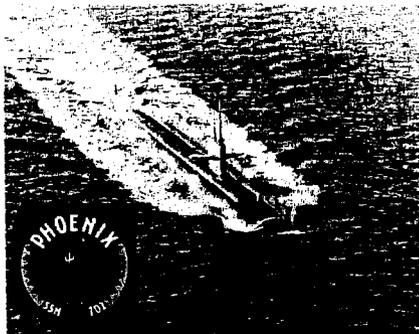


USS PHOENIX Cold War Monument Park Site Dedication Program

March 22, 2016



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The USS PHOENIX (SSN-702) was a Los Angeles class nuclear attack submarine. It was launched in 1979 and went into commissioned service in 1981. The submarine's mission was to protect ballistic missile submarines and the fleet by finding and attacking enemy submarines. The submarine was retired from active service in 1998 and has been stored in Bremerton, Washington pending scrapping. The City of Phoenix Parks Board set aside land in Steele Phoenix Indian School Park in 2008 to house the sail and tail fin of the submarine as part of a monument. The submarine is scheduled to be cut up in April-May of 2016.

The Phoenix Saguaro Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Navy (AUSN) has assumed the responsibility of leading the project effort, and has created the *USS PHOENIX Cold War Monument Foundation* to raise funds for transporting the submarine parts to Phoenix and for constructing the monument.

The USS PHOENIX is symbolic of the many uniformed service members and civilian defense and intelligence personnel who fought the Cold War by maintaining a strong deterrence against Soviet threats. The monument is meant to honor both their service and the submarine named after the City of Phoenix. The Cold War lasted from 1947 to 1991, a period of deep international tension and saber-rattling involving thousands of persons.

The submarine USS PHOENIX is the second U.S. Navy vessel to bear the name of the city. The first was a light cruiser that served before and during World War II and survived Pearl Harbor. The cruiser PHOENIX was sold to Argentina in 1951, renamed the General Belgrano and was subsequently sunk by the HMS Conqueror, a British nuclear-powered attack submarine during the Falklands War in 1982.

USS Phoenix Site Dedication Schedule of Events

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300 E. Indian School Rd

(North Silvestre Herrera Way aka North 3rd St)

(Parking at Steele Indian School Park)

0730 - US Navy Band performance

0800 - Welcome & Introductions - LCDR Bennett (Vice President of Assn. of U.S. Navy)

0802 - Posting of the Colors - Color Guard

0803 - National Anthem - US Navy Band Southwest

0805 - Pledge of Allegiance

0806 - Invocation - CM2 Berrelez

0807 - Introduction of Wanda Wright, AZ Dept of Veterans' Services - LCDR Bennett

0908 - Wanda Wright remarks

0810 - Introduction of Councilwoman Pastor - Wanda Wright

0810 - Councilwoman Pastor remarks

0814 - Introduction of RMDL Lindsey - LCDR Bennett

0815 - Proclamation presentation to Rear Admiral Lindsey - Councilwoman Pastor

0816 - Keynote Speaker - Rear Admiral Lindsey

0826 - Presentation of prizes to two winners - Rear Admiral Lindsey
Ribbon Cutting - Rear Admiral Lindsey

0829 - Benediction - CM2 Berrelez

0830 - Closing remarks as Rear Admiral Lindsey departs - CAPT Culbertson (President of the Assn. of the U.S. Navy)

First Place Student Essays From Vista Verde and Explorer Middle Schools

An Honor to Be - Knowledge Is Our Greatest Weapon

An Essay by Nikita Joyner, 8th Grade, Vista Verde Middle School, March 2016

A submarine is an artifact, a tool, a weapon used for defending our country. The City of Phoenix was given the honor and the opportunity to have a submarine named after it. The USS Phoenix (SSN-702) was made during one of the scariest times for the United States, let alone the world. The submarine was 362 feet long, 33 feet wide and very deadly to our opponents. Armed with torpedoes, missiles, mines and other underwater munitions, the USS Phoenix and the LA Class of submarines were a treasured line of defense. Yet, we were planning to completely destroy a great relic that provided protection to the people of the United States during a time of Mutual Assured Destruction.

Why dismantle something that is part of our country's past? We should honor the people who gave part of their lives to this effort, as well as the vessel that gave its whole life to this effort. What better way to do that than to dedicate a memorial made with parts of the submarine itself - its diving planes, sail and rudder. Every passing person will be reminded of the role the vessel took in our history.

The USS Phoenix has been sitting in a shipyard far too long. Seventeen years of service then to just rust in the state of Washington for another seventeen years is almost criminal. This is the moment we can commemorate the accomplishments of the USS Phoenix in today's modern society. This public display will spread awareness to others about the people who have put their lives on the line for country. The memorial being planned is the perfect way to display this message. The USS Phoenix will be admired by many and given the recognition it deserves. This remembrance is both an honor and an amazing moment for all of us!

Why Build a Monument??

An Essay by Jacob Eaton, 8th Grade, Explorer Middle School, March 2016

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." - Marcus Garvey, Jamaican political leader. The USS Phoenix played a very important role in the defense of our country during the Cold War. How could something so important not be preserved in a memorial so that others could observe and learn from it? History is something that should be studied and learned from so that people can perform the same tasks better and prevent history from repeating itself.

Education of the public about historical events is a necessity in today's society where people are becoming more ignorant by the day. Bringing pieces of the USS Phoenix to create a memorial in downtown Phoenix could improve and help bring about much greater knowledge and awareness of events during the Cold War for today's generation. Building this monument will help people recognize the importance the USS Phoenix held in protecting our nation.

Building a monument to the USS Phoenix is also extremely important because remembering the submarine is a fantastic way to bring respect to the way it defended our country, as well as to the people who manned the submarine. People who are brave enough to risk their lives for ours should get the utmost respect, without a doubt. If our society is able to erect this monument, it is almost certain that those in the service will appreciate it very much.

In conclusion, this monument should be built because it will give knowledge to people about how important some of these submarines were in protecting our nation, and allow us to show appreciation for the military men and women who risk their lives everyday for America.