



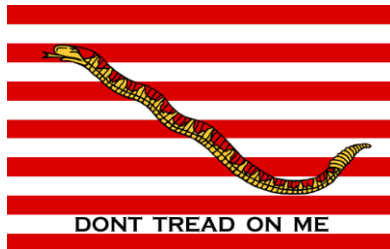
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VETERANS

October 2012



**GOD BLESS AMERICA & ALL OF OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN
UNITED WE STAND IN THIS TIME OF NATIONAL CONCERN**

THE UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

Saturday 20 October 12-Base Meeting @ USS Ling @1000

Sunday 11 November 2012 - NYC Veterans Day Parade starts @ ~1125

Saturday 17 November 12-Base Meeting @ USS Ling @1000

Sunday 02 Dec 12 – Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration @ USS Ling @ 1300

End of an era - Submarine Veterans of WWII disbands

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 9/19/2012

The National SVWWII organization, established in 1955 to honor WWII subvets and remember the submarine men lost in WWII, formally closed it's national administration at the joint USSVI-SVWWII Convention in Norfolk this year. "There are memorials all over this country they've built," said retired Vice Adm. Al Konetzni, who has long been close with the World War II veterans even though he is not of that era. "These guys started in 1955 doing this for their buddies, so they would not be forgotten. It's a wonderful story of self-image. They said, 'Hey, we're going to do it, and we will do it.'"

Walter "Gus" Kraus, final President of SVWWII said the WWII sub veterans considered themselves a unique group and that uniqueness forged a strong bond. The end of the organization, he said, also represents the "end of an era where we were able to get together and blow our own horn, remembering the circumstances under which we fought." "They will never be forgotten, ever, ever, ever," said Konetzni, a former deputy commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. "They gave us our traditions and our spirit. They were our leaders." Of the remaining 2,146 WWII members, due to the passage of time and the ravages of age, only 62 were able to attend the closing ceremony. 1,102 of these WWII men are also members of USSVI.

Each of the SVWWII Chapters has the option to continue meeting as a local 'sub club' and all World War II Submariners are always welcome to attend USSVI meetings in their area.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY - 13 Oct 2012 is the U.S. Navy's 237th Birthday.

Thank you all for your service in the worlds greatest Navy. Each of you have played a part in the heritage, and legacy that is the United States Navy

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@ USS LING (SS-297)
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BASE HIGHLIGHTS:

SMA & BOAT TOURS

SMA is always looking to our membership for volunteers to assist with boat tours on the USS Ling. If you are able to help out on Saturdays or Sundays, please contact the museum office at 201-342-3268 or:
njnavalmuseum@yahoo.com Anytime that you can spare will be appreciated.

2012 & 2013 Voluntary contributions: All donations will be acknowledged in Qualls Forms along with our Boosters. Please send your checks to: Treasurer: John Titterton, 45 Clearview Drive, Randolph, NJ 07869



THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

TO: Shipmates, NJ-North Base
FROM: Les Altschuler, Base Cdr, ENRD2 Cmdr & POC
SUBJ: Update October 2012- NJ-North Base

Shipmates,

It is with much sadness that I report the passing of Margaret "Marge" O'Rourke the Beloved wife of Shipmate and friend Thomas O'Rourke on Wednesday September 26th, 2012.

Visitation was on Sunday September 30th at 2pm – 4pm & 7pm -9pm at the:

M. David DeMarco Funeral Home
205 Country Rd 522 (Rhode Hall Rd)
Monroe Twp, NJ 08831

Our most sincere condolences and prayers go out to Tom and his family. Les & Joyce Altschuler

Margaret O'Rourke

Born in Jersey City, NJ on Jan. 22, 1942

Departed on Sep. 26, 2012 and resided in Monroe Township, NJ.

Burial Cemetery: Brigadier Gen. William C. Doyle NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Margaret (Ellersick) O'Rourke died on Wednesday September 26, 2012 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 70 years old. Mrs. O'Rourke was born and raised in Jersey City. She lived in Union and Colonia for several years before moving to Clearbrook, Monroe Twp. in 2007. She was a parishioner of Nativity of Our Lord RC Church, Monroe Twp. She was a homemaker and was a caring, loving, and giving person who dedicated her life to helping others.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Thomas O'Rourke of Clearbrook, Monroe Twp., two daughters, Linda Moran of East Brunswick, and Patricia O'Rourke of Morris Plains, one son, Thomas O'Rourke and his wife Melody of Harding, four grandchildren, Thomas, Ryan, William, and Quinn, great niece, Ashley Sosa, great nephews, Jay Sosa, and Luke Taras, and many other extended family members.

