turned over to the Russian Navy earlier this month in the port of Severodvinsk, according to the country's largest shipbuilder, Sevmash Shipyard. Its design is a modified version of Russia's Oscar II class guided-missile submarines, made longer with the aim to eventually accommodate the world's first nuclear-armed stealth torpedoes and equipment for intelligence gathering.

TASS has reported that the sub will carry the in-development Poseidon nuclear-capable torpedoes, which are being designed to be launched from hundreds of miles away and to sneak past coastal defenses by traveling along the sea floor. <https://www.cnn.com/2022/07/23/europe/russia-belgorod-submarine-nuclear-torpedo-intl-hnk-ml/index.html> & also <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/how-russia-s-new-mega-sub-compares-to-u-s-amid-fears-of-naval-cold-war/ar-AAZWveJ>

Russia's New 'Poseidon' Super-Weapon: What You Need To Know - Naval News

- Poseidon is an 'Intercontinental Nuclear-Powered Nuclear-Armed Autonomous Torpedo—first revealed in November 2015, then known as Status-6. The weapon's expected speed, around 70 knots, is fast enough to make it realistically uncatchable to existing torpedoes. And its operating depths, perhaps as deep as 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) puts it beyond reach.

Australian Submariners push for new 'son of Collins' fleet before AUKUS nuclear boats arrive in 2040s

Former submariners with over 500 years of collective service in the Royal Australian Navy are warning a newer version of the Collins-class boat is needed as a stopgap measure.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=-XHNpplHoI>

Movement at North Korean port may signal new plans for experimental sub

- Stars and Stripes • April 1, 2022 Analysts detected "unusual movement" of an experimental ballistic-missile submarine at a North Korean shipyard after combing through satellite imagery in March. The submarine, docked at the Sinpo South Shipyard on the eastern coast, was spotted being pulled out from under a canopy by a tugboat,... https://www.stripes.com/theaters/asia_pacific/2022-04-01/north-korea-shipyard-ballistic-missile-submarine-satellite-beyond-parallel-5546281.html

Sweden's 'ATOMIC' Submarine

Sweden really nearly built a nuclear-powered ('atomic') submarine during the Cold War. Swedish submarine design has a history of innovation and unusual features, making it among the most interesting histories in the world.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3iUqTdh2WMU>

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The VA has an improved [Access to Care website](#) that now offers a simplified, user-friendly experience to make it easier for Veterans to make informed decisions as they plan their health care appointments. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5808>

SOMETIMES THE UNIVERSE PUTS YOU IN THE SAME SITUATION AGAIN TO SEE IF YOU'RE STILL A DUMBASS.



READER'S PUKA

Red November: Inside the Secret U.S.-Soviet Submarine War by W. Craig Reed,

- ◆ a former navy diver and fast-attack submariner, provides a riveting portrayal of the secret underwater struggle between the US and the USSR in *Red November*. A spellbinding true-life adventure in the bestselling tradition of *Blind Man's Bluff*, it reveals previously undisclosed details about the most dangerous, daring, and decorated missions of the Cold War, earning raves from New York Times bestselling authors David Morrell, who calls it, "palpably gripping," and James Rollins, who says, "If Tom Clancy had turned *The Hunt for Red October* into a nonfiction thriller, *Red November* might be the result."
- ◆ Review by **Will Kaefer, LT on 302 Aug68-Mar70** :

"I just finished "Red November" and would like to recommend it to you. Great book about sub communications, detection, spooks, Saturation Divers. Lot of stuff went on here at Skaggs Is. near MINSY [Mare Is Shipyard] which was instrumental in locating the 4 Russian Foxtrots during the Cuban missile crises. It also covers the capture of Russian communication cables using saturation divers.

