

THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG 10 July 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 OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.

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United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

TRI-STATE BASE

Business Meeting 10 July 2010

Next Dimensions

132 Old National Pike

Funkstown MD.

A total of Twenty-two members and spouses were on hand for the July 2010 meeting. Those in attendance were: Jon and Joan Fader, Pat and Roberta Poist, Dave and Maureen Harvey, Tom Samuelsen, John and Dot Traxler, Jim and Pat Wilhelm, John and Nina Price, Bill Harris, Don Boos, Pat Durham, Barry and Lori Ensinger, Fred and Lin Eichhorn, Richard Stroud, Tom Denton.

At approximately 1150, **CDR Dave Harvey** called the meeting to order. **CDR Dave** led the pledge to our flag and **VCDR Pat Poist** read our USSVI creed. **Secretary Jon Fader** gave the invocation.

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.**

JULY

04 1944	USS S-28 (SS133)	50
26 1944	USS ROBALO (SS273)	84
30 1942	USS GRUNION (SS216)	70

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

Birthdays for the months of **July:**

JULY:

Jeffrey Blackburn, Jean Chimenti, Joan Fader, James Ferrell, Maureen Harvey, Barbara Johnson, Clara Kinsinger, Verna Kounas, Augustus Martin, Carolyn Poffenberger, Thomas Samuelson, Patsy Shadrach, Glen Sherrard, John Traxler

Guests

William Harris is a long time TRI-STATE member, and it was nice to see him at our meeting. Bill was qualified in 1937, and is our longest qualified member. It turns out that Bill and shipmate John Price served on the same boat.

Correspondence:

Commander Dave Harvey discussed the following correspondence items:

1. **Voting: CDR Dave** stressed that we should vote in the upcoming USSVI elections. This can be done by voting online at www.ussvi.org or look for ballots in the next issue of the American Submariner. There are also issues up for vote.
2. **Nanotechnology:** Submarines could use nanotechnology to elude detection. University of Texas at Dallas has been working on nano-science speakers and found that they do as well underwater as they do on land. One day they could replace traditional submarine SONAR arrays.
3. **Females on UK Submarines:** The Royal Navy has announced that female sailors will serve on UK subs.
4. **Virginia Class Submarines, Connecticut Representative Courtney:** The House last month voted to authorize building two Virginia Class submarines per year starting in 2011, a move Courtney says will help maintain and create jobs at General Dynamics Electric Boat (and Northrop Grumman's Newport News shipyard) and ensure that the military maintains its advantage at sea. However, self inflicted attack sub cuts have crippled America's sea superiority. Decreasing funds and increasing missions have put the Navy's submarine force in trouble, and its sinking fast.
5. **New TRICARE Requirement:** Skilled nursing care facilities will have to preauthorize care provided to Medicare eligible TRICARE eligible beneficiaries once are exhausted and TRICARE becomes the primary health coverage.
6. **Bronze Medallions for Non-VA Cemeteries:** Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced 6/29 that the Veterans Affairs is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing privately purchased headstones or markers signifying status as a deceased veteran.
7. **USS Flier SS250:** A memorial service is scheduled at the Great Lakes Naval Memorial & Museum in Muskegon, Michigan, on August 12-13, 2010, the 66th Anniversary of the loss of the vessel. For more info, visit <http://www.ussflier.com/glnmm.htm>.
8. **USS Requin SS481 Crew Reunion:** The reunion, which is held every three years, will be held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center-Greentree 401 Holiday Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15220 Phone 412-922-8100 or FAX at 412-921-5402. Contact: Ronnie Lowe email lowe9131@charter.net or requin.reunion@gmail.com, or Doug Nunnery dnunnery0145@comcast.net Phone 901-754-7075 Home or Cell 901-233-6956.
9. **Piracy Duty:** The Netherlands is sending a Walrus Class submarine to Somalia for anti-piracy duty. A single Dutch Walrus-class boat will operate in the area from September to November this year as part of NATO's Operation Ocean Shield taskforce. (Nothing like letting the pirates know who's coming after them).
10. **Submarine Memorial Dedication in Fayetteville AK:** The USS Snook Base of the United States Submarine Veterans will be unveiling a memorial monument dedicated to those submariners lost in service to our country. The unveiling will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 10:00am at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fayetteville Arkansas. Guests include officers from the United States Submarine Veterans, officials from the Veterans Administration Medical Center, and retired and active duty U.S. Navy Submariners. The public and other veterans organizations are

invited to attend. This will be the first submarine memorial in northwest Arkansas and the third in the state. For further information, call Pete Rathmell, USS Snook Base Commander at 479 633-4440.

- 11. Scrapping of Sub a Rumor:** Rumors are not true that the USS Clamagore SS343 located at the Maritime Museum SC will be scrapped.
- 12. Prospective Member:** Shipmate Tom Peschke mentioned that he has been recruiting Randall Kelly for base membership. We will most likely see Randall at our August meeting at the Pike Restaurant in Gettysburg,

Reports:

Secretary

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

Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Samuelson presented the May and June 2010 Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

Membership

Tom Samuelson: Our membership currently stands at 99.

Benevolence

Secretary Jon Fader. Jon reported that sadly, Bob Britsch recently passed away. Several TRI-STATE members participated in a memorial service conducted by Chaplain Bob Patrick at the Bowersox Funeral Home in Waynesboro. Also, Howard Calver passed away on 5/8. Shipmate Don Boos reported that Henry Cranford is off his three times per week dialysis treatments. His blood is being monitored, and he will be given dialysis if needed. There is no indication when Henry will be able to return to Buckingham's Choice from the College View Nursing Center.

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

USSVI Eagle Scout Program: Secretary Jon Fader discussed the USSVI Eagle Scout Program. Eagle Scouts have an opportunity to be presented with a certificate and patch from USSVI at their Eagle Court of Honor. Jon Fader, Barry Ensminger, and Dave Parkhurst have given the Eagle award presentations.

Annual Picnic: CDR Dave reported that the turnout was low (about 32 people), but everyone had a good time. Holland Club presentations were made to Pat "Bull" Durham and ADM. Bill Smith. About 8 family members provided support to the HC candidates. Congratulations to Bull and ADM Smith on being inducted into the Holland Club.

Picnic Proceeds: Food Profit \$95, Auction \$135, 50/50 \$148 for a total of \$378. \$146 was donated to the National Scholarship fund. The 50/50 winners were John Lehman, Fred Eichhorn, and Pat Poist.

New Business

Fundraising Prospect: Shipmate Barry Ensminger stated that ADM Bill Smith has donated 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. **At the 10 July meeting,** we discussed various ways the brandy and wine could be auctioned or raffled in a way that would best

benefit the base. A way to properly raffle the spirits will be defined and administered in the near future.

Good of the Order

Voting: Shipmate Barry Ensminger reported that within our district (District 3), of the 7 bases within our district, we range from 8% to 28% of the membership with respect to voting. For example TRI-STATE, of the 96 members that are qualified to vote, 21 (22%) have participated in the national USSVI election so far. Barry would like us to challenge to other bases in the district to get the highest voting participation. It was suggested that a plaque be presented to the winner. Barry, as District Commander would present the plaque to the winning base at the October District 3 meeting. A question was raised as to the cutoff date for voting. Voting online started June 5th and voting ends midnight August 24th.

50/50 Raffle: **Bill Harris** drew Pat Durham's winning ticket worth \$37. \$36 went to the base. Congratulations Pat.

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

Next and Next

Next month's meeting – Next month's meeting (August 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

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| 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 12 | Christmas Banquet 1300 at AMVETS, Middletown, MD |