

THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG 6 March 2010

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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.

NOTE - MEETING CHANGE: Our 10 April Birthday Celebration will be held at Next Dimensions, Funkstown MD from 1200-1700. We will order from the menu. Provide a head count to Dave Harvey ASAP via the email address or phone number listed at the top of this newsletter (listing of officers).

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United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

TRI-STATE BASE

Business Meeting 6 March 2010

Next Dimensions

132 Old National Pike

Funkstown MD.

A total of Thirty-three members and spouses were on hand for the March 2010 meeting. Those in attendance were: Dave and Maureen Harvey, Doug Smith, Henry Cranford, Russ and Toni Swart, Jim and Pat Wilhelm, George Kilmer, Gil, and Barbara McCabe, John and Dorothy Traxler, Victoria Hardy, Don Boos, John and Anne Lehman, Tom Samuelsen, Pat and Roberta Poist, Tom Denton, John and Carolyn Poffenberger, Shad and Pat Shadrach, Timothy S. Gaydos (new member), Barry and Lori Ensminger, L. Patrick "Bull" Durham (new member), Fred and Bonnie Keller, Fred Eichhorn, Felix Stewart.

At approximately 1200, former National Commander and Base Founder **Barry Ensminger** conducted a swearing in ceremony for **Commander Dave Harvey**. The meeting was then called to order. The tolling of the bells for US submarines lost during the month of March and our departed shipmates followed this. **CDR Dave** led the pledge to our flag and read our USSVI creed. The invocation followed. **CDR Dave Harvey** read the list of birthdays for this month.

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.**

MARCH

03 1942 USS PERCH I (SS176)

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05 1943	USS GRAMPUS (SS207)	72
12 1920	USS H-1 (SEAWOLF I) (SS28)	04
15 1943	USS TRITON (SS201)	74
20 1945	USS KETE (SS369)	87
25 1915	USS F-4 (SKATE I) (SS23)	21
26 1944	USS TULLIBEE I (SS284)	79
28 1945	USS TRIGGER I (SS237)	91

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

BILL HOOD	TOM BLOCK	LOU GRAVES	GORDON YETTER
CALVIN WALTON	JOHN HUSTON	LEONARD SINGEL	ROBERT FORREST
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 **March:**

MARCH:

Ilka Armstrong, Robert Atkinson, Dane Bostwick, William Brigham, Lori Ensminger, Burl Fluharty, Fred Gers, Jim Graver, Marjorie Heater, Mildred Horst, John Karl III, Ted Lehnhart, James LeVangie, Emma Lee McAfee, Bob Patrick, Francis Poist, Lois Schweitzer, Veronica Shirk, Nancy Spittell, Evelyn Stewart,

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:

Commander Dave Harvey discussed the following correspondence items:

1. **TRI-STATE Web Site Commanders Log Questions:** What was the first submarine lost in WWII? USS Sea Lion SS-195. What was the largest submarine to participate in WWII? USS Argonaut SS-475. What was the only US submarine known to be lost to land-based gunfire in WWII? USS Herring SS-233. How many Japanese vessels did US sink in WWII? 1,300. What was the only US submarine to be lost to an enemy submarine in WWII? USS Corvina SS-226. More questions will be placed in the Commanders Log in the future.
2. **Waynesboro Memorial Day Parade.** A letter from Combined Veterans Council of Waynesboro. Discussed the parade and memorial service to be held 31 May 2010 starting at 0900.
3. **National CDR Pat Householder:** USSVI membership reached a high water mark of 13,808 this year. After archiving dropped members, we have 12,908 remaining for a total drop of 900 members.
4. **Paul Orstad ERDN:** Jack Ensminger has been elected as the new District 3 Commander. Congratulations Barry.
5. **James A. Fox USSVI:** The National Library is in need of several issues of American Submariner to complete its scanned set before it can be published. The following issues are needed: 1990 Jan-Mar issue, 1980 Jan-Mar issue, 1978 Apr-May and July-Sep issues, 1976 Jan issue, 1975 Sep and Nov issues, 1974 All, 1973 All except May and Aug, 1970 All, 1969 All, 1968 All, 1967 Last issue, 1966 All except May. Issues can be scanned and returned if you wish. Please send to A.I.M.M. C/OGreg Stitz, P.O. box 5757, N. Little Rock, AR 12119-5757. Email Greg at gstitz@aimm.museum prior to sending to ensure your copy is still needed, The Library CF Fund will repay Greg for postage.
6. **National CDR Pat Householder:** USS Drum SS-228 is located at Alabama Memorial Park in Mobile AL. Unfortunately, she has suffered serious deterioration. Battleship Park doesn't have the resources required for restoration, but several USSVI local area volunteers have pitched in to help restore the

damage brought on by years of neglect to return the boat from its eyesore condition to one that we all can be proud of. It will take approximately \$20,000 over the next three years to complete the restoration project. The Mobile Bay Base has raised \$3,000 so far this year. Pat Householder is asking bases to "Adopt the Drum" by donating toward the restoration. Shipmate Barry Ensminger moved that the base make a donation to the Drum to be acted on at the next meeting. (Note: This is according to our bylaws concerning donations). The motion was seconded and approved. A collection will be taken at the April 2010 meeting.