Although I never participated in these activities, I was right there in 1970 at MINSY with new construction of the Pintado, Drum and others. I shared a snake ranch with fellow Lt. Al Burkhart who was then part of the overhaul of the Halibut for hovering modifications used later for the cable work. The author's father was a communications tech and later officer who was very instrumental in deciphering the Russian radio "burst" signals and setting up their system that allowed us to triangulate their subs' location using sites like Skaggs Is. "

- ◆ *"Red November delivers the real life feel and fears of submariners who risked their lives to keep the peace."* —Steve Berry, author of *The Paris Vendetta* — Available from Amazon, eBay and other online sellers

The Last Lieutenant: A Foxhole View of the Epic Battle for Iwo Jima by John C. Shively

Online Book Overview: 'Iwo Jima': two words that will forever bring to mind the thirty-six days of continual, chaotic combat in which the U.S. Marines fought the entrenched Japanese for every inch of the tiny volcanic island. When it was over, more than twenty-six thousand Americans were killed or wounded, and only slightly more than two hundred Japanese defenders survived. Twenty-seven Medals of Honor were awarded—many posthumously. Jim Craig was a platoon commander with the Marines on Iwo Jima. This is his story, as told to his nephew John C. Shively. In a particularly vivid and exciting account of some of the most intense fighting of the Pacific War, the immediacy of the story is heightened by the detail that Shively's research has added to Craig's recollections. The result will pull you onto the beach, into the foxhole, and over Mount Suribachi with those who lived, fought, and died on Iwo Jima.

"Good Read" as recommended by **Harold Losby ENCM** in 302 '66'70 who just finished it.

**MAILBAG**

[rank/rating as aboard, may have diff later]

Eml recd 21Jul22 Jeff, My name was not on your AWOL list but I am still here. I am 78 but still managing to survive. **Dan Gross EMS1(SS) '70-71** Decom Crew

Note recd fm **Joe Bates EM2(SS) '59-62**—I was on Carp SS-338 '57-59; Q-'57 & Made one 6 mo. deployment. On Sabalo '59-62 with two 6 mo. deployments. "Sabalo was my home."

Eml recd 9 Aug 22: Jeff, Just want to update you on a previous COB on the USS Sabalo. My father, **TMCM Edward L. Kreager**,

died July 18th, 2022 after battling ALS for 7 years. He served on the Sabalo from Dec '62 to May '65. He will be buried alongside his wife (my mother), Constance I. Kreager, at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell early next year. Regards, Keith E. Kreager (oldest son)

Eml 6Oct22 fm **Chris SanbornEN3(SS) '67-68** RE **passing of Doc Davis**- That truly sucks. The mold was broken when he was built. Godspeed Chief. You left a big hole that will never be filled. Save me a place.

Note recd 4 Aug 22 fm **Ken Burtner YN1(SS) Nov61-Aug63**
"I was up in Bremerton in July for a reunion of the Lewis & Clark. Took a tour of the Alabama and found out climbing up a 30 foot ladder is harder than I recall."

Short note recd 20Oct22 from **Larry Huckfeldt YN3(SS) Aug60-Aug61** w/donation—"I had to remove some trees downed from Hurricane Ian."

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

Late Sept.: **Don Nelson ST2(SS) '68-9** reported a recent health scare, the result of a false diagnosis saying he might only have 6 months to live. He consulted 2 more doctors, and was finally correctly diagnosed with BENIGN granulomas present in his lungs, spleen and kidneys... "a result of Histoplasmosis (Mississippi Valley Fever) contracted as a kid in TN, and have had all my life including a dx also found in all my Navy physicals for 20+ years."

The Most Insane Kill of the U-Boat War - HMCS Oakville vs U-94 Plane Bombing and Ship Ramming

After its audacious convoy ambush had catastrophically backfired, the German U-94 submarine was forced to surface in the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea.

<https://youtu.be/GWwL3zbO4PY>

Eml 23Jul22 fm **Dieter Dauber RM3(SS) Oct61-Feb62** "We've moved permanently from NY to Winter Haven, FL. This is our second summer here, and it sure does get hot, **HOT, HOT** down here this time of year. "

U.S. military poised to return to Subic Bay to counter China's presence due to concerns over China's increasing maritime assertiveness in the area

| Nov 25, 2022 | – The U.S. military will likely return to Subic Bay 30 years after relinquishing what was once their largest military base in Asia a top official of the local body overseeing the free port zone said.

