

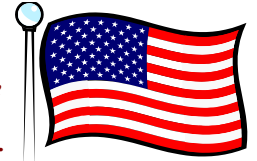
There are only two kinds of ships Submarines and Targets

RIDING THE VENTS

February 2021



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 accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and it's Constitution.



TANG BASE MEETING
AT AL POST #104

Tang Base meets on the 3rd
Saturday of each month except
April, May,
October & December
at American Legion Post #104.
7550 60th Street, Pinellas Park, FL



NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY
20 FEBRUARY 2021

Tang Base Meeting
American Legion Post 104
1100 Muster

1130 Chow Down

Meeting Starts at 1200

Bring A Friend or New Recruit for USSVI

**IN THE BEGINNING,
GOD CREATED SUBMARINERS
SUBMARINERS CREATED SUBMARINES AND
SUBMARINERS CREATED THE BROTHERHOOD**
FEBRUARY LOST BOATS

USS SHARK	SS-174	2/11/1942
USS AMBERJACK	SS-219	2/16/1943
USS GRAYBACK	SS-208	2/27/194
USS TROUT	SS-202	2/29/1944
USS BARBEL	SS-316	2/04/1945

Sailors, Rest your Oars

Lord, these departed shipmates with Dolphins on their chests are part of an outfit known as the best. Make them welcome and take them by the hand you'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land. So, Heavenly Father add these names to the roll of our departed shipmates on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memory alive; and also, for all our shipmates currently serving and those of us still here and for all our futures.



**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

3	Tom Donan	15	Dennis Zipay
6	James Frantz	16	Bud Alexander
6	Wayne Fernandez	25	Charlie Bond
6	Tony Glaude	25	Frank Wreath
9	John Beebe		

And Many Happy Returns



***BINNACLE
LIST***

Pauline Burtner	Roland Creaser
Bill Mulvenna	
Frank Wreath	

**Keep Them and Anyone We
May Have Missed In Your Prayers**
Please Keep Us Updated

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Command Corner

By Commander John Ranes &
Vice Commander Bob Sommer



Shipmates: As we continue into 2021, our intent is to try and return as much to a normal schedule as possible. We appreciate the cooperation we have seen at the meetings by our members adhering to the guidelines. With more and more of our members getting the Covid-19 vaccinations, we are hopeful that our meeting attendance will increase. We will, of course, continue with Covid-19 guidelines as long as they exist in our area and we feel it necessary to protect our membership. We continue to plan our meetings and events per the normal schedule and will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation. Any changes to our scheduled events will be promulgated as quickly as possible. Our next meeting will be on Saturday the 20th of February at AL Post 104 at 1100. We hope to see you there.

Base Commander, John Ranes and Base Vice Commander, Bob Sommer

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Tang Base Website & Facebook
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Up Coming Events

20 February {Saturday 11:00AM }
Tang Base Meeting
American Legion Post # 104

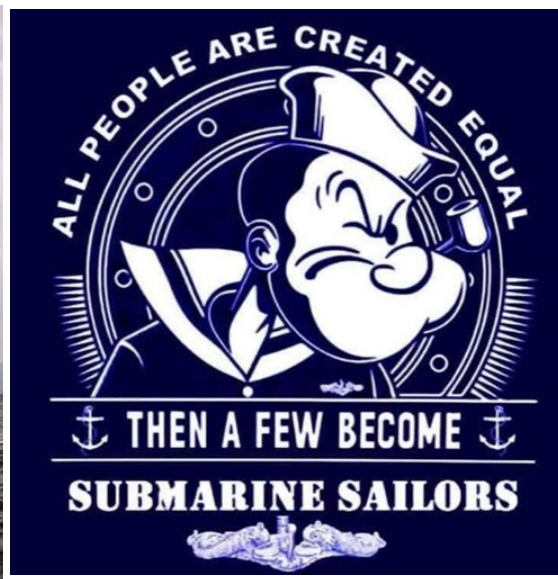
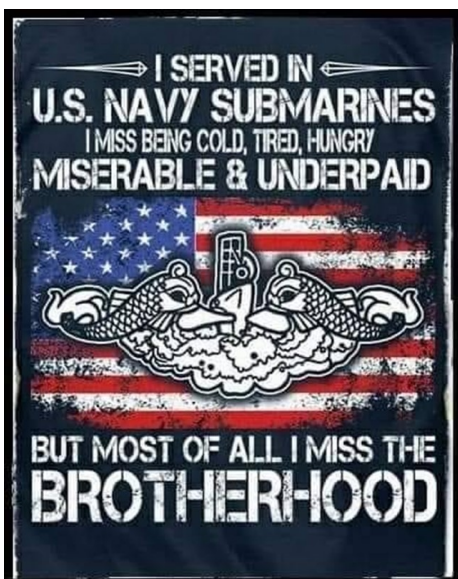
20 March {Saturday 11:00AM }
Tang Base Meeting
American Legion Post # 104

