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Our Creed: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishment. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and it's Constitution."

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Dear Editor: Because of several veterans' organizations, of which I belong, I attend quite a few "patriotic" and community events. It concerns me no end that quite a few people do not render a salute (right hand over their heart or as a veteran the proper hand salute) when the national anthem (Star Spangled Banner) or taps are played. The other lead into an event or program where a salute is called for is the pledge of allegiance to our flag. I keep wondering if they, who do not salute, realize how many men and women have died so we have the privilege and better yet the duty to render that honors to the flag, of our wonderful Country.

James W. Gibson

Cuttlefish Base Events for 2017

~~January 9 - Meeting, Anderson VFW~~
~~February 11 - Meeting, Anderson VFW~~
~~March 11 - Meeting, Anderson VFW~~
~~April 8 - Meeting, Chico Vets Hall~~
~~April 22 - Red Bluff, Round-up Parade~~
~~May 13 - Meeting, Red Bluff S&R~~
~~June 10 - Meeting, Anderson River~~
~~Annual Picnic~~
~~July 4 - Weaverville Parade~~
~~July 8 - Meeting, Chico Vets Hall~~
~~August 12 - Meeting, Anderson VFW~~
~~Sept 9 - Meeting, Anderson VFW~~
Oct 14 - Meeting, Chico Vets Hall
Nov 5 - Meeting Shasta Lake Parade 10am
American Legion Hall
Dec. 3 - Anderson VFW Christmas Party



Next Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2017
12:00 noon
Chico Vets Hall



Birthdays for the Month of

September
Scott Puhlman
Merle Raimer
Nancy Swenson

October
John E. Law
Pat Meagher

MEETING INFO

Cuttlefish Base meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except December) at 12:00pm. Sea stories & coffee start upon arrival.
Meetings are at various locations each month.
A. Anderson VFW Hall
B. Chico Vets Hall
C. Shasta Lake Amer. Legion
D. Red Bluff Search & Rescue
The location of next meeting is listed above and in the Base minutes.



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September, 2017 Cuttlefish Base Minutes

All rise, meeting called to order:

Chaplain gives the Invocation:

USSVI Creed read by:

Pledge of Allegiance led by:

Tolling the Boats:

Finally, we remember all the brave submariners who died in the course of their duties aboard submarines, some individually and some in groups, but where the submarine itself was not lost. [BELL]

Recognize the MIA-POW:

Remember our members on Eternal Patrol: Commander

Recognize the WWII Veterans in attendance:

Member Introductions:

Birthdays:

Secretary's Report... Approved as written in the WRT

Correspondence

Treasurers Report...Accepted with no changes

Storekeepers Report...No Report

Committee Reports: Covina Base will tour Pampanito meeting in Mare Island Ferry Bldg. 23 Sept.

New Business: Lorne Halls daughter was in attendance to thank us all for having her Father as part of Cuttlefish Base. She brought along some pies of Lorne's favorite.

-Sept. 11th Memorial service City of Shasta Lake

-Sept 11th Bechelli Lane at the Large Flag, Half Staff Day

Old Business:

Good of the Order

Longevity Pins – OOPS I forgot the list.

Other Items for Discussion:

Junction City/Helena Fire – 72 structures lost, this was in the first 36 hours.

IGO Monument – Covina Base holds a partial meeting at their monument

Happy Valley Cemetery- Tues a WWII vet will be interred there.

Announce the next meeting: Oct. 14th Chico Vets Hall

Chaplain will give Benediction!

Close Meeting

50-50 Drawing.



Heaven's Corner



As Heard from the Back Pew

Hello, Cuttlefish Members,

Well, it seems like fall is trying to pop in on us, except I'm not sure mother nature is ready for it to happen just yet.

There have been a lot of disasters around the world lately. Let us be sure to keep those who have been in harm's way in our prayers and thoughts.

"There is no physical pain, no anguish of soul or heartache, no infirmity or weakness you or I ever confront in mortality that the Savior did not experience first. He can reach out, touch, succor, heal, and strengthen us to be more than we could ever be; and help us to do that which we could never do relying only upon our own power."