Funeral services will begin at 8:45am Monday October 1, 2012 from the M. David DeMarco Funeral Home 205 Rhode Hall Rd. Monroe Twp., NJ 08831, 732-521-0555. A funeral liturgy will be 9:30am at Nativity of Our Lord RC Church, Monroe Twp. followed by Interment in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown. Visitation will be from 2-4pm and 7-9pm on Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, and for those who desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 6062 Albert Lea, MN 56007-6662.



Shipmates & Friends,

The NJ Naval Museum/USS Ling mourns the loss of a good friend, Stanley Janora passed away on Thursday September 27th, 2012 he was 96 years old.

Those of us who Stanley will surely miss him. Attached is Stanley's obituary from the Star Ledger's September 30th issue.

Sailor Rest Your Oars.....

Stanley J. Jandora
A legend of longevity as merchant seaman, service spanned years from World War II into his 80s

Stanley J. Jandora, 96, of Tinton Falls, N.J., passed away on Sept. 27, 2012, in Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N.J.

Born in Passaic, N.J., Mr. Jandora attended East Rutherford High. He served in the Marine Corps before World War II and in the Merchant Marine during the war.

Mr. Jandora then worked as a merchant seaman until he was 88, becoming a legend among his peers for the longevity and quality of his service. Known as "Stan the Steelman" or the "Bos'n," he inspired those who served with him all over the world.

After his retirement, Mr. Jandora served as a volunteer guide at the U.S.S. Ling submarine memorial in Hackensack, N.J.

He was predeceased by his wife, Helen, after 54 years of marriage; his son Jim, and a sister, Gladys Sleece.

Mr. Jandora is survived by a brother, Casimir Jandura, and

his wife, Lorraine, of Garfield, N.J.; his daughter, Linda McCreedy and her husband, Edwin, of Colts Neck, N.J., and his daughter-in-law, Nancy Jandora of Chatham Twp., N.J.

He is also survived by grandsons and their spouses, Scott and Lenore (Vanden Handel) Jandora of Hoboken, N.J.; Keith and Coleen Jandora of Parsippany, N.J.; James and Maureen (Pavely) McCreedy of Convent Station, N.J.; Kevin and Kristine Jandora of Westport, Conn., and Matthew and Kathryn McCreedy of Marblehead, Mass. He also leaves 12 great-grandchildren, and his companion, Louise Chehanske of Tinton Falls, N.J.

The family is especially thankful for the compassionate and loving care rendered by Dr. Wayne Braendle.

Services will be private. Donations to the New Jersey Naval Museum, 78 River St., Hackensack, N.J. 07601 would be appreciated.



Stanley and Peter



NJ NORTH BASE, USSVI

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

18 August 2012

Base Commander, Les Altschuler called the meeting to order at 1009 hrs and then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Base Chaplain (Acting), Ray Marshall conducted the Invocation.

Base COB Nick Sheyka led the membership in the Tolling of the Boats for those boats lost in the month of August: USS BULLHEAD (SS-332), USS FLIER (SS-250), USS S-39(SS-144), USS HARDER (SS-257), USS COCHINO (SS-345), USS POMPANO (SS-181) followed by a Moment of



Silence in memory of our shipmates and then Eternal Rest grant unto them, Lord, and may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Base Commander Les led the members in reciting the USSVI Creed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Base Secretary

Base Secretary Tom Conlon was not in attendance, the meeting minutes for the July 21, 2012 meeting were approved as published. The August meeting minutes were taken by Jack Brown acting for Tom Conlon.

Base Treasurer's Report

Base Treasurer John Titterton gave a detailed report of the state of the Base Treasury for the fiscal period through 31 July 2012. His report included a reconciliation of all base accounts concluding that the Base remained in a strong financial position but cautioned that the outflow of funds thus far this year was exceeding incoming revenues. One particular area he brought attention to was the purchase of stores. His recommendation was that some of the existing inventory of stores be liquidated before proceeding with further purchases. He made a motion to this affect and it was accepted.