17 April {11:00AM - Saturday}
ANNUAL SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE
Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park
3602 US Highway 301, North Tampa, FL 33619

15 May {11:00AM - Saturday}
Tang Base Spring Picnic, Constitution Park
1831 4 Gulf Blvd., Redington Shores, FL

19 June {11:00 AM - Saturday}
Tang Base Meeting
American Legion Post # 104

NOTE: At the present time, the Tang Base E-Board will continue to review all future scheduled events with the possibility of cancelling. We will continue to conduct business inside the recommended CDC and municipal guidelines. We will keep you apprised to any and all changes as soon as decisions are made.



January 2021 Meeting Minutes – Submitted by Vice Commander Bob Sommer

The Tang Base Monthly Meeting on Saturday 16 January 2021, with 13 members present, began with the COB, Edd Gaurich sounding the klaxon, followed with a brief welcome by Immediate Past Commander (IPC), Tom Donan who filled in for Base Commander John Raney. Commander Raney was in the VA Hospital at Bay Pines, due to be released later that day. Vice Commander Bob Sommer read the USSVI Creed, followed with the Invocation by Joel Grainger. IPC Donan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. At this point we broke from the normal procedures to allow the IPC to conduct the Oath of Office to the new Officers present (Bob Sommer, Al Aumack and Richard Geyer). The COB, Edd Gaurich conducted the Tolling of the Boats, with Dennis Zipay as the Reader and Dennis Gordon as the Bell Ringer. IPC Donan then recognized the Past Commanders present at the meeting: Ken McNabb, Al Aumack and Tom Donan. New member, Ron Morrison was recognized and told of an expected sea story to be given at the end of the meeting. Vice Commander Bob Sommer thanked Joel Grainger for the outstanding lunch he provided to the membership, following by the list of upcoming events: 20 February and 20 March meetings to be held at American Legion Post 104, beginning at 1100. He spoke of scheduling the Annual Submarine Veterans Memorial Service on 17 April at the Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park, contingent upon the park being open. Our application for the service is on their desk awaiting opening of the park. He further addressed the potential for our May 15 Picnic at Constitution Park in Redington Shores, again contingent upon the park being open. We are on their schedule. Bob Sommer then addressed the need for a Secretary, as that position is still open and needs to be filled. He has been doing a lot of the Secretary's functions, including the Meeting Minutes, but can't continue much longer. He spoke of the USSVI Southeast Regional Conference scheduled for the week of 21 April to be held in Biloxi/Gulfport area and the need for bases to indicate the level of desire to attend and queried the membership with no response to attend. He will notify USSVI Chain of Command. IPC Donan then called for a motion to accept the November 2020 meeting minutes as printed in the December 2020 Newsletter, motion was made, seconded and approved. Treasurer Al Aumack then provided the Treasurer's reports for November and December, 2020 and then the End of Year Financial Report he provided to USSVI. IPC Donan called for a motion to accept the reports as given, so made, seconded and approved. Membership Chairman, Richie Geyer then provided the December 2020 Membership report. With the new member, Ron Morrison, Tang Base now has a membership of 92, with 3 Tang Base Only Associate Members and 89 USSVI/Tang Base members. He spoke of the two members who went on Eternal Patrol in the later part of 2020, James Schmidt and Edward White. The COB reported that he was grateful for the cooperation of the membership with the Covid-19 guidelines during the meeting and spoke of the need to continue. Co-Historian Rick Connole spoke of the Code Breakers during WWII and how important they were to the success of the U. S. efforts in winning the war in the Pacific, especially the Submarine Force. He cited a book by W. J. Holmes "Double Edged Secrets" and how the code breaking efforts were in fact double edged; in that if the Submarines were told too much and became overly successful in sinking Japanese vessels that the Japanese would be aware their codes had been broken. That would have defeated the Pacific major Commanders' efforts to win the war. He spoke of his father's submarine the USS Trigger and how she was lost during a major effort to sink the Japanese Battleship Yamato, during a battle based on information gleaned from the broken Japanese codes. Webmaster, Bill Strand, Jr. spoke of a recent problem with our Website and Facebook pages. He had posted information about submarines to those sites, to be told that he had violated their rules and the sites were shut down. Bill is investigating and trying to determine what rules were violated and what was in the posts that warranted the violations. Vice Commander Bob Sommer requested specific details in order to determine if the USSVI Chain of Command should be notified. During Good of the Order, new member Ron Morrison told a sea story of how he got in hot water with the local police in Holy Loch, while he was reporting about his submarine, USS Shark SSN591. This event led him to his first encounter with the Commanding Officer and the Chief of the Boat. The CO's reaction was much less critical than the COB's who provided Ron with a lot to think about. The 50/50 was conducted by Treasurer Al Aumack, with Dennis Zipay winning and the QVC was won by Ron Morrison. Joel Grainger conducted the Benediction followed by the COB Edd Gaurich sounding the Klaxon. The meeting was adjourned.

