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**What's "Below Decks"
in the Midwatch**



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Lest We Forget Those Still On Patrol

SEPTEMBER ETERNAL PATROLS

USS S-5	SS110	Sept. 1, 1920	none lost
USS S-51	SS162	Sept. 25, 1925	32 men
USS Grayling	SS209	Sept. 9, 1943	76 men
USS Cisco	SS290	Sept. 28, 1943	76 men

The Perch Base USSVI is not able to totally support itself financially on the dues collected from its members. There has, to date, been no successful and ongoing plan since the base was formed to produce a sufficient source of income to meet all of the Base's needs. Therefore, the Base has relied on additional donations from members. These supplemental donors are called the "Booster Club."



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**October Meeting
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

*** MIDWATCH NEWSLETTER ***

Article Submission Deadlines

The deadlines for the next three Midwatch newsletters are as follows:

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Oct. 2007	Friday, Oct. 5th
Nov. 2007	Friday, Nov. 2nd
Dec. 2007	Friday, Dec. 1st

Please submit your articles by the evening of the deadline dates indicated to make sure your articles are included and to assure the timely publication and distribution of the Midwatch. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Chuck Emmett, Editor "MidWatch", Perch Base USSVI

Good Job Shipmates !

The USSVI Western District Five & Six 50/50 Opportunity Drawing has come to a close. On behalf of the Western District and Perch Base, I want to pass along my sincere gratitude and thank those of you who participated and made this a successful undertaking for our base.

We sold 75 tickets and took in a total of \$1,500. One half of the proceeds go into our treasury and fourteen of our members and some of our friends all have chances of winning.

Our base has also been entered and has a chance to win a share as well. As you know, the drawing will be held during the National Convention on the Alaskan Cruise. We should know the winners by the end of the month and hopefully one of you will at least get the second prize . . . the winner of the first prize is a foregone conclusion. Good luck shipmates!

Tim Moore, Past Commander, Perch Base USSVI



USSVI – Tucson Base
2007 Fall Kickoff meeting and Luncheon

1 p.m. Saturday, September 15th
at

Cattletown Restaurant

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Perch Base Challenge Coins



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- * Each member gets one coin at \$15.
 - * The price is \$20 for each additional coin or for any non-Base member.
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U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II member **Dale G. Sterling** departed on *Eternal Patrol* August 17, 2007.

Shipmate Sterling, Pigboater Chapter member, was a MoM1(SS) and served on the USS Mackerel and Nautilus.

Services have been held. Sailor, rest your oars.

From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Dear Friends and Shipmates,

Our joint meeting with Gudgeon Base, Prescott on Saturday August 12, 2007 was a great success. We had seventeen (17) Perch Base members present for the meeting. There were a total of thirty four (34) USSVI members present at the meeting. I hope everyone that attended enjoyed the cooler weather of Prescott.

I presented Jack Messersmith, Commander of Gudgeon Base a challenge coin from Perch Base as a gesture of friendship and appreciation for hosting the join meeting of Perch Base and Gudgeon Base.

Thank you to Tim Moore, Past Commander for passing the following along for clarification on the new legislation passed by congress.

Hand Salute

I thought that I would pass on new legislation that clarifies allowing Veterans and service members not in uniform to salute the flag. This may seem like a small change, but all Veterans can now render a smart hand salute to the flag during all appropriate public events. I would ask you to pass this on to any current service members or Veteran.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag.

Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1,) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform.

"Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not.

"I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens.

Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

Fraternally,

Stan Reinhold, Commander, Perch Base USSVI

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Joint Meeting Minutes - August PERCH - GUDGEON BASES

A joint meeting of Arizona SubVets – Gudgeon Base and Perch Base was held at the Moose Lodge, Prescott Valley, Arizona on Saturday 11 August 2007.

The meeting was opened at 1200 hours with a call to order by Gudgeon Base Commander, Jack Messersmith, in standard ceremonial form.

There were a total of thirty-five (35) subvets and four (4) guests at the meeting. This included 16 Perch Base members and 19 Gudgeon Base members. The members welcomed guests; Bill Lee, Jim Dunn (WD1 Commander) and Lee Cousin (Perch Base Wife of Roger Cousin).

The minutes for the July meeting were read and accepted as read.

