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Divers find wreckage of World War II submarine that sank with 48 sailors aboard in "rare" naval confrontation



The wreckage of the Italian submarine Jantina that was sunk during World War II by the British submarine HMS Torbay, lays south of the island of Mykonos, in the Aegean Sea, Greece, November 3, 2021.

KOSTAS THOCTARIDES / REUTERS

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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.

Hello all base members. This is my first Commander's Corner in a long time. It will also be my last newsletter in some time too. As you probably already know, there were several changes in the Base Officers. I won't list all the changes here but will list later in the newsletter. I do want to say Thank you to those who served and to those who are stepping up to serve. We have several new faces in positions and I really think that is great for the club. We are all getting older and need new members so keep eyes out for fellow bubbleheads to join us. I think we are a great organization and want us to stay strong. We will meet on 9 Jan to discuss future plans. If you have ideas, please let me know. One idea we must discuss is hosting the national convention again. We were requested but haven't discussed yet. Inputs on that are also desired. Have a Blessed New Year!

Alan Malone
Base Commander



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The wreckage of an Italian submarine that was sunk 80 years ago with four dozen sailors aboard during World War II has been found off the coast of Greece. In an interview with Reuters and in a separate Facebook post, renowned Greek diver Kostas Thoctarides confirmed that his team found the Jantina in November.

The ship sank on July 5, 1941, with 48 crewmembers aboard after being hit by torpedoes fired by the British sub HMS Torbay in the Aegean Sea, Thoctarides said. Only six sailors managed to swim to safety to the island of Dilo, he said.



The view of the deck gun of the Italian submarine Jantina that was sunk during World War II by the British submarine HMS Torbay, south of the island of Mykonos, in the Aegean Sea, Greece, November 3, 2021.

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Records from Italy's Naval History Office confirmed the wreckage was the Jantina. Images posted by the diving team appear to show the submarine's deck gun.

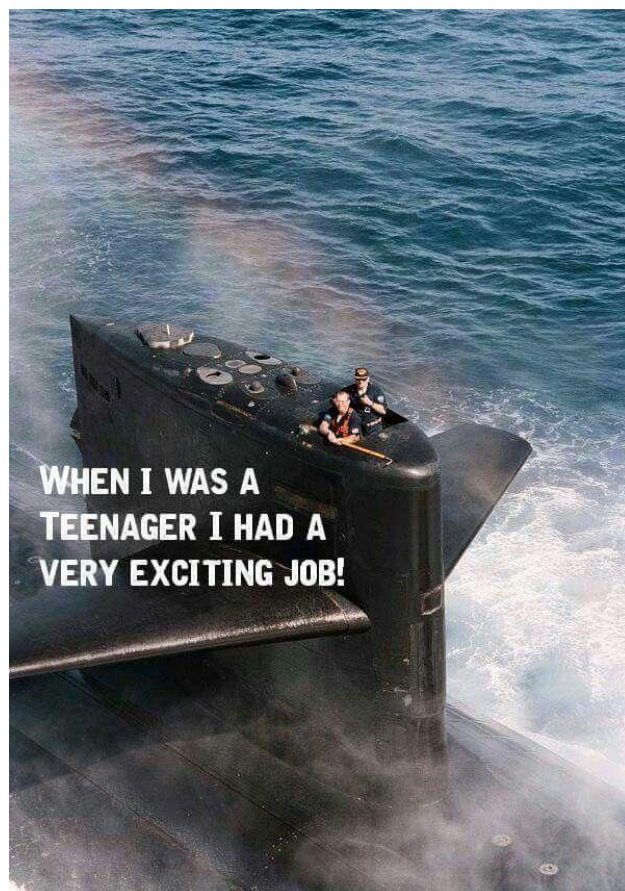
"The wreck and the surrounding area was treated with respect as a wet grave," Thoctarides wrote on Facebook.

Thoctarides said his team of divers found the shipwreck south of the island of Mykonos at a depth of more than 300 feet. The submarine, which had sailed from the island of Leros when it was sunk, was located by the ROV Super Achilles, a remotely operated underwater vehicle that completed a detailed visual inspection of the wreckage.

"Naval history is like a puzzle, and this is part of that puzzle," Thoctarides told Reuters. "The confrontation of two submarines is a rare naval event."

The Jantina, which was built in 1932, was more than 61 meters long (about 200 feet), had a maximum sailing speed of 14 knots, and a maximum operational depth of 80 meters, Thoctarides said.

In 2019, the USS Grayback — a World War II U.S. Navy submarine missing for 75 years — was found off Okinawa, Japan. The same year, explorers also found the USS Grunion, a submarine that sank in 1942 on its inaugural mission during World War II off the coast of Alaska.





ON ETERNAL PATROL

USS SWORDFISH (SS-193)

1	Arthur Abrahamson	
2	Richard Winters Andes*	
3	Roy Gordon Arold	
4	Donald Baeckler	
5	Gilbert Speight Baker	
6	Joseph James Basta	
7	Mack Bates	
8	Daniel Sparks Baughman, Jr.	
9	Claude Joseph Benbennick	
10	Michael Billy	
11	Joseph Roger Leo Blanchard	
12	LeRoy Joseph Bleasdell	
13	Wesley Clement Bogdan	
14	Andrew Earl Braley	
15	Robert Joseph Brown	
16	Fred Morcombe Cauley, Jr.	
17	Allan Daniel Clark	
18	Timothy Joseph Connors	
19	Marshall Edward Cox, Jr.	
20	Robert Francis Daly	
21	Herman Watson Davis	
22	John Valentine Delladonna	
23	Warren Dillon	
24	Gordon Kraft Draga	
25	Loris Henry Duncan	
26	Emory Webster Dunton, Sr.	
27	Leonard Oscar Echols	
28	George Vyell Edwards	
29	Robert Lesslie Emmingham	
30	Eugene Raymond Fausset	

