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Every soldier will eventually die but they will always live inside their memories they left behind.

...anon

NOTICE - *If you no longer have interest, or can view CB on the Sabalo web site, please communicate, and help control future costs*

. Effective in January 2019, the Post Office changed the regulations for "Folded, Self Mailers" (i.e. no envelope) which is how past issues have been configured. Additionally, the postage rate was increased by 10% in February. Printing & Mailing each hard copy costs \$1.60+. Thus the expense of mailing Clever Boy was reviewed. Only those who specifically responded to requests in 2018, or others who communicate indicating they wish to continue to receive hard copy, will be sent one. Blind mailing has been discontinued.



Blue Water Navy Association*

<https://www.bwnvva.org/>

*This group will continue to be monitored for info as a prime watchdog and promoter of topics regarding VA benefit recognition of Agent Orange exposure

Exposure to Agent Orange has special meaning for Sabalo Vets who visited the Tonkin Gulf. Numerous incidences of rare and common cancers have been reported. The response by the VA until recently was negative in recognizing any connection. As new info is encountered, that may be important to those who still survive, it will be included in our newsletter

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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 the flag identification code.



FROM OUT OF THE TOMATO BASKET

By Editor Jeff Owens

—still fakin' it after all these years!

FOCUS ON COMMUNICATIIONS

Material from shipmates needed— Many of you forward me pieces of interesting content from time to time and many have been considered, and used in the past. I hope that when anyone comes across something they find online, or in a magazine, you will pass it along to me, and in some way I will mention it in the newsletter, in future issues. Clever Boy is your forum for sub vet material to inform and be enjoyed by all.

Reunion Regrets —

A belated thanks to all who responded to communications prior to last year's reunion. The replies include status about many of the responders, including health problems. I would like to respond individually, but the number of men reporting serious conditions of either themselves or spouses is, sadly, too lengthy. Also, unfortunately, there is sadness to note because there are more than a couple of these men who deceased since their response. If you haven't already checked the replies this is the page on the web site:

https://ussabalo.org/RN-Reunion_Regrets2018.html

Staying in Touch- Because one of the goals of CB is to keep shipmates up-to-date with events of our lives, it has always been the goal of Ron and myself to post communications either on the web site, or by inclusion in the newsletter, so keep your messages coming and I'll try to continue the policy as much as time and space will allow.

Past Issues of CB— check out old news if you missed it

<https://ussabalo.org/RN-Clever%20Boy%20Index.html>

This is the index of the newsletters beginning at the time Ron Gorence started as editor.



★ For those who don't remember why this column is so named: In preparing for deployment, all departments ordered 'off-the-books' spares for items that experience taught might be more inclined to break down than Navy predicted spares might have in on-board inventory back in #7MBT. In the control room, the E.T. gang had a couple small lockers where many of these items were stored. One day, my boss, Fred Holcomb ET1 spied a cardboard box with a hoop handle that had been used for fresh tomatoes. It fit perfect in one of the lockers. In it we kept a spare or two for just about every tube* used in the relic, SS-1 radar. It made it handy to carry the items up to the conning tower where the transmitter-receiver unit and console were located. We always improvised repairs by quickly swapping tubes, and in most cases had the radar back in operation quickly. Once we spent a couple days troubleshooting a problem in one of the other units in the system that was located in the control room until our eyeballs fell out. But that's a story for another day.

(*Some younger readers may ask— What's a tube?)

Editorial Philosophy—

In this issue you will notice a shift in emphasis to more links directing you to online content. Sorry for those guys who don't do internet, but this is where it's at these days. The access to movies, videos, news and communications is too exceedingly powerful to be ignored. Likewise the cost of producing and distributing printed material for a diminishing number of Clever Boy recipients will eventually preclude the hard copy version. I will attempt to keep the option open, but it is a short lived possibility.

EDITORIAL RE: Special Mail Bag Item — It's a different world, but...

from X> Jeff, you have probably seen this by now. I cannot believe all the special positions on board to respond to complaints, review moral, and other touchy feely stuff.

