



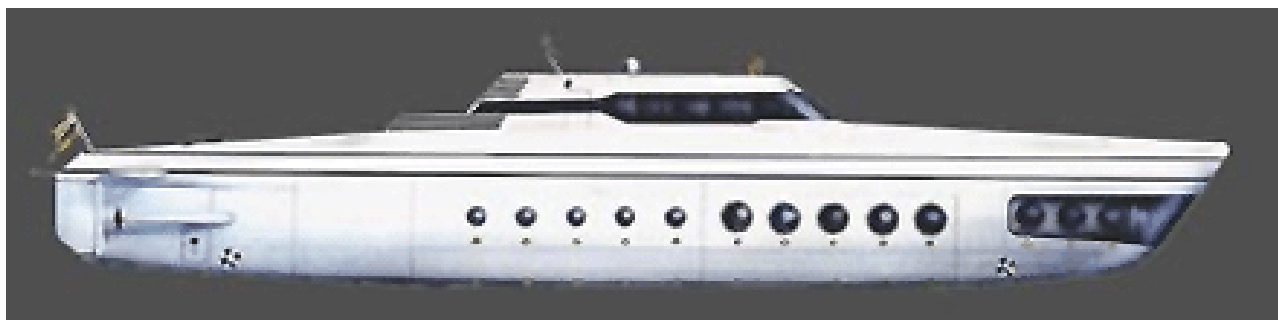
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# CORVINA BASE NEWS

## Newsletter of the Year Awards

2014 Class 2 First Runner Up  
2012 Western Region Class 2 Winner

2013 Western Region Class 2 Winner  
2011 Class 1 Honorable Mention



Phoenix 1000: 213' Personal Luxury Submarine

## Life's Dreams

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### Our Creed



To perpetuate the memory of our Shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country.

That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments.

Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

I recently read an article that stated that the U.S Navy's Pacific Submarine Force had another decommissioning ceremony for a fleet Submarine. This time it was for the USS Buffalo SSN 715, another one of the Los Angeles Class nuclear powered fast attack submarines to complete her final patrol. It does not seem that long ago that the USS Los Angeles SSN 688 was launched, but it was in 1972. In fact, late last year the Navy announced three more Los Angeles Class submarines would be stricken from active duty; the USS San Francisco SSN 11 completed 35 years of active service and will be converted to a moored training boat and the USS City of Corpus Christi, with 33 years of service, will be moved to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard where all nuclear submarines (eventually) retire for dismantlement and disposal. The article also stated that the USS Houston SSN 713 completed her last deployment in October, 2016. With these, nearly one half of the original sixty-two 688 Class submarines have been retired. Fourteen of these were deactivated about half way (at 17-18 years) through their projected lifespans due to their reactor refueling being cancelled.

I remember attending the decommissioning ceremony for the USS Seawolf SSN 575 in March, 1987 at Mare Island. It was held exactly 30 years from the date it was first commissioned (the Seawolf was decommissioned in 1959 to remove the experimental sodium cooled reactor and re-commissioned when the installation of new generation water cooled plant was completed). All in attendance were promised a 1 cu. in. piece of the pressure hull when scrapped. She was moved to Bremerton and languished for nearly 10 years before succumbing to the torch. I never did receive my piece of the hull. I guess my with job-related moves around the country they lost track of me.

Part of one of the submarines that I crewed on does exist. The sail from the USS George Washington SSBN 598 graces the grounds of the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton. This sail was originally attached to the USS Abraham Lincoln SSBN 602, which was decommissioned in 1981. The 598 was involved in a collision with the Nissho Maru south-southwest of Sasebo, Japan in 1981, which severely damaged her sail and it was replaced with that of the decommissioned 602. So, I guess part of both of these submarines exist. I have no idea if anything from the USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN 600 is still around as it was scrapped in 1982. I did one patrol on her before being discharged.

