

28 Submarines Built in Manitowoc, WI

1942 USS Peto	1943 USS Hardhead
1942 USS Pogy	1944 USS Hawkbill
1942 USS Pompon	1944 USS Icefish
1942 USS Puffer	1944 USS Jallao
1942 USS Rasher	1944 USS Kete*
1943 USS Raton	1944 USS Kraken
1943 USS Ray	1944 USS Lagarto*
1943 USS Redfin	1944 USS Lamprey
1943 USS Robalo*	1944 USS Lizardfish
1943 USS Rock	1944 USS Loggerhead
1943 USS Golet*	1944 USS Macabi
1943 USS Guavina	1944 USS Mapiro
1943 USS Guitarro	1944 USS Menhaden
1943 USS Hammerhead	1945 USS Mero

*Lost with all hands

During WWII, 52 US submarines were lost, taking 374 officers and 3,131 enlisted men. These personnel losses represented 16% of the officer and 13% of the enlisted operational personnel. This loss rate was the highest among men and ships of any U.S. Navy unit

In all, U.S. submarines sank more than 55 percent of all Japanese ships sunk. More than surface ships, Navy air and the U.S. Army Air Corps combined.

“The submarine force was the most effective anti-ship and anti-submarine weapon in the entire American arsenal.”

Wikipedia

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz



When I assumed command of the Pacific Fleet in 31 December, 1941; our submarines were already operating against the enemy, the only units of the Fleet that could come to grips with the Japanese for months to come.

It was to the Submarine Force that I looked to carry the load until our great industrial activity could produce the weapons we so sorely needed to carry the war to the enemy. It is to the everlasting honor and glory of our submarine personnel that they never failed us in our days of peril.

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Chicago Riverwalk WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial



Honor Educate Inspire

Take Our Quiz:

1. What happened at Pearl Harbor in 1941?
2. What branch of our Armed Forces immediately took the war to Japan?
3. What part of the US Navy sank more than half of Japan's fleet?
4. Were submarines built & tested on Lake Michigan during WWII?
5. How many US sailors lost their lives serving on US submarines?

Curious?

This memorial will answer those questions and more, but first we need to build it.

You Can Join Our Capital Campaign

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This memorial serves multiple purposes:

- Remember the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, HI on December 7, 1941
- Honor submarine sailors past, present, and future.
- Educate visitors about the crucial role the middle of the country played in building submarines.
- Inspire visitors to spend time at other submarine-related sites in the Midwest.

To accomplish these goals, we need your help.

We are a group of US submarine veterans who have assembled to erect this memorial to commemorate our fallen shipmates and to highlight Chicago's connection to submarines in WWII that helped protect our great nation.

What's Next?

Individuals, families, corporations, foundations, unions, clubs and caring citizens may honor the Silent Service through financial support.

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. You will receive a letter documenting your donation.

- Download a copy of this brochure from www.crashdivebase.com.
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- Schedule our talk, 'Submarining on Lake Michigan', for your next group or club meeting.
- Hand copies to your plumber, doctor, dentist, barber, auto mechanic, attorney, insurance agent, grocer, druggist, and other businesses that you patronize.
- Ask employers about matching funds.
- Hear WWII submarine veteran John Manasse's great story here: <http://tinyurl.com/kjkfamc>

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