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SOVIET SUB INTRIGUE IS SUBJECT OF VALLEJO MUSEUM PROGRAM

VALLEJO - For decades rumors have persisted about the sinking of a Soviet submarine in waters off Hawaii. Though parts of the story have been disclosed, now for the first time, veteran submariner Kenneth Sewell reveals the stunning facts behind perhaps the best-kept secret of the Cold War. Sewell, author of the new book *Red Star Rogue*, will appear at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum on Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this fascinating episode of Cold War intrigue. The program is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow Mr. Sewell's program

On March 7, 1968, a Soviet sub surfaced in Pacific waters, and after attempting to fire a missile, sank with all 98 men aboard. Astonishingly, the sub took this action without the authorization or even the knowledge of Soviet naval authorities. Using information recovered from the sunken sub, exclusive interviews with Russian eyewitnesses to events surrounding the incident, and newly declassified documents, Sewell explains how he determined that the Soviet sub was a rogue; who might have plotted the unauthorized mission, and why; how the CIA recovered the wreckage even while denying it had done so; and how information from this incident may have influenced U.S. negotiations with the USSR and China. The CIA recovery effort, using Howard Hughes' *Glomar Explorer*, is a well-known story to many Bay Area residents since that top-secret vessel was a longtime fixture in the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet. With the danger that terrorists might acquire nuclear weapons, this Cold War story is more relevant today than ever.

Could it happen again? *Red Star Rogue* offers new insight into America's secret past and shows why it is important as we face the threats ahead.

Author Kenneth Sewell spent eight years in the submarine service with classified duties in nuclear engineering technology. Five of those years were aboard the *USS Parche*, the most decorated ship in the history of the United States Navy and America's top espionage submarine. According to the best selling book, *Blind Man's Bluff*, the *Parche* reportedly tapped the undersea communications lines of the Soviet Union during the Cold War and retrieved lost Soviet weaponry from the ocean floor. *USS Parche's* conversion to a "special operations" submarine took place at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo.

Since leaving the Navy, Mr. Sewell has worked in the defense industry holding both Department of Defense and Department of Energy security clearances. In re-researching this book, Mr. Sewell had access to recently declassified intelligence files in the U.S. and Soviet military archives that were opened after 1991, among other sources.

The Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum is located at 734 Marin St., Vallejo. For more information call (707) 643-0077.