On Nov. 9, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Mary Kay Carlson visited Subic Bay and the shipyard that U.S. private firm Cerberus Capital Management LP acquired this year. The Philippine Navy has also begun occupying part of the shipyard as its new naval base.

<https://mric.gov.ph/u-s-military-poised-to-return-to-subic-bay-counter-chinas-presence/>

"If an injury has to be done to a man it should be so severe that his vengeance need not be feared."

Niccolo Machiavelli

THE NAVY'S OFFERING UP TO \$115,000 TO JOIN OR COME BACK

Military.com 12 Aug 2022

The [Navy](#) is offering potential recruits a new, eye-watering figure in exchange for joining its ranks: \$115,000 in possible bonuses and loan repayment.

In a [press release issued Saturday](#), the Navy announced that it is topping its already [historically high \\$50,000 signing bonus](#), with the possibility of earning up to \$65,000 in loan repayment as well.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/08/12/navys-offering-115000-join-or-come-back.html>

[The recruiter told me I'm too old. That must be some new discriminatory policy.—ed.]



VA NEWS

STATE VETERANS BENEFITS— Each state offers their own benefits. Some are quite lucrative including zero income tax on military retirement income, and many other monetary programs. For a state-by-state

listing check this web site:

<https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/state-veterans-benefits-directory.html>

Toxic Exposure Screening - Agent Orange

If you're enrolled in VA health care, you can now receive the toxic exposure screening at VA medical centers and clinics across the country. If you're not enrolled but meet eligibility requirements to [enroll](#), you will have an opportunity to receive the screening after you enroll.

Facts: <https://news.va.gov/110809/fast-facts-toxic-exposure-screening/>

Eligibility—<https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>

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NEW INVENTION FOR GOLFERS

For poor putters, a new golf ball has been invented that automatically goes into the hole if within 4 inches.

WARNING: Do Not carry them in your pockets.

WUHAN VIRUS NEWS -

It finally caught up to us. Paula and I starting having symptoms about 11 Nov and after 3 weeks still have moderate lasting problems. We both had 3 shots of vaccine, She had Pfizer and I had Moderna thinking one might work. We called right away and got on Paxlovid . I did 5 days and Paula took it 3 before side effects were too much.—This COVID's nasty. **Get checked right away** if you have any of the classic cold or flu stuff. It could be whatever strain of the COVID is floating around.



MEET YOUR SHIPMATE - LAWRENCE J. DAVIS, JR., HMCM, Ret., died 27 September 2022

“THE QUACK” – A EULOGY

“independent Duty Corpsman”, as they were most commonly known, have been the target of much good natured banter and friendly abuse over time. These men, after undergoing some critical medical training beyond dispensing aspirin and putting band-aids on scratches, are given assignments where they have to act as the sole medical personnel for a unit or vessel. They must have many skills paralleling what doctors must know, and be able to handle emergencies of illness and injury that arise in isolated or remote situations. These are especially evident in submarine operations which most of the time happen far from shore-side or other ship assistance.

Navy Hospital Corpsmen have dozens of nicknames applied over the years. *Crank inspector, pecker checker, quack, etc.*, or just Doc. These special sailors have the time honored job of providing various nursing, medical, and clerical duties for the Navy in hospitals or on ships or attached to the Marine Corps. Every sailor has relied upon them for some kind of medical services from day one in boot camp until the final physical on discharge. In the best sense, they are and were just shipmates and our brethren.

“Larry” Davis, was one of three corpsmen who kept the watch during my time on Sabalo SS-302. I know ‘Doc’ well because he chose to be a regular watch stander in addition to his medical duties. Larry was a qualified watch stander on SONAR and RADAR. His involvement in being qualified for this duty encompassed more than just O.J.T. while on-board. He also went to some of the various seminar type training offered in short on-shore courses.

Doc was in my watch section for the WestPac cruise of Jul ’67 – Jan ’68 including various periods in the Viet Nam War Zone. There were 3 men to a section of 4 hrs on/8 off for the radar & sonar watches. During this time Bob Phelps and John Patrick were the others that shared my section some of the time. With Doc in the rotation, it gave us 9 men to split the duty using ST, ET, & FT ratings.

