

THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG

9 January 2010

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PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER

TOM DENTON

NATIONAL ARTIST

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.

TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

TRI-STATE BASE

Business Meeting 9 January 2010

Hoss's
2200 Aikens Ctr.
Martinsburg, WV 25401

A total of twenty-six members and spouses were on hand for the January 2010 meeting. Those in attendance were: Jon and Joan Fader, Pat and Roberta Poist, Barry and Lori Ensminger, John and Dot Traxler, Dana and Roxanne Bostwick, John and Nina Price, Don Boos, Shad and Pat Shadrach, Bob and Mary Patrick, Jim and Pat Wilhelm, Felix Stewart, George and Linda Kilmer, Tom Denton, Richard Stroud, John and Anne, Lehman.

At approximately 1200, **Secretary Jon Fader** called the meeting to order. **Chaplain Bob Patrick** gave the invocation. The tolling of the bells for US submarines lost during the month of January and our departed shipmates followed this. **Vice CDR Pat Poist** read the creed. **Secretary Jon Fader** led the pledge to the flag.

The SUBMARINE MEMORIAL DAYS: The following submarines suffered loss of life in a shipboard disaster, either at the hands of an enemy or by some other means. To honor those lost shipmates, who have departed and are still on their **LAST PATROL**, mark your calendar and fly your flag on the day of the disaster. Also remember them and their families in your prayers. **THIS IS THE PURPOSE OF THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS.**

JANUARY

SUBMARINES LOST

05 1944 SCORPION I (SS278)
10 1943 USS ARGONAUT I (SS-166)
12 1945 USS SWORDFISH I (SS-193)
11 1934 USS S-34 (SS-139)
20 1942 USS S-36 (SS-141)
24 1942 USS S-26 (SS-131)
24 1942 USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711)

SAILORS LOST

77
105
83
43
No loss of life
46
01

Tri-State Base members who have departed on **Eternal Patrol** were then remembered.

<i>BILL HOOD</i>	<i>TOM BLOCK</i>	<i>LOU GRAVES</i>	<i>GORDON YETTER</i>
<i>CALVIN WALTON</i>	<i>JOHN HUSTON</i>	<i>LEONARD SINGEL</i>	<i>ROBERT FORREST</i>

GLENN HILL	KARL WELTY	DAVE GLOTFELTY	BILL COLLINS
TONY CHIMENTI	HAROLD OLIVE	DICK SPRINCE	JOHN LUSHER
LEW HANSEN	GLEN BEARINGER	DON HORST	HAL GOODNOW
B.J. CALVERT	CHRIS KOUNAS	RICHARD E. SAUNDERS	THORNOTN "PAT" WHITE

Birthdays for the months of January:

JANUARY:

Paul Benyeda, Cyril Brodbeck, Betty Bussard, Daniel Dunton, Jennifer Eccles, Barry Ensminger, Jon Fader, Zeke Ferrell, Shirley Ferrell, Karen Freemire, Tracy Hershey, Steve Kinney, Ivan Kinsinger, Terry Kriner, Virginia Lehnhart, Carl Linsenhach, Harry McAfee, Valinda Mutzabaugh, John Poffenberger, Sandra Sherrard, Richard Stroud, Arlene Walton

Past National Commander Barry Ensminger conducted the swearing in ceremony for our 2010 Vice Commander Pat Poist.

Guests

There were no guests at the meeting.

Correspondence:

Secretary Jon Fader discussed the following correspondence items:

1. **National Commander Candidate:** Carl Schmidt is a candidate for National Commander, and submitted the following information: I am a past Base Commander of the USS Razorback Base and was the Base Commander for the first two years when the base was formed. I served as Memorial and Ceremonies chairman for three years. I served as District Commander on two different occasions. I currently am serving as a voting member of the USSVI E-board for nearly 4 years as Central Region Director. I have also served on other USSVI committees over the years. I would like to have your support and vote for National Commander. I am running against Michael Bircumshaw who is the NJVC and editor of the American Submariner magazine. Some of you might have read the Central Region Quarterly News that is published in the American Submariner. If elected as National Commander I will have an open door policy as the Commanding Officers did when I was on active duty. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone 501-843-7855 or e-mail bonnynclyde@classicnet.net.
2. **ERDN3 Director Candidate:** Candidate: Jack .B. Ensminger. (Note: Two candidates were identified, and Vince Flaherty withdrew his name).
I accept the nomination to the office of District Three Commander, North Eastern Region, United States Submarine Veterans.