31	Kenneth Ferdinand Feiss	
32	Eugene James Forsythe	
33	John Gerald Fowler	
34	Nick Funk	
35	Emery Andrew Galley, Jr.	
36	Dee Edward Gambrell, Jr.	
37	Eleazar Garza	
38	Bernard Joseph Geraghty, Jr.	
39	Howard Marshal Gilfillan	
40	John Vincennes Graf	
41	George Patrick Graham	
42	William Penn Grandy	
43	Ralph Lewis Hafter	
44	Charles Edwin Hall	
45	Ralph Walter Haserodt	
46	Winslow Carlton Haskins	
47	Jack Edwin Haynes	
48	Ray Holland	
49	Robert Darlington Hoopes, Jr.	
50	Fred Alfred Hrynko	
51	Robert Laurin Janes	
52	Robert Eugene Johnson	
53	Stephan John Johnson	
54	John Robert Kelly	
55	Vernon Kirk	
56	William Edward Kohler	
57	Richard Brissett Kremer	
58	Roy Earl Kroll, Jr.	
59	Hollis Oyer Lauderdale	
60	Douglas Cleveland Lindsay	
61	Gerald Augusta Looney	

62	Russell LoPresti	
63	John Joseph Madden, Jr.	
64	Paul Marvin	
65	James Mosco Mayfield	
66	Morris Franklin McCaffrey	
67	William Thomas Meacham, Jr.	
68	Keats Edmund Montross	
69	Kenneth Eugene Pence	
70	Fremont Petty	
71	Gordon Ralph Plourd	
72	Claude Lee Pollard	
73	Earl W. Preston, Jr.	
74	John Briscoe Pye	
75	Harry Newman Robinson, Jr.	
76	William Eugene Russell	
77	Karl DeWitt Schwendener	
78	William Siskaninetz	
79	James Adam Skeldon	
80	Clifford Francis Slater	
81	Mike Soffes	
82	Frank Herbert Spencer, Jr.	
83	Wallace Greeley Statton	
84	Harold Albert Stone	
85	Fred A. Tarbox	
86	James Frank Taylor	
87	Elwood Kenneth Van Horn	
88	Arnold John Wagner	
89	Thurman August Williams	
90	Joseph Edwin Wren	

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Rank/Rate
Service Number
Birth Date
From
Decorations
Submarine
Loss Date
Location
Circumstances

Electrician's Mate, Third Class
848 46 96
August 4, 1924
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Purple Heart
USS Swordfish (SS-193)
January 12, 1945
Near Yaku Island off Kyushu, Japan
Lost at sea, cause unknown



2021 DECEMBER RAZORBACK BASE MEETING MINUTES

Base Commander called a meeting of the base during our annual Base Christmas Party for the purpose of electing new officers due to the following reasons:

Base Commander---Billy Hollaway is stepping down due to medical issues.

Vice Commander position is vacant

Base Secretary Myna Miller is stepping down to devote more time to assisting a fellow base member in rehab.

Base Treasurer John Barr is stepping down for personal reasons.

Al Malone was nominated for Base Commander and vote was held and he was unanimously elected.

Al then appointed the following members to office.

Vice Commander---Greg Zonner

Base Secretary---Ray Wewers

Base Treasurer---Pete Jilek

Newsletter editor---Ed Force

Holland Club Chairman---Jim Franks

A decision was also made to only produce the newsletter every quarter.

The base will hold its first business meeting in January and discuss amending the Base bylaws to require four meetings instead of six each year.

Base Commander Al Malone then closed the meeting.

Submitted by Ray Wewers

TREASURER'S REPORT	Nov-21	YTD
TOTAL BASE FUNDS BEGINNING BALANCE	\$14,385.00	
General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 4,458.29	
<u>Credits</u>		
Dues - USSVI New Member	\$25.00	\$150.00
Dues - Base Greg Rinehart, Bryant	\$15.00	\$15.00
SK- Sales		\$200.00
Raffles		
Booster Club		\$730.00
Donation		\$20.00
CD Interest		\$2.50
<u>Debits</u>		
NSK Calendars		
NSK Long. Pins		
NSK HC Items		(\$322.50)
Dues - USSVI		(\$400.00)
Newsletter Toner		(\$212.41)
Liability Insurance		(\$25.00)
Admin. Costs		(\$401.85)
Eternal Patrol Plaques	(\$160.15)	
Veterans Day Lunch - Chicken Spag.	(\$96.03)	
Boat Sponsorships		(\$210.00)
General Fund Ending Balance	\$ 4,242.11	
Designated Funds		
Maint. Fund Bal.	\$ 2,652.66	
Charity Fund Bal.	\$ 372.00	
Snook Mem. Fund Bal.	\$ 1,386.86	
Designated Fund Balance	\$ 4,411.52	
Checking Balance (General + Designated Funds)	\$ 8,653.63	
Other Funds		
CD Balance	\$ 5,368.19	
Cash on Hand	\$ 101.33	
VD Pizza - Reimb. Zonner	(\$45.67)	
TOTAL BASE FUNDS ENDING BALANCE	\$ 14,123.15	
Respectfully submitted,		
John C. Barr, Interim Base Treasurer		

Last month report....will be undated soon.



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