During periods of little activity while submerged, especially during many routine ASW training activities, we sometimes just maintained a submerged straight course while the surface craft pinged on us and had their basic training in sub tracking. Things were kind of boring for those not actually with the headphones on listening for ship sounds. The main task of the sole sub sonar operator was to keep very accurate track and relative position of the surface craft, especially when coming to periscope depth or Sabalo surfacing. The other two watch standers, generally, but not always, were usually present in the sonar room for assistance in plotting or other duties as required, and to take turns as the main operator.

During lull times of the watch, sometimes very lengthy during snorkel operations, when Doc and I were not on the sonar, we would play ‘Dictionary’. Well, we didn’t call it that, but here’s

what it was. We had a fairly large, hard-bound dictionary in the sonar room which we would open randomly to a page, and then blindly put our finger down on a word. It would then become the goal of the other person to define the word. Maybe we would set the goal of 10 words, and then alternating turns, whoever had that many successful answers first would be the ‘big’ winner. It was a harmless game which really didn’t distract from awareness of the sonar situation. To this day, I feel it helped expand the vocabulary of all who engaged in it. I remember Doc the most because he was always a challenge to beat.

Doc had three occasions to administer personal medical help to me beyond some aspirin. Twice I had minor lacerations which required stitches. One time the hatch leading to the storeroom below the aft part of the control room fell on my left hand. It caught the last three fingers and sliced open the last digit on each. Larry put five stitches in both the middle and ring finger, and bandaged all three. As I look at those scars today, I remember his skill in carefully doing it with a fine sized thread. There is no lasting effect of that injury and I have full feeling there now.

On another occasion, I had a small cut on my left thumb. For those who know me, I only have a half of the thumb on that hand. Before my Navy enlistment, I had the last joint of my thumb pulled off in a water skiing accident. [This would have kept me out of the draft, but that’s a story for another day.] The skin on the remaining part of that thumb is from a graft from my abdomen, and not as tough as normal hand skin. One day, while in-port, I had a small cut, and two stitches took care of it.

Now Larry, like just about all of his shipmates, was known to have a few drinks on liberty. On this occasion I had the duty and Larry who did not was a little less than sober. It was sometime during the night hours when I got him out of rack to look at my injury to my thumb. He got right to the task and went right back to sleep. Next morning at quarters he asked me how my “foot” was doing. I guess he was just as good under the influence as otherwise. I hardly remember it all myself.

The most serious occasion occurred prior to those first aid needs. I first reported aboard in March ’67 near the end of a long yard period at Hunter’s Point. Shortly after the boat was newly homeported in San Diego and preparing for a WestPac cruise to depart in July. Most of the crew had to get all the inoculations for overseas travel. With only a few days left before departure, most of the crew were lining up a few mornings after quarters for a few shots each day, and with the help of other corpsmen in the squadron, one of the vaccines I got was for Yellow Fever. Within in a few hours I began to have chills and fever which sent me to the sick bay on the tender. During the night my temperature shot up to 106°, and I went into convulsions, a very life-threatening situation. Luckily, the corpsman on duty knew the seriousness and called out every corpsman on each boat in port and also any of the tender doctors. Among the corpsmen reporting was Doc Davis. The details of what happened that night are a whole story in itself,

, but enough to say, I survived and made the sailing of the boat a couple days later. [It was great cruise which I served on Sabalo alongside my brother Roy, QM3(SS) at the time.]

I remember Larry attending to a number of other shipmates with injuries and sickness. He was always ready to help with the best of his skills. Once, on transit to Japan, a new man became seriously seasick and then ultimately dehydrated to a life threatening point. Larry had the man moved to a rack next to his in the after battery berthing, and maintained constant vigil on him with IV fluids going to bring him around. It was hit and miss for a couple days as there was no ship or aircraft that could provide any assistance of faster transport. While we steamed full-on-four to lessen the time to make port, decisions on a faster means to get the man to treatment were under consideration. Reaching about 600 miles away (I think it was), the maximum distance a helicopter might come out for a ship-to-air transfer, it was finally decided by the medical doctors in Yokosuka that our shipmate was stable enough to stay aboard until we would tie up.