> https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/05/17/sailors-created-rape-list-aboard-navys-2nd-sub-integrate-women.html?ESRC=navy_190521.nl

Reply: Yes, saw it. What a crock. This keeps up and I believe ultimately there will only be a certain kind of personality willing to assume any military command. Real warriors will not because they are interested in fighting efficiency, not politically correct b.s. Having a command today is like walking on egg shells. The concept of cohesiveness and readiness is overshadowed by trying to avoid all the pitfalls that WILL arise from close quarters of a coed unit. CO's in all branches seem to be dropping like flies from sexual friction matters and alcohol related incidents. Service men always drank, but I wonder if today's breed of officers may have more stress causing some of what occurs.

To add a final note: Quote once heard on board the 302:

"Women belong on submarines as much as, Girl Scouts belong in a bear cage."

FINAL REUNION 2018 RECAP — [45 persons attended the Tuesday evening Luau and 48 attended the Main Banquet Wednesday evening.]

The Full Attendees List

50'S	Early to Mid 60's	Mid to Late 60's	Late 60's to 70's
Jim Potts & Laura '58-60	Ed Heistermann & Paula '64-67	Peter Lary & Gayle '68-69	Dean Zobrist '69-71
John & Maria Savela '52-53	Noel Adam & Nancy '64-65	Mic Ray & Caroll '66-69	Pat Flanagan & Betty '68-70
Andre Giacomelli & Jeanne '53-54	Larry "Doc" Davis '65-68 +1 guest	Jeff Owens & Paula '67-69	Will Kaefer & Mary '68-70
Ken Sanderlin & Vivian '58-59	Dick Port & Jonathan Port '62-63	Roy Owens '66-68	Harold Losby & Shirley '65-70
	Murray Craig & Connie '63-66	Warrie Leeke & Laurine '66-67	Joe Lyons & Mary '68-69
	Gerald & AnnToni Pratt '60-61	John Patrick & Linda '67-69	Terry Bolen & Carol '70
CANCELLATIONS	Otto Husak & Sharon '60-66	David Manning & guest '68-	
Jay Jones & Son '55	Richard & Ingeborg Flynn '65-66	Alan Volbrecht & Christine '68-69	
Brian Baumruk Collins '66-69	Enrile Trinidad & guest '64-66	Terry Heisterman & Janice '66-69	
Fred Holcomb & Shelby '66-69		Al & Kathleen Steele '66-68	
		Chris Sanborn '67-68	

Our Host Hotel – Holiday Inn- Bayside 4875 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA

OFF PREMISE EVENTS

∅ Hornblower Harbor Cruise - Monday 12 November

While touring the downtown waterfront & main Navy piers we had a box lunch and traveled around the harbor to the sub base. After the cruise we boarded our chartered bus for trip to Cabrillo Natl Monument to view the beautiful city.

∅ Maritime and Midway Museum Tours - Tuesday 13 November.

In the morning we had a Maritime Museum Visit with docent conducted tours of the museum and floating exhibits including the Russian Foxtrot class sub. After the Maritime Museum tours, the bus was available for transport to drop off at the USS Midway for lunch aboard, or alternately to the Seaport Village for lunch. Most pf the group toured the Midway in the afternoon.

∅ Sub Tour on Base – Wednesday 14 Nov.

During the afternoon 30+ of our group went about the USS Annapolis for a tour. The crew was involved in many activities of in-

REUNION SOUVENIR COIN—In the last issue, details of the coins generously donated by an anonymous shipmate for each Sabalo vet attendee were mentioned. A couple remain unclaimed. If you didn't get one, communicate.

THANK YOU GENEROUS DONORS! - TNX again to all who kicked in some extra donaro to keep Clever Boy going a bit longer. The money received has made hard copies available to those on the list without email who have indicated they wish to receive it.

