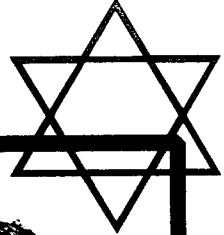
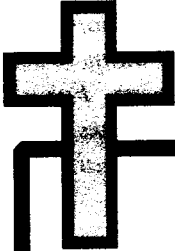


US SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION



**IN MEMORY
OF THOSE SUBMARINERS
ON "ETERNAL PATROL"**

Sponsored By:
US Submarine Veterans
Albany - Saratoga Base



SATURDAY, 11:00 AM, OCTOBER 19, 2002
GERALD F. SOLOMON - SARATOGA
NATIONAL CEMETERY

*In Memory of all who served their country and families
on U. S. Submarines.*

Post Colors: *(Walter Bydairk)*
Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome: *(Robert Ondek)*

*gather today on this hallowed ground which has been sanctified by all those brothers and sisters who have served their country and their families both in wartime and in peacetime. Many who served have made the ultimate sacrifice. Others have served honorably and passed on after their service. For all these we humbly offer our prayers and to them give our thanks.
Today we honor all those US Submariners who are on "Eternal Patrol".*

Invocation: *Chaplain (Erik Smith, LTC, USAF)*

Hymn: *On Wings of Eagles - (Elizabeth Green)*

Tolling of the Bells: *(Walt Bydairk & Bruce Mitchell)*

At each formal gathering of Submarine Veterans, the bells are tolled for those subs which have been lost or damaged with the resultant loss of life. Those lost or damaged during the month of October are:

USS Wahoo (SS_238)	Lost 11 Oct 1943	79 lost
Sunk in or near La Perouse Strait.		
USS Dorado (SS_248)	Lost 12 Oct 1943	78 lost
Sunk in the western Atlantic.		
USS Escolar (SS_294)	Lost 1 Oct 1944	82 lost
Sunk east off 33deg N and 127deg E.		
USS Shark (SS_314)	Lost 24 Oct 1944	90 lost
Sunk midway between Hainan and Bashi Channel		
USS Seawolf (SS_197)	Lost 3 Oct 1944	102 lost
Sunk just north of Morotai		
USS O_5 (SS_66)	Lost 18 Oct 1923	2 lost
Sunk off Panama Canal.		
USS S_44 (SS_155)	Lost 7 Oct 1943	56 lost
Sunk one day out of Attu		
USS Tang (SS_306)	Lost 25 Oct 1944	83 lost
Sunk in north end of Formosa Strait.		
USS Darter (SS_227)	Lost 24 Oct 1944	Crew rescued.
Grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan.		

Guest Speaker: (Walter Bydairk - Introduction)
RADM PJ Early, USN Ret.



☆ **Dedication of Memorial** ☆
Presentation of Colors: (Cemetery Honor Guard)
Unveiling : (Walter Bydairk)
Dedication: (Chaplain Erik Smith)



Introduction of Guests: (Robert Ondek)

Special Guests:

*Felicia Persico, Widow of Dan Persico,
Survivor of Squalus, WWII, USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base*

Audrey Fox, Widow of John "Greg" Fox, Albany-Saratoga Base

*Winnie Decker, Widow of Edward Decker, USS Cutlass
Past President of NY State WWII Submarine Veterans*

PRESENTATION: (Al Singleman & Bob "Steamboat" Fulton)

Edward Decker, President of NY State WWII Submarine Veterans was honored at the US Submarine Veterans National Convention in September, 2002 for his

Dedicated Service and Outstanding Contributions

on behalf of US Submarine Veterans

Winnie Decker will accept this Certificate.

LEST WE FORGET THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE!

REMEMBRANCE AND CLOSING REMARKS:

(Pat Ulmen, Eastern Regional Director, USSVI)

Edward Decker, WWII & Hudson Valley Base

President NY State WWII

Dan Persico, WWII USS SQALUS Survivor

John "Greg" Fox A-S Base

Dominic "Joe" Negri, WWII (Past National CDR WWII &

Founder Groton Base, USSVI)

Charles Pieringer, Jr. WWII, USS ALBACORE

Dean Moffett, MAL, USS TROUT

Bruno Parczak, USS TROUT

Vernon Paul, USS TROUT

John Niece, Cod Base, USS TROUT

Red Keener, WWII, LI Chapter, USS TROUT

William Budgen, USS TROUT

H. Broomhead, WWII, USS TROUT

Greg Fusco, USS THRESHER

Bob Simmons, S. Tier Base, USS RONQUIL

Omar Lightner, S. Tier Base, USS REQUIN

Bruce Abby, WWII, S. Tier Base

Rudy Cieplenski, WWII, USS R-4

Paul Lafond, USS IREX

Herb Creighton, USS IREX

Art Brown, Hudson Valley Base

George Kucera, Hudson Valley Base

David Yakal, Hudson Valley Base

SAILORS, REST YOUR OARS!

Benediction: *(Chaplain)*

Presentation of Colors: *(Cemetery Color Guard)*

Rifle Salute: *(Cemetery Rifle Squad)*

Taps: *(Cemetery Bugler)*

Retire Colors: *(Walt Bydairk)*