A report of Base financial status, as of August 1, 2007, was read by Base Treasurer – Brad Veek. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as read. The motion carried.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander – Al Landeck announced that Gudgeon Base would be participating in an upcoming Court of Honor for a new Eagle Scout (who happens to be the grandson of Gudgeon Base Treasurer – Brad Veek).

Chief of the Boat – Dave Herrington had nothing to report.

Membership Chairman – Al Weiss noted that he has identified 13 subvets that are prospective members for Gudgeon Base. Al is communicating with these individuals by email coaxing them into making a join decision.

Base Chaplain – Brad Veek reported that Joe O'treba is at home and in good spirits, John Dudas is preparing for surgery and Dudley McMains has experienced kidney failure and is currently on dialysis. Brad encourages the members to remember our shipmates in their prayers.

Base WebMaster – John Dudas announced that his CPO son has retired and again handed out copies of the veteran's news letter.

Base Storekeeper – Warren Riedell announced that he and his family will be relocating to Colorado and requested relief from the Store Keeper position.

Base Librarian – Brad Veek briefed the members on the reading materials in the Base Library.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brad Veek updated members on the efforts to recruit the SS-211 survivors.
2. Jim Denzien announced that Perch Base has sold their parade float to San Diego and the Base is currently in the process of building a submarine scale model float from an aircraft fuel tank. The effort will involve a good deal of fiber glass work and aluminum cutting and welding. Anyone with skills in those areas is encouraged to contact Jim.
3. Roger Cousin updated the members on the activities of the 702 Commission and its efforts to locate the sail from the USS Phoenix in the City of Phoenix.
4. Jack Messersmith reminded members of the Prescott Valley Veteran's Memorial planning and construction. As well as the sale of engraved memorial bricks that will pave the walkway at the Memorial.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jack Messersmith suggested that it would be a positive impact if Gudgeon Base had access to a submarine related parade float that could be used in Prescott area parades. It was suggested that the Base have a "Float Committee" to look into the various alternatives for the Base. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to pursue the matter. The committee consists of Al Weiss, Brad Veek and Jack Messersmith. The committee will elect their chairman.

- 1) Brad Veek made a motion that the Gudgeon Base contract to purchase a vinyl banner that the Base can use in Veteran related parades and events. It was suggested that a banner can be procured for approximately \$100. The motion was seconded and carried; that the Base spend approximately \$100 to procure a banner.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 1) Jack Messersmith read the names of members and their spouses who are celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the month of August.
- 2) Jack also informed the members that the Base will participate in the Veteran's Center parade this coming November.
- 3) Jack also announced that Prescott Valley will have a festival called Prescott Valley Days on October 13th. Members are encouraged to attend and help man booths to support the Veteran's Memorial.
- 4) Members were briefed on the national raffle for various prizes. The tickets sell for \$20 a portion of which comes back to the Base Treasury.
- 5) District One Commander – Jim Dunn congratulated both the Perch and Gudgeon Bases on their active recognition programs that bring submarine veterans to the attention of the local communities.
- 6) Jack Messersmith announced that the Base will receive USSVI Calendars for 2008 by September. He also thanked Jim Dunn for his leadership in ordering the calendars in bulk form with a financial savings to the Bases that participated.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was won by Gary Imamura. Gary donated his share of the winnings to the Base Treasury.

ADJOURMENT

All the business before the group, having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. After a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 1259 hours.

Signed: Ed Brooks – Gudgeon Base Secretary

*Do you have any information to share with shipmates?
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Base

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 Government.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 11:11 am with a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of our creed, and Tolling of the Bell, and a moment of silence.

Members present were Frank Nagle, Charles Jones, Phillip Caster, Ken Shade, Steve Day, Buck Biddle, Dick Jarenski, Doug Eddy and Dee LaFevre. Bern Juralka was a guest.

The July minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer reported that there is \$5,466.28 in the Treasury.

The Storekeeper (Buck) has officer patches. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay for the patches from the Treasury.

The Base will be 3 years old in August and we will be holding elections. The following nominations have been made:

Commander:	Steve Day
Vice Commander:	Dick Jarenski
Secretary:	Buck Biddle
Treasurer:	Frank Nagle

John Allbritton has been nominated as Storekeeper. Nominations will be open until the August meeting when elections are held.