Base Chaplain

Base Chaplain was not in attendance and a report was not provided.

Base Executive Committee

The committee did not meet.

National Secretary

National Secretary Tom Conlon was not present and therefore there was no report.

Northeast District 2 Report

Les discussed the National election. While NJ North was ahead of all other bases in District 2 in voting. The numbers were not very good. He lamented about the poor voting percentage for base, district, and region. Amendments to the national by-laws were briefly mentioned as were the slate of officers running for election.

Membership

Membership Chairman Jim Adams reported that the current membership totaled 130. He also reported that early bird dues solicitations were being sent out shortly.

Base Storekeeper

Base SK Roy Larsen was not in attendance and the report was given by BC Les Altschuler. He reported that the 2013 USSVI calendars will be available shortly after the National Convention.

Base Holland Club Chairman

Chairman Dieter Rosellen reported that there are 5 shipmates eligible for induction into the Holland Club in 2012. In 2013, there will be 3 more members eligible for induction and in 2014 there will be 4 more members eligible.

OLD BUSINESS

District II patches have been ordered and shipped will have at September base meeting.

USSVI calendars may be available for pickup at the convention in Norfolk and sold at the Sept. meeting.

Voting was discussed earlier in the meeting by BC Les Altschuler but he added further that he had his computer at the meeting and for those members whom had not yet voted, he would show them how to vote on line at the meeting.

The John Basilone Parade is scheduled for Sunday, 23 Sep 12.

**New Business****Submarine Memorial Association**

SMA Executive Director, Dan Wilhoft reported that the SMA was planning a family oriented fund raising BBQ Bash on the Museum grounds for Sunday, 22 Sep 12 at 1200 hrs. He explained that the event would be catered and would have outside entertainment. This event is to raise voluntary donations for SMA.

An opportunity to march in a parade on Sunday, 30 Sep 12 in Hackensack was discussed and a vote by the members present was not to march in the parade.

Congressman Frank Palone, Jr. is hosting the 2012 Service Academy nominations at NAVWEPS STA Earle on 22 Sep 12. Admission requirements will be discussed in detail at this presentation.

The next NJ North Base meeting will be at 1000 hrs on 15 Sep 12.

Good of the Order

An open discussion was undertaken regarding the New York City Veterans Day Parade in 2013. A USSVI group from Florida may come up with a float. It was reported that they were very well represented this year and planned to come in force next year. The membership was positive about joining them to march in the parade.

The embarrassing fiasco of the Sussex Veterans Cemetery alleged fraud was discussed and members lamented that the whole situation was an insult to all deceased veterans.

Dieter Rosellen reported that Marshall University and USS JOHN MARSHALL share something in common; the ship's bell. With the decommissioning of the MARSHALL, the bell found its way to the university named for its namesake. Apparently, the university is very enthusiastic about receiving the bell and honoring submariners who served aboard her. Five Marshall Shipmates staged a mini-reunion at the Huntington, WV location.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed and the meeting adjourned following the Benediction by Acting Chaplain, Ray Marshall.

Seventeen members were present for the meeting. Jim Adams, Les Altschuler, Stan Wallach, Nick Sheyka, Ray Marshall, Basil Kio, John Titterton, Dan Wilhoft, Bob DeGennaro, John Smith, George Mullins, Jack Brown, Dieter Rosellen, Tom O'Rourke, Gerry Haring, Basil D'Armiento and Ron Budin.
Respectfully Submitted, Jack Brown, Acting Secretary

**SILENT SERVICE MOTORCYCLE CLUB (SSMC) September 17, 2012**

Wanted...bikers to join the local Silent Service Motorcycle Club (SSMC), now forming.

If interested please contact Dieter Rosellen, rosellidh@aol.com (973-647-0997). Please visit the National web site at, silentservicemc.org. Be a plank owner and have fun as we schedule events and runs.

The closest chapter to NJ-North Base is Groton, so let's get onboard and form our own Chapter now!

Dieter Rosellen
NJ-North Base
Holland Club Chairman



World War II submarine veterans forced to disband national group

Published September 23, 2012 from Shipmate Carl Hansen

NEW LONDON, Conn. – The submarine veterans of World War II have seen this coming for a long time. At their national convention this month, 62 veterans attended where thousands used to go. The U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II disbanded at the end of its convention Sept. 7 in Norfolk, Va. Local chapters now must decide whether to continue operating under another name or to dissolve as well.

