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TRAINING TORPEDOES FOUND AT THE FORMER SHANTY HOUSE

Training torpedoes were unearthed this past Wednesday during demolition of a building along Route 166 known as the Shanty House.

Owner of the property, Mark Ott, contacted Borough officials to ensure the safety of the surrounding area. In response, the South Toms River Police Department, Ocean County Sheriff's Department and New Jersey State Police secured the area while the explosive ordnance team evaluated and shortly after, declared the torpedoes safe.

Known as a former gardening and antiques business on Atlantic City Boulevard in South Toms River, the Shanty House is one of several businesses making improvements along Route 166. "As a historian, it brings me joy to see how these torpedos reflect the patriotic history of our waterfront. And with the recent plans by both businesses and Borough to improve and beautify the area, this find also represents the efforts of a new generation while remembering our heroes," stated Mayor Oscar Cradle.

The torpedoes were found a few hundred feet away from Mathis Veterans Memorial Park, the site of the Jersey Shore Base Submarine Veterans Memorial. Currently, the Memorial hosts a retired and inert torpedo along with granite memorials listing the submarine veterans who served our country.

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