The Boat Sponsorship program is up for renewal (we send 4 copies of The American Submariner to various places). A motion was made, seconded, and passed to renew. Steve Day will be the Golf Tournament Chair for 2008.

Dick Jarenski will be the liaison to the S.A.F.E. House. Buck will look into a program to provide van transportation for senior citizens. Steve Day will be going on the 2007 Convention Cruise. Let him know if you need anything from the convention.

Dee won the 50/50 drawing (\$13 winnings). The next meeting will be at the Heber American Legion at 11:00 on Saturday, August 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm with a closing prayer.

Commander's Corner

No commander's corner this month



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Eternal Patrol September 28, 1943

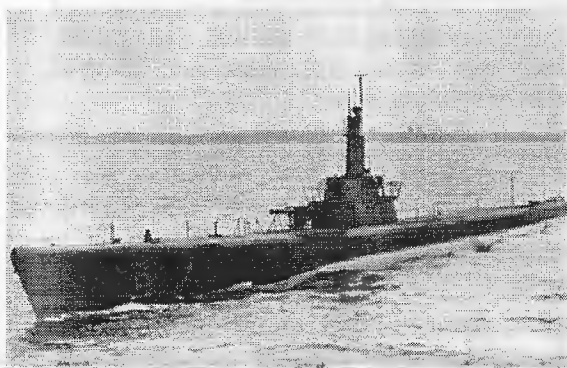
Editors Note: *Less we forget, each month, one boat on eternal patrol will be highlighted in this newsletter. Sailors, rest your oars.*

The Final Patrol

Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphins on his chest
Is part of an outfit known as the best.
Make him welcome and take him by the hand.
You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.
So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll
Of our departed shipmates still on patrol
Let them know that we who survive
Will always keep their memories alive.



U.S.S. Cisco (SS-290) September 28, 1943 76 men lost



USS Cisco (SS-290), a Balao-class submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the cisco, a whitefish of the Great Lakes. Her keel was laid down by the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 24 December 1942 sponsored by Mrs. A. C. Bennett, through her proxy, Mrs. N. Robertson, and commissioned on 10 May 1943 with Commander J.W. Coe in command. She reported to the Pacific Fleet.

Cisco sailed from Panama 7 August 1943 for Brisbane, Australia, arriving 1 September to assume local patrol duties, until 18 September, when she docked at Darwin. She put out on her first war patrol 20 September, but never returned. Japanese records tell of sighting a submarine leaking oil on 28 September in an area where Cisco is known to have been the only submarine then operating. Japanese records state this submarine was sunk by bombs and depth charges. Cisco is thus presumed to have been lost in action 28 September 1943.

Records indicated the submarine was attacked by Type 97 Attack Bombers of the 954 Naval Air Squadron and the Riverboat "Karatsu" (originally a US gunboat {U.S. Luzon} captured by Japanese forces and put to work against its former owners).



The Balao Class was an evolutionary improvement over the earlier *Gato* class, the boats had slight internal differences. The most significant improvement was the use of higher yield steel in the pressure hull, which increased their test depth to 400 feet. There were 132 submarines ordered in this class (10 cancelled toward the end of World War II.)

Displacement: 1,526 tons surf., 2,424 tons sub.
Length: 311ft 9 in, Beam: 27 ft 3in, Draft: 15 ft 3in
Test depth: 400ft., Speed: 20 knots surf., 9 knots sub.
Armament: 10 x 21 in torpedo tubes (6 forward, 4 aft, 24 torpedoes)
1 x 5/25 cal AA gun, 1 x 40mm AA Canon, 1 x 3/50 cal and 2 x .30 cal machineguns
Crew: 80-85 officers and men
Powerplant: 4 x 1350 hp 16cyl GM 278A diesels
(except SS228-239 and SS275-284 10cyl Fairbanks-Morse 38D-1/8),
2 x 1370 hp GE electric motors
(except SS228-235 Elliott Motor or SS257-264 Allis-Chalmers)
(two 126-cell Exide main storage batteries
{except SS.261, 275-278, & 280 Gould})
Range: 11,800 nm at 10 knots surf, 100nm at 3 knots sub.
Submerged Endurance: 48 hours





Submarines in History

The following article was printed with the permission of the author, Arthur G. Sloane, retired US Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer and member of the USS Phoenix Commission, and the Arizona Republic where a version of this article first appeared.