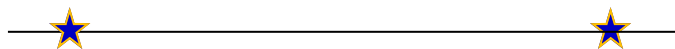
DEPARTMENT OF NAVY RELEASES RECORDS RELATED TO LOSS OF USS THRESHER**BY NAVY OFFICE OF INFORMATION****WASHINGTON, D.C. –**

The Navy began releasing recently unclassified documents concerning the loss of the submarine USS Thresher (SSN 593), fulfilling a February 2020 ruling by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, September 23, 2020.

Thresher sank on April 10, 1963, 220 miles off the Massachusetts coast while conducting sea trials. All 129 men onboard, consisting of 112 crew members and 17 shipyard personnel, perished in the loss and remain on eternal patrol. Following the tragedy, a formal Court of Inquiry convened to determine, if possible, the cause of the loss. While the Court of Inquiry could not conclusively determine the cause of Thresher's loss from the available evidence, the investigation did identify multiple weaknesses in Thresher's design that contributed to either a flooding casualty or complicated the ship's ability to combat a casualty to save the ship. In the intervening years, no amplifying evidence has been found that would illuminate the cause.

In alignment with the Court of Inquiry findings and recommendations, the Navy implemented changes in operating practices, crew training and more stringent maintenance and material procedures. The material aspect was specifically addressed by creating the Submarine Safety (SUBSAFE) Program, the basic foundation of which is still in place today. Additionally, to address inadequacies in submarine rescue capabilities, the Navy developed and funded deep-sea submarine rescue technology to ensure any similar failures in systems or procedures will not result in the loss of Sailors' lives. The current release of information is consistent with the need to protect information related to military plans, platforms, weapons, systems and operations, as well as the privacy of crew members and their families. This release provides the public with electronic access to all releasable material. The Navy is initially processing the Court of Inquiry for release, which was ordered on 10 April 1963, the date of the loss, by the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Documents will be released on a monthly basis, in the order in which they are processed.

The records are available for public viewing in the THRESHER RELEASE folder at: [https://
www.secnav.navy.mil/foia/readingroom/sitepages/home.aspx](https://www.secnav.navy.mil/foia/readingroom/sitepages/home.aspx)



From your Librarian. In May 1945 after the German surrender it appeared the war was over. Turns out two submarines, U 530 and U 977 after 105 days on patrol, sailed into a port in Argentina. Much speculation upon their arrival was if they had any Nazi leaders onboard escaping from Germany. After questioning by both local officials and American intelligence officers, it was determined they did not. The longest U. S. submarine patrol up to that time was 84 days, so there was some speculation that the boats had made a port call, picked up supplies, and maybe dropped off some passengers. After all these years and the number of sailors involved, no information has ever come out to change the findings on this matter. Until next time, see you around the library. Dave Farrugia, Past Commander, and your Librarian

Florida's Veteran Impact (Excerpt taken from Florida Trend)

As the population of veterans shrinks, states are competing to attract retired veterans, who bring federal dollars and job skills. Florida is trying to stay at the top of the pack.