A Meaningful Life

It is not about being rich, being popular,
being highly educated, or being
perfect.

It is about being real, being
humble, being strong, and being
able to share ourselves and touch
the lives of others.

It is only then that we can have
a full, happy, and contented life.

I'm sorry I won't be at the October meeting in Chico. Shari and I will be enjoying the fall foliage and sights on the East coast!

May the Lord bless and keep us all until we meet again.

USSVI NEWS

Date: 8/30/2017

To: Distribution List

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NEWS-01: CORRECTED COPY

JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING GROTON ISSUES

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 8/30/2017

On Monday, August 21st the leadership of USSVI and the leadership of Groton Base met jointly with their respective attorneys. Various tax issues and issues involving the operation of the Clubhouse and Bar were discussed, along with possible resolutions. Both groups have come to an understanding that no laws were knowingly violated by either group, that the Groton Base has been compliant, and while all issues have not yet been resolved, an agreement was reached to proceed jointly to resolve the remaining in a manner that will allow us to proceed together in the best interests of both USSVI and of Groton Base.

John Markiewicz, USSVI National Commander
and Jeff Walsh, Groton Base Commander

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Date: 8/29/2017

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NEWS-01: 2018 Proposed Budget

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer on 8/29/2017

The USSVI 2018 Proposed Budget has been posted on our Website. It can be found under "Documents/Organization/2018 USSVI Proposed Budget.

It will be presented to the members attending the 2017 Convention Annual Business Meeting in Orlando for approval.

Wayne Standerfer

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NEWS-01: NO DUES FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL JOINING USSVI FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 9/8/2017

Earlier this year the Board of Directors authorized a change to our membership dues that:

"Any active duty member of any of the armed services who wish to join USSVI as a regular or associate member will not be charged dues for their first calendar year of membership."

This new policy had been placed on hold until the new website went live, however, with the latest delays to that happening, we have decided to implement it effective immediately for the 2018 calendar year.

This means any active duty person who joins for 2018, commencing immediately, will not be charged dues until or unless they renew in December of 2018. Their dues will be listed as paid in full until December 31 of 2018.

There are some restrictions:

1. An application must be sent to the National Office as usual.
2. They will not receive a membership card until their first renewal in December of 2018.
3. they will receive only the electronic version of the American Submariner.

JOHN MARKIEWICZ
NATIONAL COMMANDER

USSVI NEWS

Date: 8/28/2017

To: Distribution List

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NEWS-01: 2018 USSVI Calendar Pricing

Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 8/28/2017

2018 USSVI Calendar Pricing!

"Attention Storekeepers and Calendar Sale Coordinators: The 2018 USSVI Calendars will be available in September. We are now taking advanced orders. Order now and be the first in line to receive them. Just email me at nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com. We will process an order and ship as soon as possible. You may also order at this year's national convention in Orlando. This year's theme is, 'Submarine Squadrons of the Pacific Fleet'.

2018 Calendar pricing – Shipped USPS Priority Mail for 3 calendars and up.

Calendars	Cost	Lbs	Pkg type	Media Mail
1 - 2	\$10.95 ea	< 1	Envelope	\$2.75
3 - 6	\$ 8.50 ea	< 2	Envelope	\$3.25
7 - 8	\$ 7.50 ea	< 3	2 " Box	\$3.75
9 - 11	\$ 7.50 ea	< 4	2 " Box	\$4.25
12 - 14	\$ 7.50 ea	< 5	2 " Box	\$4.75
15 - 17	\$ 7.50 ea	< 6	2 " Box	\$5.25
18 - 20	\$ 7.50 ea	< 7	2 " Box	\$5.50
21 - 23	\$ 7.50 ea	< 8	4 " Box	\$6.00
24 - 26	\$ 7.50 ea	< 9	4 " Box	\$6.75
27 - 29	\$ 7.50 ea	< 10	4 " Box	\$7.00
30 - 32	\$ 7.00 ea	< 11	4 " Box	\$7.50
33 - 35	\$ 7.00 ea	< 12	4 " Box	\$8.00
36 - 37	\$ 7.00 ea	< 13	4 " Box	\$8.50
38 - 40	\$ 7.00 ea	< 14	4 " Box	\$9.00
41 - 42	\$ 7.00 ea	< 16	6 " Box	\$10.00
43 - 45	\$ 7.00 ea	< 17	6 " Box	\$10.50
46 - 49	\$ 7.00 ea	< 18	6 " Box	\$11.00
50 - 54	\$ 6.50 ea	< 20	6 " Box	\$12.00
55 - 58	\$ 6.50 ea	< 21	6 " Box	\$12.50
59 - 60	\$ 6.50 ea	< 22	6 " Box	\$12.75
61- 99	\$ 6.50 ea	Combine	Combine	Combine
100-149	\$ 6.00 ea	Combine	Combine	Combine
150 & up	\$ 5.50 ea	Combine	Combine	Free (one address)

