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## USS HENRY L. STIMSON ASSOCIATION SSBN655 NEWSLETTER

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### REUNION CONTROL CENTER

2025 Stimson Reunion

October 1 - 5, 2025

Groton CT

From the Reunion Committee -

John & Gretchen Glaub

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57 registrations received as of 24 May

Registered Attendees Sailing List

**Send in your registration and make your hotel reservation.**

We will be attending SUBSCHOOL Graduation on October 3, 2025. The name of the class will be Henry L Stimson SSBN 655. After the graduation, we will have a tour of the Base and then lunch at SUBVETS.

Anyone attending the reunion who is not retired (i.e., retired ID card) is **REQUIRED** to complete and return to John Glaub NLT August 30 so you can access to the base for the graduation and tour. The form is located on the reunion website.

### 655 Reunion #13

Tom Krauser is in charge of door prizes for the reunion. Email him with a picture of any items you will provide for door prizes. Contact for further details: Tkrauser0550@gmail.com

Hotel registration link: 655 Reunion #13

Questions Email: 655reunion2025@gmail.com

Room rates with tax for the Reunion :

Weekdays: \$129 + 15% tax = \$148.35

Weekend: \$159 + 15% tax = \$182.85

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*Submitted by Paul Clark, MM1(SS) B 73-78, SV Denizens of the Deep Base, Holland Club, Assoc. Life Member:*

I was asked to look at putting together a golf outing in conjunction with the 2025 reunion. Our options would be Thursday or Friday, and looking at the scheduled events, it appears that anything I put together will interfere with other planned events. Before I move forward, I need to know who would be interested in a golf outing and, understanding the current planned events, which day you would prefer. I am looking to schedule the outing for the morning if there is enough interest. If you are interested, please email me at sailpbc@gmail.com and let me know you are interested and which day you would prefer. If I have an adequate response to a specific day or not, I will let all responders know whether an outing will be planned and what the plans would be. Please let me know as soon as possible so I

can contact the golf course. Margaret and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

//Paul



**From the Association President - Jerry Blevins, LT(SS) B 76-79, USSVI USS Groton Base, 655 Assoc Life Member:**

While reflecting on this Memorial Day weekend, my curiosity drove me to look at the numbers we have

lost during U.S. military conflicts. In addition to the 3,506 submariners and 52 boats lost during WWII, I also want to honor all those who lost their lives in U.S. conflicts since WWI:

Conflict	Total Casualties	Percent U.S. Population
WWI	126,000	0.12%
WWII	405,400	0.29%
Vietnam	58,220	0.03%
Iraq – Total (Operation Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve)	4,619	0.002%
Afghanistan (military, CIA, and contractors)	4,299	0.001%



**From the Association Vice President - Ray Kreul, TM2(SS) [TMC Ret] G 65-69 Plank Owner; Assoc. Life Member; USSVI Groton/Snug Harbor/ Rhode Island Bases, Holland Club:**

Shipmates, as we head into the summertime, let's keep in mind our friends who may be in and affected by all the recent storms. Let us know if you hear of anyone who was by staying in

touch. Please keep in mind of our boat's reunion coming up in October. Remember it's Blue and Gold crews all years. Come join us and revisit memories past.

We shall never forget their sacrifice



**Chaplain's Corner - Bruce Stefanik, MS1(SS) B 73-77, 655 Assoc Life Member, USSVI USS Asheville Base, Holland Club:**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His Holy arm have worked salvation for Him. Psalm 98:1

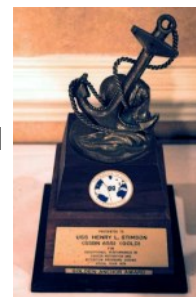
Summer is on the way; it is going to get hot and sunny. There are many things that we can do and they can be lots of fun. But let us not forget that loving each other can be the most fun of all.

May you and your families be blessed as we think of each other this month.



**Ship's Historian - Larry Knutson, MMCS(SS) B 79-81 USSVI Charleston Base, Holland Club:**

During the upcoming months, we will be showing pictures of our historic items we still have and some items that were lost. This months picture is Gold Crew Golden Anchor Award 1976.



Also, if you were on the Gold Crew during any time when Bob Weeks was the CO you completed a check-in card for him. Email the secretary if interested

[655webmaster@ssbn655.org](mailto:655webmaster@ssbn655.org).

### Submarines Lost During the Month of June

USS HERRING (SS-233)	June 1, 1944 – 8 <sup>th</sup> war patrol	LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 83 SOULS
USS R-12 (SS-89)	June 12, 1943 – practice torpedo approach near Key West FL	LOST WITH 42 SOULS - 21 SURVIVORS
USS GOLET (SS-361)	June 14, 1944 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> war patrol	LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 82 SOULS
USS BONEFISH (SS-223)	June 18, 1945 – 8 <sup>th</sup> war patrol	LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 85 SOULS
USS S-27 (SS-132)	June 19, 1942 – grounded off Amchitka Island Alaska	NO LOSS OF LIFE
USS O-9 (SS-70)	June 20, 1941 – foundered off Isle of Shoals NH	LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 33 SOULS
USS RUNNER (SS-275)	June 30, 1943 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> war patrol	LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 78 SOULS

**SEVEN Boats and 403 Men Lost**



**From The Editor & Secretary -  
Nick Nichols, TM1(SS) G/SY1/B  
70-75; FTCS(SS) B COB 85-89,  
655 Assoc Life Member, USSVI  
Charleston Base, Holland Club**

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In the 2nd Qtr American Submariner magazine that all members of USSV Submarine Veterans receive, there is a great story about Isaac Drakin and one of his nurses at the Children's Hospital where he was being treated for cancer. The nurse just happened to be a former Reactor Operator on USS FLORIDA SSGN-728. Great Story!!!

In this newsletter we have followed the journey of Isaac through his fight with cancer. Isaac is the grandson of Dave Violette MM1(SS) B 73-76, HC Carolina Piedmont Base and Holland Club USSV and Assoc. Life Member.

Dave sent this latest update on Isaac 5.28.25:

“Excellent news today. Isaac just completed his follow-up scans and tests. He is officially 1-year cancer free! All of his scans were clear and his liver function is back to normal! He does not go back for his next round of scans until September. He is now on a 4-month follow-up schedule. A great day to celebrate! God certainly does miracles!”

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## SHARING PICTURES WITH SHIPMATES:

If anyone has pictures you would like to share with your shipmates please either email them to me or contact me and I will send you directions to upload to our Stimson Dropbox file.

**655webmaster@ssbn655.org**

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# SUBMARINE QUALIFICATION CARD & CERTIFICATE

In addition to the qual card page, I am now adding your qual year (if I have it) to the online Sailing List. This can be whether you qualified on the Stimson or another boat. Take a look at the list and if your qual date is missing send it to me with the qual year and command info to

**655webmaster@ssbn655.org**

Another good month to receive qual cards. There were two added. It would be great if any of you can send me an email with copies of your SS qual cards and pictures of getting your dolphins.

Check out the **SS Qual Card & Certificate** webpage. When you find your card either scan it or take a good picture and send it to me at **655webmaster@ssbn655.org**. Your name will be added to the new page with a link to your certificate. This is for all Stimson shipmates, not just the ones who qualified on the 655. No matter what boat you qualified on if you were on the Stimson send me a scan or picture and it will be added to the website.

You can include any item related to your SS qualification: Qual Certificate; Qual card, picture receiving your dolphins; etc.

### Qualification Cards of Stimson Sailors



**The following Stimson Shipmates have departed  
on Eternal Patrol.**

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6	7	8	9	10

**LT Richard C.F. Rathsam G UNK Years**

## Eternal Patrol: March 24, 2012

[located by MM1(SS) Don Ort]

**CDR Michael J. Showers G 84-87**

## Eternal Patrol: February 8, 2025

[reported by MM1(SS) Steven Laughlin]

**QM1(SS) Warren Robinson G 65-69**

**LCDR Retired**

## Eternal Patrol: November 4, 2012

[located by MM1(SS) Don Ort]

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6	7	8	9	10

The direct link to the Association Eternal Patrol page is: <http://ssbn655.org/eternal-patrol/eternal-patrol.html>



## WELCOME ABOARD: Found & Updated Shipmates

(Shipmate has been added or information has been updated on our Sailing List. Please check the online Sailing List for shipmates contact info.)



**NOTE:** Don Ort, MM1(SS) G/SY1/G 69-74, CWO4 Ret, continues to locate our Stimson shipmates who are on our Sailing List without an email address.

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**ET1(SS) Stephen J. Kirkpatrick G 81/SY2/87**  
[located & updated by Don Ort]

**FTCM(SS) Jack Caviness B/SY1/G 65-74**  
**Plank Owner COB 73-74**  
[updated by shipmate]

**YN2(SS) Keith R. Folz B 85-?**  
[located & updated by Don Ort]  
Anyone knowing the dates Keith was onboard let me know.

**IC2(SS) Denis Miller ? ??-??**  
[located & updated by Don Ort]

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**BINNACLE LIST UPDATES:** If you know of a shipmate who should be on the binnacle list please let me know. I will contact the shipmate for permission to add them to this list. I only add those who have given permission.

I am using the binnacle list as an ongoing story for each person on it. This way you will be able to understand the update better than if you do not remember what their health issues were.

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**Jerry Blevins, LT(SS) B 76-79, 655 Assoc Life Member, USSVI Groton Base:**

Cards to: 1453 Corona Dr Lexington KY 40514

**5.24.25: Email from Jerry:** At least I can use both hands on the typewriter. My rehab is proceeding well but much slower than I desire.  
*3.20.25: Email from Jerry: I am recovering from rotator cuff surgery. My first follow-up is on 01Apr, Post-op, the surgeon told CJ that the damage was so severe that I will be strapped in the sling 24x7 for six weeks.*

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**Bruce Stefanik, MS1(SS) B 73-77, 655 Assoc Life Member, USSVI USS Asheville Base:**

Cards to: 50 Fairway View Dr., Etowah NC 28729

**3.17.25: Email from Bruce:** I am doing well. I am holding steady with no progression and do not

see my ALS doctor again until October after the Reunion.