This month in Groton, J. "Deen" Brown announced to his fellow WWII submarine veterans that the Thames River Chapter has a new name. "Eastern USA Chapter U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII," he told members before their monthly luncheon at the U.S. Submarine Veterans clubhouse.

"We simply have to face the fact that we're all getting older and, as we do so, eventually we simply cannot remain a viable national organization," said Brown, 90, of Oakdale.

Walter "Gus" Kraus, the last national president, said the veterans who wanted to keep the national group going "until the last man is gone" prevailed in a vote three years ago. Two years ago, the vote was split. By this year's convention, some of the stalwarts had died, or their friends had. Of the 1,100 members, the youngest is 86. The oldest is 102.

It was difficult for the national organization to find members able to serve as officers and to complete all of the administrative tasks. In their last roster, published 10 years ago, the pages listing the deceased members outnumbered those listing active members.

"The guys said, 'I was all for staying. My shipmate came to the convention with me. He's gone now and I don't feel like coming,'" said Kraus, 91, of Crescent Springs, Ky.

The national organization was established in 1955 to honor submarine veterans who served in World War II. Submarines were just 2 percent of the Navy's fleet then, but subs sank more than 30 percent of the Japanese navy and nearly 5 million tons of shipping. About 16,000 men served on submarine war patrols. The submarine force lost 52 boats and more than 3,500 men.

After the sixth annual reunion of the national submarine veterans group, the membership grew rapidly. Memorials were erected.

"There are memorials all over this country they've created," said retired Vice Adm. Al Konetzni, who has long been close with the World War II veterans even though he is not of that era. "These guys started in 1955 doing this for their buddies, so they would not be forgotten. It's a wonderful story of self-image. They said, 'Hey, we're going to do it, and we will do it.'"

Kraus said the sub veterans considered themselves a unique group and that uniqueness forged a strong bond. The end of the organization, he said, also represents the "end of an era where we were able to get together and blow our own horn, remembering the circumstances under which we fought." Konetzni, who gave the keynote speech at the closing ceremony, said in an interview that the World War II veterans "lived the horror" and "lived the glory," but they do not need the administrative burdens of a federally chartered organization to preserve their memories.

"They will never be forgotten, ever, ever, ever," said Konetzni, a former deputy commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. "They gave us our traditions and our spirit. They were our leaders."

Brown, who was state commander in the national organization, said the veterans who live locally enjoy getting together and want to continue as a group.

The new name is intentionally broad, Brown said, because they expect veterans to join from other states when chapters disband.

About 120 World War II submariners live in Connecticut. After Brown announced the national organization's decision and the name change at the luncheon, Warren Wildes said, "It was time." Wildes, 86, of Groton was eating with LeRoy Webb, 88, of Mystic.



"I hate to see them do it but the day had to come sooner or later," Webb said.

He told Wildes he had just read in "Polaris," the official magazine of the organization, that a chief on the USS Moray, one of the submarines he had served on during the war, had died.

"I used to take his girlfriend's picture and put it under my pillow," he said with a laugh at the prank he used to pull to irritate the chief.

Webb said he served on 15 submarines in his career and was away so much that when his wife was asked how long she had been married, she cut the time in half.

Both Webb and Wildes said they thought it was great that the local group would continue to meet.

"We look forward to seeing our buddies every month and swapping lies," Wildes said.

"Sometimes you hear the same stories over and over again," Webb said. "But they're still interesting."

Many of the World War II submariners are also members of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., which is open to all U.S. Navy submariners. The younger ones in that group began maintaining the memorials and conducting ceremonies when the World War II veterans could no longer do it.

The local World War II veterans turned over the upkeep of the U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII National Submarine Memorial East to the Subvets Groton base and the city of Groton in 2005, said John Carcioppolo, base commander. Subvets willingly took on the responsibility.

"The World War II guys are part of our heritage," Carcioppolo said. "And it's up to us to preserve that heritage."

George Jones, 92, another World War II submariner who attended the luncheon, said it's important to him that the memorial is well taken care of because his friends' names are on its Wall of Honor.