SHIP'S STORE — DID I MISPLACE OR FORGET YOUR REQUEST? PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

—Many items were purchased at the reunion. Sabalo challenge coins, ball caps, and lapel pins are sold out. If you asked me for any items either at the reunion or by email at some point and never got any response, please respond again, and I will get back to you about what I still have, or the possibility of obtaining any items I don't have presently. I will try to revise the Ship's Store page on the web site soon to reflect all the options. Still working on source to print some more posters of the 'Sabalo Battle Flag'.

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.

John Southard, technology planner and academic administrator

YOU CAN'T TELL THE PLAYERS WITHOUT A SCORE CARD

Here's an update of the stats on information in the Sabalo database*

Total men listed	1,442
Located with current USPS address	430
Men with email	317
Deceased	735
Never located or lost contact	277

*There are slight differences of number in the database and what appears on **DeckLog** online, but the reasons are minor and unimportant. There are also an additional ~40 names listed on the Sabalo web site as "mystery men" who's names come from various sources, including possible bad memory of shipmates. Most don't have enough information to attempt any searching.

SALTY LANGUAGE -- *Midshipmen* originally referred to the youngsters aboard British Navy vessels who were in training to become naval officers. Their primary duties included carrying orders from the officers, quartered in the stern, to the crew, quartered in the fo'c'sle. Their repeated scampering through the middle part of the ship earned them their rank: *midshipmen*.

Naval Academy students and Navy Reserve Officer Training Candidates are still called midshipmen because, like their counterparts of old, they are in training to become officers in the sea service. One distinction: back in the days of sail, midshipmen could begin their naval careers at the ripe old age of eight!

Once commissioned, a Midshipman becomes an **Ensign**, the rank assigned the United States Navy's most junior officer. The word dates to Medieval times; Lords honored their squires by allowing them to carry the *ensign* (banner) into battle. Later these squires became known by the name of the banner itself.

In the US Army, the lowest ranking officer was once called Ensign because he, like the squire of old (and the Midshipman of today), would eventually lead troops into battle and was training to that end. Because the US Navy was established under the influence of the British, Americans carried that Navy's tradition and adopted the rank of Ensign as the title for its most junior commissioned officers.

While the term is no longer used in our army, it still denotes the lowest commissioned rank in the British army today.

From Maritime Museum San Diego Docent Contributions

Care In The Community—using non-VA doctors

In Scranton, PA a group of urologists and cancer specialists stopped accepting VA patients because the delay in getting paid was excessive—up to a whole year.

Q: My provider has not been paid by the VA for **Community (Choice) Care** and it is impacting my credit score; who can I reach out to?

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☞ " Anyone who stops learning is old whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." -Henry Ford ☞

South Korea is Awarding Korean War Vets a New Medal

I have recently learned of **The Ambassador for Peace Medal** which started being awarded in 2014. Here are the details. – Jeff O.


- 1. To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.
- 2. The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving in Canada. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.
- 3. In order to apply for this commemorative medal, veterans or their family members have to complete the application form. Veterans need to provide a copy of the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty along with their application form for verification purpose.
- 4. Send completed application form with DD-214 to:
 - _South Korean Consulate-Chicago,
 - 455 North City Front Plaza Dr., NBC Tower
 - Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60611 Tel:
 - (312) 822-9485 Fax: (312) 822-9849
- The form can be downloaded [or I will send you one if requested by phone]:
<https://www.nd.gov/veterans/files/resource/Korean%20Ambassador%20For%20Peace%20Medal%20Application%20Form.pdf>


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 Mar 2018- Looking at the movies I took aboard the Sabalo, invariably, sailors standing around shooting the breeze would hold their crotch. Yes, even me! Always wondered why? Now I know even God wondered why:

Jeremiah 30:6- “Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale?” — I find strange things during my bible study!

Fred Holcomb, Jr.- ET1 on board '66-69 (MATTHEW 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.)