But I believe that much of the old boats that we rode, cleaned, polished, and felt something for still exist. They contained precious metals, not just of the nostalgic kind, many of which were recycled into today's modern Submarine Force. The hearts and souls of these machines, and the men who rode them, will be on patrol forever.

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## February Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Commander Salzman at 1400 as our Co-COBS sounded two blasts on the klaxon.

After an Invocation by Chaplain Allen, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of the Bell for boats lost in February and moment of silent prayer for all departed shipmates, friends, family, and fellow submariners followed in their usual order. There were 29 members and guests present.

Prospective New Member James Stuart introduced himself followed by all members present introducing themselves.

After an apology from Secretary Pete Akerson and a brief discussion, the minutes of the January meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

XO Bill Conklin reported on upcoming and completed SubVet activities including the Nevada Veteran's Legislative Summit in Carson City on January 28, 2017, The Western Region Meeting, April 23-28, 2017 and the Submarine Birthday Ball in Monterrey, CA, April 22, 2017

Secretary Pete Akerson reported no mail requiring action by Corvina Base has been received since last month.

Chaplain Paul Allen gave a brief update on Binnacle List Members. There were no new additions.

Treasurer Dave Aunkst reports the base is still very solvent.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Norm Peterson gave a brief report.

There was no COB Co-COB report.

A permanent site for the USS Corvina Model was briefly discussed.

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The new Lunch Bunch Coordinators are: South: Paul Allen North: Nancy Akerson and DeDe Salzman

A Nevada Veteran's Memorial Monument is planned for the intersection of Sparks Boulevard and Greg Street. Memorial bricks are for sale for \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

Corvina Base will sponsor (pay for)

subscriptions to American Submariner Magazine for the USS Nevada Blue and Gold crews.

Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS) Chairman Bill Conklin gave a report on the program's finances and great progress.

Nevada Veteran's and Military Day will be observed in Carson City, on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 behind the State Building from 0800 to 1700. Corvina Base and K4K will participate.

There was no Ad-Hoc BoD members report.

After a brief recess for potty breaks and ticket sales, the monthly 50/50 raffle/drawing was held with the following results; Wine - Pete Akerson VHS Tape - Dave

Aunkst Brandy - Leif Larsen Wine - Jim Turner Candy - Paul Young Flashlight - Terry Bolen Coin - DeDe Salzman Beer Glasses - Dan Moran Travel Bag - Pete Akerson

Wine - Terry Bolen Book - Dale Poe The \$81.00 Cash prize was won by Dennis Wiley, who immediately donated forty dollars to Kaps-4-Kids! Thanks, Dennis!

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, the meeting closed at 1547 as our Co-COBs sounded three blasts on the Klaxon.

Respectfully,

Pete Akerson,

Secretary



## Treasure's Report

1. All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
2. Deposits for February:
 

Base Meeting Raffle/Memorial Fund	\$ 99.00
Dues Payments 2017	25.00
Booster Club	30.00
Donation to Boat Sponsorship Program	30.00
3. Checks issued in February:
 

USSVI/ 2017 National Dues	75.00
US Bank/Check printing charge	8.00
USSVI/Boat Sponsorship Program	150.00



*Meetings are held  
on the first Saturday Of each month at  
Denny's  
Coffee Shop,  
205 E. Nugget Ave. Sparks NV  
At 1400 hours.*





# Chaplains Report

## Binnacle List

**Dan Moran:** Dan has been through a lot physically with colon cancer and has overcome. This Thursday, Feb. 23, he will go through his second procedure to repair his heart so that the upper and lower part of the heart will beat at the same speed. The first procedure was through the mouth for the upper part of the heart and second will come from the lower part of his body through an artery for the lower part of the heart. The good news is that these procedures are out-patient.