"I lost a lot of friends during the war and I came close myself," Jones, of Waterford, said. "I hope we will continue to be remembered for many, many years to come."

USSVI Naval Memorial Plaque Progress at the Navy Memorial in Washington DC 10/5 & 10/9/2012

As part of the 50th Anniversary of USSVI initiative, the American Submariners of USSVI will place a Memorial Plaque on the historic Commemorative Plaque Wall at the prestigious U.S. Navy Memorial and Navy Heritage Center on Pennsylvania Ave in Washington, DC.

Known as the Memorial "Quarterdeck of the Navy", to date over 600 ships, squadrons, Navy veterans and Navy family plaques have been installed on the Wall. The plaque is a 14 inch by 14 inch aluminum plaque with the graphics photo etched on to the plaque so it will last over 200 years.

This project was announced at the 2011 convention and we have gathered in donations approaching \$ 6,000 to date of the \$10,000 needed.

Thanks to all who have contributed to date, and a special recognition is due the Seadragon Base and Seattle Base for contributions in excess of \$ 500.00 ea, and to Ron Kimmel (Blueback), John Savory, Doug Smay (Doug Smay), Ken Fleming (Reading), Ed Corrao (Tang) and Tim Floersch \$ Pat Householder (Seattle) & Colly O'Gorman (Scamp) for contributions in excess of \$ 125.00 ea.

All Submarine Veterans and their supporters are urged to donate to this tax deductible, Navy Memorial Plaque project. This is an outstanding way for us to remember our shipmates and be recognized for serving our great country in the Silent Service. Please respond ASAP using the info below so that we might completely fund this project and hold a memorable Dedication Ceremony on the 50th Anniversary of USSVI at the US Navy Memorial in Washington, DC.

This ceremony will be open to all Submariners and their supporters. Here is another link that will explain the project and show a picture of the plaque as well.

<http://ussvi.wordpress.com/2011/11/22/national-memorial-plaque-in-washington-dc/>



Send your tax deductible contribution made payable to USSVCF and marked for 'Navy Plaque Fund' to:
United States Submarine Veterans
PO Box 3870
Silverdale WA 98383



BIRTHDAYS

August:

3rd-Ray Marshall
5th-Bob Straub, Al
Michinski & Nick
Abousamara
7th-Tom Conlon
12th-Gerry
Dougherty
20th-Bob DeGennaro
23rd-Michael
Namisnak & John
Bivona Jr.
24th-Steve
Colacurcio

September:

2nd-Tom Coulson &
Basil D'Armiento
5th-Rod Rodriguez
7th-Clayton Staton
13th-Robert Kertes
14th-Michael Stora
17th-Earl Riley
30th -Ron Niemsky



October:

1st - Joseph Mazzone
5th - Gerry Harring
9th - Paul Whelan & Ed Stoker
12th-Fred Meenen & Michael
Maloney
25th-Vic Casciola
27th-Gerard Pascucci
28th-Basil Kio, Dieter
Rosellen, Bill Reilly & Bob
Glaser
29th-David Debonis
31st-Robert Lowcher & TJ
Innocente

Museum Ships: Fading Away Expensively

10/7/2012

SUBMITTED BY USSVI OFFICE

There is a growing crisis in dealing with the growing cost of maintaining old warships maintained as museums and tourist attractions. Most of these vessels are in the water and literally rusting away. Many are now in need of major refurbishment, which can cost over \$100 million for a carrier or battleship. Even smaller ships (cruisers, destroyers and submarines) can require over \$20 million to put back into shape to just sit in the water, receive visitors and not sink or fall apart the next time a major storm hits. Most of the largest of these museum ships are American, largely because the U.S. has had the largest fleet in the world for nearly a century.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htmorale/articles/20121007.aspx>



GENERAL DYNAMICS TO SUPPORT USS MIAMI FIRE RESTORATION PROGRAM

18 September 2012 <http://www.naval-technology.com>

KITTERY, Maine -- General Dynamics (GD) Electric Boat has been awarded a contract by the US Navy to support advance planning and preliminary execution efforts for the Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered submarine, USS Miami (SSN 755) fire restoration programme.

Under the \$94m cost-plus-fixed-fee delivery contract, the company will manage activities such as assessment and analysis, planning and material procurement, as well as fabrication and initial installation to return USS Miami to the naval fleet with complete mission readiness.