One last and ribald [WARNING] tale about how the 'quack' was always being the subject of base humor. Larry's rack was the upper one, located inboard and aft in Hogan's Alley. A certain 1st class electrician had his rack nearby. Returning from liberty, and in an inebriated state, the electrician spied Larry asleep in dreamland. Now it was pretty common for drunken sailors to cause disturbance in the berthing areas at various times when the yen was to continue the enjoyment of the celebration when they were returning to the boat. On this occasion, the unruly electrician shook 'Doc' awake. In one hand, he had a flashlight and the other he held his exposed male organ. Shining a light on it, he exclaimed, "Look, Doc Look !". Doc looked over the edge of his rack and saw the penis in the light. "So what's wrong", Doc said. The electrician wanting to continue his humor said, "Nothing Doc, but ain't it beautiful !"

Larry Davis enlisted in the Navy in July 1955, and was HM 1 when he came aboard USS Sabalo SS-302 in Pearl Harbor on 14 October 1965. He qualified in Sabalo on 16 May 1966. He transferred to Grayback SSG-574 in May of '68. Larry spent a lot of time on her. He was a golfer in retirement, and played with shipmates when it was part of our reunion program. He attended most of our Sabalo reunions, including the last in 2018.

In his own, brief words here's how he summarized his life, including an update received shortly before the Sabalo 2018 reunion: [Recd 2001]- *"I managed to get to Master Chief and retired after 26 years total time. Had a few interesting assignments after I left Sabalo and mostly exactly what I had asked for. I really enjoyed the Navy, therefore I had no intentions of getting out unless something drastic happened and left me no choice. The friends and acquaintances that I met will last forever. Now, it's just about everywhere I go, there is someone that I know. After I retired in 1981 from the Naval Hospital in Oakland, I went to work for the state in the correctional facility here in Vacaville. That was really something, and I didn't cope with it very well. After that I went to work for Mobil Oil Co. in their seismic research division. I got my Coast Guard Purser license and sailed with them for about 4 years run-*

ning a 5 bed hospital and doing all the supply and administrative duties, also as Safety Officer. Was a great job and enjoyed it tremendously, but it was like away from home too much, and I had gotten remarried and had 2 children, so that was not for me in the long run. I then went to work at Mare Island Shipyard in the Radiation Health branch, stayed there until it closed in 1995, then went to work at McClelland AFB in Sacramento. Worked there as an Industrial Hygienist until I retired just this past September (2000). Both the children are gone, the youngest a son is in the Navy, stationed at Lemoore NAS and is enjoying it quite well. He is an AD and wants to fly but had a vision problem. He says that he will get it corrected and then reapply. He went to San Jose State before he went into the Navy. The eldest, a daughter is living in Nashville and is a CPA with a firm there. So now it's just me and the wife and we enjoy just spending time together and traveling whenever we get the notion. Can't say that I have had many bad days until recently. Had open heart surgery for a quadruple bypass, but came out of that with flying colors and now do mostly odds and ends and golf."

[Update recd Jul 2018**]- *After Sabalo transferred to Grayback until 1971, then AFEES Buffalo, NY; then to Subic Bay Hospital in Sep '73; back to Grayback in Sep '79; trf to Yokosuka, Japan Apr '77; trf to BUMED West Coast Detachment Oakland, CA Sep '79, Retired Navy 1 Mar '81. Worked at California Medical Facility until '82; then Mobil Oil Co. until Apr '86; went to work on Mare Island, Vallejo, CA in May '95; then McClelland AFB Sacramento until Sep 2000. **some confusion in dates*

Larry's wife, Anita had died a number of years ago, and he continued to reside in Vacaville, Calif. His niece Elma was close to him and provided him with comfort and care.