**Linda Ely:** Linda went through her first round of chemotherapy several days ago at Renown but a few days later back home in Smith Valley, her and Frank knew something wasn't right. Frank took her to the emergency- room and the doctors discovered she had a heart attack but with no pain. Now, instead of chemo she is scheduled to see a cardiologist but Linda is back to eating and getting out of the house.

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## USS Catfish (SS-339) and the San Francisco Chronicle

On May 23, 2013 the Chronicle printed an article by Peter Hartlaub, about the USS Catfish(SS-339) which took place on January 21, 1951, when the Catfish did a submerged run by Lands End, crossed underneath the Golden Gate Bridge, remained submerged while taking photos of San Francisco, and continued around Alcatraz before surfacing and tying up at Treasure Island. The following part of this story are the words of Hartlaub from his article. I've included three photos of San Francisco in the cross-hairs of the Catfish periscope of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and the city where the Palace of fine arts is visible.

*There's something simultaneously voyeuristic and militartistic about the images which feature no visible human activity on the shore. Taken from hundreds of yards from land, the city appears to be abandoned, with buildings intact. A post-neutron bomb, 'On the Beach' version of San Francisco." The chronicle, publishing in a more conservative pro-military era, played up these fears. "What would the skipper of an enemy submarine see were he to venture through the Golden Gate into the strategic San Francisco Bay?" the newspaper queried, above a photo of torpedoes directed at an unsuspecting ferry boat ... " As these pictures demonstrate, had her mission been unfriendly, her camera would have had access to a wealth of targets." In the 1950's, the youngest Chronicle readers likely stayed up thinking of a Russian submarine blowing up their favorite fishing pier, or spying on the classmates a Play-land-at-the Beach. Looking at the photos in 2016, the takeaways are much different. The first surprise is how underdeveloped the city looks. The photos were taken pre-Manhattanization, when parts of San Francisco now dominated by towers still looked like neighborhoods*

- *From a seal's vantage point, at least, Coit Tower remained a dominant image in the skyline. Placing crosshairs on high-profile landmarks, with citizens clueless to the maneuvers, is another concept that doesn't settle as easily in the modern era. San Franciscans in 2016 consider the majestic Blue Angel fly-overs controversial. Imagine if the planes were fully armed, and we didn't find out about their presence until a newspaper published a list of targets two days later.*

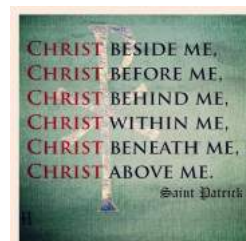


It was the end of an era for San Francisco but the Catfish went on to serve 20 more years, then was decommissioned in 1971 and was sold to Argentina where it was renamed ARA Santa Fe (S-21). In 1982, Santa Fe took part in the Falklands War alongside San Luis, a German built boat, the only two operative submarines in the Argentina Navy. Her first operation in the war was landing tactical divers on the Falklands then on April 12 was ordered to ferry a party of Marines with supplies to Grytviken, in the South Georgia Island 1,000 miles from the Falkland which took five days. They were successful but the British came onto the scene with four Royal Navy ships loaded with Royal Marines and Special Boat service commandos to take back the Island of South Georgia. A British helicopter from the HMS Atrim detected the Santa Fe with radar and attacked with depth charges causing severe damage to the boat. Other British helicopters joined the attack, even dropping a MK46 torpedo, which missed. Severely damaged, the crew abandoned the listing submarine at King Edward Point and surrendered. One boat sailor was shot and killed by a Royal Marine who mistakenly thought the sailor was trying to sabotage the Santa Fe. He is buried at Grytviken, South Georgia. The Santa Fe sunk alongside the pier when the hatchways were left open. After the conflict ended, the Santa Fe was considered to be worthless as a war prize because she was non-standard, obsolete, badly damaged and too expensive to repair. The boat was temporarily raised by the British, towed into deep water off of Grytviken and scuttled on Feb. 10, 1985. Question? Did anyone from the Corvina Base serve on the Catfish? The USS Catfish (SS-339) was in service for a total of 40 years. I've included one photo of a damaged Santa Fe after the Falkland's War. Also, Hartlaub mentioned the movie 'On The Beach' which is an anti-nuclear protest movie.