USS Miami suffered fire damage from an accidental blaze in May while it was in a dry dock at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, for a 20-month engineered overhaul.

"USS Miami suffered fire damage from an accidental blaze in May while it was in a dry dock at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, for a 20-month engineered overhaul."

Northrop Grumman and GD-built Los Angeles-class submarines are armed with land-attack and anti-ship version of the Tomahawk missile, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, as well as 533mm torpedo tubes and Mark 117 torpedo fire control systems.

Powered by a 26MW GE PWR S6G nuclear-pressure water reactor, Los Angeles-class submarines have been designed to support anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, strike missions, and mining, as well as search and rescue missions for the US Navy.

Integrated with Sperry Marine BPS 15 A/16 surface search, navigation and fire control radar, the submarines have electronic support measures (ESM), including a BRD-7 direction finding system, the WLR-1H and WLR-8(v)2 interceptors and the WLR-10 radar warning device.

Additional features of the Los Angeles-class boats include a Northrop AN/WLY-1 acoustic interception and countermeasures system.

The contract includes an option for the total award value to rise to \$100m if exercised.

Work will be performed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, US, and is scheduled to be complete by June 2013.

Navy says submarine, Aegis cruiser collide; no one injured

13 October 2012

Norfolk, Va (AP) — Set Norfolk, Va. — The Pentagon said late Saturday that it is investigating why a Navy submarine collided with an Aegis cruiser during routine operations at an undisclosed location. The U.S. Fleet Forces Command said in a news release that the submarine USS Montpelier and the Aegis cruiser USS San Jacinto collided about 3:30 p.m. No one was injured, and the extent of any damage to the vessels was not clear Saturday evening, said Lt. Commander Brian Badura of the Fleet Forces Command.

"We have had circumstances where Navy vessels have collided at sea in the past, but they're fairly rare as to how often they do take place," Badura told The Associated Press. Navy officials said the collision was under investigation, but declined to offer specifics on what happens next or on where the incident took place.

"If we do have an incident that does take place, there are folks that swing into action ... to help us make a better, more conclusive explanation of exactly what happened," Badura said. The news



release says “overall damage to both ships is being evaluated,” and that the sub’s propulsion plant was “unaffected by the collision.” Both Navy ships are based at Norfolk, Va., and are operating on their own power, the news release says.

The Montpelier (SSN-765), a Los Angeles-class submarine, was the third Navy ship to be named for Montpelier, Vt. A Navy statement about the crash stated that the submarine USS Montpelier (SSN 765) and the Aegia cruiser USS San Jacinto (CG 56) collided around 3:30 pm eastern time, according to ABC News. The Navy’s statement elaborated that there were no injuries reported on either vessel, and that the submarine’s nuclear power reactor “was unaffected by this collision.”

An official with the Navy stated that the two ships were participating in a “group sail” at the time of the collision, along with another vessel. Together the three ships were working on an anti-submarine exercise in preparation for an upcoming deployment as part of the strike group for the USS Harry S Truman aircraft carrier.

The official explained that around 3:30 pm, the bridge watch on the San Jacinto spotted the submarine Montpelier rise to periscope depth about 100 to 200 yards ahead of them. While the bridge ordered an “all back,” they still collided with the sub. NBC News notes that the two ships involved in the collision are both operating under their own power. Collisions between Navy submarines and surface warships are rare, but can occasionally happen.

The last occurrence was in March 2009 when the submarine USS Hartford suffered severe damage to its Con tower after it collided with the amphibious transport ship USS New Orleans in the Strait of Hormuz. The investigation afterwards found fault with the commanders aboard the submarine over the collision. Several officers and crew members aboard the submarine were later disciplined for their roles in the accident.

An investigation is expected to see why the submarine and cruiser collided off of the East Coast.

NJ NORTH BASE BOOSTER CLUB-2012

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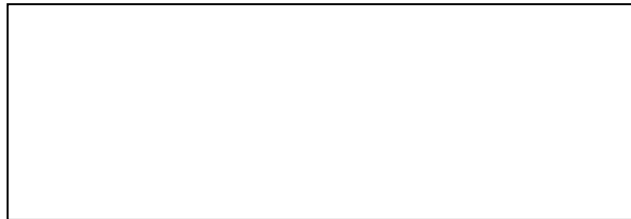


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