Dive! Dive! As those words came over the intercom from Commander Dan Brunk of the Fast Attack Nuclear Submarine USS Helena I had my first feeling of what everyday life aboard a submarine must be like for the 130 plus officers and crew. My wife, I and 21 other Phoenix area residents that have a connection to the USS Phoenix SSN-702 Society, had been invited for a familiarization cruise above and below the water leaving from the sub base in San Diego. We left for the boat on a tugboat and boarded the USS Helena by a ramp. Participants ranged in age from 18 to 72 years. After climbing down a ten foot vertical ladder we gathered in the crews mess for a briefing. Shortly thereafter we broke into small groups, since there is very little room on a submarine. Each group toured different sections and in operations were able to operate the periscopes, of which there are two. The men aboard the ship, no women yet in submarines, were very patient and explained their duties to us.

These boats go out from any where from 3-6 months and I need to say here that this is the most dedicated group of service people I have ever come in contact. I speak from 40 years in the military. Over half of the men are married and my hat is off to all the wives. Captain Paul "Chip" Jaenichen, Commander Submarine Squadron Eleven, in charge of all submarines out of San Diego accompanied our



group and gave us briefings on the modern missions of the different types of submarines. He has been in the Navy for

twenty five years. Many of the men have been in submarines for as many as twenty years. Commander Brunk also gave us a full briefing on the new types of submarines. Chow was in the officers ward room but there is only one galley and everyone eats the same food. The men work four six hour shifts. They sleep assigned 3 men to 2 bunks and three high. The torpedo room even has racks. Torpedos can be controlled not like during the Second World War. They have as much as 15 miles of wire attached and can be guided to a target out of sight. The Helena is 368 ft long but is now dwarfed by submarines in the new classes as long as 560 ft. The highpoint in the operation was the diving exercises when you needed to lean at least 18" in either direction to stand upright.

The 702 Society was formed in 1992 by the USS Phoenix Commission as a citizens group in an effort to provide some community fund raising support for the Los Angeles class nuclear attack submarine USS Phoenix, SSN 702. In 1998, the USS Phoenix was decommissioned by the U. S. Navy, due



Don Adams

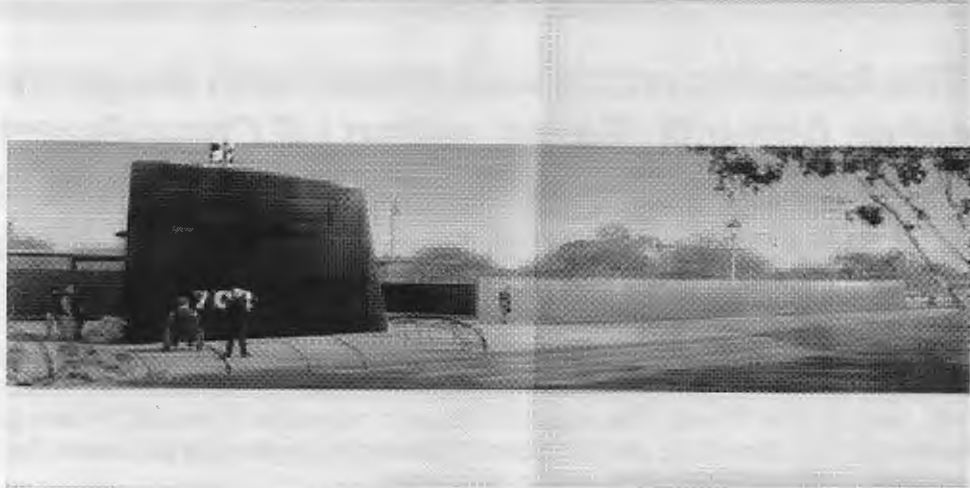
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partly to the end of the Cold War. The commission has continued to operate while waiting the naming of a future Navy ship after the city. The commission has taken sponsorship of one of the sister "boats" of the USS Phoenix, the USS Helena and made it the focus of its attention. Last year and in the coming years men from the USS Helena are invited to Phoenix and treated to sports events and a good time.

