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1 Remembering fallen Vermont submarine sailors

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 On this Memorial Day of 2026, the Green Mountain  
5 Submarine Veterans Chapter of the United States Submarine  
6 Veterans, Inc. remembers the following Vermonters who lost their  
7 lives while serving in the Submarine Service during war and  
8 peace time.

9 These men who volunteered to serve in the Submarine  
10 Service: always remembered, not forgotten.

- 11 • Richard K. Clough, 26, Randolph (1/24/1942); USS S-  
12 26 (SS-131)
- 13 • Sam Kane, 19, Burlington (3/05/1943); USS Grampus  
14 (SS-207)
- 15 • Gene R. Rice, 21, Springfield (7/11/1943); USS Runner  
16 (SS-275)
- 17 • Frederick M. Briggs, 24, Bristol (9/28/1943); USS Cisco  
18 (SS-290)
- 19 • Melvin C. Phillips, 25, Moretown (2/26/1944); USS  
20 Grayback (SS-208)
- 21 • Romeo A. Laramie, 21, Burlington (3/05/1944); USS  
22 Tautog (SS-199)
- 23 • Robert H. Roby, 24, Bellows Falls (3/26/1944); USS  
24 Tullibee (SS-284)
- 25 • John F. Durant, 21, Burlington (7/04/1944); USS S-28  
26 (SS-133)
- 27 • Leslie A. Wilmott, 18, Montpelier (11/07/1944); USS  
28 Albacore (SS-218)
- 29 • Alexander Ferrario, 28, Montpelier (11/08/1944); USS  
30 Growler (SS-215)
- 31 • Charles H. Taylor, 21, Brattleboro (8/06/1945); USS  
32 Bullhead (SS-332)
- 33 • James P. Ritchie, 22, Burlington (4/10/1963); USS  
34 Thresher (SSN-593)
- 35 • Edward A. Johnson, 34, Hardwick (4/10/1963); USS  
36 Thresher (SSN 593)
- 37 • Michael J. Bailey, 21, St. Johnsbury (5/22/1968); USS  
38 Scorpion (SSN-589)

39 If anyone remembers our fellow Submariners and would  
40 like to contact us, please do at [cmattoon@vermontel.net](mailto:cmattoon@vermontel.net).

41 Though we are highlighting our submarine shipmates  
42 here who lost their lives while on active duty, we extend to the  
43 families of all the Vermont submarine sailors who that have been  
44 lost and have served in the Submarine Service: Our sincere  
45 gratitude and heartfelt sympathy.

46 To all the service members' families that have lost loved  
47 ones through the years, their service and sacrifice in protecting  
48 our country is not forgotten; without them we would not have  
49 remained free for 250 years.

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