Do you have a California Address? If so, please add applicable tax.

Questions? Call 925-679-1744 or email at nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com

Send your order with payment to:

Barry Commons

USSVI National Storekeeper

2063 Main Street, PMB 293

Oakley, CA 94561

"We accept cash, checks and all major credit cards."

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USSVI NEWS

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NEWS-01: ROSH HASHANAH

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 9/19/2017

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Rosh HaShanah begins at sundown on Wednesday, the 20th of September, marking the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days. We'd like to extend L'Shanah Tova '[Have] a Good Year' to all of our Jewish submarine veterans and their families.

Subject: SON OF A BITCH TOOLS

Some extremely accurate info.

SKILLSAW: A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh shit'. Will easily wind a tee shirt off your back.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

CHANNEL LOCKS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

HACK SAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

VICE GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for igniting various flammable objects in your shop and creating a fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. Very effective for digit removal!!

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut large pieces into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge. Also excels at amputations.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of all the crap you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

PVC PIPE CUTTER: A tool used to make plastic pipe too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit. Also very effective at fingernail removal.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door. Works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use. These can also be used to initiate a trip to the emergency room so a doctor can sew up the damage.

SON OF A BITCH TOOL: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a bitch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.



USS BUGARA (SS-331)



General Info

Name: USS Bugara (SS-331)
Namesake: A multicolored fish found along the coast of California
Awarded: N/A
Builder: Electric Boat Company, Groton, CT
Laid down: 31 October 1943
Launched: 2 July 1944
Sponsored by: Mrs. Anna A. Perry
Commissioned: 15 November 1944
Decommissioned: 1 October 1970
Home Port: Subic Bay, PI and San Diego, CA
Struck: 1 October 1970
Fate: Foundered while under tow off Cape Flattery, WA

General Characteristics

Class: Balao-class diesel-electric submarine
Displacement: 1,526 long tons surfaced
2,424 long tons submerged
Length: 311 ft. 9 in.
Beam: 27 ft. 3 in.
Draft: 16 ft. 10 in.
Propulsion: 4 x General Motors 16-278A V10 diesel engines
driving electrical generators
2 x 126-cell Sargo batteries
4 x high speed General Electric electric motors with
reduction gears
2 propellers
5,540 shp surfaced
2,740 shp submerged
Speed: 20.25 kt surfaced
8.75 knots submerged
Test Depth: 400 ft.
Complement: 10 officers, 70-71 enlisted
Armament: 10 x 21 in. torpedo tubes
6 forward, 4 aft, 24 torpedoes
1 x 5-inch/25 caliber deck gun
Bofors 40 mm and Oerlikon 20mm cannon

USS *Bugara* (SS-331), a *Balao*-class submarine, was a ship of the United States Navy named for the bugara, a multicolored fish found along the coast of California.

Bugara (SS-331) was launched 2 July 1944 by Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn.; sponsored by Mrs. Anna A. Perry, wife of Captain Lyman S. Perry; and commissioned 15 November 1944, Commander A. F. Schade in command.

Bugara's war operations extended from 21 February to 17 August 1945 during which she completed three war patrols in the Flores, Java, and South China Seas and the Gulf of Siam.