*9.22.24: Email from Bruce: Things good here, ALS IS GOING VERY SLOW. Thanking the good Lord for His blessings*

*6.15.24: Email from Vicki: Bruce is doing great. His neurologist was a little surprised at his May clinic visit at how Bruce has not progressed but Bruce reminded him that he is on both Rx's to slow the progress. He decided Bruce doesn't have to go back to clinic for 6 months instead of 3.*

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**George Stevens, MT2(SS) G 68-71**

Cards to: 3025 Winterhaven Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

**5.12.25: Email from George:** The ravages of aging are taking their toll. In the past three months, my hands have been increasing in pain so that it is constant, actually, fingers to shoulders. Part of the peripheral neuropathy and arthritis I assume. Sometimes my skin feels like it's on fire. Even my exercise program is in shambles. I will see the VA doc next month. My heart is doing better but I do occasionally have a bad day when my heart is racing - and I'm not LOL

*3.10.25: Email from George: Update - I wore a monitor for three days in the middle of Feb, the results from that were good. Previous monitor results showed a LOT of missed beats, slow beats, and other abnormalities. This last report showed as only 1%. The doc was pleased (me too!). As the heart takes about 6-12 months to fully recover from an ablation, we are going to wait another 3 months before making any decisions but it looks like I won't be needing a Watchman (device to prevent strokes). I'm still taking nattokinase and serrapeptase to prevent unwanted clotting/stroke so for now, I think I'm doing good. The heart rate has dropped down to the 80s and BP is running 140/80 more or less. Hopefully in the next three months both BP and rate will continue to improve. All round, good news. I still have some chest pain and shortness of breath but it's nowhere near as bad as it has been. So, thank you GOD for the help and healing!!!*

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**John Cole, LT B WEPS 78-80, USSVI Member-at-Large, CDR Ret.**

Cards to: 5914 Ruby Dr Pearland TX 77581-8926

### NO RECENT UPDATES

7.31.24: *Email from John: We pray that you and your loved ones are healthy and happy. Susan and I are doing well as we fight the continuing battle against Parkinson's, Left Shoulder Surgery and now my C1-C6 surgery as well. It just seems like all of the parts are wearing out as time seems to fly by faster and faster. The things I miss the most are hunting, hiking, gardening and just being in the mountains. I must be content with the flowers and a few pots of garden plants on our patio. Bye for now, Very Respectfully. John F. Cole Cdr., U. S. Navy Retired, 100% Disabled 05/12/1964 To 08/01/1994, E1-E9 & O1E-O5 Vietnam through Desert Storm*

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**Elam Lee Mauk, EMCM(SS) B 65-69 COB 66-68 Plank, Assoc. Life Member, USSVI USS Sailfish Base Holland Club**

Card to: 4000 Ibis Way Unit 201 Venice FL 34292

### NO RECENT UPDATES

2.20.2024: *Email from Gretchen Glaub: John has joined the USS Sailfish Base and received the following email from the Base Commander. Elam is a member of the USS Sailfish Base:*

- I called his home and spoke with his wife. He is in the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans Nursing Home in Port Charlotte with dementia. I have added him to our binnacle list. Bill Heck, USS Sailfish Base Commander*

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**Sandy Hastie, CAPT B 80 (Oct-Dec) CO-1 patrol**

Cards to: 75 Lambeth Dr., Asheville NC 28803-3425

### NO RECENT UPDATES

10.26.24: *Email from Donna: Dear Friends – A Hallelujah Message,*

*We saw our oncologist Wednesday, October 23, 2024 to get the results of the Sunday PET/CT scan. It was a very enjoyable experience! The new treatment regime significantly reduced the cancer! Our oncologist was very pleased and said he was amazed at the cancer reduction.*

*We thank you for your support and prayers, they work. We are very thankful we have a God who answers prayers!*

*Warmly, Donna and Sandy*

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**Ron 'RG' Hyson, STS1(SS) B 70-75, Assoc. Life Member, USSVI Hampton Roads Base, Holland Club, STSCM(SS) Retired**

Cards to: 3425 MacDonald Rd., Virginia Beach VA 23464

### No recent updates

3.26.2024: *Email from Jean: The results of Ron's evaluation on January 2024, compared to last year, scored significantly lower on a test of global cognition. His doctor reported that Ron has transition to the Moderately Severe Stage of dementia.*

*Thank you for all the prayers, caring thoughts, cards, letters, pictures, and memories Ron has received. They really brighten his day.*

*Jean/Ron*

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### GREAT LINKS TO SPEND TIME WITH

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**655 Association Website**

[www.ssbn655.org](http://www.ssbn655.org)

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**Beware: This Social Security Scam Installs Remote Access Malware on Your PC**

By Jibin Joseph May 7, 2025

The emails prompt you to download a Social Security statement, but clicking will allow malicious actors to install a remote access tool called ScreenConnect.

Another day, another scam. Cybercriminals are sending fake Social Security emails to trick victims into installing a remote access tool on their computers, Malwarebytes reports.

The emails appear to come from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and prompt you to download a Social Security statement. Quite often, the entire email is in the form of an image, and clicking on the download link will allow malicious actors to install a remote access tool called ScreenConnect.

[Read Article](#)

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**SEA STORIES, COMMENTS and JUST GOOD THINGS From Our Shipmates**

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*Submitted by Trin Rios LCDR B NAV 76-78  
USSV- Tri-State Base - Holland Club*

[A Tribute on this Memorial Day to the lost Submariners of the World](#)

As we write this Memorial Day message, it is with a sense of pride and sorrow that we remember the brave Submariner's who have lost their lives in the Undersea Services in which we have all served. Last year, we gathered at the Cliffs of Moher in the Republic of Ireland, the high cliff of Europe, looking out over the Atlantic Ocean; to honor and pray for those "who gave their last full measure of devotion" – Lincoln.

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*Submitted by Trin Rios LCDR B NAV 76-78  
USSV- Tri-State Base - Holland Club*

Below is a **Submariner's Poem** for those who **Proudly Wear Dolphins** on their chest.

### For Those Who Dived

#### A Tribute to All Submarine Veterans

"Beneath the waves where silence reigns,  
Where light gives way and pressure strains,

They went not seeking glory's song,  
But to guard the deep, and stand for strong.

No sun to warm their daylit path,  
No breeze to chase away the wrath.

Just steel and echoes, breath held tight,  
Through endless hours and vanished night.

They bore the still, they bore the hum,  
The creak of the hull, the reactor's thrum.

They learned to read what others miss,  
The voice of the sea, the ghostly hiss.

They slipped through oceans, cloaked in shade,  
In peacetime watch or war's cascade.

And none but they can truly know  
What silence costs when tides must flow.

For every dive and every rise,  
For all the tears behind dry eyes,

For the family missed and the time they gave,  
For friends now resting in the wave.

We honor them with quiet grace,  
The ones who held that shadowed place.

The veterans of the silent fleet,  
Whose courage runs both cold and deep.

So raise a thought, a steady breath,  
For those who danced so near to death.

They are the ones who did not bend,  
The sea, their bond, their ship, their friend".

By Andrew Dingley

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### The Health Corner

**By: George Stevens MT2(SS) G 68-71**

(this article is written from the author's research and point of view)

Instead of writing about a cancer cure for which I am still gathering information, I'll write about your teeth. Dental care is important at any age as long as you have any of your own teeth. Before you dismiss this article, read the last paragraph.

With all the talk of the dangers of fluoride, you may want to consider making your own tooth paste that is very effective. Ingredients:

- 1/2 teaspoon 3% hydrogen peroxide, food-grade
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 drops of clove oil
- 1/2 teaspoon microcrystalline hydroxyapatite

Combine with 3 teaspoons of water. Store in a s container and brush your teeth with the mixture once daily.

Hydrogen peroxide will whiten teeth and help breakdown the film that is the start of tarter. Baking soda has mild abrasive properties to clean teeth and alkalize the mouth to neutralize the acid that causes cavities. Clove oil is the best essential oil for oral health. It breaks down tartar and can even help decrease oral pain ... We used that when I was a kid for tooth aches. Microcrystalline hydroxyapatite is a minute particle that can enter the small crevices of the teeth and remineralize the bone tissue. It also prevents acid from breaking down the tooth.

For your diet, grass-fed butter is one of the healthiest foods for teeth and is good for the rest of your body as well. It's a potent source of vitamin K2. K2 aids in the absorption of calcium into your bones and teeth. Vitamin A is also found in butter and strengthens your enamel.

Chewing xylitol gum or enjoying xylitol mints will help the good bacteria in your mouth which can be killed off from the hydrogen peroxide. Mouthwash is not good for your mouth. Sure it makes your mouth smell good but kills the bad

AND the good bacteria. Flossing can help but I have found that a water pick will cleanse out the food and bacteria below the gum line very well. Also, an oral probiotics like L. Reuteri is excellent for promoting good bacteria and mouth health.

Now if you don't want to go through the hassle of the previous ideas, there is another easy way to remove tarter and plaque. I started using one of these devices and my dental hygienist had one comment - "I'm impressed. She couldn't believe how clean my teeth were. That device is a handheld version of what the hygienist uses to clean your teeth. I'm not recommending a particular device but the one I have is amazing. It quickly removed plaque and tarter and it keeps my teeth squeaky clean. Here is an EXAMPLE of a device - not the one I bought. [https://www.amazon.com/CURVY-MOON-Electric-Rechargeable-Cleaning/dp/B0DT44KN6S/ref=sr\\_1\\_17](https://www.amazon.com/CURVY-MOON-Electric-Rechargeable-Cleaning/dp/B0DT44KN6S/ref=sr_1_17). You can search for "electric plaque remover". They have different options so if you are interested, look around and find one that suits you. Note: Every unit I looked at was made in China or Hong Kong so good luck find one made in the U.S.A.

Oh ... and one other thing - REDUCE your sugar intake. It's nothing but empty calories.



## theleansubmariner

Here's the latest posts on the blog. Still going strong. The link to his blog is

<https://theleansubmariner.com/>

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### I hated the PRT... until I realized how bad things could get without it

By Mister Mac on May 29, 2025

I'll be the first person to admit that of all the things I encountered in the navy, the PRT (Physical Readiness Test) was my least favorite thing.

I can imagine there are a lot more like me out there.

Let me explain.

From the day you join any of our armed services, they start breaking you down from your old self. Part of that is to get rid of your civilian

habits which might interfere with good order and discipline. But part of that was to make sure that we have a single standard for physical fitness. Not everyone who comes into the military had a sports background. Many of the sailors for instance were recruited for highly technical skilled occupations that required thinkers. While there are crossovers, the athletic types are often recruited by colleges which offer a less invasive lifestyle. So just to make sure the military has well rounded candidates, they assume everyone needs some tuning up as they get ready to serve their various services.