Experience/Qualifications for the office:

Tri - State Base Commander 1992 to 1996 and 2000 to 2001.

Eastern Region Director 1993 to 1996.

National Senior Vice Commander 1996 to 1998

Interim District 2 Commander 1999

National Commander United States Submarine Veterans 2000 to 2002.

National Board of Directors, United States Submarine Veterans 1993 to 1998 and 2000 to 2004

Interim District 2 Commander 2007

First recipient of Submarine Veteran of the Year, which became the Joe Negri Award

Holland Club Member

Host Chairman for the 1998 National Convention in Hagerstown, MD.

Other Qualifications:

Post 15, The American Legion, Waynesboro, PA 1998

Commander of the Year, the American Legion, 1998

Franklin – Fulton County Bi-County Commander, the American Legion 1999

Board member, Washington Township Municipal Authority 1987 to 2000
Chairman of the Board, Washington Township Municipal Authority, 1996 to 2000
President, Franklin County Shrine Club 2004
If elected, I will serve, to the best of my ability, the members of District Three.
Fraternally,
Jack B. Ensminger

3. **National Memorial Fund Question: Treasurer Tom Samuelson** sent the following question to Ray Wewers - USSVI Memorial Fund Manager

Ray,

During our last meeting, I was asked by our membership to find out the following:

The purpose of the Memorial Fund

The current total assets in the fund

Specifically, what donations to the fund have been used for?

Tri-State has been a regular contributor to the fund and our members wanted an accounting.

Our base goal was to place memorials in each of the states our base covers, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. This goal has been accomplished by placing memorials in the Frederick, MD Memorial Park, Waynesboro, PA Veterans Memorial, and at the Martinsburg, WV VA Hospital. We have paid for the memorials and their placement, without outside assistance, out of our treasury.

Please reply to the above request via email to grainary@yahoo.com

Tom Samuelson

4. **USS New Mexico SSN 779 Commissioning:** USS NEW MEXICO (SSN 779) is scheduled to be commissioned by the U.S. Navy on 27 March 2010 in ceremonies at Naval Station Norfolk. The Commander Submarine Force (COMSUBFOR) will provide tickets for all members of U.S. SUBVETS, and U.S. SUBVETS WWII who are interested in attending the ceremony. The desires of the staff of COMSUBFOR are to have one person collect the names of all SUBVETS and SUBVETS WWII who want invitations, then submit the list to COMSUBFOR. COMSUBFOR will then mail the requested tickets directly to each individual. For ease of processing it is preferred that all of the names for each base be submitted as a group by the Base Commander or Base Point of Contact, and not submitted individually by the members. If you or any of your members would like invites to the ceremony using the form available at <http://www.baseofficerbb.us/BBS/forums/get-attachment.asp?attachmentid=7> please collect a listing of all of your members and provide that listing to SUBVETS Groton Base Commander John Carcioppolo at commander@subvetsgroton.org NO LATER THAN 15 January 2010. He will combine all lists together and submit one listing of all interested personnel to COMSUBFOR staff. Names submitted after 15 January can not be guaranteed a ticket, but will be submitted as standbys and will get tickets, as they are available, based on date of submission. If you have any question please contact John Carcioppolo either at commander@subvetsgroton.org or at (860) 514-7064. (Note: The TRI-STATE membership was previously notified of the above).
5. **National Membership unpaid dues:** As 12/30, we have approx 1,950 annual members who have not yet paid their 2010 dues. National has granted an extension to the end of January 2010 for dues payment. On 31 January, all members whose dues are not in the National Office will be classified "DINK" and no longer in good standing in USSVI, although payment of national dues in January will restore the member to "Good Standing" without penalty. (We currently have 4 members of TRI-STATE who have not paid their dues).
6. **USS Cavalla Bash and Work Party:** August 9-16 2010 has been set aside by COB/Curator John McMichael as a work week on the Cavalla in Galveston, word is going out early so that folks who want to participate can plan their trips. Dave Stoops, the first COB and one of the first volunteers had proposed having another Cavalla Bash like was held when we first started and since folks have to come so far, John decided it would make a great opportunity to have a work week and get a lot of work done as well as time to visit and party with friends. More details will follow and registration info etc will be made available. John can