 17 Mar 2019- This is Toni, Daniel Traver’s wife. Daniel did serve on The USS Sabalo from April 65-July 66, Daniel also served on The USS Tunny, The USS Sea Dragon and the USS Barbel. Daniel was a cook in the Navy, he was also stationed in Cuba for a year at Guantanamo Bay, he served for 7 years in the Navy, After he was medically discharged from the Navy he took some courses and became a Manufacturing Engineer Supervisor. We have been married for 44 years and have 3 married daughters. Over the years Daniel has had some medical issues and is in a wheelchair. He is not good at using a computer so any contact can be sent to me and I will be very happy to give him any and all correspondence.

 **T.I.N.B.S.** 6 Apr 2019 from Art Clement—“I think it would be a great idea to write a book. Possible Title, *WESTPAC the voyages of the USS Sabalo SS302*. We can all write down memories of incidents during our adventures and misadventures in WESTPAC on Sabalo, and combine these into one book. Yes, it would be salty and not for Sunday school reading.” — [It has been a long time since I have received any stories to post on the TINBS page. I am sure there are some out there. Send ‘em in. —Jeff]

 12 Jun 2019 A woman named Karen Whitehead relates that some Sabalo sailors met her father in Honk Kong and he hung out with them the night she was born there 16 Feb 1969. “The night I was born my Dad was out celebrating in Wanchai in Hong Kong and ended up meeting a bunch of sailors from USS Sabalo who joined in the party. They presented him with a lighter which I'm delighted to say I still have. I turned 50 this year and tomorrow is the 25th anniversary of Dad passing, I just wondered if there was any possibility of somebody remembering that night, or even if there are any photographs in existence?” [she sent me a pic of him if you think you remember anything possible.]

Eternal Patrol Notices

Arquilla, Augusto d. 9 May 2014 TN(SS) Jan58-May58 & EN1(SS) Sep69-?

Danielson, Dan d.19 Nov 2018 SN(SS) Jun58-Jun59

Dolliver, Richard d.20 Dec 2018 LCDR, Ops Ofcr Aug65-Jul66

Ellis, Melton d.13 Sep 2018 HM1(SS) Nov59-May60; later HMCS(SS)

Gillen, Wm 6 Jul 2018 MMFN(SS) Feb64-May64; later MMCS(SS)

Gipson, Ed “Hoot” 9 Oct 2018 FN(SS) Jul53-2q54

Kelly, Earl 2 Nov 2018 TME3(SS) Jun45-Jan46

Lafleur, Wm. Jr. 16 Nov 2018 RM2(SS) Aug56-Dec58

Miller, Dale Forrest 2 Apr 2010 EMC(SS) Nov66-2q68; later MMCM(SS)

Nelson, Jodie 4 Jan 2012 CS1(SS) Oct63-?65

Owens, Newman 30 Dec 2013 EM1(SS) Jun68 TAD

Quicker, Ronald 12 Dec 2017 TM2(SS) Nov55-Aug57; TM1(SS) Sep61-Oct62; later TMC(SS)

Weaver, J.B. 26 Jul 2018 CS2(SS) Sep52-Jun53; later CSC(SS)

Wood, John Perry 19 Nov 2018 CDR, CO Jun68-Jun69

SAILOR REST YOUR OAR !

[In addition to these listed above, other recent discoveries include a few other previously unlocated Sabalo men who have had their status on the web site changed due to recently finding data they had passed away a number of years past.]

Article from WSJ Monday 23 Jul 2018

Contributed by Tom Wilhelm QM2(SS)

....Col. Jaskolski, a veteran of the Iraq war, is commander of the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade of the Arkansas Army National Guard. For three weeks earlier this summer, the 142nd had been conducting an emergency deployment readiness exercise in Wyoming, training and sleeping outdoors, subsisting on field rations. Now it was time for the 700 soldiers to return to their base.

A charter bus company had been hired for the 18-hour drive back to Arkansas. The Army had budgeted for a stop to get snacks. The bus company determined that the soldiers would reach North Platte in western Nebraska around the time they would likely be hungry. The company placed a call to the visitors' bureau: Was there anywhere in town that could handle a succession of 21 buses, and get 700 soldiers in and out for a quick snack? North Platte said yes.