### FULL POST HERE

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### Fate is a funny thing

By Mister Mac on May 28, 2025

Agnes, How Could You?

You just never know when it's going to kick in. June 15, 1972, was my ship out day to go to Great Lakes recruit Training Command. Graduation had only been a short period before that date, and I was very busy for those few days tying up loose ends before starting my great adventure. On the 14th, I finished putting my clothes away that I would not need and down in our basement I finished loading up my collection of magazines and love letters from the girls I had dated in high school.

I thought I was being pretty clever since I figured out a hiding place inside of a built-in wall cabinet that my dad had built years ago. The selected place was about 24 inches off the floor and completely out of sight on a shelf that had been installed at an earlier time to hide various and assorted contraband that a typical 17-year-old in 1972 would want to keep from the eyes of his parents.

### FULL POST HERE



### The Computer Corner

**By: George Birmingham ET1  
(SSG/SY1/G 69-74, Assoc. Life  
Member, SV Carolina Piedmont  
Base, Holland Club**

### Windows 11 Tips – Helpful Settings and Multiple Monitors

Welcome back to the Computer Corner! At this

point perhaps some of you have made the decision on the leap to Windows 11, either by upgrading your current Windows 11 compatible hardware system with Windows 11 software, or you have moved to a new Windows 11 system out of the box. So now is the time to see what new features and tricks are available to use. So, I have found some interesting “How-To” articles that you may find useful that deal with the new options available to tune Windows 11 to our liking. I hope you find them useful.

From the PCWorld magazine comes this useful article:

### **5 crucial Windows 11 settings you need to change ASAP**

If you are a multiple-display user like me, then this article from TechRadar may be of interest:

### **How to manage multiple monitors in Windows 11**

As always, shipmates, comments and suggestions for future topics are welcomed. Contact me at [subvet\\_ssbnet@bellsouth.net](mailto:subvet_ssbnet@bellsouth.net). And if you have a difficult computer or network problem you need help with, contact me. I’m always glad to help out if I can. //George

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### **The Computer Corner Pt 2**

Changing your iPhone Camera to take photos in JPG/JPEG Format instead of .HEIC/.HEVC. If you are an iPhone or Android phone user and use your phone to take pictures to share with friends and family (*and Webmaster Nick at times*) then you have likely experienced the issue with not being able to view, and perhaps use those pictures in .HEIC or .HEVC (for videos) format, especially with Windows users.

In the October 2023 Computer Corner the article “.HEIC Picture Files to .JPG” (*aka .JPEG*) covered how to do the conversion of photos between formats.

So historically, where did .HEIC/.HEVC formats come from? Starting with iOS Version 11 in 2017, Apple embraced the format as a more efficient way to store photos to better use the phone memory and take up less space in storage. In iOS Version 14.3 Apple added a Format selection feature for their camera to allow the selection of the prior .jpeg/.jpg format. The two format choices became “High Efficiency” or Most Compatible”.

The following video shows you how to make the change:

### **How To Change Your iPhone Camera From HEIC To JPEG**

In a similar manner the Android phone embraced the format starting with Android Version 10.

### **How to change file format of photos on your Android device - simple guide**

This should allow you to change from HEIC to .JPG on either phone, and make sharing much easier.

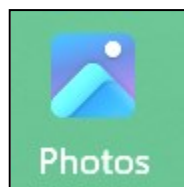
**Here is another approach you can use:**

.HEIC And here is an approach I have tested and that also works:

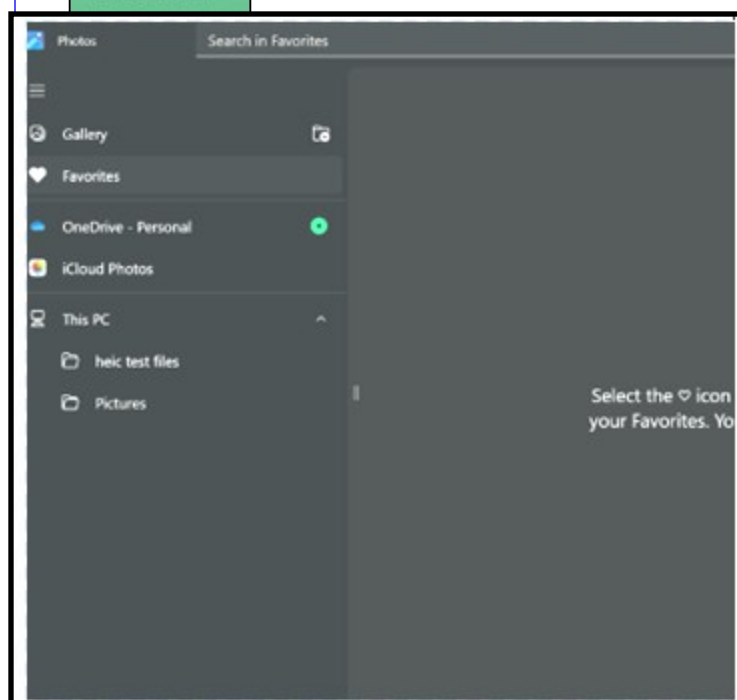
**Note:** Always work on a copy of the photo and not on the original on your phone. I use e-mail to send pictures to my Windows PC, then save them to my incoming.HEIC folder. Pictures are precious, a snapshot in time, and cannot be recreated, so always work on copies of them.

So, what do you do if you have this collection of .HEIC photos and want to move them to a Windows 10 or Windows 11 computer? The following steps may be useful in that effort:

Here is the way to convert .HEIC format pictures to .jpg format on Windows 11:



Create a folder to hold the

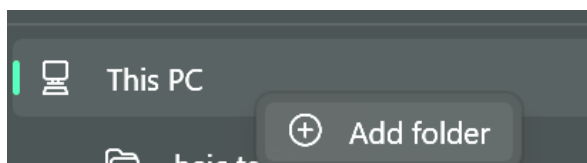




incoming HEIC format pictures  
 Create a folder to hold the converted JPG photos  
 Copy the pictures to be converted into the incoming.HEIC file folder  
 Open the Photos app

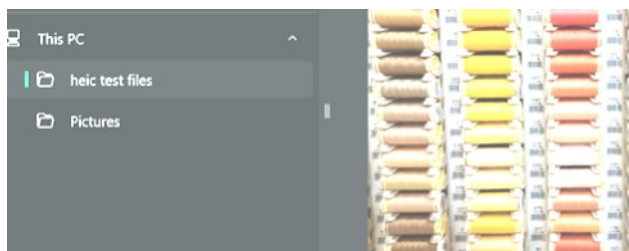
You will see something like this:

Next, right click on the “This PC” link to see this:



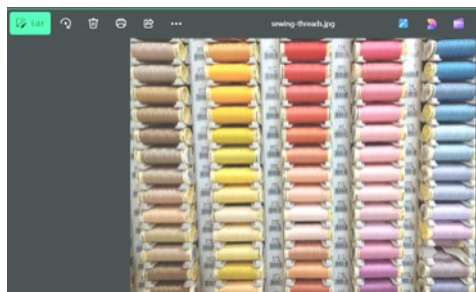
Click on the “Add folder” button to add the folder for the incoming .HEIC files. You get a file explorer window and then browse to, and select, the folder containing the .HEIC files to be converted.

Next select the folder just added to see the file preview of your incoming files

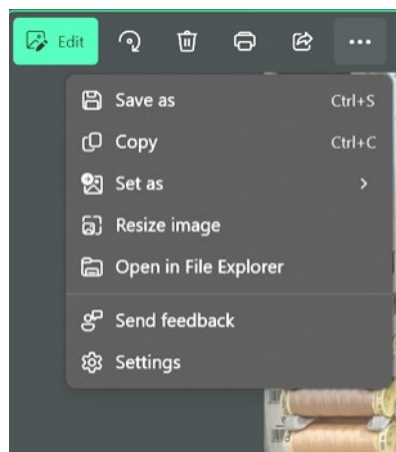


You can see here that I have 3 test photos displayed...

Select a file to edit and you get this:



Click on the “...”, or just type “CTRL+S” to save the file selected for edit in .jpg format to the folder you created for the converted pictures.



This is what you see if you click on the “...”  
 Repeat until all pictures have been converted as you can only do one picture at a time.

And that’s it for Windows 11...

Now for windows 10, the process is identical, except you have to buy an add-in for the HVEC formats for \$0.99. I did not need that so I did not go that far, but the process should most likely be identical.

Now if you use one of the “free” .HEIC to .JPG converters in the Microsoft Store, and it appears many of them have their genesis in China, (*and some turn out to not be exactly “free” but rather offer a limited trial of from 6 to 15 pictures conversions before they want money*), I highly recommend the following sanitization process to protect your location: (*actually it’s a good practice to follow all of the time when sharing photos!*)

For each .HEIC picture you have shared from your iPhone or Android, - I use e-mail to send pictures to my Windows PC, and then save them to the incoming .HEIC folder I created:

Right click on the picture

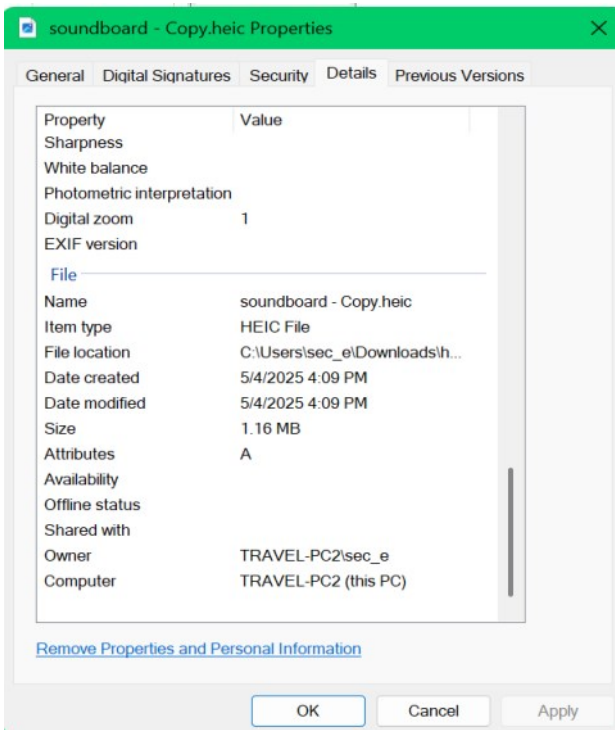
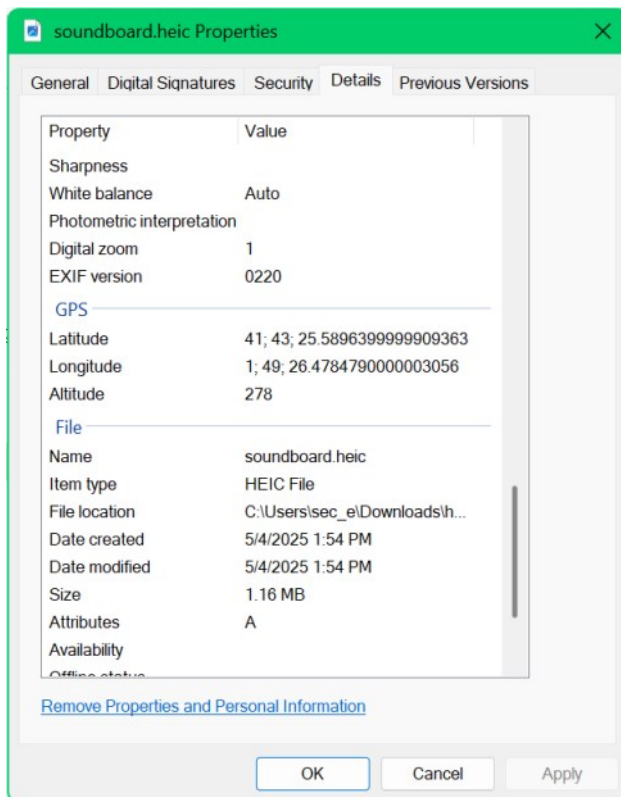
Select “Properties”