7. **Lisa Daniel, Navy News 26 Feb. 2010:** Academy women to become first female submariners. Female sailors will begin serving on submarines by the end of 2011 with Naval Academy graduates leading the way. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the Navy is in a good position to move forward with integrating women onto submarines.
8. **Lance M. Bacon, Navy News 8 March 2010:** The Navy's plan to reduce its submarine fleet by 20% will render it unable to meet critical requirements lawmakers and strategists say. The 30 year shipbuilding plan released 1 February 2010 would drop the current 53 attack subs to a low of 39 in 2030 then stabilize the fleet at 45 through 2040. The plan also eliminates the Navy's four guided missile subs in 2028 and replaces the 14 Ohio-class ballistic missile subs with 12 new boomers (starting 2025).
9. **James A. Fox, USSVI:** The new USSVI Constitution and Bylaws Chairman is Richard Nelson 901 Canterbury Ln., Keller TX 76248-5224 817-337-0371 nelson.rb@verizon.net. Richard is Cowtown base Commander and is an attorney. Send Richard proposed amendments for consideration for the National Ballot. (Email is preferable).
10. **USS Flier SS-250:** Rear Admiral Douglas McAneny announced that WWII submarine USS Flier was located in the Balabac Strait area of the Philippines. Flier struck a mine on 13 August 1944 and sunk. Fourteen of 86 crewmen escaped, but only 8 survived due to the long swim. They were eventually evacuated by USS Redfin SS-272.
11. **USS Los Angeles SSN 688:** The US Navy has retired SSN 688 (lead ship of the class). Los Angeles entered service in 1976.
12. **USS Philadelphia SSN 690:** SSN 690 (Los Angeles class) is expected to arrive at Naval Submarine Base in Groton CT from its last deployment marking an end to 33 years of service.
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Reports:

Secretary

CDR Dave for Secretary Jon Fader. The minutes from the last official meeting were included in the January Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Samuelson presented the January/February 2010 Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

Membership

Tom Samuelson: Our membership currently stands at 98.

Benevolence

CDR Dave for Chaplain Bob Patrick. Chaplain Bob sent his report via the following email: Thanks to the watchful ears of others, I have been kept up to date with some of our hurting shipmates!! Thanks Barry and Jon!! I have sent cards to the following families: Doug & Ben Henneberger - Sympathy; Red & Betty Yingling - Thinking of You; Mike and Charlette Iacconna - Thinking of You; Pete & Linda McGuire - Get Well; Terry Kriner - Thinking of You.

Mary Patrick has been operated on (December 31st) for lumbar arthritis, and is recovered and beginning her second round of PT!! She is regaining her mobility and strength in both legs so that she

can now climb steps again and Dr's are hopeful that she will regain her old vitality. She smiles a lot, now!!

Bob is without a voice this morning. He has his second sinus infection of the school year (the Kindergarteners got him again)! His voice was going last night and he is coughing from the chest and is in need of another Rx!

Please send me updates and I'll post them on the Web. I miss the fellowship and all of your smiling faces, SO-O-O-O-O- much!!

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.

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

Waynesboro Memorial Day Parade. A letter from Combined Veterans Council of Waynesboro. Discussed the parade and memorial service to be held 31 May 2010 starting at 0900.

Shipmate Barry Ensminger: Barry received a message from Paul Orstad concerning buying of convention booklet ads. TRI-STATE has done this in the past. A full page ad is \$150, a half page is \$100, and a quarter page ad is \$50. The ads will offset some of the convention costs. Barry mad a motion that TRI-STATE purchase a quarter page ad (\$50) for the 2010 convention in Cincinnati. The motion was seconded and passed. A collection will be taken at the April 2010 meeting.

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

50/50 Raffle: Carolyn Poffenberger drew the winning ticket worth \$48.

The meeting was ended with our closing prayer (Lost Harbor).

Next and Next

Next month's meeting – Next month's meeting (April 2010 Submarine Birthday Celebration) will be at **Next Dimensions Restaurant** 132 Old National Pike, Funkstown MD.

Directions to Next Dimensions: The restaurant is located on US 40 Alternate (132 Old National Pike) in Funkstown. It is on the left about six miles past Boonsboro as you are going west on 40A.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

APRIL 10 Submarine Birthday Celebration 1200 to 1700 at Next Dimensions, Funkstown, 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