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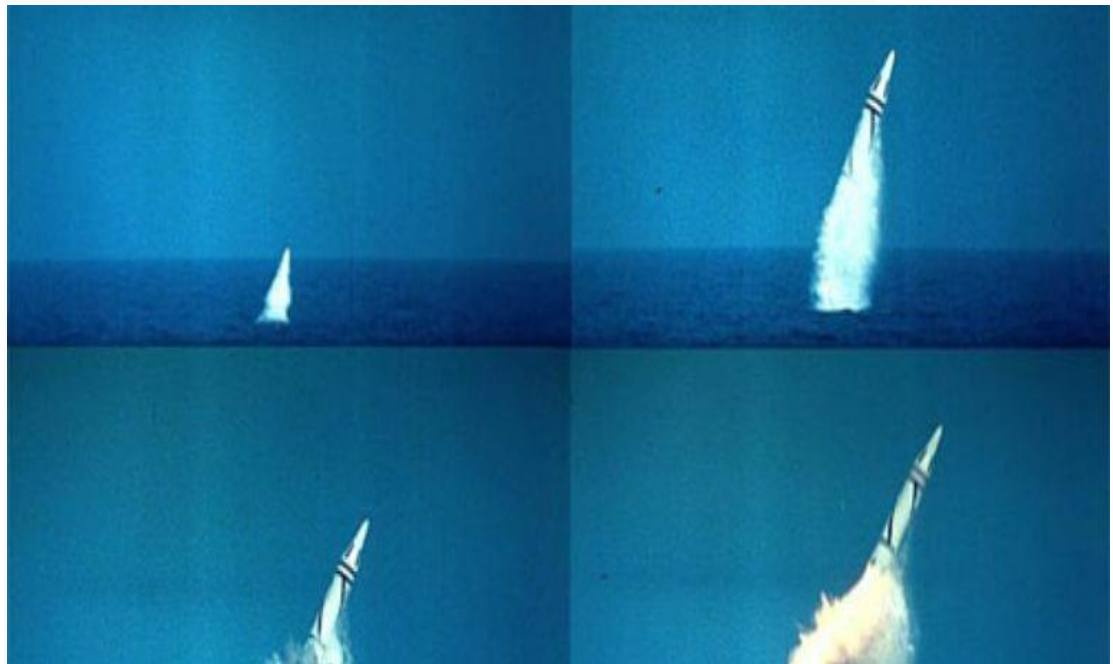
**Razorback Base
United States Submarine Veterans**



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China's New Submarine Nuke Could Hit America

**JL-3's long range could help to protect Beijing's
ballistic-missile boat**



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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.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

.First, let me say what an honor it is to serve as the Base Commander. I know I have big shoes to fill. I want to thank Greg and the other officers that have served the base for multiple terms. Their hard work and dedication to the success of the Razorback Base is greatly appreciated and for those who are still serving, I offer a big Bravo Zulu.

I also want to say thank you so much to the members that got the float ready and went to the Christmas parade. Happy New Year to all. Let's make 2019 a year to remember.

V/r,

David Boyer
Base Commander



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The People’s Liberation Army Navy tested the JL-3 missile on Nov. 24, 2018, The Diplomat reported, citing unnamed U.S. government sources.

“Modernization of China’s submarine force remains a high priority for the PLAN,” the U.S. Defense Department explained in its 2018 report on Chinese military capabilities. The force is on track to achieve parity with America’s own fleet of undersea missile boats.

The Chinese test reportedly took place in the Bohai Sea, the innermost gulf of the Yellow Sea in the Western Pacific. According to The Diplomat, the test focused on the missile’s “cold-launch” capability. In other words, its ability to boost from the submerged launching vessel and out of the water before igniting its rocket booster.

The JL-3 represents an improvement over the JL-2 SLBMs that arm the Chinese navy’s current Type 094 boomers and an even greater improvement over the JL-1, China’s first submarine-launched nuclear weapon, pictured at top. The JL-1 possessed just enough range — a thousand miles or so — to threaten countries close to China.

The single Type 092 boat that carried the JL-1 never completed a front-line deployment after entering service in 1987. “It was reportedly too noisy and might have had other safety and reliability issues,” Tong Zhao, a fellow in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, based at the Carnegie–Tsinghua Center for Global Policy in Beijing, explained in a 2018 study

The Type 094s, by contrast, have been a relative success in service. In 2015, the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence described the type’s imminent first front-line deployment “perhaps the most anticipated development in China’s submarine force.”

Each armed with a dozen JL-2s, Type 094s began to enter service around 2006. A Type 094 apparently conducted China’s first undersea deterrence patrol in 2015. “This represents the start of a new era for China’s sea-based nuclear forces,” Tong wrote.