The USS Phoenix Commission's charter requires that the Commission look after and preserve the artifacts and memorabilia of all three naval vessels named after the city of Phoenix, and thus, when the USS Phoenix was placed in mothballs, the Commission made the "Saving of the Sail" the structure that rises above the ship and contains the conning tower of the USS Phoenix a top priority, and it devised various strategies to accomplish that, including the formation of a citizens' group - i.e., the "702 Society"; striking up an operational relationship with the Helena; seeking potential sites for placing the "Sail" in Phoenix; and setting up the appropriate fundraising, marketing, and development plans to complete the project. One method of maintaining awareness and promoting their activities/projects was to continue the practice of organizing submarine "underways" for Phoenix citizens.




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For the past nine years, since the decommissioning of the USS Phoenix, the Phoenix Commission has been engaged in seeking permission from the U.S. Navy to acquire parts of the Phoenix when its cut-up (the Navy refers to it as its "deconstruction") occurs, and then finding a place for those parts in an appropriate setting within the city of Phoenix. They imagine it in a "park-like" venue, perhaps as part of a larger "Cold War" memorial. Over the years, they've evaluated many potential sites, but have not yet found a spot which is suitable, agreeable, functional and acceptable. They have come close on a number of occasions, including Steele Indian School Park, but at this moment, they are still searching. Among the sites currently being evaluated are the VA Hospital, the Arizona Falls and Wesley Bolen

Plaza. The total costs associated with bringing the "Sail" to Phoenix, erecting it, and placing it in a memorial setting are estimated to be approximately one million dollars. These monies would be raised from community contributions. In an effort to make Phoenix citizens and others aware of its efforts, the 702 Society established a website at www.702society.org, and it welcomes the support and interest of any Valley/Arizona residents.

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Wreckage of World War II Submarine Found Off Aleutian Islands

Friday, August 24, 2007

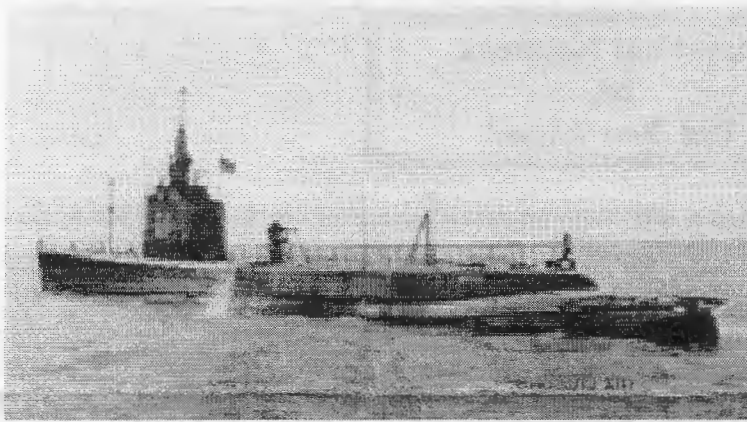
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska

The mangled remains of a vessel found in the Bering Sea are likely those of a World War II submarine that disappeared with a crew of 70 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

The discovery of the USS Grunion on Wednesday night culminates a five-year search led by the sons of its commander, Mannert Abele, and may finally shine a light on the mysterious last moments of the doomed vessel.

"Obviously, this is a very big thing," the oldest son, Bruce Abele, said Thursday from his home in Newton, Mass. "I told my wife about it when she was still in bed and she practically went up to the ceiling."



A remotely operated vehicle snapped pictures and captured three hours of video footage of the Grunion on a rocky underwater slope north of the volcanic island, according to another brother, John Abele, who was in Kiska Harbor with the search team on Thursday.

The submarine lies 1,000 feet below the surface and had been crushed by water pressure, said Abele. He is director and co-founder of the medical equipment company Boston Scientific Corp. and the youngest of the three brothers.

"The most surprising thing was the damage," he said. "It was much more than we or anyone else

imagined. Initially it was very hard to recognize as a ship."

The hull had imploded so severely that the interior, including bunks and a dive wheel, were clearly visible, Abele said. No human remains were found.

The search team hired by the Abeles, Deep Sea Systems International, said no identifying markings or lettering could be seen, however, the location and appearance of the vessel indicate it is the missing sub.

"There's a 95 percent chance that this is the Grunion and a less than five percent chance that it's not," said Christopher J. Nicholson, general manager of the Cataumet, Mass.-based company. "The fact that they actually found this in an expanse of ocean is really pretty spectacular."