accommodate some folks for berthing on the Stewart, and perhaps the Cavalla will be ready by then also. For now, mark your calendars and if you think you are interested, send Dave Stoops an email at davestoops@gmail.com so we can see what kind of interest there is. If you need to contact John McMichael macm@airmail.net

7. **Kyle Raymond Konetzni funeral (son of Vice Adm. Al Konetzni):** Treasurer John Markiewicz represented USSVI at this sad event. He did so with compassion and grace. Thank you, John, for representing us all.). John reports "I attended the Visitation at the funeral home this evening and presented our condolences to Vice Admiral "Big Al" Konetzni on behalf of USSVI. John Stanford from USSVI First Coast Base was in attendance as well. Also present representing the Subvets of WWII was Hank Morgan and Devere Pyatte. The Admiral was extremely pleased to see us and escorted us around to introduce us to the family members. He expressed his gratitude to me several times for our attending and for USSVI and Subvets WWII being represented there. He pointed out several floral arrangements that had been sent by Subvets and USSVI members. Admiral Konetzni's ex-wife, Barbara (Kyle's Mother) was very gracious and appreciative of our presence there as well and told me that she remembered having met me many years before. The Admiral mentioned that he had spoken with Carl Schmidt last night and asked me to pass on his thanks to Pat Householder and our Board Members for their expressions of sympathy and for their condolences." For those wishing to send their condolences to Al and Barbara Konetzni, Jr, may do so at Vice Admiral Al Konetzni Jr. USN (Ret) 1009 Commerce Park Drive Suite 100 Oak Ridge, TN. 37830. Note: Their son, Kyle, was 35 and leaves his wife, Amanda Gleaton Konetzni, two sons Jacob and Colin, a daughter Emma to mourn his passing. Kyle passed away on 15 December 2009.

Reports:

Secretary

Secretary Jon Fader stated that the minutes from the last official meeting were included in the **December** Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

Secretary Jon Fader presented the November/December 2009 Treasurer's Report for Treasurer Tom Samuelsen. The report was approved.

Membership

Jon Fader: Our membership currently stands at 103.

Benevolence

Chaplain Bob Patrick. Shipmate Terry Kriner was admitted to the hospital for an irregular heart beat. Terry is at home, and feeling a little better. Included with Fred Ger's dues was a note regarding his wife Honey. He asked that we note in the Deck Log that his wife passed away on November 24th. They had their 66th wedding anniversary on Nov. 7th. Chaplain Bob is recovering from a sinus infection. To ensure that word gets out properly, Cdr Dave has asked that reports of shipmates on the Binnacle list be sent to all officers.

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos said the ship's store was open for business. The 2010 SUBVETS calendars are available for \$8.

Old Business

Memorial Plaque donations: Our memorial fund is always open.

TRI-STATE Bylaws Amendment: A vote was conducted by members at the January 2010 meeting concerning a change that was approved by the BoD to Article VII, Section 2, Dues that covers our new dues structure. Section 2 will be amended to state:

Section 2.

~~A. Base Annual dues are \$10.00 per year; Base Life Membership is equal to National Life Membership requirements.~~

A. *Base Annual dues shall be as established by the BoD and approved by the membership. (Jan 2010) (Dues for 2010 are \$20 per year).*

~~B. Current members of Holland Club are exempt from Base dues. (02 August 2003) (Jan 06)~~

B. *Current members of Holland Club are set at 50% of Annual dues. (Jan 2010) (Dues for 2010 are \$10 per year).*

C *WWII SUBVETS are granted base life membership. (Jan 2010)*

The bylaws change was approved by vote of the membership. The amended bylaws will be posted on our base web site.