Among the major factors that spurred Florida's growth after World War II was the in-migration of hundreds of thousands of Americans who had trained at the 172 military installations the state hosted during the war. At the height of the war, Camp Blanding, a National Guard training facility 43 miles southwest of Jacksonville, was bigger than all but the three largest cities in Florida, with 55,000 soldiers stationed there. After the war, many vets returned and put down roots in Florida, and over the next several decades, military retirees flocked here by the hundreds of thousands. Today, about 1.5 million veterans call the state home, including more than 202,000 retirees. But those ranks are thinning, both in Florida and nationally. As veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam and wars in the Middle East die, the number of veterans in the state shrinks by about 2% each year. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs predicts that by 2045, Florida will have 853,000 veterans — a 41% decline from the current veteran population. Those demographics are of no small financial importance to Florida. More than \$20 billion in veteran-related federal money flows into Florida each year — in the form of GI Bill education benefits, VA benefits and military pensions. VA spending on Florida's veterans totaled \$15.2 billion in 2019, and the state's military retirees collected \$5.6 billion in federal pension payments in 2018. Along with federal dollars, veterans bring skills and experience in demand by the state's employers; that kind of financial and human capital creates incentives for states to take steps to attract and keep veterans.

While Florida's sunshine and lack of an income tax retain their appeal, other states are targeting vets by moving to improve their economic climates. Last year, Indiana and North Dakota joined 30 other states that don't tax military pensions. Wisconsin has expanded property tax benefits for disabled veterans and has unveiled a \$1.9-million marketing campaign to lure military veterans and their families. Others tout everything from specialty license plates to property tax exemptions to home loan programs created just for veterans. Through a collaboration with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for instance, the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay operates a peer-to-peer veteran hotline that connects veterans in crisis who call 1-844-MyFLVet or 2-1-1 with certified veteran counselors. And with state funding, the University of South Florida's College of Public Health is researching alternative treatments — including the role of music therapy, equine therapy and service animals — for PTSD and traumatic brain injury.

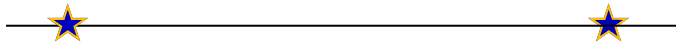
The state is also working to fix one of the biggest obstacles for veterans: A lack of awareness of what services are available to them. A 2020 report from Florida's Forward March initiative found that many veterans are unaware of their eligibility for VA benefits. Misconceptions about the VA — including the perception that it's designed to deny veterans their benefits or that VA health care of today is geared toward an older generation — also create barriers.

Military Retirees

1.5 million — Veterans in Florida

202,840 — Military retirees among Florida's veterans. Exactly half are over 65. More than 90% receive pension payments.

\$21 billion — Veteran-related federal money that flows into Florida each year, consisting of \$15.2 billion in VA spending and \$5.6 billion in military pensions.



Veterans in the 117th Congress

There are 91 members of the 117th congress with prior military service, making up 17% of the 117th Congress. This number has steadily declined compared from its peak in the 1970's when the veterans' membership in congress was around 75 percent.

The veterans in the 117th Congress by the numbers:

- 17 will serve in the Senate, 74 will serve in the House.
- 28 are Democrats, 63 are Republicans.
- More than half (49) had overseas combat deployments.
- 15 are first-time lawmakers.
- 6 are female.
- 44 served in the Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard.
- 15 served in the Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.
- 15 served in the Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserve.
- 17 served in the Navy or Naval Reserve.
- None served in the Coast Guard.