North Platte has always said yes. During World War II, North Platte was a geographically isolated town of 12,000. Soldiers, sailors and aviators on their way to fight the war rode troop trains across the nation, bound for Europe via the East Coast or the Pacific via the West Coast. The Union Pacific Railroad trains that transported the soldiers always made 10-minute stops in North Platte to take on water.

The townspeople made those 10 minutes count. Starting in December 1941, they met every train: up to 23 a day, beginning at 5 a.m. and ending after midnight. Those volunteers greeted between 3,000 and 5,000 soldiers a day. They presented them with sandwiches and gifts, played music for them, danced with them, baked birthday cakes for them. Every day of the year, every day of the war, they were there at the depot. They never missed a train, never missed a soldier. They fed six million soldiers by the end of the war. Not 1 cent of government money was asked for or spent, save for a \$5 bill sent by President Franklin D Roosevelt.

The soldiers never forgot the kindness. Most of them, and most of the townspeople who greeted them, are gone now. And now in 2018, those 21 busloads from the 142nd Field Artillery were on their way, expecting to stop at some fast-food joint.

"We couldn't believe what we saw when we pulled up," Col. Jaskolski said. As each bus arrived over a two-day period, the soldiers stepped out to be greeted by lines of cheering people holding signs of thanks. They weren't at a fast-food restaurant: They were at North Platte's events center, which had been opened and decorated especially for them.

"People just started calling our office when they heard the soldiers were on their way," said Lisa

Burke, the director of the visitors' bureau. "Hundreds of people, who wanted to help."

The soldiers entered the events center to the aroma of steaks grilling and the sound of recorded music: current songs by Luke Bryan, Justin Timberlake, Florida Georgia Line; World War II songs by Glenn Miller, the Andrews Sisters, Jimmy Dorsey. They were served steak sandwiches, ham sandwiches, turkey sandwiches, deviled eggs, salads and fruit; local church groups baked pies, brownies and cookies.

Mayor Dwight Livingston stood at the door for two days and shook every soldier's hand. Mr. Livingston served in the Air Force in Vietnam and came home to no words of thanks. Now, he said, as he shook the hands and welcomed the soldiers, "I don't know whether those moments were more important for them, or for me. I knew I had to be there."

"It was one soldier's 21st birthday," Lisa Burke said. "When I gave him his cake, he told me it was the first birthday cake he'd ever had in his life." Not wanting to pry, she didn't ask him how that could possibly be. "I was able to hold my emotions together," she said. "Until later."

When it became time to settle up, "the Army, after all, had that money budgeted for snacks" the 142nd Field Artillery was told: Nope. You're not spending a penny here. This is on us. This is on North Platte.

"Tin Fish" is a poem written by [Rudyard Kipling](#) (1865-1936), and was set to music and titled *"Submarines"* by the English composer [Edward Elgar](#) in 1917

The ships destroy us above
And ensnare us beneath,
We arise, we lie down, and we move
In the belly of Death.
The ships have a thousand eyes
To mark where we come...
But the mirth of a seaport dies
When our blow gets home.

And in another poem from Kipling's book *Sea Warfare* (1916) republished [The Fringes of the Fleet](#) (1915) and included a section *Tales of "The Trade"* about the Submarine Service. It included a poem titled **"The Trade"** which started:

They bear, in place of classic names,
Letters and numbers on their skin.
They play their grisly blindfold games
In little boxes made of tin.

☛ Surfin' Submariner

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

Gary Sinese Foundation

<https://www.garysinefoundation.org>

This man is "everything a man should be". He is recognized not just for the over 400 concerts he has performed for vets, but his support of Viet Nam and current vets through the many programs and alliances of his organization. [A very fine patriot. I hope he will continue to get recognition for his life accomplishments.—ed.]

