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In Memoriam – John Bond

With great sadness I report to the Wolverine Base that member John Bond has departed on Eternal Patrol. John was lost to us on Sunday 28 September, one of four victims of the tragic attack in Grand Blanc when an armed man drove his pickup truck into the Grand Blanc Township Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and started shooting.



John Qualified in Submarines in 1972 aboard USS Scamp (SSN-588). He left the Navy in 1975 as an FTG1(SS). He joined Wolverine Base in 2023, and was a proud member of the Holland Club.

John is survived by his wife JoAnne, six children, and ten grandchildren.

Additional information will be provided to Wolverine Base members as it becomes available.

Steve "Tex" Ritter
Base Commander

Sailor, rest your oar.



John and JoAnne at the 2024BaseThanksgiving Dinner



Our purpose is 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.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.



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