TANG BASE BOOSTERS

2019		2020	
Earl Meggison	USS Sabalo SS-302	Lee Holmes (2)	Tang Base Associate Member
Margaret Meggison	Friend of Tang Base	Patricia Holmes	Friend of Tang Base
James Schiebrel	USS Atule SS-403	Bill Stand	USS Barracuda SSK 1
Bill Ogburn	USS Sea Fox SS-402	Charlie Bond (2)	USS Spikefish SS-404
Priscilla Ogburn	Friend of Tang Base	Nancy Bond	In Memory of
Ed Thompson	USS Sea Poacher SS-406	Edmond White	Tang Base
Sally Key	In Memory of Charlie Key	Sally Key	In Memory of Charlie Key
Charlie Bond	USS Spikefish SS-404	Raymond Dennis	USS Sea Lion SS-315
Nancy Bond	In Memory	Charlie Bond	Kap(SS) 4 KID(SS)
Bob Sommer (4)	USS Barbel SS-580	Bill Ogburn (3)	USS Sea Fox SS-402
Lenora Sommer (4)	Friend of Tang Base	Allen Hooker	USS Albacore AGSS 569
Tom Sommer (4)	USS Mariano G. Vallejo SSBN-658	Mary Hooker	Friend of Tang Base
Elizabeth Sommer (4)	Friend of Tang Base	Bob Sommer (15)	USS Barbel SS580 / Model Storage
Raymond Dennis	USS Sea Lion SS-315	Bob Sommer	Kaps 4 Kids
Jerry Duignan	USS Sailfish SSR-572	Frank & Debbie Wreath	Kaps 4 Kids
Natalie Duignan	Friend of Tang Base	Edd & Ruthie Gaurich (2)	Special Fund
Bud Alexander	USS Piper ss-409	Terry Hershman	Boosters
Judith Alexander	Friend of Tang Base	Bill Strand Jr	Special Fund
Art Jorgensen	Tang Base Associate Member	Dave & Mary Harriss	Special Fund
Wanda Jorgensen	Friend of Tang Base	Bill Strand	Kaps 4 Kids
Ken Burtner	USS Rock SS-274	Tom Donan	Special Fund
Pauline Burtner	Friend of Tang Base	Bill & Debbie Vingin (4)	Boosters / Model Storage
Bob Bachman	Kaps 4 Kids	Ed Thompson	Boosters
Rick Connole	General Fund	Earl & Margaret Maggison	Boosters
Edd Gaurich	USS Requin SS-481 / K4K		
Ruthie Gaurich	Friend of Tang Base		
William F. Brown	USS Tench SS/AGSS-417		
Jim Schiebrel	USS Atule SS 403		
Debbie & Will Vingin	USS Raton AGSS-270		
Bill Ogburn	USS Sea Fox SS-402		
Bob Sommer	USS Barbel SS-580		
Lenora Sommer	Friend of Tang Base		
Tom Sommer	USS Mariano G Vallejo SSBN-658		
Elizabeth Sommer	Friend of Tang Base		
Ed Thompson	USS Sea Poacher SS-406		
Mary Lorentz	Friend of Tang Base		
Ray Dennis	USS Sea Lion SS-315		
Charlie Bond	USS Spikefish SS-404		
Nancy Bond	In Memory of		
Wayne Fernandez	USS Grenadier SS-525		
Dale Ranson	Friend of Tang Base		
John Poyer (2)	USS Chopper SS-342		
Richard Poyer (2)	USS Thomas Edison SSBN-610		

2021

Ray Dennis	USS Sea Lion SS-315
Allen & Mary Hooker	USS Albacore AGSS 569
Sally Key	In Memory of Charlie Key
Bill Strand	USS Barracuda SSK 1
Mart Mermet	Boosters
Bob Sommer	USS Barbel SS580 / Model Storage