RAO Bulletin— HIGHLY RECOMMENDED – A very complete gathering of articles of topical military interest. Issued bi-monthly. Instructions on how to subscribe to notices of publication and the web sites where it is viewable are on the last page of each issue. One of numerous sites to view:

<http://www.nhc-ul.org/rao.html>

New Drone Warship Drives Itself As It Hunts Submarines

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtF1R4p_9TI

Don't Let The Old Man In

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLp9pkWicdo>

A song sung by Toby Kieth, inspired by Clint Eastwood, with lyrics

First New Frigate & Unmanned Surface Ships in 2020 Navy Budget Request

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/03/12/navy-wants-5k-more-sailors-and-billions-new-ships-will-retire-carrier-early.html>

Vintage Cartoon from 1949 Post WW2 Era in the form of a Humorous Navy retention flick ~10 min.. Verifies the choices made by lifers. **SAILOR AND THE SEAGULL**

<https://youtu.be/ervk5IHszl>

Blind Man's Bluff - History Channel Documentary

<https://youtu.be/qGGSJEp0cXA>

Submarine Escape Suit Training

<https://www.chonday.com/6592/subsutesca4/>

Japan's latest non-nuke sub

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/navy-ships/a28184939/29ss-japan-submarine/>

- **and The Best for Last** — **U-1206's Toilet Disaster**—a reminder of all that's good and mostly bad about submarine heads.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pfr0nsh0Ghc>

How big is the Sabalo compared to the new Columbia Class boats? The Ohio class displaces 18,750 tons. The Columbia's which will ultimately replace the Ohio's are even bigger by about 2,000 tons. ... The Sabalo displaced just a few tons more than 2,400 total when submerged. — All that room, plus all the fresh water you could ever want. W D W !!

June2019—Wash-DC

BLUE WATER NAVY—AGENT ORANGE UPDATE

<https://www.bwnvva.org/hr-299.html>

President Trump has signed HR 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, and it will go into effect 1 Jan 2020.

Some conflicts are being discussed between the specifics of the Act and the Procopio case.

Some discussion of the latter here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3hjXBY_WM4

Whether Sabalo will be finally included is contingent on proving she was within the 12 mile territorial waters. We were, but whether this can be established seems problematic for some of the occurrences. —ed.

3Mar2019— **Full Measure**, a half-hour TV news show, hosted by Sharyl Atkisson had a piece on Blue Water vet's problems. There is a video link and transcription.

<http://fullmeasure.news/news/cover-story/fight-for-justice>

Non-VA medical care paid by the VA THE VA MISSION ACT

<https://militarybenefits.info/va-mission-act/>

Effective 6 June 2109. There are many rules. One particular stipulation is that if you qualified under the old program, the rights carry over.

Care In The Community—using non-VA doctors

One of the failures of the old program: In Scranton, PA a group of urologists and cancer specialists stopped accepting VA patients because the delay in getting paid was excessive—up to a whole year. Here's something related:

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Under the Heading of Politically Correct B.S.

Sailors Will No Longer Need 12 Years of Good Conduct to Sport Gold Stripes

"Starting June 1, sailors with less-than-perfect records will no longer be required to wear red service stripes and rating badges on their uniforms in place of gold."

"In 2017, Chief Musician Jessica Privler called for a change to that policy. Sailors who receive an NJP can lose [pay](#), rank or face other punishment, she [wrote in the U.S. Naval Institute's Proceedings](#) magazine. Must one also atone for wrongdoing by being marked with differentiating uniform components?" Privler asked. [A female musician makes policy?- ed.]

<https://www.military.com/kitup/2019/03/25/sailors-will-no-longer-need-12-years-good-conduct-sport-gold-stripes.html>

Movie Night in the After Battery

Black Sea (2014)—About finding a sunken WWII U-boat loaded with gold. Hokiest sub movie ever—would evoke howls and cries of 'fake' from the after battery viewing crowd, especially when they supposedly light off the engine of the Russian Fox-trot boat at 150 feet . Filmed in England. Some scenes used "U-475 Black Widow" moored in the Medway River in Strood, S.E. England. —Full flick available on Netflix & some online streaming services for a \$fee.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3eBpt6bRX0>

Hunter Killer (2108)- full flick available on some online streaming services for a \$fee.