You see this:

Go to the details tab, and click on the “Remove Properties and Personal Information” link and select the first option in the upper left corner to create a copy of the file with personal data removed:

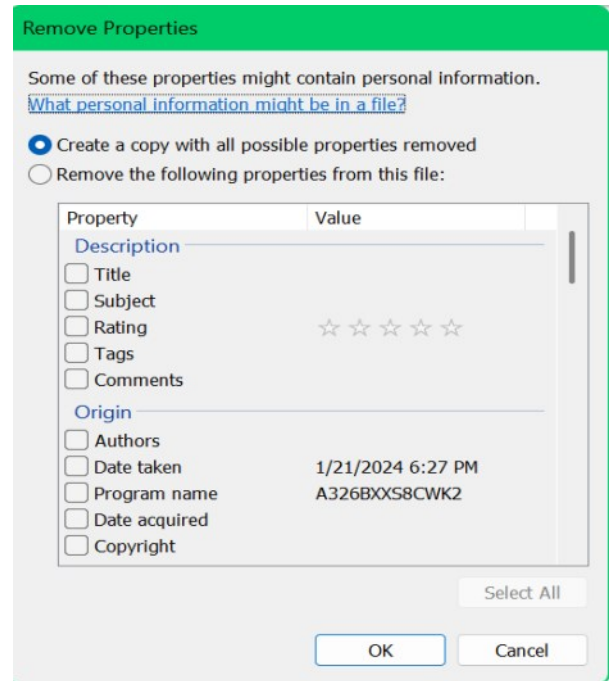
This makes the file property look like this:

Note that the “GPS” information has now been removed...



Then you can convert to .JPG format...  
Once converted, the privacy of the .HEIC file as carried to the .JPG file and privacy of location is protected.  
Now you have .JPG images to share with friends and family who may be Windows users and make these photos much easier to use.  
As always, shipmates, comments and

suggestions for future topics are welcomed.  
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### Windows Recall and Timeline

As you embrace Windows 11, there is a feature that you need to be aware of that has, in my opinion, some troubling implications. It exists on Windows 11 PC's running Version 24H2. I discovered this feature while reading an article on Computerworld.com related to the recent Signal messaging app debacle that made headlines.

### Signal to Windows Recall: Drop dead

Windows Recall is an AI-powered feature designed for Copilot+ PCs running Windows 11 version 24H2 and newer that continuously takes snapshots of your screen to create a searchable timeline of your activities. It can allow apps you use to do the same thing – which may be concerning for us all.

I am running Windows 11 24H2 on a Dell Laptop (which is a laptop that does not have the hardware embedded AI capability now being

offered in new PC's), so I checked the setting and here's what I saw down at the bottom of the Privacy & Security page:

## Privacy & security > Screenshots and screen recording

 Screenshots and screen recording access  
Anyone using this device can choose if their apps can take screenshots or record the screen when this is on

 Let apps take screenshots and record the screen  
Choose which apps can take screenshots and record the screen

Let desktop apps take screenshots and record the screen  
Desktop apps that have previously requested access to take screenshots or record the screen are listed here

 Recent activity  
Review screenshot or screen recording requests in the last 7 days. The most recent access data is also captured in other places on this page

 Privacy resources  
[About these settings and your privacy](#) | [Privacy dashboard](#) | [Privacy Statement](#)

Copilot+ PC's will likely more closely match the article steps.

I was not aware of this feature, but immediately disabled it. Fortunately, my apps have not requested access as noted by the "0" requests value. But what happens when the apps get their software updated and that capability added? I'm not taking that chance. My data is too valuable, and private.

Here is article that will provide additional information:

### **How to disable Recall (AI timeline) on Windows 11**

Take time to read the articles, and make your own decision as to leaving it enabled, or to simply disable it. This is a personal decision, but hopefully the information I have provided will help you decide the risk.

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### **The Security Corner Pt 2 Scams of the Day**

Welcome back to the Security Corner! This month's topic deals with an issue that I have written on in the past and that we regularly encounter – Scams. In our digital world, where we are connected to the world in real-time via our mobile phones, tablets, we are bombarded with the never-ending stream of robo-calls, scam e-mails, and instant messaging activity. That

activity demands that we stay informed and aware of all the ways human scammers, and now the AI-enabled scammers, operate. AI is enabling scammers to be even more stealthy and believable in refining their methods.

If you are a member of AARP, then you can read their coverage of scams targeting seniors. And it's worthwhile reading indeed at:

### **AARP - Scams & Fraud section**

Likewise, many financial institutions, like Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Truist, Chase, and First Citizens, just to name a few, have started their own scam warning programs. Check with your financial institution to see what they can offer as advice.

I recently came across a website that deals with the "**Scam of the Day**" topics. It can be found at: **Scamicide with Steve Weisman** . Steve's background is as follows:

Steve Weisman is a lawyer, admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He is a college professor at Bentley University in Waltham, MA, where he teaches "White Collar Crime." He was awarded the Gregory H. Adamian Award, Bentley University's highest award for teaching excellence. He is the author of more than ten books including "The Truth About Avoiding Scams" named by Smart Money Magazine as one of the ten best money books of the year. He has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for excellence in legal journalism by the American Bar Association.

The website itself gets a good rating as well. So, you may find it to be an interesting resource as you seek information on recent scams in play. You can sign-up to receive a daily e-mail with a current, or recent scam. The website has a long list of scam descriptions available for reading.

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**Hacker: I have all  
your passwords**

**Me: OMG thank you,  
what are they?**





<https://www.va.gov/>  
**And FLEET RESERVE**

THE LINKS BELOW WERE TAKEN FROM  
THE EMAILS I RECEIVE FROM MANY

VA Secretary Doug Collins testified last week before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Know your migraine triggers, don't let another migraine throw off your day. If migraines are impacting your life, reach out to VA for support.

A Safety Plan can help Veterans facing a crisis. VA's Safety Plan app was developed to help Veterans create their own unique Safety Plan.

Join Blue Star Families and ask the experts all of your questions regarding caregiver benefits.

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## Access to non-VA care no longer requires secondary approval

- o VA service does not meet certain quality



standards.

The Veteran meets the grandfathered distance and location provisions of the former Veterans Choice Program.

The new, streamlined process for determining best medical interest will be backed by training for Veterans Health Administration employees to ensure compliance with the Elizabeth Dole Act.

Reporters and media outlets with questions or comments should contact the Office of Media Relations at [vapublicaffairs@va.gov](mailto:vapublicaffairs@va.gov)

Veterans with questions about their health care and benefits (including GI Bill). Questions, updates and documents can be submitted online.

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**Veterans Service Officer  
John Dudas**

#### **Refinancing Options for Military Members and Veterans**

<https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/vas-home-refinancing-options-military-members-and-veterans.html>

#### **VA Watchdog: Misdated PACT Act Disability Decisions Costing Government, Veterans Millions**

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/04/15/thousands-of-vets-disability-claims-linked-pact-act-included-wrong-dates-resulting-mispayments.html>

#### **Vet Realtor Pulls Alarm on Plan To Fund 'Blue Water' Navy Bill**

<https://www.military.com/militaryadvantage/2018/06/21/vet-realtor-pulls-alarm-plan-fund-blue-water-navy-bill.html>

#### **VA Chipping Away at Claims Backlog, Hopes to Process 2.5 million Filings This Year**

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/04/09/va-chipping-away-claims-backlog-hopes-process-25-million-filings-year.html>

#### **Lawmakers Press VA for New Cost Estimate on Electronic Health Records System**

<https://www.military.com/daily->

[news/2025/04/03/lawmakers-press-va-new-cost-estimate-electronic-health-records-system.html](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/04/03/lawmakers-press-va-new-cost-estimate-electronic-health-records-system.html)

#### **VA's Top Watchdog Agency Blames Poor Accounting Practices for Last Year's Budget Scare**

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/03/28/vas-top-watchdog-agency-blames-poor-accounting-practices-last-years-budget-scare.html>

#### **VA announces major survivor benefits reforms**

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-announces-major-survivor-benefits-reforms/>

#### **Chairman Bost for the Daily Caller: Time To Restore Veterans' Constitutional Rights**

<https://veterans.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=6687>

#### **VA's online legacy project adds names of 210,000 vets lost overseas**

<https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2025/05/08/vas-online-legacy-project-adds-names-of-210000-vets-lost-overseas/>

#### **A shifts survivors assistance office in effort to speed up benefits**

<https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2025/05/05/va-shifts-survivors-assistance-office-in-effort-to-speed-up-benefits/>

#### **Commissary director sees opportunity for stores amid DOD upheaval**

<https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/2025/04/29/commissary-director-sees-opportunity-for-stores-amid-dod-upheaval/>

#### **VA unveils the next 13 sites for electronic health record rollout**

<https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2025/04/01/va-unveils-next-13-sites-for-electronic-health-record-rollout/>

