
National Historic Landmark

The Clamagore was built near the end of WWII and entered service as the Cold War dawned. It is a Balao class submarine, the largest in the Navy at that time. Modified several times during her career to meet the demands of the Cold War, she is the last surviving example of a GUPPY Type III submarine in the United States.

After 30 years of distinguished service to the nation, Clamagore retired from the active fleet to serve as a floating museum at Patriots Point in Charleston, South Carolina. She was granted National Historic Landmark status in 1989.

She needs our help...

Clamagore defended us for three decades, now it's our turn to defend her. Patriots Point can no longer support the required maintenance due to other demands, and therefore she is in danger of becoming an artificial reef - or worse scrap, unless we save her!

Clamagore needs a permanent home to be displayed to the public and maintained in the manner she deserves. Forty years of salt water has taken a toll on her hull and superstructure which requires restoration.

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needs your support to save this important piece of history and bring it to East Tennessee. Look for us on the web and on Facebook for more information and details on how you can become a Friend of the Clamagore and join in the fight to save this historic landmark and one of a kind memorial.

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Save 343!
Bring her to TN!



USS Clamagore SS-343

Bring Clamagore to TN

This historic submarine should be brought to Knoxville to serve as the centerpiece of a military history museum, the first and only, in East Tennessee. Our central location would provide easy access for all of East TN as well as the south central US.

Guided tours, educational programs and overnight adventures would be just the beginning for Clamagore as she settled into to her new home.



USS Clamagore at Patriots Point, Charleston, SC

East Tennessee deserves a military history museum



We need a place to display, preserve and share our rich military history from the early days of the American Revolution through today's War on Terror.

While Knoxville has a number of museums of various types, it does not have a single museum dedicated to East Tennessee military history. This type of museum would have no significant competition and could easily become a central attraction for the area. The establishment of an East Tennessee Military History Museum would provide numerous educational opportunities and resources for students, local residents and veterans, as well as visitors.

Similar museums are very highly rated by internet travel sites and well attended year round. Knoxville would be the only inland museum with a submarine in the Southeast, and one of only two in the southern US. These types of museums also draw reunion groups and can have a significant impact on the local economy.

Knoxville has a very unique opportunity to have a military history museum with a historic submarine as the focal point. Our location on the crossroads of I-40 and I-75 makes for easy access for visitors traveling to Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and the Smoky Mountains, the most visited National Park in America. A museum with a submarine would give Knoxville the opportunity to share, at least in part, in the tourism that surrounds the national park and other areas.