Trailer; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAhcDHRZOak>

Some scenes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94euAQY3YW8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_8-1TTwjw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbQ75YDs3K8>

Sharks of Steel—A documentary 4 part TV series from the Discovery Channel from 1993 about Los Angeles Class.

A 4 DVD set on Amazon or eBay is 60 bucks, but you can watch it free on YouTube:

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

2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rikT29rkv-U>

3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9-oD8gJw8k>

4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BC5S9-l2VQ0>

Too Young The Hero (1988) - Based on real events

Watch the Full Movie 1hr33min: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHgSoeA5p9A>

Then learn all the details (don't spoil the suspense by watching the background first):

Background & factual update: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwQ6XRw7-fi>



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On the subject of: *I haven't heard this one before-* On March 21, 1984, Soviet 'Victor'-class nuclear attack submarine 'K-314' collided with U.S.S. 'Kitty Hawk' (CV-63) when she surfaced immediately in front of the aircraft carrier in the Sea of Japan. U.S. and Korean forces were conducting a joint naval exercise, Team Spirit 84-1. The Soviet Union responded with intelligence gathering and harassing intrusions into the exercise area. K-314 had been tracked by ASW aircraft for several days. At the time of the collision, the U.S. battle group was conducting deceptive lighting drills. The aircraft carrier would turn off her lights and an escort (U.S.S. Long Beach in this case) would mimic her pattern. The aircraft carrier would then move away at speed while shifting to two-shaft operations to change her acoustic signature. The technique apparently proved effective. K-314 came up to periscope depth to figure out what was going on. She did so right in front of Kitty Hawk. Part of the submarine's propeller blade and some her anechoic coating became lodged in Kitty Hawk's hull (an unplanned intelligence coup). K-314 remained motionless for several days before a Soviet tug came out and towed her away. T-shirts vendors at Subic Bay in the Philippines (where Kitty Hawk went for repairs) made a profit on such slogans as: "Target, my Ass", "From the Victor come the spoils" and "Kitty Hawk, Navy's only Proven antisubmarine weapon". [contributed by John Wade]