#### **What Type of Benefits Are Available to the Widow of a Veteran?**

<https://www.reference.com/world-view/type-benefits-available-widow-veteran-109023a308ae4c00?ad=dirN&go=serplIndex&o=740005&origg=veterans+administration+news&ueid=319162d3-4bbc-4144-b93c-552def21d6bb>

**Access to non-VA care no longer requires secondary approval**

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-makes-it-easier-for-veterans-to-use-community-care/>

**Share your story, today, with “VLM for Living Veterans**

<https://news.va.gov/140128/share-your-story-today-with-vlm-for-living-veterans/>

**My HealtheVet is moving, June 4, 2025**

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home>

**Miller-Meeks, Kiggans, Bergman Introduce No Wrong Door for Veterans Act**

<https://millermeeks.house.gov/media/press-releases/miller-meeks-kiggans-bergman-introduce-no-wrong-door-veterans-act>

**A Single Server Holds All Navy Pay and Promotion Data. DOGE Canceled a Contract to Upload It to the Cloud.**

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/22/single-server-holds-all-navy-pay-and-promotion-data-doge-canceled-contract-upload-it-cloud.html?ESRC=navy\\_250527.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=navy&utm\\_campaign=20250527](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/22/single-server-holds-all-navy-pay-and-promotion-data-doge-canceled-contract-upload-it-cloud.html?ESRC=navy_250527.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250527)

**These Resorts and Hotels Are Just for Veterans and Military Members**

[https://www.military.com/travel/these-resorts-and-hotels-are-just-veterans-and-military-members.html?ESRC=navy\\_250527.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=navy&utm\\_campaign=20250527](https://www.military.com/travel/these-resorts-and-hotels-are-just-veterans-and-military-members.html?ESRC=navy_250527.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250527)

**Is Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay Taxed?**

[https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/ask-lacey-concurrent-retirement-and-disability-pay-taxed.html?ESRC=navy\\_250527.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=navy&utm\\_campaign=20250527](https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/ask-lacey-concurrent-retirement-and-disability-pay-taxed.html?ESRC=navy_250527.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250527)

**PTSD VA Ratings: What You Need to Know**

[https://www.military.com/benefits/ptsd-va-rating.html?ESRC=navy\\_250527.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=navy&utm\\_campaign=20250527](https://www.military.com/benefits/ptsd-va-rating.html?ESRC=navy_250527.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250527)

**Hegseth Orders Review of Defense Department's Support for Homeschooling**

[https://www.military.com/daily-](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/27/hegseth-orders-review-of-defense-departments-support-homeschooling.html?ESRC=eb_250528.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20250528)

[news/2025/05/27/hegseth-orders-review-of-defense-departments-support-homeschooling.html?](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/27/hegseth-orders-review-of-defense-departments-support-homeschooling.html?ESRC=eb_250528.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20250528)

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[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/28/pentagon-orders-services-cut-pcs-moves-50-over-next-5-years.html?ESRC=eb\\_250529.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20250529](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/28/pentagon-orders-services-cut-pcs-moves-50-over-next-5-years.html?ESRC=eb_250529.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20250529)

**Sunken USS Yorktown Leaves Researchers ‘Flabbergasted’ In Latest Dive**

(NAVY TIMES 12 MAY 25) ... Claire Barrett

Eighty-three years after sinking, the USS Yorktown is still revealing secrets.

During an April 19 expedition, scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) — as part of the Beyond the Blue: Papahānaumokuākea ROV and Mapping project — were using a remotely operated underwater vehicle to explore the storied U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, when they found more than they could have hoped for.

Since June 1942, the 809-foot-long carrier has been resting on the ocean floor, slipping beneath the waves after Japanese forces torpedoed the ship during the Battle of Midway.

Resting 3.1 miles beneath the surface and roughly 1,000 miles northwest of Honolulu, the Yorktown was first discovered in 1998 by Robert Ballard in coordination with the National Geographic Society and the U.S. Navy.

An initial investigation of the shipwreck was conducted that year upon its discovery. Another, led by Ocean Exploration Trust on Exploration Vessel Nautilus, was launched in 2023. The April 19 dive, however, was the first exploratory expedition of its kind — revealing a host of discoveries.

During the dive, at least three Douglas SBD Dauntless bombers were found on the ship's hanger deck — with one plane still fully armed after 83 years, its bomb secured in its release cradle.

The other two, according to NOAA, are believed to have been part of the USS Enterprise's bombing squadron that landed on the Yorktown

after releasing their payload. During the battle, SBDs were responsible for fatally damaging all four Japanese carriers.

These Dauntless bombers bear the scars of battle, with records showing that the pair were moved to the hangar deck and set ablaze after being struck by three Japanese bombers.

The cameras, meanwhile, picked up more than just the vestiges of battle.

A hand-painted mural that reads “A Chart of the Cruises of the USS Yorktown” was found inside one of the vessel’s elevator shafts. The mural, only partially visible in historic photographs taken before the ship’s sinking, revealed itself for the first time to researchers.

The mural, which stretches 42 feet end to end and 12 feet top to bottom, was seemingly painted by a crew member to track the Yorktown’s voyage across the world.

During the live-feed of the dive, researchers were astounded by the almost perfectly preserved map.

“This is the first time we’re seeing this whole image. This is history in the making,” one researcher said as the camera turned its view onto the mural.

“That is amazing,” another noted. “I am absolutely flabbergasted by the state of preservation of this.”

While murals were occasionally painted on other ships during World War II, the Yorktown’s had seemingly been lost to history — until now.

“Its motifs showcase the pride that Yorktown’s sailors had for their ship, the global scale of Yorktown’s activities, and the strategic role that the ship played in defending the United States,” NOAA said in a news release.

Along with the aircraft and aircraft debris in Yorktown’s hangar, the mural is helping to fill gaps in the historical record of the Yorktown.

The 28-day expedition, according to NOAA, has provided “answers to existing questions and result [ed] in new mysteries for historians and scientists to puzzle out.”

One such mystery is the “surprise automobile” researchers discovered during the April 19 dive.

“Based on the flared fenders, split windshield, rag top, chrome details and spare tire, researchers have tentatively identified the vehicle as a black 1940-1941 Ford Super Deluxe

‘Woody,’” the Smithsonian noted.

On its front plate, according to a statement, researchers could make out the words “SHIP SERVICE \_\_\_\_ NAVY.”

The presence of the car on the aircraft carrier has puzzled researchers and historians alike. Even more puzzling was the fact that crew members didn’t push the “Woody” overboard after Capt. Elliot Buckmaster, in an effort to keep the ship afloat, gave the order to jettison heavy cargo that included the likes of guns and aircraft.

For now, researchers can only surmise as to why the vehicle survived the jettison order.

Another mystery for another dive.

<https://www.navytimes.com/veterans/military-history/2025/05/12/sunken-uss-yorktown-leaves-researchers-flabbergasted-in-latest-dive/>

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## **Navy to scrap historic platforms used to salvage doomed USS Arizona**

By WYATT OLSON STARS AND STRIPES • May 16, 2025

Work will begin Monday to permanently remove a pair of dilapidated platforms that were connected to the USS Arizona during salvage operations following its sinking in the 1941 Japanese surprise attack.

Workers with the U.S. Navy and Pearl Harbor National Memorial will place containment buoys and anchors in the waters surrounding the USS Arizona Memorial site as a precautionary measure and in preparation for removing the platforms, the Navy said in a news release Thursday.

“Ultimately, the Navy decided to remove the historic platforms to prevent possible damage to the USS Arizona, its memorial and the environment,” the release states.

The platforms were welded to the hull of the Arizona, which sits mostly below water in Pearl Harbor, during a lengthy salvage operation in the wake of the attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Ferries, barges and ships tethered to the platforms as workers stripped parts critical to the war effort.

In October 2023, memorial staff discovered the smaller of the two platforms had shifted, with its concrete surface now inclined diagonally in the water.

Navy and National Park Service divers assessed the condition of both platforms and the ship's hull in the months after the decay was found.

"After a year of focused planning and analysis, the installation of this mooring system is a necessary precaution to ensure environmental protection ahead of removing the platforms later this year," the Navy said. "Additionally, this action supports the platform removal emergency response plan."

The Pearl Harbor National Memorial had hoped the platforms could be repaired rather than removed.

"Our mission at the National Park Service is not just Dec. 7, 1941," David Kilton, a spokesman for the memorial, told Stars and Stripes in November 2023. "It's the lead-up to the attacks, the actual attack and the aftermath, continuing all the way to peace and reconciliation — a story still playing out today."

The platforms tell a part of that story, he said. The Navy, however, said in its news release that removing the platforms "will symbolize the completion of a salvage operation that began more than 80 years ago, involving the efforts of the U.S. Navy's diving and salvage force, and thousands of contractors and shipyard workers drawn from the people of Hawaii and many different local communities."

The USS Arizona Memorial opened in 1962 and honors the 1,177 crewmen who died on the battleship. The remains of 900 sailors and Marines were entombed in the doomed vessel as it sank.

It receives about 2 million visitors a year.

The plan for removing the platforms complies with state and federal laws and regulations, the Navy said.

"Additionally, all efforts will be coordinated with the Pearl Harbor National Memorial and local officials to ensure the platform removal fully respects the ship's historic importance to the nation and its sacred status as a war grave," the news release states.

[Read full article here.](#)



## OLD AGE

(are we there yet?)

- Old age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.
- By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
- A man has reached old age when he is cautioned to slow down by his Doctor instead of by the police.
- Old age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.
- You know you're into old age when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.
- Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.
- The aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress.



# Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

## The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

## Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

## Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

## Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

## Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



# Using FamousKin.com Program to Connect Two Ancestors

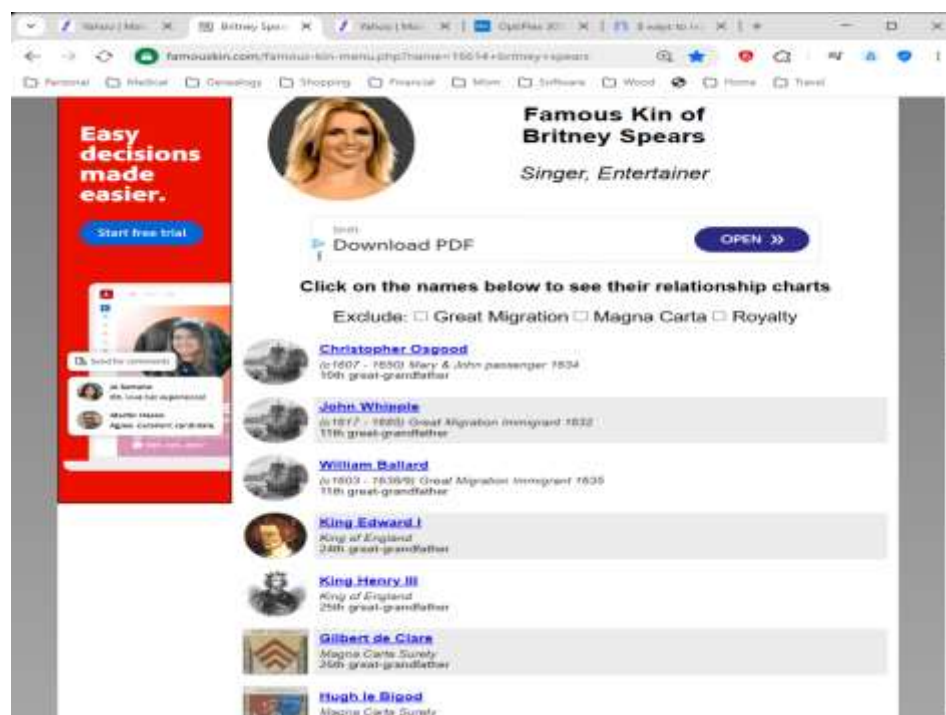
**Don Ort - Gold/SY1/Blue 69-74 and Tom Krauser - Blue 72-74**

We have discussed using the FamousKin program in other articles to find notable, famous, or infamous ancestors and add them to our tree. Sometimes this can be a daunting process, especially if you see there are a lot of ancestors between the two people you are trying to connect.

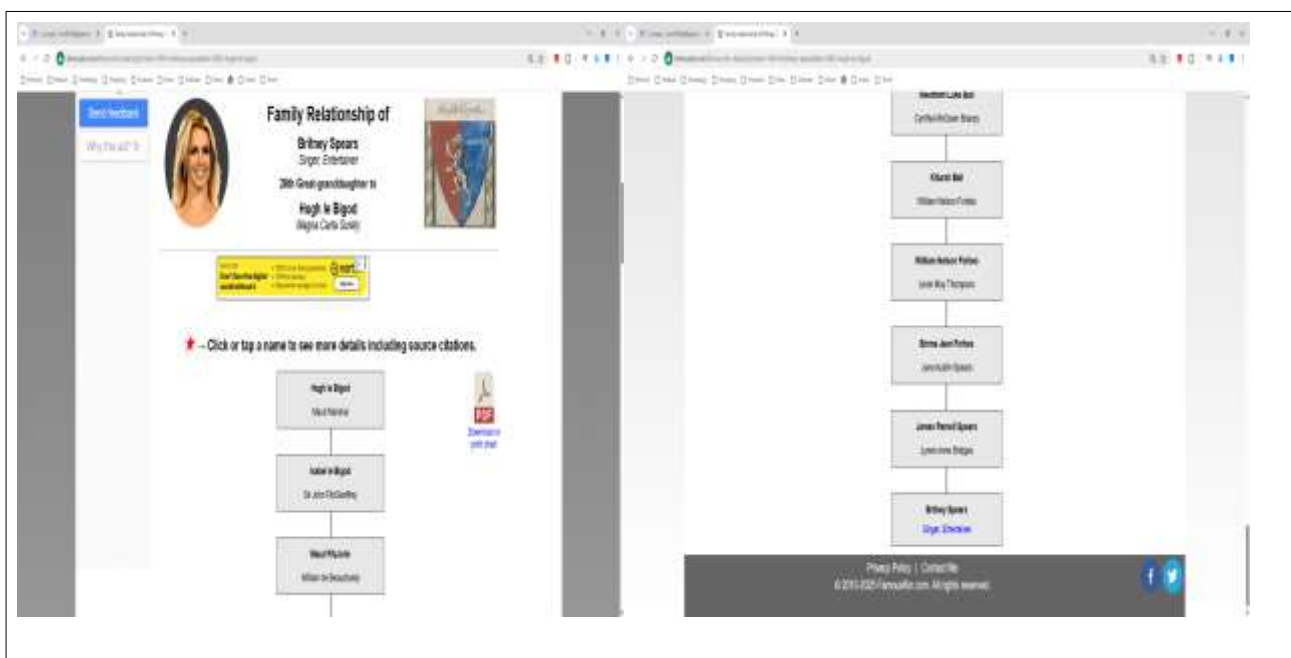
In this article we want to describe a general process to use when adding connections between two distant people contained in the **FamousKin** program. When we look at the connection between the two people it may show a large number of generations between them. One or both of the people at the top and bottom of the connections may already be in our tree and we are trying to connect them together.

Suppose for example that **Britney Spears** is in our tree. If we open **FamousKin.com** and type **Britney Spears** in **Enter search criteria** we see an entry for Britney Spears ([Britney Spears Famous Kin \(16614\)](#)).

When we click on this link, it brings up the following screen with all the famous or notable kin of Britney Spears.



Note that **Hugh le Bigod** is shown who is also an ancestor of both Tom (24<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather and Don (7<sup>th</sup> cousin 21X removed). Hugh le Bigod is Britney's 26<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather. When we click on Hugh le Bigod we get the following screens showing the connection path from Britney Spears to Hugh le Bigod.



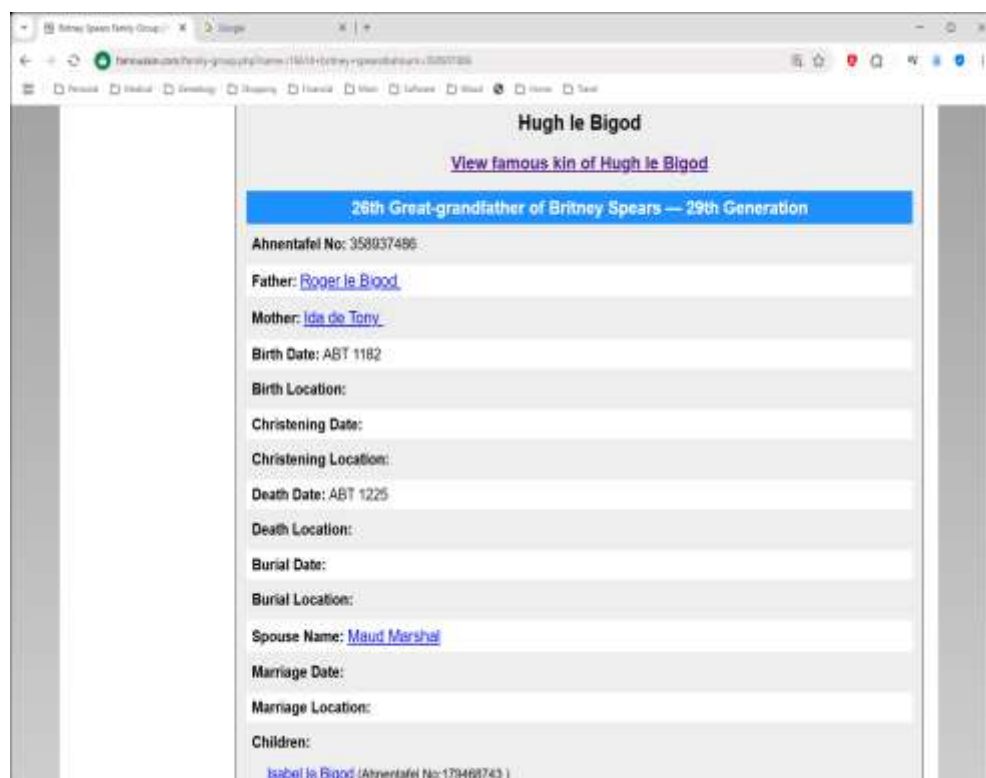
There are a total of 27 ancestors shown between them. If we want to add the connection between Britney Spears and Hugh le Bigod it could be a daunting task to keep track of all the people in between them. Some of the people shown may already be in your tree that are in that list of kin.

As discussed in previous articles, you should be using split screens (or two monitors) during this process. The **FamousKin** screen should be in one “browser,” such as **Microsoft Edge**, on the left side of the monitor and on the right side of the screen, open another “browser,” such as **Google Chrome**, in which you open Ancestry.com in the 1<sup>st</sup> tab. On the right browser, open the Ancestry profile for Britney Spears in the 1<sup>st</sup> tab on the right screen and then click on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tab and open the Ancestry profile for Hugh le Bigod in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tab. Looking at FamousKin on the left browser on the screen, we can compare it to the Ancestry Profiles on the right side. There may already be some of these people in your tree from both of these people. Look at Britney Spears’ Ancestry Profile, you can follow her parents and grandparents up to see where in the FamousKin path our Ancestry tree for Britney stops. Looking at Hugh le BiGod’s children and click on the person listed at the top of the next FamousKin box below Hugh le Bigod (Isabel le BiGod). Keep repeating this process and at some point, you will reach a person that is not already in your tree and they will have to be added to complete the connection.

When using FamousKin.com, if you are trying to work upward (from Britney Spears), you have to know which of the parents will continue the path upward toward the person you are trying to reach. If you are starting at the top person (Hugh le Bigod), the FamousKin program will **automatically** show the next child down the path necessary to get to Britney Spears. Thus, it is generally easier to work **down** FamousKin in order to complete the path to the person you are trying to connect, Britney Spears.

If you want to leave the complete path displayed on the left browser, you can open a 2<sup>nd</sup> tab on the left browser and open another copy of Britney Spears’ FamousKin in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tab. Then click on Hugh le

Bigod in that tab to show the complete FamousKin path. With the path showing, click on Hugh le Bigod to open his profile in FamousKin.



Since we are starting with Hugh le Bigod, on the right side of your screen in Ancestry, open the Ancestry Profile for Hugh le Bigod. Verify the information from FamousKin in his Ancestry Profile. After verifying information, we see that FamousKin lists Isabel le Bigod (in blue) as the next person down the path. It also gives some Notes (Magna Carta Surety; 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Norfolk) about Hugh le Bigod you should ensure are added to Ancestry. Tom has Tree Tags for **Magna Carta Surety** and **Royalty** which he also adds to Ancestry for Tree Searches later. Tree Tags were discussed in a previous article. There are also other siblings listed that you can add to Ancestry if not already in Ancestry. For these siblings add **FK** to the Suffix field to show they are contained in FamousKin. If you do not have their birth information you can “assume” they were born about the same time as Isabel (Abt. 1212) and use **Abt. 1212** for their birth dates until you find better references for their birth dates. If we had a marriage date we could use dates after the marriage. Note that at the bottom of the FamousKin Profile there is a link to Wikipedia:

<sup>6</sup> Wikipedia, "[Hugh Bigod, 3rd Earl of Norfolk](#)", \_3rd\_Earl\_of\_Norfolk, (accessed 02/20/2010).