While the first two patrols of *Bugara* proved uneventful, her third war patrol might be classified as one of the most colorful to be made during the war. This patrol in the Gulf of Siam was highlighted by a series of excellently conducted gun attacks which disposed of 57 small ships totaling 5284 tons. All except two of these vessels were boarded and their native crews put safely ashore with their personal belongings. One of the many interesting incidents of this patrol was an encounter with a Japanese ship manned by a Chinese crew being attacked by Malay pirates. *Bugara* rescued the Chinese, sank the Japanese ship, and then disposed of the pirates.

On 17 August 1945 *Bugara* arrived at Fremantle, Australia, from her last war patrol. After a few days *Bugara* sailed to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, and joined the other units of her squadron. For the remainder of 1945 she operated out of Subic Bay. In January 1946 she returned to San Diego via Pearl Harbor. After a rehabilitation period on the west coast she returned to Pearl Harbor in May 1946.

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She was overhauled at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in 1946 and during the fall of that year made a training cruise in the Bering Sea and then returned to Pearl Harbor via Seattle and Portland. In late October 1947 *Bugara* departed Pearl Harbor for California. She underwent a yard period between 20 November 1947 and 19 March 1948, returning to Pearl Harbor 27 March. In July she proceeded to Yokosuka, Japan, via Guam, Melbourne, Buckner Bay, and Tsingtao. She returned to Pearl Harbor 24 August 1948. On 13 August 1949 she departed Pearl Harbor for overhaul at San Francisco, returning 3 January 1950. In 1952 she collided with the destroyer escort USS *Whitehurst* (DE-634) while on antisubmarine warfare exercises south of Barbers Point, Oahu, Hawaii.^[7] After repairs to her conning tower, she then continued operations out of Pearl Harbor until 7 December 1954. Twice during this period she served in the Far East supporting operations during the Korean War.

On 7 December 1954 she departed Pearl Harbor for San Diego, where she arrived 15 December. *Bugara* then operated along the Pacific coast participating in type training and fleet exercises until decommissioned and struck from the Naval Register 1 October 1970. While under tow near Cape Flattery, Washington, after an aborted attempt to use her as a target for USS *Trigger* (SS-564), *Bugara* was swamped and sank accidentally. *Bugara* received three battle stars for her World War II service.

This months qual boat gives recognition to Merle Raimer. Thank you for your service and dedication to flag and country.

MY GET UP AND GO HAS GOT UP AND WENT

HOW DO I KNOW THAT MY YOUTH IS ALL SPENT?
WELL, MY GET UP AND GO, HAS GOT UP AND WENT.
BUT IN SPITE OF IT ALL I'M ABLE TO GRIN,
WHEN I THINK OF WHERE MY GET UP AND GO HAS BEEN.

OLD AGE IS GOLDEN, SO I'VE HEARD IT SAID,
BUT SOMETIMES I WONDER AS I GET INTO BED,
WITH EARS IN MY DRAWER, MY TEETH IN A CUP,
MY EYES ON THE TABLE UNTIL I WAKE UP.

WHERE SLEEP DIMS MY EYES, I SAY TO MYSELF,
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD LAY ON THE SHELF?
AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY AS I CLOSE MY DOOR,
MY FRIENDS ARE THE SAME, PERHAPS EVEN MORE.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG MY SLIPPERS WERE RED,
I COULD KICK MY HEELS RIGHT OVER MY HEAD,
WHEN I GREW OLDER MY SLIPPERS WERE BLUE,
BUT I STILL COULD DANCE THE WHOLE NIGHT THROUGH.

NOW I'M OLD, MY SLIPPERS ARE BLACK,
I WALK TO THE STORE AND PUFF MY WAY BACK.
THE REASON I KNOW MY YOUTH IS ALL SPENT,
MY GET UP AND GO HAS GOT UP AND WENT.

BUT I REALLY DON'T MIND WHEN I THINK WITH A GRIN,
OF ALL THE WEIRD PLACES MY GIT UP HAS BEEN,
SINCE I'VE RETIRED FROM LIFES COMPETITION,
I BUSY MYSELF WITH LIFES REPITITION

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I GET UP EACH MORNING AND DUST OFF MY WITS,
I TAKE UP THE PAPER AND READ THE OBITS,
IF MY NAME IS MISSING, I KNOW I'M NOT DEAD,
I EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST AND GO BACK TO BED.