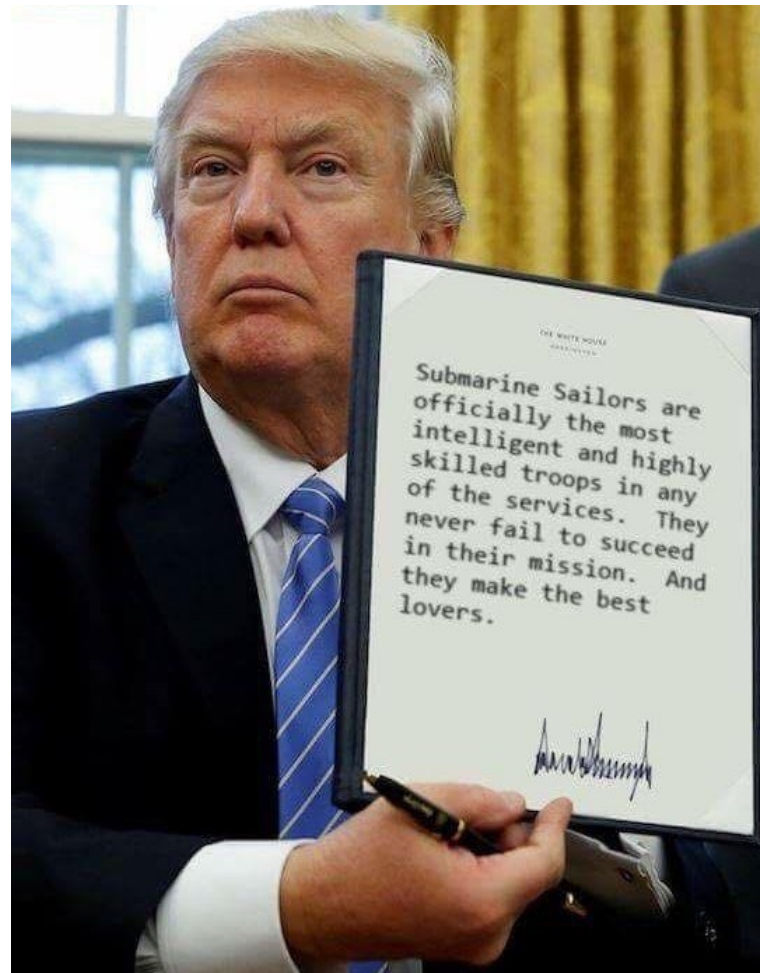
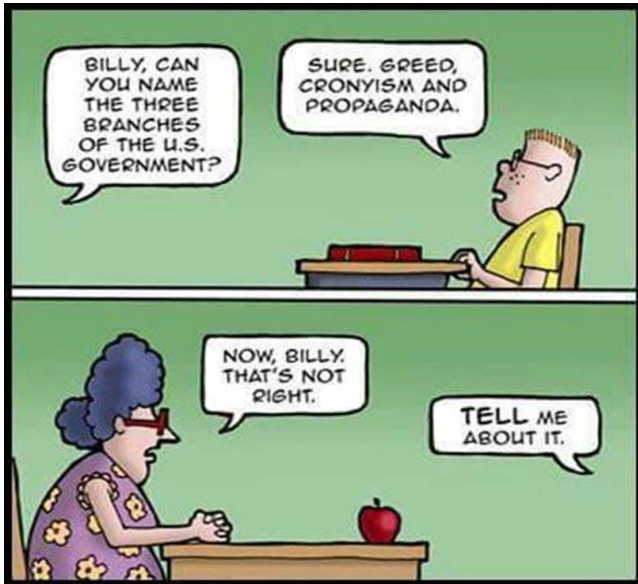
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

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that show something sub related, **please send a pic.**

Here's two examples from Tom Wilhelm [QM2(SS) abd '68-70] He lived in California after the Sabalo; retired not too long ago, and relocated from CA to Hamilton, Montana. These are new & old tags are for his motorcycle.



SUB BASE POINT LOMA—Taken from harbor cruise boat during Nov 2018 reunion



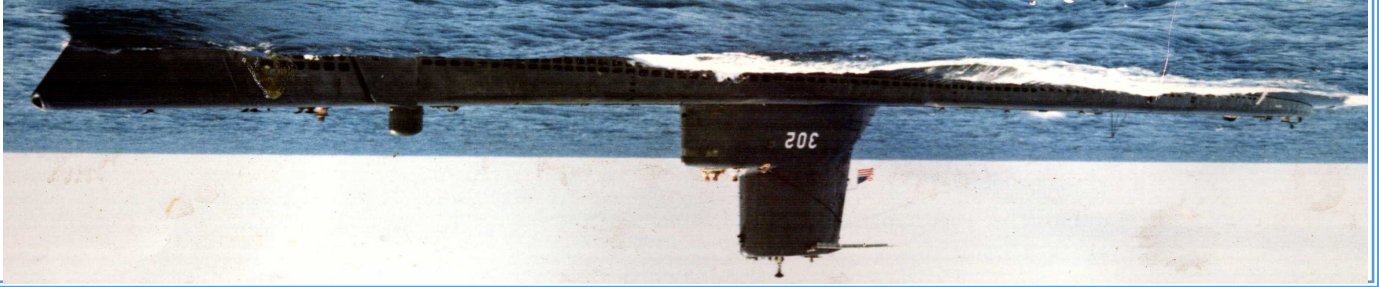
**Long we've tossed on the rolling main, now we're safe ashore, Jack.
Don't forget yer old shipmate, faldee raldee raldee rye-eye-doe!**

.....from the song: "The Far Side Of The World", sung in the wardroom scene in the film *Master and Commander*
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