If we open this link, we will get more information about Hugh le Bigod to add to Ancestry which may fill in some of the missing information above. We would also add it as a **Web link** to Ancestry.

Since Isabel le Bigod is next in the path down to Britney Spears, we click on her Profile in Ancestry and also click on her Profile in FamousKin. We would add information from FamousKin to Ancestry including opening up her spouse, John FitzGeoffrey. If we did a Tree Search on John FitzGeoffrey, we might discover that he is already in our tree (22<sup>nd</sup> grand-uncle). Thus, we could Merge these Profiles, if



we already added him, or we could add him as an existing person (**Choose someone from your tree.**) in Ancestry as her spouse. We see that Maud FitzJohn is the next person down the FamousKin path. Note that other siblings are also given that we can add. Since a marriage date is provided (Aft. 1230), we can assume that Joan was born after 1230 so we could use Abt. 1231 for her assumed birth date until better information is obtained.

Notice that Isabel's FamousKin Profile also lists an additional spouse (Gilbert de Lacy) which we can add to Ancestry. Since no other information is provided, we can assume Gilbert was born "about" the same time as Isabel so use Abt. 1212 for his birth information in Ancestry until better information is available.

Notice that Isabel also has a Wikipedia link for her that we can open and get more information. Add a Web link for the Wikipedia source to Ancestry.

Next, we move down to Maud FitzJohn in both FamousKin and Ancestry and repeat the process above.

As you add people to Ancestry you may want to perform a **Tree Search** in Ancestry to determine if that person's name may already be somewhere in your tree. If you find the same or similar names you then want to look at the details in both FamousKin and Ancestry to determine if that person is indeed the same person already in your tree or not. Maybe they are the spouse of someone already in your tree who was added before. In that case you would want to **Merge** these people in Ancestry. After merging these records, determine if the **Merge** added some people already in the FamousKin line. Continue to work down the FamousKin list until you have connected Britney Spears to Hugh le Bigod.

As you add each person to Ancestry, you should add **FK\*** to the Suffix field in Ancestry to show that it was a Profile from **FamousKin.com**. If they are listed, but not in the path, we can add **FK** to the Suffix field to show they are listed in FamousKin but we did not open their actual profile.

Continue moving down the FamousKin path until you finally connect to Britney Spears in Ancestry.

Once you add Britney Spears, you should add a Web link to her FamousKin page using **Add web link** in Ancestry. After Britney Spears is added, we see that Britney is Tom's 18<sup>th</sup> cousin 1x removed and Don's (28th cousin 6x times removed) going to Hugh le Bigod. There may be shorter paths that we discover later making her a much closer cousin but for now we have established a link to our trees.

**Web address:** <https://famouskin.com/famous-kin-menu.php?name=16614+britney+spears>

**Link name:** Famous Kin of Britney Spears, Singer, Entainerer

Also, note that she has a Wikipedia link to get more information about her you will want to add.

Then you can add Tree Tags to use for future searches, such as: Actor\_Actress, FamousKin; Grammy Award; Recording Artist\_Composer; or any other Tree Tags you want to create (We have discussed Tree Tags in a previous article.) In the Suffix field you could add information such as **FK\* (Singer, Songwriter, Dancer, Actress)**.

We could now choose a different FamousKin person for Britney that we may recognize from our tree and repeat the process from the beginning looking for different ancestor paths. This may make a shorter path and make Britney a closer cousin.

## A Tribute on this Memorial Day to the lost Submariners of the World



**Date: 26 May 2025**

As we write this Memorial Day message, it is with a sense of pride and sorrow that we remember the brave Submariner's who have lost their lives in the Undersea Services in which we have all served. Last year, we gathered at the Cliffs of Moher in the Republic of Ireland, the high cliff of Europe, looking out over the Atlantic Ocean; to honor and pray for those "who gave their last full measure of devotion" – Lincoln.

Mindful that the loss of one life is a grievous occurrence, Michael Setzer, HOD Germany, stepped up to read the number of personnel lost to his country. He reported a staggering figure of over 30,000 sailors, which moved us tremendously. It was also deeply touched those in attendance to have Tony Faella, a WWII USN veteran, present with us.

We would be grateful if countries we missed could send us their information along with a photo of your Submariners Memorials so that we may add it to this page for future ISA tributs.

Thanks Bud Cunnally ISA/USA & Ian Vickers ISA/GB

27 May 2024 at the Cliffs of Moher in the Republic of Ireland  
(Bud Cunnally) Welcome to the Memorial Service for our sisters and brothers who have answered the call and received their orders to the Eternal Patrol. We who now have the watch call upon the Nations of the International Submariners Association to speak for them.  
We call upon the individual countries here assembled to state the number of Submarines their country has lost in Wartime and Peacetime and how many of their sailors Perished. We also want to remember those who have been lost in service and not on Submarines.



(Steve Day) The USA has lost 74 submarines and more than 4,300 sailors since 1901. The USA's largest loss of life came in WWII; there were 52 subs lost and 3,506 sailors killed. This man standing next to me is a hero, and I am honored and humbled to be a fellow brother of the Phin. (Bud) I served with many of them in the 1960s as they finished their 20 years of service and retired from the US Navy. They were my heroes then, and they are still my heroes today. Tony Faella, are we not fortunate to have you with us today? Tony is a youngster who has celebrated his 102nd birthday



He served on board the USS Spearfish (SS 190) on five war patrols in the Pacific and is a survivor of the 1 in five men lost in the Pacific theater of World War II. Bud Cunnally is a surviving family member of his first cousin, James Patrick Cunnally, who was lost on the USS Seawolf (SS197). USA peacetime losses are set at 22 Subs.



(Ian Vickers) United Kingdom. 135 were sunk with the loss of Six Thousand Submariners, who have died in service since 1901. We are close to the home of Captain Bill King who served in the British Navy on board Royal Navy Submarines, and we will learn more about this incredible Submariner later today at his home at Oranmore Castle, Galway. The National Submariners' War Memorial, is a war memorial on the Victoria Embankment in London, England, between Waterloo Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge.

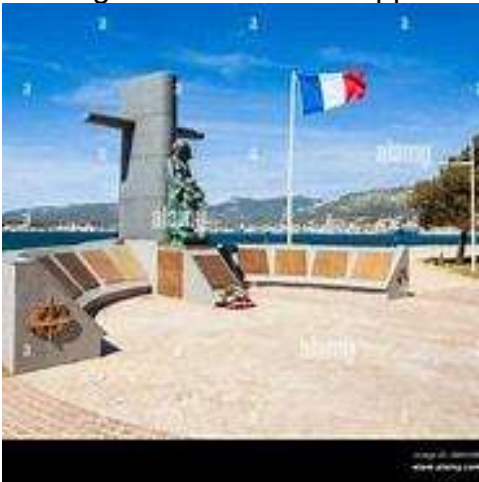
God Rest their Souls.

(Michael Setzer) Germany No country has lost more Submariners than Deutschland. 200 U-boats lost in World War 1 with 4,744 sailors and 739 U-boats in World War 2 have gone to the bottom with the loss of over 30,000 sailors. Their Allies the Austro-Hungarians in WW 1 lost 9 submarines and 95 sailors, and the Italians in WW 2 lost 95 submarines with a total of 1,071 Submariners. In peacetime, Germany lost three submarines in accidents 1911 U-3, 1936 U-18, and in 1966 U-Hai.



God Rest their souls.

(Dominique Salles) France: Among 1650 submariners who have lost their lives from 1905 to the present time, 1100 disappeared during World War 1 and 2 conflicts. Twelve subs sank in peacetime. In less than two years, in 1968 and 1970, the loss of both Minerve and Eurydice was excruciating with the death of 109 submariners. The Eurydice was found a few months after the shipwreck, and Minerve was not discovered until 2019, 51 years after its sinking, offering the families of these missing submariners the opportunity to mourn.



God Rest their souls.

(Michail Proimakis) Greece HS PROTEUS S-3. sank in the Adriatic west of the Greek island of Sasson, on 29 December 1940, with its 48 members. HS GLAFKOS S-6 was in Valletta, Malta for an overhaul. On 27 February 1942, the port of Valletta was attacked by the enemy air force, and the Commander of the submarine, and an officer were killed. On 04 April 1942, the port was again assaulted by the combative air force and the submarine sank. HS TRITON S-5. On 16 November 1942, it was sunk by embolization close to the island of Evia with the loss of 24 (two were British) and 28 of the crew captured, while two escaped by swimming to the island of Evia. HS KATSONIS S-1. It sank on 14 September 1943, at the North Island of Skiathos, with 32 crew members lost and 17 captured. Three escaped by swimming to the coast of Pelion.





God rest their souls.

(Sid Czabotar) Australia Two submarines lost in WW1. Submarine AE1 was lost off the coast of New Britain on 14 September 1914 with thirty-five officers and crew. AE 1 was located and identified on 20 December 2017. AE2 was scuttled on 30 April 1915 off the coast of Turkey during WW1. All crew were captured with 4 dying in captivity. AE2 was located and identified in June 1988.



God rest their souls.

(Stein Flom-Jacobsen) Norway One submarine *Uredd (P41)* lost 34 sailors (including 3 British) and 6 soldiers from Norwegian Independent Company no.1 (Linge Commandos) together with 1 Special Intelligence Service (SIS) agent. *Uredd* was detected in 1985 and is a war grave with a memorial on the mainland close by. None lost in peacetime.

Other than Submarines Norway lost 672 ships and approximately 4800 sailors (at sea) during WWII. This includes both the Merchant Navy and the "home fleet". The Royal Norwegian Navy lost 933 sailors (approx. 46%) and 37 ships/vessels.

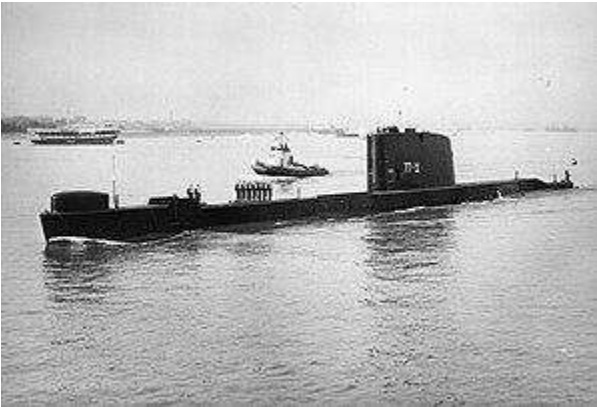


God rest their souls.