### St. Patrick's Day

The population of Ireland is about 6.3 million, but it is estimated that 50 to 80 people around the world have Irish forebears. Some of my wife's family, the Caldwells, and my family, the Gordons came from Scotland, but first emigrated to Ireland before coming to the U.S. I would guess that Linda Ely, with her red hair, may be part Irish. March 17 is the traditional day of St. Patrick's death, but with no firm certainty. What is known, though, is in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, St. Patrick was a British Christian missionary that brought Christianity to Ireland. Legend says that he used the three leaf clover (shamrock) to represent the Holy Trinity to illustrate the Christian teaching of three persons in one God. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Today, instead of being celebrated as a holy day for most people it is a good excuse to party with the Irish and drink green beer. Also, you might be on the watch if you don't wear green, as you may get pinched.



Luke 9:23,24 is a Scripture that I believe St Patrick would have used and believed for himself.....And Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whomever would save his life will lose it, but whomever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Paul Allen Corvina Base Chaplain



## KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) TEAM VISITS ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER PEDIATRIC UNIT

On February 23, 2017 the Corvina Base Kap (SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited St. Mary's. We visited with 6 year old Jeremiah, who wasn't feeling very well, but perked up with smiles and laughs as we showed him pictures of submarine life. The Team provided Jeremiah with a coloring book, crayons and stickers. He turned into a pirate when we



gave him a stuffed parrot and temporary tattoos. At the end of the visit, the Team presented him with a Cap and Certificate designating him as an "Honorary Submariner". Team Member Bill Conklin conducted the visit with able, and much appreciated assistance from Steve and DeDe Salzman.

### Corvina Base Booster Club

James Gibson  
Steve Salzman  
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Bobbie Heaps  
Dave Aunkst  
Paul Young  
Ken Anderson  
R.Dennis Wiley  
Leif Larsen  
Pete Akerson  
George Little  
Bill Desormier  
Lon Schmidt

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### Corvina Base Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS) Booster Club

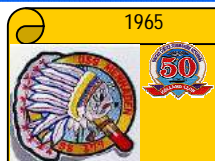
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You don't get these handed to you when you report on board.



You will be handed a pot to learn mess cooking.





### Corn from the COB

Nine Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older

- #9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- #8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- #7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- #6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- #5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- #4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- #3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- #2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- #1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Don't ignore this message. This is your only warning. A friend sent this to me --They must have mistakenly assumed I was aging...

Remember  
doing  
this



### Lost Boats in March

[USS F-4 \[ex-SKATE\] \(SS23\)](#) was lost on **21-Mar-1915** with the loss of **19 crew** when it foundered off Honolulu Harbor.

[USS H-1 \(SS-28\)](#) was lost on **12-Mar-1920** with the loss of **4 crew** when it Grounded, Magdalena Bay, Mexico, was sunk in 9 Fathoms while being towed off

[USS Perch \(SS-176\)](#) was scuttled on **3-Mar-1942** 30 Miles NW Soerabia, Java **60 crew were taken prisoner, 52 survived the war**

[USS Grampus \(SS-207\)](#) was lost on **5-Mar-1943** with the loss of **72 crew** when it was sunk in the Blackett Strait

[USS Triton \(SS-201\)](#) was lost on **15-Mar-1943** with the loss of **74 crew** when it was sunk at 0° 09N; 144° 55E

[USS Tullibee \(SS-284\)](#) was lost on **26-Mar-1944** with the loss of **79 crew** when it was sunk in operating area just north of Palau. **(One man was taken prisoner and he survived the war)**

[USS Kete \(SS-369\)](#) was lost sometime on or after **20-Mar-1945** with the loss of **87 crew** when it was sunk somewhere between 29° 38N; 130° 02E and Midway.

