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Memorial Service to be Aboard the USS Cod

The USS COD (SS-224), a Gato Class submarine was launched March 21, 1943 at the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Conn. and commissioned three months later.

She was armed with Ten 21-inch torpedo tubes, one 5-inch/25 caliber gun and two 40 mm guns

According to the Historic Naval Ships Association, the *Cod* operated from Australian ports during World War II and received a battle star for each of her seven war patrols sinking nearly 27,000 tons of Japanese shipping, including the destroyer Karukaya.

As a participant in Project 3, *Cod* carried a Navy cameraman aboard during her last war patrol.

The resulting color film footage included a desperate attempt to rescue the Dutch submarine O-19 which grounded on Ladd Reef. When

towing attempts failed, *Cod* took the Dutch crew aboard and destroyed O-19 with explosive charges, torpedoes and gunfire.

Other film highlights include sinking enemy vessels and the recovery of a lost boarding party that became stranded aboard a junk for two days when *Cod* was forced to submerge by attacking enemy aircraft.

In 1952, *Cod* participated in joint U.S. and Canadian naval exercises in the Atlantic and Caribbean. In 1959, she was designated the Naval Reserve training ship for Cleveland and later arrived at her new home as a member of the Navy's Operation Inland Seas.

Cod was in the first group of naval vessels to transit the newly opened St. Lawrence Seaway.

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They Also Serve Who . . . If it weren't for these ladies, things would not run smoothly.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Hello Shipmates,

Hope this greeting finds everybody doing well. Glad that Fall is finally here; cooler temperatures to prevail.



Frank DiBello

Remember the 2016 Reunion will be here before you know it.

Due to all of the activities in Cleveland, you want to be sure and make your reservations ASAP (see hotel info under the "Reunions" tab).

The hotel has assured us that we have 30 rooms blocked. As of today we have only 18 rooms reserved. We can't hold these rooms forever! If you plan to attend you need to make your reservations NOW!

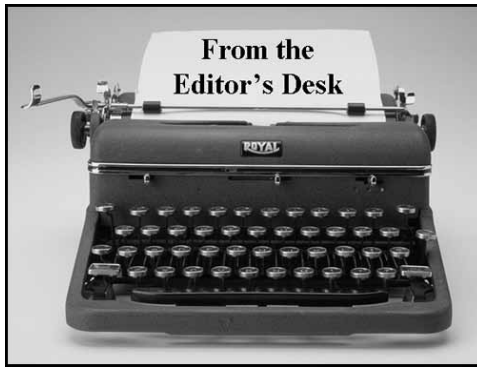
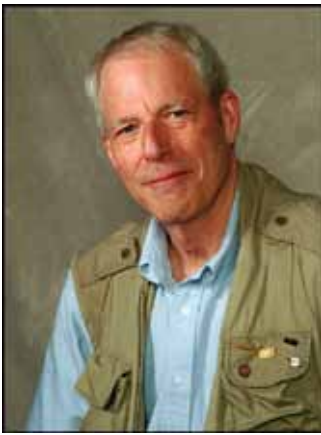
The hotel has assured us that if you cancel your reservations within 48 hours of your check-in time, no charges will be incurred.

If you wait too long, there might not be rooms available. As we get closer to the Reunion, we may have to release some of the unreserved rooms!

Remember to check our Sumner website on a regular basis, for things under the "What's New" tab. Fred does an excellent job of keeping current events listed here! Remember all of our Shipmates and Families that are on the Binnacle List. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

SEVEN months and counting until Connie and I will see all of you in May, in Cleveland!





By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

It's not every day the Secretary of the Navy visits your hometown, nor is it every day a new naval vessel is named for said hometown.

Both happened in the editor's hometown of Tulsa, Okla. in September.

The chance to sponsor the second USS Tulsa was given to former Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor.

At the naming ceremony with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 577, Taylor honored her father, Oklahoma City businessman James Taylor and her late father-in-law, William Lobeck Sr., who was a civilian diesel and aircraft mechanics instructor at Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia.

The first USS Tulsa - designated PG-22 - was a gunboat in service from 1923-1946.

About all Taylor knew of her father's military service was that he had been in the Navy during World War II, and met Taylor's mother while on leave in California.

"His position was important enough that he had a (ration) sticker for unlimited gasoline," Taylor said.

A native of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, James Taylor enlisted in the Navy in 1942. In 1944 he was assigned to the USS Bollinger, an attack transport whose service included logistical support during the Battle of Iwo Jima. Taylor was discharged in October 1945 with the rank of chief signalman.

Mayor Taylor is joining a short list of Oklahoma women to serve as sponsors for U.S. Navy vessels.

Every U.S. Navy vessel is sponsored by a woman designated by the Secretary of the Navy. Sponsors have included three generations of Bushes — Laura, Barbara (Mrs. Geroge H.W. Bush) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Prescott Bush Jr.) — Rosalyn Carter, Hilary Clinton and Nancy

Reagan.

Oklahomans have included Dorothy McBirney, wife of a local banker, who sponsored the first USS Tulsa, and Linda Nickles, wife of U.S. Sen. Don Nickles, sponsor of the current USS Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Gov. Lee Cruce's daughter Lorena, sponsored the battleship USS Oklahoma.

"What it means is that as long as that ship is afloat, you develop a relationship with the crew," Taylor said. "I'll go and make sure the keel is appropriate, I'll break a bottle of champagne over the ship as it launches and I will provide support in terms of prayer and concern for those men and women while they're out serving our country."

The event publicly formalizes a 2013 announcement that the Navy planned to name one of its new Independence class littoral combat ships the "Tulsa."

Littoral combat ships are a new type of vessel designed for fighting close to shore. The Independence class ships feature a distinctive trimaran design with a narrow, knife-like bow and a boxy stern that accommodates a small flight deck for helicopters and unmanned aircraft.

Modular packages allow LCS-series ships to be reconfigured for specific tasks, such as mine-hunting or surface warfare. The ships are light and relatively small but fast.

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Thanks, The Editor

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In civilian custody since 1976, she is among the best restored submarines on display. Visitors enter and exit the vessel by using her original hatches and ladders.

USS Cod is a National Historic Landmark.
Editor’s Note: *While enroute to the Sumner reunion in Buffalo, New York, I stopped off in Cleveland, visited the Cod and took several photos as seen here.*





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