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US Submariners Memorial Service 2014

A unique annual memorial service honouring the brave sacrifice of United States Submariners during World War II will be held this Sunday in Albany.

The service is a tribute to the US Submariners who operated from the Port of Albany during the war.

The US submarine fleet suffered terrible losses during the war, with more than 3500 men losing their lives.

The US fleet arrived in Fremantle on March 3, 1942, at a time when there was a genuine fear of attack by Japanese forces.

To prevent the possibility of losing the entire fleet, it was decided to split it into two sections.

The submarine tender Holland and five submarines were sent to Albany, arriving March 17, 1942.

Holland was stationed in Albany until July 1942, when it was relieved by the Pelias, which remained there until October. During this time 31 submarines visited the port.

The Submariners were tied at the Albany jetty and the quarantine station. Without the safe havens provided by the harbours of Fremantle and Albany it would have been impossible for the US submarines to carry out their vital role.

The US Submariners Memorial Service 2014 will be held this Sunday May 25 at 10am at Princess Royal Fortress.

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