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Aircraft Carrier Shokaku no match for Cavalla

Another attraction for Allen M. Sumner to visit will be Seawolf Park and the Galveston Naval Museum home of the USS Cavalla, SS-244 (later SSK-244 and AGSS-244.)

According to the According the Historic Naval Ships Association, USS Cavalla was called “The Luckiest Ship in the Submarine Service” because of her outstanding performance during her short time in service before the end of World War II.

She logged 90,000 miles, made 570 dives, and sank 34,180 tons of Japanese shipping.

Her greatest sinking, during six war patrols, was the aircraft carrier Shokaku that had participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Additionally, she was present in Tokyo Bay in September 1945 for the surrender signing aboard Missouri.

A Gato Class submarine, Cavalla (named for a saltwater fish) was decommissioned in 1946 and returned to service in 1951 to be converted to a hunter-killer submarine (SSK).

She was assigned the experimental designation AGSS in 1963.

She was transferred to the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II in early 1971, and delivered to her

permanent berth later that year. She serves as a memorial to submariners lost in World War II.

USS Cavalla is a National Historic Landmark.

Armed with 10 21-inch torpedo tubes, one 4-inch/50 caliber gun; one 40 mm gun.

Cavalla had a maximum speed of 21 knots surfaced and 9 knots submerged; a cruising range of 11,000 miles. Her fuel capacity was 94,400 gallons of Diesel and a patrol endurance of 75 days.



Business End of the Cavalla - Originally six 21-inch torpedo tubes were housed here with space for 14 berths. Extra “fish” were stored on racks and under floor plates.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Greetings to all

I hope everyone is doing well as possible during this Covid-19 pandemic. Everybody please be careful and safe so that we can hopefully all be together in 2021.



Frank DiBello

Remember to look at our website, when you can for any updates and especially look at the Binnicale List. I know firsthand how uplifting it is to receive cards and prayers from our fellow shipmates when one of us gets knocked down.

The “Pick Me Up “feeling we would feel every time we received a card or phone call from one of our

Sumner Family was always better than any physical medicine we could get.

If you have any changes of address or email or phone number, please let Don Hayden know so that we can all keep in touch.

I am sorry to hear that the Moale crew has decided to go to Nashville in 2021 instead of joining us in Texas. Maybe we can meet up together in 2022.

Please make an extra effort to keep safe so that we can all be together in 2021.

Give a shipmate a call or send a note to a Summer Family member once in a while, so that we might all keep in touch.

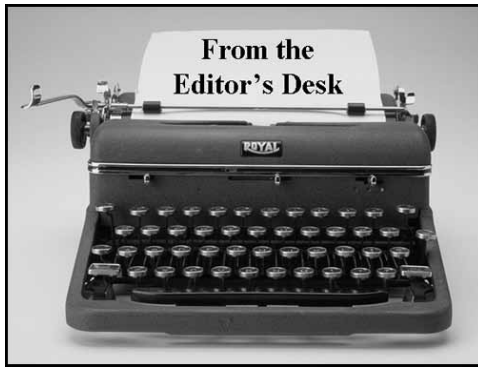
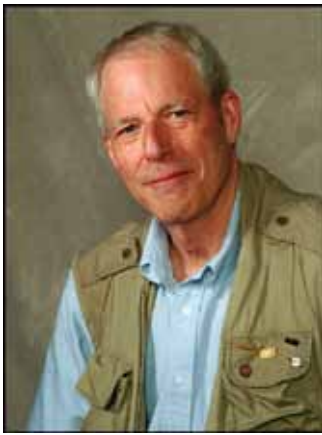
Fair winds and following seas to all

Frank DiBello

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By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

As Covid-19 surpasses 4,500,000+ cases in the United States there are folks who believe “Mask” has become a 4-letter word and refuse to wear them - a simple way to shut down the spread.

Those folks usually cite an infringement on their - or First Amendment - civil rights as reason enough not to wear one.

An editorial in my local newspaper by a native Tulsan living in Japan really hit the nail on the head for me.

He penned:

Masks to not infringe on your freedom.

Masks do not impede.

Masks do not admit or expose weakness.

Masks do not make you less of a person.

Masks simply show that you care enough about your fellow citizens that you are willing to cover up a little while in close contact with them.

The editorial went on to note that on July 7, Japan with a population of about 127 million recorded 206 new cases of Covif-19 infections.

On the same day, Tulsa County recorded

261 new cases. The math here is not here to figure out.

If a mid-size county in Oklahoma can rack up 55 more Covid-19 cases than an entire nation, something's off.

Our local mayor said it was beyond him why masks have become a political tool

In Japan - with due diligence - folks go to work, run errands and socialize in certain environ-

ments.

People comply and wear masks but don't feel it infringes on personal freedoms - they are compulsory in many public settings - for the protections of everyone.

The writer ended by saying masks work, but it has to be a community effort.

For a city or a nation it is the most patriotic act one can do.

Show compassion.

“The life you same may be a loved one, a colleague or a friend.”



Editor

Update

Now that my 14 days of inpatient care are finished I've got about eight weeks

of additional outpatient work (and I do mean work) to compete like going from a walker to a cane to nothing.

Is this about right, “Stores”?



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The Cavalla and the USS Stewart. DD-238 in Seawolf Park, Galveston