(Lars Nordenberg) Sweden Loss of HM Submarine ULVEN On April 15, 1943, the greatest tragedy in the history of the Swedish submarine force occurred. The submarine Ulven was blown up by a mine in Swedish territorial waters, killing all 33 crew members. An entire nation mourned. Our country was not heavily affected by the atrocities of war, but it still suffered a great loss of life. It was a difficult time that followed the disaster, especially for relatives, friends, and submarine companions.



God rest their souls.



(Israel)

INS Dakar was a [diesel-electric submarine](#) in the [Israeli Navy](#). The vessel, a modified [World War II British T-class submarine](#), was purchased by [Israel](#) from the [Government of the United Kingdom](#) in 1965. Dakar and her entire 69-man crew were lost en route to Israel on 25 January 1968. Despite extensive searches over the course of three decades, its wreckage was not found until 1999, when it was located between the islands of [Cyprus](#) and [Crete](#) at a depth of approximately 3,000 m (9,800 ft). The Submarine's [conning tower](#) was salvaged and is on display outside the Naval Museum in [Haifa](#). The exact cause of Dakar's sinking remains unknown.

God rest their Souls.



(I Choi Lee) Republic of Korea The ROKS Cheonan sinking occurred on 26 March 2010, when [Cheonan](#), a [Pohang-class corvette](#) of the [Republic of Korea Navy](#), carrying 104 personnel, sank off the country's west coast near [Baengnyeong Island](#) in the [Yellow Sea](#), killing 46 seamen. The cause of the sinking remains in dispute. An international team of experts investigated, which concluded that the warship was sunk by a North Korean Torpedo fired by a Midget Submarine. God rest their Souls.



(Yevgen Livshyts) Ukraine. Until December 1991, Ukraine as a Union Republic was part of the Soviet Union, we Ukrainians served on submarines alongside representatives of the other 14 Union Republics, together defending our common state. In the battles of World War II, 110 Soviet submarines were lost, and the sea took in 3,374 submariners. After World War II, the Soviet Navy lost 8 diesel and 4 nuclear submarines, and 769 submariners died in these disasters and accidents on other submarines. Today we also mourn the deaths of 38 thousand military personnel and 10 and a half thousand civilians, including about 500 children, from the Russian aggressive invasion of Ukraine. God rest their souls.



(Skip Whitfield) Canada During World War II, The Royal Canadian Navy fielded 341 fighting ships. Of that number 21 were lost.

God Rest their souls.



(Bud Cunnally) The Republic of Ireland Since the 1960s, 88 personnel (87 from the [Irish Army](#) and one from the [Air Corps](#)) have died in overseas deployments. The deployments were mostly serving the United Nations Peacekeeping Force, The First World War accounted for about 35,00 men killed. The Irish War for Independence and the Civil War produced hundreds of fatalities.

God rest their Souls.

(IAN Vickers and Bud Cunnally) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

O God, we pray Thee that the memory of our comrades may be ever sacred in our hearts; that the sacrifice which they have offered for their country's cause may be acceptable in Thy sight; and that an entrance into Thine eternal peace may, by Thy pardoning grace, be open unto them through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Conclude with the Lord's Prayer by all hands.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the power and the glory forever. Amen

(BUD) Eternal rest is granted to them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of Christ rest in peace. Amen.

The Jewish Faith

And let the words of our mouths express the meditations of our hearts. O God, full of compassion, Thou who dwellest on high! Beneath the sheltering wings of Thy presence, among the holy and pure



who shine as the brightness of the firmament, grant perfect peace unto their souls), who has gone unto eternity. Lord of mercy, bring him/her under the cover of Thy winds and let his/her soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life. Be Thou his/her inheritance and may their repose be in peace. Amen. (Ivan Serdyuk) Since 1945, The month of May has been celebrated as Victory in Europe in many countries around the world. Almost 83 years have passed since the end of WWII, and in 2004 the United Nations established May 8-9 as the Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who died during the World Wars. The international community of veteran submariners came to reconciliation much earlier. Since 1961, we have been holding the annual Congress of Remembrance, Reconciliation, Friendship, and Peacebuilding. Today is a time of remembrance and mourning for those who died during the Wars, among whom were many of our fellow submariners. Rest in peace Brothers and Sisters.

(Bud Cunnally & Ian Vickers). Amazing Grace by Tony Kelly the Piper a Republic of Ireland Army Veteran, concludes our memorial ceremony for the year 2024. Sailors rest your oars. We have the watch!



# USSVI 2025 National Convention



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August 31 – September 6

**Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL**



[2025 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

[2025 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION PAPER REGISTRATON](#)

Registration Fee: \$30.00 pp

Welcome Aboard Party: \$35.00 pp

Holland Club Breakfast: \$30.00 pp

Men's & Women's Luncheon: \$35.00 pp

Banquet: \$65.00 pp

Various Tours & Events: prices on the registration form

[2025 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATIONS](#)

**\$120 Per Night Excluding taxes and fees**



## 655 Reunion #13 - Registration

Dates: 1-5 October 2025

Holiday Inn Norwich

10 Laura Boulevard | Norwich, CT 06360

860.889.5201

To Reserve Rooms: call the number above or link to

<https://hinorwich.info/HenryLStimson>

Reserve by phone reference HenryLStimson

Hotel Prices are good for Mon-Mon 29 Sept-6 Oct

Hotel Reservation **Deadline 1 September 2025**

*Hotel Reservation is the responsibility of the individual.*

Reunion Registration **Deadline 1 September 2025** Reunion Web Page: [655 Reunion #13](https://hinorwich.info/HenryLStimson)

**Transportation is not provided from the airport.**



Complete (print legibly), print the form and mail along with a check (payable to **John Glaub**) or money order to **John Glaub, 2 Terrace Ave., Niantic CT 06357**. Reason for **2025 HLS Reunion**.

For any questions contact the committee at: [655reunion2025@gmail.com](mailto:655reunion2025@gmail.com)

Shipmate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (place X beside correct one): Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Number who will be attending this event in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

# Patrols on STIMSON: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # Patrols on all boats: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Onboard	Rate	Crew	Dates Onboard	Rate	Crew
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Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Reunions Attended:	1999 ND	2001 CT	2003 WA	2005 MO	2007 CT	2009 GA
X beside each one	2011 SC	2013 AL	2016 SC	2018 OK	2021 KY	2023 SC

### Event attendance will be through advance payment only [pp = per person]

I am registering for the following per person (Association Member and all guests):

**Registration Pkg Fee:** (required for all) \$160 pp Number: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

(This fee includes registration, Saturday banquet, all hospitality room food & beverages, bus transportation.)

**OR**

### Individual pricing: [select what you want to do]

Registration Fee: (required for all) \$65 pp Number: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet – 3 options for dinner \$65 pp Number: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### Buses:

USS Nautilus Museum \$10 pp Number: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Use of bus is required for the SubSchool, Base Tour, SSN Tour – no personal transportation**

SubSchool Graduation/ SubBase Tour /

WWII Memorial / Lunch at SUVBETS Club \$10 pp Number: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

SSN Tour [if available] \$10 pp Number: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**If an SSN tour is available to us, you must be physically able to climb the ladders.**

### General Comments from the committee.

In order to get onboard NAVSUBASE everyone will be required to have a Military retiree ID card or complete some method for security verification. It may be by completing a special form or going online and completing security information. At this point we do not know which method will be used but as soon as known it will be put out to everyone via email.

### REUNION USE ONLY

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Resv: \_\_\_\_\_

The Association has established a refund policy for reunion registrations and it is located within our Bylaws in Article V.g. You can view this policy at: <http://ssbn655.org/association/bylaws/1610%20655BylawRev.pdf>

g. Cancellation of reunion registration and the refund of monies paid will be based on the timing of the cancellation. Registration cancelled prior to the reunion registration cutoff date will result in refund of monies paid minus the registration/office fee. For cancellation after the registration cutoff date, there will be no refund of monies paid.

## THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

**MYSTIC AQUARIUM** - 55 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT

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

Veterans get in free (proof of veteran status required). \$10.00 off for accompanying household family members. As a side note, they have kiosks to purchase tickets and John did not have to prove he was a veteran.

**MYSTIC SEAPORT** - 75 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT

<https://mysticseaport.org/>

Mystic Seaport is the nation's leading maritime museum.  
Open daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**OLDE MYSTIC VILLAGE** - 75 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT

<https://oldemistickvillage.com/>

An open-air village with unique shops

**MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT MUSEUM** - 110 Pequot Trail, Mashantucket, CT

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

**FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO** - 350 Trolley Lane Boulevard, Ledyard, CT

<https://www.foxwoods.com/>

**MOHEGAN SUN CASINO** - 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard, Uncasville, CT

<https://mohegansun.com/>

The hotel provides a free shuttle to and from Mohegan Sun Casino.

**FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK AND MUSEUM** - 90 Walbach Street, New London, CT

<https://ctparks.com/parks/fort-trumbull-state-park>

Fort Trumbull has a legacy of service spanning two and a half centuries, from the American Revolution to World War II to the Cold War. Along with serving as a federal military facility, the fort played a pivotal role in the country's coastal defense system. Originally built in 1777 to protect the New London Harbor from British attack, the first masonry structure was destroyed after Benedict Arnold successfully raided the fort and the British burned New London to the ground.

**FORT GRISWOLD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK** - Park Avenue and Monument Street, Groton, CT

<https://ctparks.com/parks/fort-griswold-battlefield-state-park>

The historical park is the site of the largest Revolutionary War battle in Connecticut, the 1781 British massacre of colonial militia. On September 6, 1781, British Forces, commanded by infamous traitor, Benedict Arnold, captured the Fort and massacred 88 of the 165 American patriots stationed there, including commander Colonel Ledyard.

**GENIUS MUSEUM** - 1650 Hartford-New London Turnpike, Montville, CT

<https://naturesartvillage.com/attraction/genius-museum/>

Take a historic walk and discover a timeless town displaying the rapid transformation of American technology over two centuries, along with the geniuses who created it all! The Genius Museum is a great place for families to share memories, older adults to feel nostalgic, and the young to learn how everyday life has developed with technology's advances.