THIS ARTICLE WAS SENT TO ME IN 1964 WHILE IN THE NAVY OVER SEAS
BY VERA ROGERS A CLOSE FAMILY FREIND
Amos Goldsberry

CUTTLEFISH Base Members Facts

Submarine Veterans of WWII Members

Jim Church

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol

John Addington, Ernesto Alvarado, Bo Barron, Pat Barron, Paul Berry, John Bones, Harold Brecht, Ray Campuzano, Brodie Ernenwein, Fred Fourby, J Howard Garber, Greg Gormley, Lorne Hall, Arch Johnson, Ed Lydon, Gail Lusk, Bob Maples, Cal Rassmussen, Richard Smith, Eric Swenson, John Teele, John Thode., Bill Vincent.

Boosters

Dom Boncore, James E. Church Jr., Sam Evans, Richard Fyten, James W. Gibson, James Gilmore, Amos Goldsberry, Lorne D. Hall, Norman Hosking, Gilbert F. Houston, Jersey Mike's, John E. Law, Iris Lydon, Larry Mather, Gary Newquist, Jack Regan, Carl E. Rieg, Lenny Steffanelli, Ray Ward, Harry White,

Our Holland Club Members

Dom Boncore, Richard Chaddock, Jim Church, Sam Evans, Jim Gibson, Amos Goldsberry, Henry Hernandez, Norm Hosking, Gil Houston, John Law, Larry Mather, Mac McCollum, Jim MacDonald, Pat Meagher, Stephen W. Morgan, George Petershagen, Merle Raimer, Jack Regan, Carl E. Rieg, Steven Shoop, Leonard Stefanelli, Ted Stevens, Pat Talladino, Chrys Van Eckhardt, Ray Ward, Tom Wise.

USSVI members who have reached the fiftieth anniversary of their qualification in Submarines are eligible for membership in the Holland Club.

BIRTHDAYS

January

6th Douglas Peterson
7th Ray Ward
10th Steve Shoop
11th BJ Gormley
29th Carl E. Rieg
31st Chrys Van Eckhardt

February

3rd Gene Donham
5th Harold White Jr.
13th Gil Houston

March

19th James J. Church Jr.

April

6th Amos Goldsberry
6th Lenny Steffanelli
25th Dom Boncore

May

25th Lester Skelley
29th James Gibson

June

7th Lorne D. Hall
13th Larry Mower
13th Tom Wise
20th Ted Stevens
22nd Pat Talladino

July

3rd George Petershagen
13th Norman Hosking
23rd James Gilmore
30th Gary Newquist

August

8th Sam Evans
20th Iris Lydon
23rd James Gilmore
23rd Mac McCollum
30th Gary Newquist

September

1st Scott Puhlman
1st Merle Raimer
12th Nancy Swenson

October

28th John E. Law
28th Pat Meagher

November

3rd Al Mittlestadt
13th Richard Fyten
25th Jack Regan

December

11th Richard Chaddock
26th Philip Sutton
30th Harry White

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<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>



LOST BOATS FOR SEPTEMBER



USS S-5 (SS-110)

1 September 1920

0 men lost

Lost, when a practice dive went wrong and she sunk bow-first, with her stern showing above water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days, salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.

USS S-51 (SS-162)

25 September 1925

32 men lost

Lost, when it was sunk after a collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.

USS Grayling (SS-89)

9 September 1943

76 men lost

Lost, when on her 8th war patrol and after sinking two ships near Tablas Strait

USS Cisco (SS-290)

28 September 1943

76 men lost

Lost, when on her first patrol in the Sulu Sea west of Mindanao.

USS Pompano (SS-181)

17 September 1943

77 men lost

Pompano was sunk (between Sept. 17 and Oct. 5) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Possibly lost on Sept. 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17 September by air & depth charge attack off the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriyazaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to mine on or after 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on Sept. 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct. 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

