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Submarine Veterans Plan Reunion in Springfield

Springfield, Mo. – About 120 people are expected to surface in Springfield for the USS Lapon Association Reunion Sept. 8-11 at the Ramada Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

The reunion brings together crew members from SS-260 and SSN-661 and their families.

SS-260 Lapon served in World War II and during seven patrols sank 24 Japanese ships. SSN-661 Lapon served during the Cold War and earned five Meritorious Unit Citations, one Navy Unit Citation and one Presidential Unit Citation.

The sail structure from SSN-661 is on display at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic Ave., in Springfield.

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