The Type 094s represent “China’s first credible, sea-based nuclear deterrent,” the U.S. Defense Department stated. A JL-2 can range as far as 5,000 miles, experts estimate. By contrast, a U.S. Navy Trident SLBM can travel as far as 7,500 miles.

To target California, a Type 094 might have to sail past Japan. Ideally for Beijing, its boomers would be able to remain close to mainland China and under the protection of the Chinese fleet while still credibly threatening the United States.

The JL-3 could help the Chinese navy to fulfill this ambition once it, and the Type 096 submarines that will carry it, enter service. The Pentagon’s China report projected that construction of the first new boomer would begin in the early 2020s.

It’s unclear how many Type 096s Beijing plans to build. “To maintain a continuous peacetime presence, the PLAN would likely require a minimum of five ... SSBNs,” ONI reported in 2015.

Beijing might already possess five boomers. By carefully analyzing commercial satellite imagery, in late 2018 Catherine Dill, a researcher with the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in California, managed to count five Type 094s.

It’s possible additional boats exist but weren’t visible during Dill’s count. It’s possible that the Chinese Communist Party plans to deploy Type 096s alongside Type 094s, allowing it to expand the boomer fleet beyond the five that the Americans have determined are necessary for a around-the-clock deterrence, and even beyond the eight that Dill claimed were planned.

The U.S. Navy operates 14 Ohio-class boomers. It’s building 12 new Columbia-class boats to replace them starting in the 2020s. While China might never deploy a dozen boomers, it could get close to that number.

And once the Type 096s enter service with their JL-3 missiles, the Chinese boats could possess an at-sea nuclear deterrence that, in size and power, is roughly similar to America’s own deterrence.

Navy and Standing in Line

"Well," snarled the tough old Navy Chief to the bewildered Seaman. "I suppose after you get discharged from the Navy, you'll just be waiting for me to die so you can come and piss on my grave." "Not me, Chief!" the Seaman replied. "Once I get out of the Navy, I'm never going to stand in line again!"



Lost Boats – December

USS S 26 (SS 131)

The following men were lost while serving on USS S 26(SS 131).

1	<u>Leonard William Adams</u>
2	<u>Leroy Arthur Amick</u>
3	<u>Glen Willard Anderson</u>
4	<u>George Baranick</u>
5	<u>Clinton Adam Bauer</u>
6	<u>Alvin Charles Baumbach</u>
7	<u>William Paul Biebuyck</u>
8	<u>Harry Allen Brown</u>
9	<u>Edwin Bruno Burchart</u>
10	<u>George Owen Burroughs</u>
11	<u>Carl Rex Claflin</u>
12	<u>Carl Cecil Clark</u>
13	<u>Richard Kenneth Clough</u>
14	<u>Eugene Oscar Crabtree</u>
15	<u>Byron Crumbley</u>
16	<u>James Douglas Dawson</u>
17	<u>Elwood Ehrle</u>
18	<u>David Birch Evans</u>
19	<u>Ray Amos Freeman</u>
20	<u>Robert Francis Gamble</u>
21	<u>Joseph Mathew Gill</u>
22	<u>Robert Earl Holt</u>
23	<u>Bennie Stephen Homic</u>

24	<u>Nathaniel Noble Johnson</u>
25	<u>Harry John Kassebaum</u>
26	<u>Walter Garcia Lorente</u>
27	<u>Lloyd Milford Love</u>
28	<u>Robert Wallace MacLachlan</u>
29	<u>Raymond Charles Mattes</u>
30	<u>Robert Edward Nelson</u>
31	<u>John Patrick O'Brien</u>
32	<u>Thomas Videtto Peters</u>
33	<u>Arthur Burnett Peterson</u>
34	<u>Hazel B. Plyler</u>
35	<u>Carl Raymond Ramsey</u>
36	<u>Steven Samuel Rifkin</u>
37	<u>George Gilbert Russell</u>
38	<u>Clifford Edward Russler</u>
39	<u>John Michael Schmutz</u>
40	<u>William Chester Seibert</u>
41	<u>Herbert Fred Shattuck</u>
42	<u>Joseph Briggs Stubbins</u>
43	<u>Harry Landau Taylor</u>
44	<u>Thomas Calvin Thompson</u>
45	<u>Paul Herbert Tow</u>
46	<u>Roderique Dolar Vezina</u>



Harry Allen Brown



Rank/Rate Yeoman, First Class
Service Number 214 95 71
Birth Date July 15, 1913
From Elkton, Maryland
Decorations
Submarine [USS S-26 \(SS-131\)](#)
Loss Date January 24, 1942
Location Gulf of Panama
Circumstances Sunk when rammed by PC-460

David Birch Evans



Rank/Rate Chief Machinist's Mate
Service Number 140 82 58
Birth Date September 5, 1899
From New London, Connecticut
Decorations
Submarine [USS S-26 \(SS-131\)](#)
Loss Date January 24, 1942
Location Gulf of Panama
Circumstances Sunk when rammed by PC-460
Remarks David was born in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee.