[USS Trigger \(SS-237\)](#) was lost on **28-Mar-1945** with the loss of **91 crew** when it was sunk in area 32° 16N 30° 40N by 132° 05E-127° 50E

Husband and Wife Christmas Shopping . . .

A couple were in a busy shopping center just before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, she called him on the mobile.

The wife said " Where are you, you know we have lots to do." He said "You remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up...

"Yes, I do remember that shop." she replied.

"Well I am in the gun shop next door to that.





## Phoenix 1000: 213' Personal Luxury Submarine



The Phoenix 1000 is a 65-meter (213') personal luxury submarine. The initial design was originally executed for a client and now awaits a buyer. As proposed, the submarine would constitute the single largest private undersea vehicle ever built, and arguably, one of the most significant personal transportation devices of the century.

### A Luxurious Undersea Vehicle

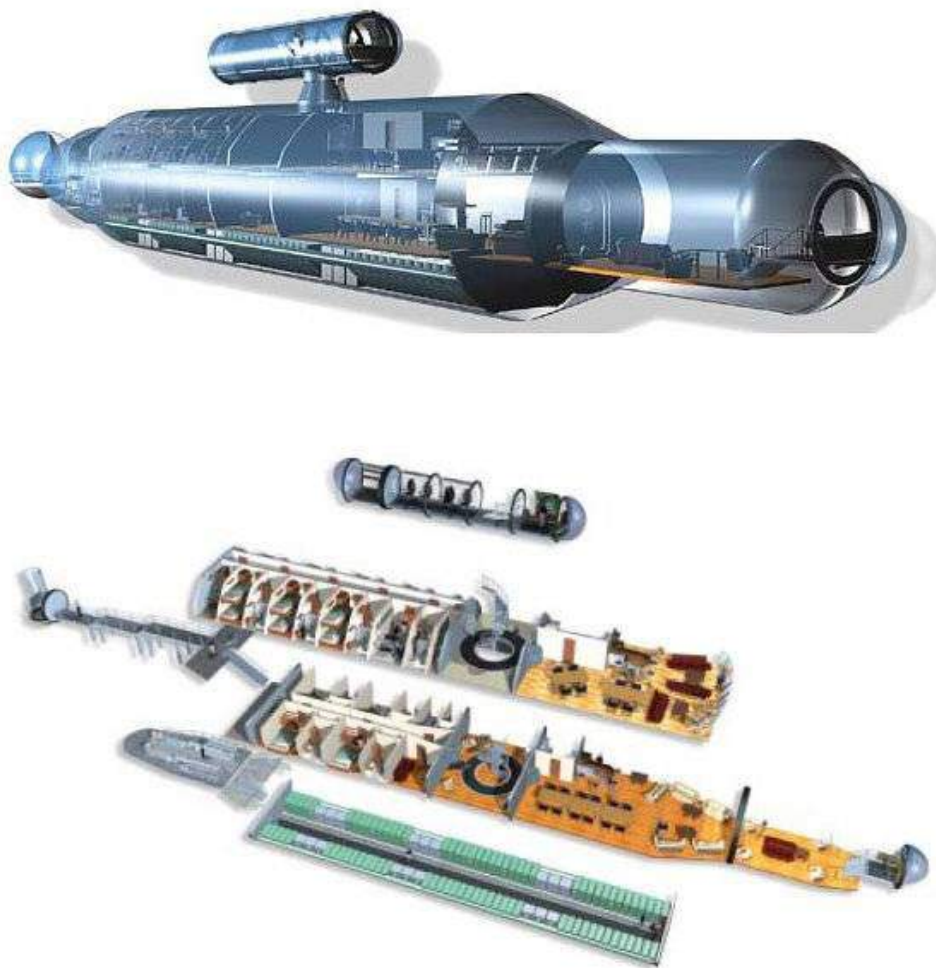


This design, which we have named the Phoenix 1000, has more than ample space. The total interior area of the submarine is in excess of 460 square meters (5000 square feet). The significant volume, coupled with very large acrylic viewports, and the potential for relatively large open spaces, results in a vehicle as luxurious as the finest of motor yachts.

