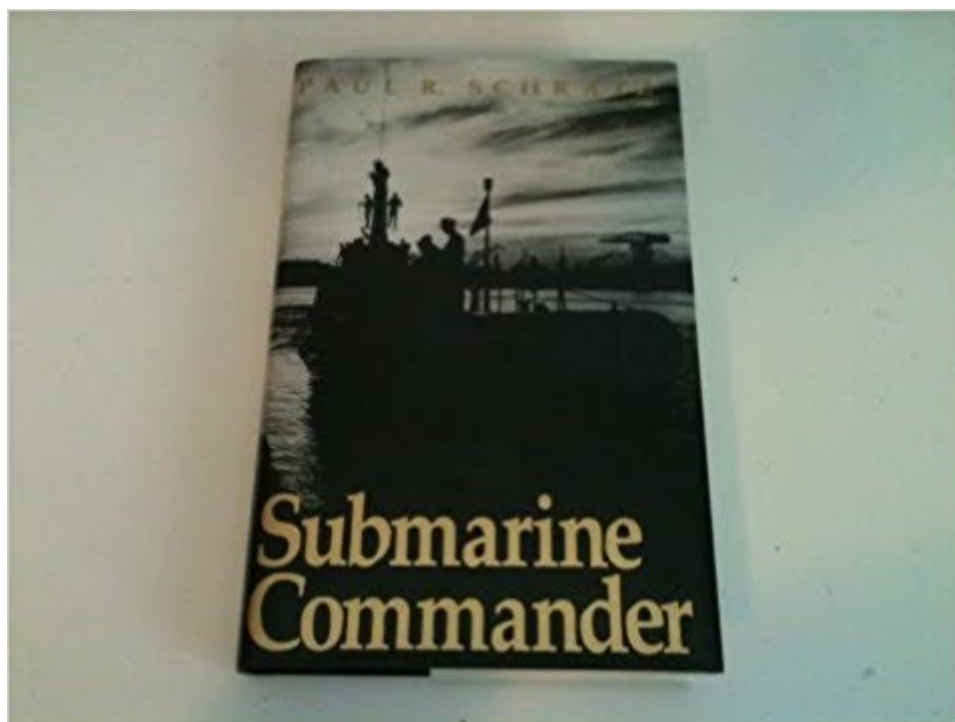


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# Submarine Commander: A Story Of World War II And Korea



## Synopsis

A fascinating personal memoir of underwater combat in World War II told by one of the navy's most daring skippers.

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## Customer Reviews

Schratz served aboard three U.S. Navy subs during World War II, taking part in the sinking of several Japanese ships, rescuing downed pilots, laying minefields. From a natural, slightly off-center viewpoint, he conveys his fascination with submarine warfare and his deep respect for many of the men he served with, bringing them to life in scenes of combat and riotous shore leaves from Honolulu to Hong Kong. After the Japanese surrender, he was involved in the demolition of the former enemy's submarine fleet, and his comments on the attitudes and military way of life of his counterparts in the Imperial Japanese Navy are intriguing. The post-World War II section is less interesting but far from boring: In command of the U.S.S. Pickrel, Schratz set an undersea distance record in 1949 and a year later took part in photo-intelligence missions during the early months of the Korean War. Photos, maps. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"The U.S. Navy's most innovative, non-conforming, daring skipper tells in intimate detail a gripping and exciting story—unashamed in sorrow, proud in record-setting accomplishment, rich in humor. Great!"—Adm. I.J. Galantin, USN (Ret.), author of *Take Her Deep*"An authoritative, useful, and interesting view of Pacific Ocean submarine operations."—American Historical

Review"Provides the layperson with an interesting, exciting, and ultimately satisfying account of submarine service, both during WWII and the Korean War."~ç~ -â çChoice"An extraordinary story . . . Schratz is a superb observer!"~ç~ -â çFriday Review of Defense Literature"An ebullient, consistently engrossing memoir of submarine service in WWII's Pacific theater and during the Korean conflict."~ç~ -â çKirkus Reviews"An action-filled account of the wartime operations of the Navy submarine fleet."~ç~ -â çMcCormick (SC) Messenger"Serves as a moving testimonial to the many brave men with whom he served."~ç~ -â çNorthern Mariner"A commanding and well told tale . . . Schratz succeeds in making wartime submarining come alive for nonsubmariners."~ç~ -â çShipmate"Fascinating . . . A delight to read not only because it is well written but because it is so very real seen through the eyes of a completely involved observer."~ç~ -â çSubmarine Review"Schratz's description of life aboard a submarine is one of the single best accounts of the "Silent Service" during World War II and the Korean War.The book is highly recommended."~ç~ -â çLeo J. Daugherty III, World War Quarterly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A few weeks ago my neighbor mentioned that his father served aboard a sub in WWII. He told me a story that seemed pretty harrowing. He was very prideful of his father. I did a little google search of his fathers name and found that he was mentioned several times in this book. I purchased this book and gave it to my neighbor as a tribute to his father. My neighbor had know idea that there was any written account of his fathers service. His father passed away last year. Fair winds sailor RIP.

This is a well written, concrete account of one man's experiences in these events which shaped our present world. The author lets us in on how he felt about things; leaving his wife at the pier, the relative competence of his fellow officers, and at times experiencing first hand cowardice.He lived a life of danger, and lost some good friends. I would recommend this as one of the better of the Veteran Story genre' coming from these conflicts.

An eye opening account about our NAVY during Korean War you MUST read and tell all your buddies. Don't need to have been a submarine sailor to enjoy this book. Once you start reading it you won't want to stop. It is thrilling and sad all together.Never knew the real story about faulty equipment that our Navy had to put up with for so long a time.It shows that some big brass in Washington did not heed the real knowledge out in the war zone under difficult situations and the life of many sailors were at risk with faulty torpedos and equipment.

Extraordinary true story of valor, leadership and American exceptionalism. It's not just another "war story", although it is a great one. It demonstrates how and why we are a great people, capable of making individualist decision-making, under extreme duress, for the great common good. You want to read about a great American? Read this book and apply its lesson to your own life. Evan Burge

I really enjoyed the book, got it off a recommendation from another friend. While I'm in the Army I've always had an interest in submarine warfare since high school 30 years ago. Those WWII submariners were some special heroes and really helped win the war in the Pacific. Great story but I must say the Kindle books are getting too expensive for me. Going to start waiting for paperbacks or library books.

I had the distinct pleasure of knowing Capt. Schratz. He was a diligent, resourceful naval officer and these traits were, and are, essential for any Naval officer. Although the book is largely a commentary on how it was in the submarine service in the 1940s and 1950s, it's an excellent introduction to the stresses and rewards of command for rising officers in the most demanding Naval Service.

I prefer these first person stories because they don't read like a text book. This book gave a pretty good picture as to life aboard a WW2 sub and for the most part held my interest. I felt it got a little boring toward the end with post war routines. Worth the read but if you are interested in WW2 sub action it doesn't hold a candle to 'War In The Boats'.

Actual history told by someone who was there at the time, but reads like a novel. Written by one of the most successful submarine skippers of WWII and beyond. Of particular interest was the leadership skills - how they were developed and put to use.

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