It was said news to learn that our revered shipmate had passed on 27 September 2022. SAILOR REST YOUR OAR ! You served your country and us all well.

He was a member of USSVI-Gold Country Base and the Holland Club. The Base conducted a memorial service for him at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on 21 Oct 2022. See page 17 of the Nov. Base newsletter: <https://www.goldcountrybase.org/wp-content/uploads/Newsletters/2022/2022->



On Eternal Patrol



SAILORS REST YOUR OAR



Bowlby, Carl Albert, d. 10 Jun 2019, ag 92, Ramona, CA, was EN1(SS) in 302 May52-Sep54; also in 415; later CDR, Ret. '77. Bur.: Riverside Natl. Cem. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/223483412/carl-albert-bowlby>

Camp, David Eugene d. 16 Jul 2022, ag 77, of Galena, MD, was QM3(SS) in 302 Sep69-Dec70; later QM2(SS) Obit w/pic: <https://www.galenafuneralhomeofsls.com/obituary/david-camp>

Campbell, William Lloyd, d. 31 May 2006, ag 80, Lincoln, DL WWII vet, was S2c-S1c in 302 Jun45-Apr 46

Cleland, Dale Edwin, reported died, but no date or other info, ag 90+, SanDiego, CA, was CS1(SS) in 302 Feb68-2q68, also in SS-489

Davis, Lawrence J. Jr. , d.27 Sep 2022, ag 85, Vacaville, CA, was HMC(SS) on 302; Oct65-May68; later HMCM(SS), Ret. '81 w/26 yrs; also in Grayback SSG-574

Gavieres, Oscar Reynoso, d. 6 Sep 2021, ag 90, San Diego, CA, was EN2-1(SS) in 302; later ENC(SS), Ret. Obit: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bonita-ca/oscar-gavieres-10343464> Pics: 103 online with obit—Google search using his name

Honore, Palmer Joseph, Sr., d. 5 Aug 2022, ag 82, Portsmouth, VA, was FN(SS) in 302 Jul60-Jul61, later EN2(SS) in 338, 485. Obit w/pic: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/pilotonline/name/palmer-honore-obituary?pid=202553728> & <https://www.corprewfuneralhome.net/>

Kistner, Theodore Clayton Howard, d. 6 Jul 2022, ag 90, San Jose, CA, was SN-FT2(SS) in 302 Feb54-Sep55

Mahoney, George Henry "Jack", d. 5 Jun 2022, ag 101, Carlsbad, CA, was LCDR & CO on 302 May55-Jun57; later CDR, Ret.9/65; USNA 1944. WWII vet.

Mengden, Joseph David, d.21 Oct 2021, ag 82, Jacksonville, FL, was LT (Weaps, Ops Ofcr, Navgrtr) on 302 Nov65-Nov66. Obit w/pic: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/joseph-mengden-obituary?id=31122389>

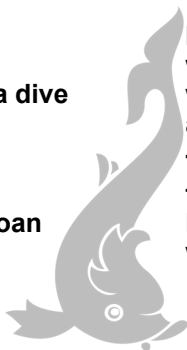
Kreager, Edward L. d. 18 Jul 2022, ag 88, Hernando Beach, FL, was TMCM(SS) in 302 Dec62-May65 (COB), & also in 424 + others unk. (see Mailbag for further details)

Sneeden, Samuel Benjamin, d. 14 Apr 2022, ag 88, New Port Richey, FL, was ET3(SS) in 302 Aug55-May57

Sumich, John Edward, d. 3 Oct 2019, ag 78, Tacoma, WA, was SN on 302 Oct60-Feb61.

Life on a boat goes deep in your blood
and nothing on earth can compare
to the feeling inside as she commences a dive
going deep on a hope and a prayer.

I've sailed some fearsome waters
down below the raging main
and I've heard that old boat creak and groan
like the wheels of a railroad train.



It's the one place on earth where there ain't no slack
where you don't have more than you need;
where each man is prince of his own little space
and each lives by the submarine creed.

There ain't much I've done in this fickle life
that would cause other men to take note,
But I've walked in the steps of some mighty fine men
who helped keep this country afloat.