The fantastic super yacht is a 65-meter (213') personal luxury submarine and is able to deal with ocean crossings at a speed of 16 knots. Spread at a surface area of 460 sq meters, it assures long journeys in most luxurious and comfortable way. On board, it offers accommodation for around 12 guests divided into 6 cabins with private bathrooms; while on the main deck have a fantastic deck saloon from which they can admire the unusual and fascinating landscapes of navigation in depth. But the real surprise is the comfortable flying Bridge and its ability of its material to stand immersion. The utmost depth is reached 1000 ft. but if you want to go down even more, the 1000 Phoenix hosts a docking minisub for short dives, which can carry 8 passengers up to 2000 ft. below sea level. The estimated price of the Phoenix is \$90 million.

Phoenix requires a minimum 3 man crew and its batteries can submerge for about 400 hours significantly dependent upon the submerged cruising speed. At the maximum submerged speed of 10 nm, fully charged endurance is 6 hours. At rest batteries can run for 20 days or more. Surface power is provided by two 1500 hp turbo diesels and two 500 hp electric motors clutched to the transmissions provide submerged propulsion for Phoenix's 1500 tons, as well as recharge the batteries during diesel operation.

Important safety measures include an extra 10 days of oxygen on top of the basic life support of 30 days. There is emergency battery power and up to 1 million pounds for ballast for use in the most severe of cases. It is a highly complex system but does not require a license to operate. In US Waters a submarine which carries passengers for hire must abide by US Coast Guard manning regulations and the Captain must have a Coast Guard Master's License for Equivalent Tonnage.



Now a place to keep it.

**Secret Submarine Base For Sale at \$17.5 million**



This world is full of secret places, As, now neither NATO nor Norway is in need for such a base in the north anymore, so they are selling it off. This Naval base offers a total of 13,500 sq. ft of beautiful property above the ground, along with the 2,500 sq. meter of real-massive dock below the ground and 25,000 sq. meter of assorted goodness that includes, a dry dock to receive the submarines or boats, large sized workshops, an office space, a warehouse, a tunnel system, an emergency power system and fuel systems.



Historically, the American submarines which were out on an assignment in the world's shallowest, Arctic Ocean, used this naval base during the Cold War. ( would like to see proof of that). Considering the secrecy pact the submarine owners make with the submarine companies when buying one, this Norwegian place is a perfect place to dock your multi million dollar toy. When one of you buy it, I want a ride.

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### **When you understand**

When the hatch closes over your head, the OOD says last man down and the COW says green board, you understand the meaning of adventure.

When the only thing between you and millions of gallons of seawater is a steel hull and some closed valves, you understand the meaning of courage.

When sonar calls out to the conn "high speed screws in the water" in hostile waters, you understand the meaning of fear.

When the messenger passes out the only family grams the satellite could catch and yours isn't one, you learn the meaning of loneliness.

When hissing water in the overhead turns from a slight annoyance to a terrifying rushing cascade bouncing off the hull and equipment, you understand the meaning of survival.

When you hear the quick sound that a curtain makes on your rack that indicates your watch is about to begin, you understand the meaning of irritation.

When you see a brother stand at attention while the Captain pins on the fish he worked so hard to earn, you understand the meaning of pride.

When you retire and they pipe you over the side for the very last time, you learn the meaning of great sadness.

When your eyes grow dim and your strength ebbs with age, you understand the meaning of envy every time you see a submarine getting underway.

When a shipmate from a time so long ago passes on and people say so many things they wish they had said before they departed, you understand regret.

Bob MacPherson, Chief Warrant Officer, USN (retired) Submariner.