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TANG BASE ON ETERNAL PATROL - SAILORS, REST YOUR OARS

Robert Sheets USS Odax SS-484 5/10/1995	Dean Steinmetz USS Sea Owl SS-405 8/16/1997	Larry B. Moody USS Chopper SS-342 1/13/1998	Karl Hermann USS Odax SS-484 12/5/1999	Edward Wilson USS S-10 SS-115 1/12/2000	George Rocek USS Sculpin SS-191 unknown
Joseph J. Lilenfeld USS Sailfish SS-192 8/8/2000	Werner Fridman USS Cavalla SSK-244 10/20/2000	Edgar A. Chase USS S-7 SS-132 10/24/2000	Rudy Burkett USS Flyingfish SS-229 5/15/2001	Doyle Rowell USS Pickerel SS-524 6/1/2002	John McNelis USS Spot SS-413 unknown
John Scott Sr. USS Halfbeak SS-352 6/29/2002	Dean Brooks USS Rasher SS-269 8/19/2002	Donald Dubendorfer USS S-14 SS-119 9/6/2002	Clayton S. Scisco USS Creville SS-291 11/19/2002	Clifford Perry USS Bergall SS-320 5/15/2003	Joe Anderson USS S-11 SS-116 9/21/2003
John A. Burke USS Argonaut SS-166 1/31/2004	Norbert E. Ayres USS Diablo SS-479 2/18/2004	John Buczek na 4/10/2004	Robert Warnock USS Barracuda SS-163 8/3/2004	Gerhard R. Richter U-81 10/19/2005	Richard Hogan USS Baya SS-318 12/13/2005
Ernest Van Deventer USS Pompon SS-267 1/11/2006	Lester J. Seaver USS Runner SS-476 4/13/2006	James L. Monte USS Sea Devil SS-400 4/19/2006	Robert H. "Bob" Collins USS Cavalla SS-244 7/1/2006	Donald L. Powell USS Cubera SS-347 7/21/2006	William J. Mayer USS Pomfret SS-391 11/17/2006
John P. Kulik USS Bowfin SS-287 11/29/2006	Mark A. Kohlhof USS Cod SS-224 12/30/2006	John H. Morrissey USS Sturgeon SS-187 1/15/2007	Thomas Harrow USS Argonaut SS-475 3/29/2007	Leon Marion USS Quillback SS-424 6/26/2007	Nickolas Manolas USS Grampus SS-523 10/21/2007
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Frank P. Dell USS Cachalot SS-170 4/3/2011	Archibald Warnock USS S-20 SS-125 5/31/2011	Robert Flaherty USS Torsk SS-423 7/30/2011	J. Read Gwyer USS Bluegill SS-242 2/2/2012	Howard Stein USS Becuna SS-319 4/30/2012	Harry Peché USS Lamprey S-372 6/2/2012
John Romeo USS Sea Poacher SS-406 5/30/2012	Rowland Brown USS Quillback SS424 8/12/2012	Charles W. Brink USS Icefish SS-367 10/27/2012	Gerhard Bultmann USS Chivo SS-241 12/16/2012	James W. Eubanks USS Drum SS-228 2/24/2013	Charles F. Miles, Jr. USS Bang SS-385 3/19/2013
Emmett D. Miller USS Pomfret SS-391 4/16/2013	Charles W. Crawford USS Raton SS-270 4/18/2013	Edward H. Frank USS Hoe SS-258 5/22/2013	Patrick J. McGee USS Threadfin SS-410 10/02/2013	Huie Thomas Dickey USS Trumpetfish SS-425 10/14/2013	Charles W. Boisvert USS O-6 SS-67 2/03/2014
Donald L. McCurley USS Sablefish SS-303 5/08/2014	Edgar W. Nordyke USS Croaker SS-246 5/24/2014	Robert Sundmaker USS Diablo SS-479 11/10/2014	Donald Van Dorn USS Barracuda SS-163 3/01/2015	Warren P. Johnson USS Sabalo SS-302 3/09/2015	Raymond C. Aldrich USS Irex SS-485 9/19/2015
Albert J. Dempster USS S-43 SS-154 10/02/2015	Robert E. Chambers USS Trigger SS-564 4/06/2016	James H. McCullough USS Sirago SS-485 8/13/2016	Claude (Wes) Gallaher USS Dragonet SS-293 11/26/2016	Albert Frederick Cabana USS Sea Cat SS-399 01/24/2017	John Benedict Gantnier USS Porpoise SS-172 05/01/2017
Walter Ragan USS Grampus (SS-523) 12/10/2017	Richard "Dick" F. Mohl USS Aspro (SS-309) 1/29/2018	Douglas DeWitt USS Scorpion (SSN-589) 4/7/2018	Robert Gruschow USS Tirante (SS-420) 5/12/2012	Michael R. Jacqmin USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609) 8/25/2018	Robert C. Readell USS O-10 (SS-71) 10/09/2018
Charles T. Key USS Chopper (SS-342) 1/17/2019	Thomas "Tom" R. Rostan USS Abraham Lincoln SSBN 602 11/18/2019	James H. Sills USS Sea Fox SS 402 12/13/2019	John D. Fink USS Tigrone SS 419 4/11/2020	James J. Schmidt USS Thomas Jefferson (SSBN 618) 9/11/2020	Edward R. White USS Bugara SS 331 11/15/2020



USS Tang plaque at the NTC Park Submarine Memorial Point Loma at what was the Grinder at RTC San Diego



United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
Tang Base - Pinellas Park, FL
Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Your Birth date: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Spouse's Birth date: (month/day only) _____

Boat Qualified on: _____

Date Qualified: _____

Highest Rank/Rate Attained: _____

Currently on active duty: Yes () No ()

USN or USNR Retired: Yes/Date (_____) No ()

Inclusive Years of Service: From: _____ To: _____

Other boats served on: (names, hull #s, & dates [years]):

Signature: _____

Date: _____

USSVI National Dues

{Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st - Dec 31st}

1 Year (Jan-Sep): \$25 ~ (Oct-Dec includes the next year): \$30

3 Years: \$70 5 Years: \$115

USSVI National Life Membership

(age 76 and up = \$100) (66 to 75 = \$200) (56 to 65 = \$300)

(46 to 55 = \$400) (46 and younger = \$500)

Annual Tang Base Dues: \$15 per Year

{The BASE has no LIFE dues plan}

Combine National and Base dues making check payable to:
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