Annual Budget: The base will use the annual budget that was included in the November Deck Log. The annual budget will be posted on our base web site.

New Business

February Meeting Change: Our February 2010 meeting will be on 2/6/10 t the Pike Restaurant in Gettysburg. The meeting was originally scheduled for Next Dimensions in Funkstown MD. The March meeting will be held at Next Dimensions on 3/6/10.

Annual Picnic: Shipmate Barry Ensminger (on behalf of Terry Kriner) has secured pavilion #2 at Red Run Park for Saturday 19 June. Reservations cost \$55. Thank you Barry for arriving early and securing the pavilion for us.

Fundraising Prospect: Shipmate Barry Ensminger stated that one of our members has three bottles of premium brandy that he wants to give to TRI-STATE for a fund-raiser auction. All three are 750 ml bottles. The first is Danish brandy, A.L. Borg extra worth \$21.99. The second is a Greek brandy, private reserve Metaxa, 20 years old with a value of \$99. The third is a Portuguese port wine, 10 years old valued at \$20. The question of making some money for the base from this gift is being put out to our membership. For example, we could raffle the wine. Please provide your ideas to Barry and the base leadership on how we can make the most from this gift.

Good of the Order

Shipmate Barry Ensminger: Barry spoke of his support for Carl Schmidt, who is running for National Commander. Barry pointed out that Carl's heart is with the national organization, and is adamant that the organization belongs to the members. Barry endorses Carl for National Commander, and hopes we will also give our support in the election.

ERDN3 Director: As mentioned previously, shipmate Barry Ensminger is running for District 3 Director. Please give your support to Barry.

50/50 Raffle: Pat Wilhelm drew Felix Stewart's winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle. Felix won \$26, and donated half to the base. Thank you for your generosity Felix.

Next and Next

Next month's meeting – Next month's meeting (February 2010) will be at **The Pike Restaurant and Lounge** located at 985 Baltimore Pike Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Directions to The Pike: The restaurant is located at 985 Baltimore Pike Gettysburg (717) 334-9227, PA. Take US 15 to the Baltimore Pike exit (PA Rt. 97 – like you were going to Yingling's). Head toward Gettysburg. It is about 2 miles from the US 15 exit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

FEBRUARY 06 Meeting 1130 at Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA

MARCH 06 Meeting 1130 at Next Dimensions Restaurant, Funkstown MD

APRIL 10 Submarine Birthday Celebration 1200 to 1700 at the AmVets, Middletown, MD

MAY 01 Meeting 1130 at (TBD) including Jim Wilhelm's barbeque.
15 Capitol Base USSVI Memorial Service 1100 at Arlington National Cemetery
30 Memorial Service 1300 at Harbaugh's Church
Parade Preparations at (TBD) following the Memorial Service (tentative)
31 Memorial Day Parade 0800 at the VFW, Waynesboro, PA

JUNE 12 Annual Picnic 1200 at Red Run Park No. 1, Waynesboro, PA (tentative)

JULY 10 Meeting 1130 at Next Dimensions Restaurant, Funkstown MD –
Nominations for District Three officers

AUGUST 07 Meeting 1130 at Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA -
Appoint Tri-State Base Officers Nomination Committee

SEPTEMBER 04 Meeting 1130 at Hoss's, Martinsburg, WV

OCTOBER 02 Meeting 1130 at Next Dimensions Restaurant, Funkstown MD
Nomination Committee report of those willing to serve

NOVEMBER 06 Meeting 1130 at Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA
Election of Tri-State Base Officers
07 Brunswick Veteran's Day Parade - recognized as the oldest in the country
11 Veteran's Day Ceremony in Frederick, MD
11 Annual Board of Directors Meeting (following ceremony at approx. 1500)

DECEMBER 04 Christmas Banquet 1300 at AmVets, Middletown, MD