

In Memory of the 52 submarines lost in WWII

“...273 U.S. submarines patrolled against the enemy during world war II. Although they comprised less than 1.6% of the total U.S. Navy strength, they caused more than half of Japan’s sea losses (54.6%).

These sinkings, which took almost half a million Japanese lives, however, were made at the heaviest relative cost of American lives of any branch of the U.S. Armed Services. One out of every seven American submariners died for a total 3,505 officers and enlisted men. The service lost one out of every five submarines: 52 sunk or “missing presumed lost.””

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U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War Two

12/10/1941	Sealion	SS-195	Sunk by aerial bombs	4 men lost
1/20/1942	S-36	SS-141	Ran aground	0 men lost
1/24/1942	S-26	SS-131	Rammed by escort	46 men lost, 2 survivors
2/11/1942	Shark I	SS-174	Sunk by surface craft	58 men lost
3/03/1942	Perch	SS-176	Sunk by surface craft	11 men lost. All taken prisoner 8 died in prisoner of war camp.
6/19/1942	S-27	SS-132	Ran aground	0 men lost
7/30/1942	Grunion	SS-216	Sunk cause unknown	70 men lost
8/16/1942	S-39	SS-144	Ran aground	0 men lost
1/10/1943	Argonaut	SS-166	Sunk by surface craft	105 men lost
2/16/1943	Amberjack	SS-219	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	74 men lost
3/05/1943	Grampus	SS-207	Sunk by surface craft	71 men lost
3/15/1943	Triton	SS-201	Sunk by surface craft	74 men lost
4/03/1943	Pickrel	SS-177	Sunk by surface craft	74 men lost
4/22/1943	Grenadier	SS-210	Sunk by aerial bombs	4 men lost. All taken prisoner 4 died in prisoner of war camp.
5/28/1943	Runner	SS-275	Sunk by enemy mines	78 men lost
6/12/1943	R-12	SS-89	Sunk cause unknown	42 men lost, 3 survivors
8/29/1943	Pompano	SS-181	Sunk by enemy mines	76 men lost
9/12/1943	Grayling	SS-209	Sunk cause unknown	76 men lost
9/28/1943	Cisco	SS-290	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	76 men lost
10/07/1943	S-44	SS-155	Sunk by surface craft	55 men lost, 2 survivors taken prisoner
10/11/1943	Wahoo	SS-238	Sunk by aerial bombs	80 men lost
10/12/1943	Dorado	SS-248	Sunk by friendly aircraft	76 men lost
11/16/1943	Corvina	SS-226	Sunk by enemy sub	82 men lost
11/19/1943	Sculpin	SS-191	Sunk by surface craft	63 men lost, 21 survivors taken prisoner
11/23/1043	Capelin	SS-289	Sunk by surface craft	78 men lost
1/05/1944	Scorpion	SS-278	Sunk by enemy mines	76 men lost
2/26/1944	Grayback	SS-208	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	80 men lost

2/29/1944	Trout	SS-202	Sunk by surface craft	81 men lost
3/26/1944	Tullibee	SS-284	Sunk by own torpedo	79 men lost, 1 survivor taken prisoner
4/07/1944	Gudgeon	SS-211	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	78 men lost
6/01/1944	Herring	SS-233	Sunk by surface craft	84 men lost
6/14/1944	Golet	SS-361	Sunk by surface craft	82 men lost
7/04/1944	S-28	SS-133	Sunk cause unknown	52 men lost
7/26/1944	Robalo	SS-273	Sunk by enemy mines	77 men lost, 4 survivors none survived prison camp
8/13/1944	Flier	SS-250	Sunk by enemy mines	78 men lost, 8 survivors
8/24/1944	Harder	SS-257	Sunk by surface craft	79 men lost
10/03/1944	Seawolf	SS-197	Sunk by friendly destroyers	79 men lost plus 17 Army personnel
10/17/1944	Escolar	SS-294	Sunk by enemy mines	80 men lost
10/24/1944	Darter	SS-227	Ran aground	0 men lost
10/24/1944	Shark II	SS-314	Sunk by surface craft	87 men lost
10/25/1944	Tang	SS-306	Sunk by own torpedo	78 men lost, 9 survivors taken prisoner
11/07/1944	Albacore	SS-218	Sunk by enemy mines	86 men lost
11/08/1944	Growler	SS-215	Sunk cause unknown	85 men lost
11/09/1944	Scamp	SS-277	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	83 men lost
1/12/1945	Swordfish	SS-193	Sunk cause unknown	85 men lost
2/04/1945	Barbel	SS-316	Sunk by aerial bombs	81 men lost
3/20/1945	Kete	SS-369	Sunk cause unknown	87 men lost
3/26/1945	Trigger	SS-237	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	89 men lost
4/08/1945	Snook	SS-279	Sunk cause unknown	84 men lost
5/03/1945	Lagarto	SS-371	Sunk by surface craft	85 men lost
6/18/1945	Bonfish	SS-223	Sunk by surface craft	85 men lost
8/06/1945	Bullhead	SS-332	Sunk by aerial bombs	84 men lost