From [Brother of the 'Phin](#) by Larry Dunn 2003

HERDING CATS - *Are you AWOL?* —LOOK FOR YOUR NAME

I try to record the date and nature of each communication received using a one line note in one of the cells in the Sabalo db. *Sometimes this slips by and I miss recording.*

The main reason is, of course, is to know if you're still kicking. Sabalo men are fast going to Davy Jones' Locker or where ever submariners end up. And secondly, I try to make sure that addresses and emails are correct for receiving the Clever Boy.

The below list of men have not communicated since July 2018. **I believe many on this list may begetting the CB okay. I need to hear from you.** One day there won't be enough active readership to keep up the newsletter.

if you see your name, please take the little time to communicate. Remember that mustering in from time to time is the way shipmates can know you're still out there. The last Sabalo muster in July 2021 was poorly responded to. 88 men with known address were not heard from. The previous muster request was in 2018. The number not heard from precludes making a repeat search for all the missing. *Your only excuse is that there is no phone or internet in the cemetery.*

Abbott, Ernest Lee, Jr.	Fedor, Charles William	Pratt, Gerald L
Adams, James Richard, Jr.	Ferguson, Gary Alan	Robisch, Herbert Eugene
Ashworth, John T., Jr.	Flanagan, Patrick John	Rosenboom, Roger Dale
Bates, James E.	Forsman, Ronald Sidney	Ruden, Peter Mapes
Beach ,Roger Allan	Garrison, Gary G.	Ruest, Robert L.
Beatty, John Daniel 'Clyde'	Gellett, James	Ryan, Gerald Thomas
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VA NEWS After Scuttling VA Overhaul, Senator Rolls Out His Plan to Upgrade Facilities

26 Jul 2022—After effectively quashing the process by which the VA was to update its facilities, blocking the confirmation of commissioners who would have made recommendations on closures, renovations and brand new construction, Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., has introduced legislation that would help the VA hire experts to draft a plan.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee chairman's bill would fund the VA to hire capital asset management experts for all of its medical centers, at the same time adding members to the VA's Capital Asset Planning Committee. The bill also would require that the VA develop plans, budgets and oversight mechanisms for building new facilities, while setting schedules for shedding or repurposing unused and vacant buildings.

Tester said the VA lacks the expertise to manage its vast infrastructure, which consists of more than 6,300 facilities with an average age of 60 years.

Read More: <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/26/after-scuttling-va-overhaul-senator-rolls-out-his-plan-upgrade-facilities.html>

LEFT IN THE WAKE

FROM LIFE'S LESSONS by Jeff Owens

A STORY FROM THE 'NET: In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied.

The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away.

The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left.

When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies.

You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

MY STORY: As a senior in high school, I was one of only a few who didn't reach the driving age of 17 before graduation.

It was a nice thing that I had a few friends who did have a license and even their own car.

Many mornings I would meet up with some of my friends at a local diner before school and we would have a coffee and a piece of pie.

This was back before the government had to continually lie about inflation.

Pie was 15 cents and coffee 10 cents.

Waitresses had to struggle for their pay and there was no minimum wage for restaurant personnel, so their hourly pay could be even less.

Everyone in our small clique always left a dime tip along with our quarter. That's a 40% tip.

It all seems like such a pittance today. In fact, hardly imaginable.

.... Live with no regrets.

Treat people the way you want to be treated,

Work like you don't need the money,

Love like you've never been hurt, and

Dance like you do when nobody's watching."

You never know how or when you'll be paid!

Take me back ! SIREN CALL FROM THE PHILLIPINES—SUBIC BAY
Here's some sweet songs to remind you of the great singers and club bands in Subic.

60's Pinoy Combos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4QcFRZhbWM>



Don't Forget I Still Love You— by Aurora Baylon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfzzOzKySyk> And [Tagalog version](#)



Am I That Easy To Forget—by Nora Aunor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjCEtIO-npE>



Waiting For You— by Nora Aunor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9g2w-K5000>



Missing You—by Nora Aunor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAaXapP-Ss>