TREASURER'S REPORT		Dec-18
TOTAL BASE FUNDS BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 15,497.30
<u>General Fund Beg. Balance</u>		\$ 5,481.20
<u>Dues</u>		\$ 540.00
<u>SK Calendars</u>		\$ 191.21
<u>Christmas Party</u>		\$ 177.68
<u>National Dues</u>		\$ 815.00
<u>USSVI Liability Insurance</u>		\$ 25.00
<u>General Fund Ending Balance</u>		\$ 5,194.72
Designated Funds Beg. Balance		\$ 4,261.52
<u>Maint. Fund Balance</u>		\$ 2,502.66
<u>Charity Fund Balance</u>		\$ 372.00
<u>Snook Memorial Fund Balance</u>		\$ 1,386.86
<u>Designated Funds Ending Balance</u>		\$ 4,261.52
Checking Balance (General + Designated Funds)		\$ 9,456.24
Other Funds		
	<u>CD Balance</u>	\$ 5,240.28
	<u>Cash on Hand Balance</u>	\$ 147.00
TOTAL BASE FUNDS ENDING BALANCE		\$ 14,843.52

Booster Club

Terrance Murphy (8)
 Ron Hines (0)
 Mark Taylor (8)
 Pete Jilek (18)
 Bill Woods (8)
 John Barr (8)

Birthdays for January

C. Dean Read, Jr. 7
 Maurice Lee Barksdale 7
 Bruce M. Lipe 8
 Cecil H. Goins 10
 Michael D. Moore 10
 Sam Cecil 11
 Marvin E. Vaughter 18
 Ted Yearwood 23
 James H. Gates 28

NEW COMMANDER AND VICE COMMANDER SWORN IN

Pictured are Greg Schwermann swearing in David Boyer and Mark Taylor.



Language Barrier

The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, take the simple phrase "secure the building".

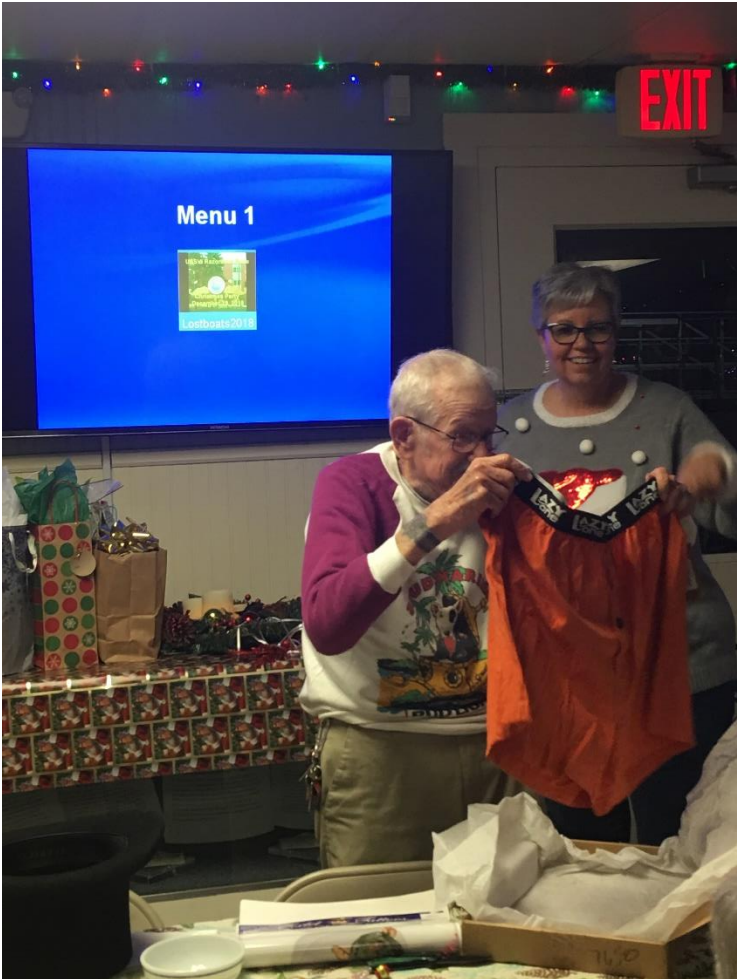
The Army will post guards around the place.

The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.

The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters.

The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy.

The Christmas Party was a huge success: Not only did our senior member win the ugly sweater contest, he was lucky enough to open a present that we all can appreciate!





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