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Sharkhunters Mission Statement

ITEM #1 – To tell the honest, true and accurate history of the U-Bootwaffe and the men who served honorably without propoganda, theories, guesses, fairy tales or half-baked commentaries.

There is no other source available that publishes the history of the U-Boats, the men and the missions like Sharkhunters simply because we got our information, photos and memories directly from the U-Bootfahrer themselves. Literally hundreds of U-Boat veterans were Members of Sharkhunters and gave us their memories and photographs. The new age 'Johnny-come-lately' internet sites are filled with wannabe 'experts' who have ideas, theories and in some cases, out and out fairy tales. They have never met a U-Boat Skipper, officer or crewman and therefore, have no information other than what they have read in other books or heard from another wannabe 'expert' and so, their data is badly flawed and outright just plain wrong.

ITEM #2 – To restore the dignity and pride to these brave, honorable warriors.

The American Legion Post I belong to has a big sign in front stating that it is the Legion Post and most American Legion Posts have additional items out front proudly proclaiming them as American Legion Posts – the same is true for the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). The VFW post in this town has a HU-1 helicopter out front. Others have field guns, airplanes etc. all showing their identity.

In Germany this is absolutely forbidden! The U-K/Hamburg (the U-BootsKameradschaft or Submarine Veterans of Hamburg) used to meet in the basement of a rental house. The one in Klagenfurt, Austria, still meets in what was once a huge coal storage bunker of a large office building. Out front there is no sign, no mention that this is the meeting place of honorable German warriors. It is not allowed to show their meeting place at all.

These men knew they were honorable warriors. They knew they fought bravely, but they are not allowed to show it - it is a CRIME if they do.



For our very first Sharkhunters Patrol, 1987 in Key Largo, Florida, a dozen U-Boat veterans joined us, and they were overwhelmed at the outpouring of respect by all who attended, including US Navy vets of the war, as well as the press. We were featured (see above) on the NBC morning show and had great reviews. The U-Bootfahrer all had a fantastic time and told their brothers-in-arms in Germany about Sharkhunters.

“Logic is the Enemy!”

“Truth is the new Hate Speech”



Key Largo



Northern Germany



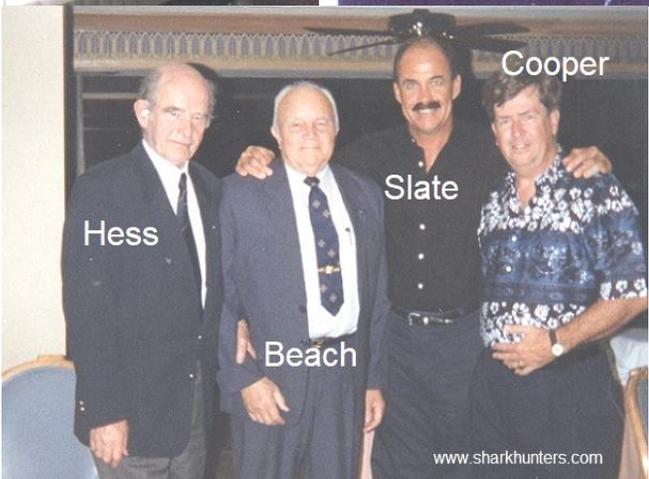
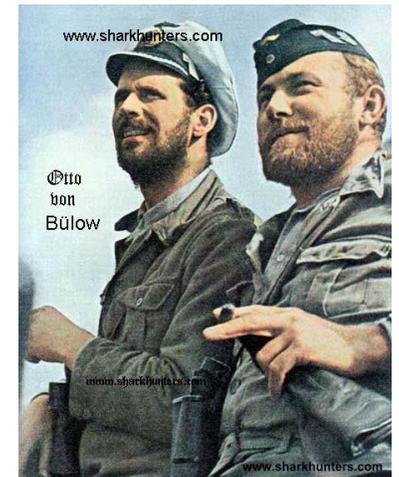
Southern Germany

At our Patrols, they opened up; they laughed; told jokes; had feasts with us; danced; drank and made many new friends of former enemies but above all – they realized that they were not looked down on or despised but respected as honorable warriors who fought bravely and cleanly.

They networked us with other U-Bootfahrer, came to our Patrols in Germany and Austria, and helped Sharkhunters at every turn not only with their memories but also with hand-signed photos and fine art prints for us to sell to keep Sharkhunters moving forward to continue to tell their story.

NOBODY AT SHARKHUNTERS GETS PAID AT ALL – NOBODY! ALL ARE VOLUNTEERS

The U-Bootfahrer told us how pleased they were with their Membership and that they were proud to be Members. They came to our Patrols here in the USA and so many more joined us in Europe. It would be impossible to name all who joined us, but here are just a few who come to mind:

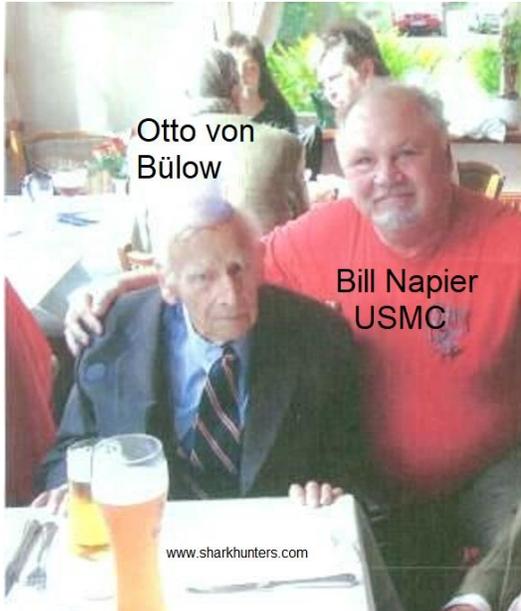


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ITEM #3 – To bring former enemies together as friends.

We have done this beyond all expectations and far beyond anyone else. In fact, no organization has even tried to bring these former enemies together as friends – only Sharkhunters. We continue to do this because these veterans gave me their memories, their photos and they networked me with so many others. They never did that with anyone else. In return, I gave my word that I would keep their history honest. That is why we work so hard and remember – nobody at Sharkhunters gets paid at all.



Otto von Bülow

Bill Napier
USMC

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Photo left – at one of our Sharkhunters Patrols, **OTTO von BÜLOW**, (Knights Cross with Oak Leaf) Member #305 becomes friends with **BILL NAPIER** (USMC), Member #2290-C-LIFE.

Photo right – five great warriors signing one of our limited-edition prints. From the left they are: **KURT DIGGINS**, Member #3518; **ERICH TOPP** (Knights Cross, Oak Leaf & Swords) Member #118 **HORST von SCHROETER** (Knights Cross), Member #5430 **HELMUT WITTE** (Knights Cross), Member #4238 **HELMUT SCHMOECKEL**, Member #1455



Hans-Georg Hess

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Otto

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Photo left – in the home of **HANS-GEORG HESS**, (Knights Cross) Member #125

Right – with **OTTO KRETSCHMER** (Knights Cross, Oak Leaf & Swords) Member #122 at our Sharkhunters Patrol in Chicago

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