The Grunion had a propeller guard, which was rare in subs of the day, Abele said. The vessel discovered yesterday also had the fence, which prevented docking lines from getting caught in the propeller.

The Grunion patrolled Alaska's Aleutian Islands during the early months of World War II. Her last official radio message to the submarine base at Dutch Harbor came on July 30, 1942 and described heavy enemy activity at the Japanese seaplane base at Kiska Harbor.

Earlier that month, the Grunion had sunk two Japanese submarine chasers and heavily damaged a third near Kiska, one of two islands in the far west Aleutians captured by the Japanese. Until a few years ago, the clues to the Grunion's disappearance were too fragmented to justify a search.

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After receiving more information from a model ship builder in Japan, the Abeles launched an initial expedition to Kiska in August 2006. Sonar images of a sub-shaped silhouette prompted a second journey this month.

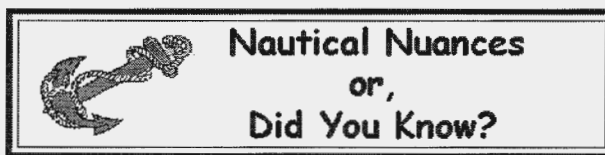
As news of the search spread, several relatives of the Grunion's crew banded together to locate others with ties to the lost men. To date, the relatives of 69 men are following the progress of the search, said Mary Bentz of Bethesda, Md., whose uncle died on the Grunion.

Bentz said the news is a relief after decades of not knowing what happened. Her father's youngest brother, Camine Anthony Parziale, of Weedville, Penn., was in his early 20s when he served as a torpedoman third class on Grunion.

"I know when my dad would talk about him, his eyes would well up with tears," said Bentz. "I was relieved to know that this is finally over, that now we can say, two and three generations later, that we know what happened."

A forensic engineer and other experts will use the footage to piece together the Grunion's final hours and figure out why it sank. The 17-person search crew plans to spend several more days looking for sunken Japanese ships in the area.

"Actually seeing the burial site was touching and in a way rewarding," John Abele said. "It provides a closing and hopefully an answer to the unknown."



The first Japanese casualty to American arms during WW-II was an aircraft shot down on Dec. 7th, 1941 by the Tautog.

The first submarine force casualty suffered in WW-II was G. A. Myers, Seaman 2, shot through the right lung when Cachalot was strafed during the Pearl Harbor raid.

The first "live" torpedoes to be fired by a Pearl Harbor submarine were fired by the Triton (Lent), 4 stern tubes fired on the night of Dec. 10, 1941.

The first Pearl Harbor boat to be depth charged was the Plunger (White) on Jan. 4, 1942, 24 charges.

The first "down the throat" shot was fired by Pompano on Jan. 17, 1942.

The first Japanese warship to be sunk was torpedoed by Gudgeon (Grenfell) at 9 AM on Jan. 27, 1942, the IJN I-173 (SS).

The first major Japanese warship lost to submarines during WW-II was the heavy cruiser Kako which fell victim to S-44 Moore) on Aug. 10, 1942.

The first submarine to fire on a battleship was Flying Fish (Donaho) Sept. 1942, damaging a Kongo class BB.

The first submarine to fire on an aircraft carrier was Trout (Ramage), damaging Taiyo, August 28, 1942.

The first Japanese ship to be sunk by gunfire was by Triton (Kirkpatrick), near Marcus Island on Feb. 17, 1942. At the time, Kirkpatrick was the youngest skipper to get command at Pearl.

The first man to die in submarine gun action was Michael Harbin, on Silversides, May 1942.

The first rest camp for submarine crews was established at a military encampment at Malang, in the mountains of Java, 89 miles from Surabaya. Three days were allotted to submarine crews there in January 1942.

The first TDC (Mark 1) was installed in the Cachalot.

The Plunger was the first boat to sustain an "arduous" depth charge attack and survive.

In September 1936, Cdr. C. A. Lockwood Jr., assumed command of SubDiv 13 composed of the new boats Pike, Porpoise, Shark and Tarpon.

On December 31, 1941, Captain Wilkes evacuated Corrigidor on board the Seawolf to establish a new base at Surabaya, Java. Simultaneously Capt. Fife boarded Swordfish and sailed to Darwin, Australia.



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