

THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG

7 August 2010

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ERN-D3 COMMANDER

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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.

NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1130 ON 11 SEPTEMBER AT HOSS', MARTINSBURG WV

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United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

TRI-STATE BASE

Business Meeting 7 August 2010

The Pike Restaurant and Lounge
985 Baltimore Pike
Gettysburg, PA

A total of Twenty-five members and spouses were on hand for the August 2010 meeting. Those in attendance were: Pat and Roberta Poist, Dave Harvey, Tom and Carol Ann Samuelson, John and Dot Traxler, Victoria Hardy (Guest), Doug Smith, Robert Clas, Richard Stroud, Tom Denton, Maryle Ashley, John and Carolyn Poffenberger, Bob and Sharon Lampron, John and Nina Price, John and Pamelan Nizeolek, Barry and Lori Ensminger, Pat (Bull) Durham, Don Boos.

At approximately 1200, **Dave Harvey** called the meeting to order. **CDR Dave** led the pledge to our flag and **VCDR Pat Poist** read our USSVI creed. **Shipmate Bob Lampron** 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.**

AUGUST

13 1944	USS FLIER (SS250)	80
14 1942	USS S-39 (SS-144)	NO LOSS OF LIFE
24 1944	USS HARDER (SS257)	84
06 1945	USS BULLHEAD (SS332)	84
26 1949	USS COCHINO (SS345)	1 FROM COCHINO 6 FROM USS TUSK
29 1943	USS POMPANO (SS181)	76

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
ROBERT B BRITSCH	HOWARD CALVER	ROBERT ATKINSON	

Birthdays for the months August:

AUGUST:

Jane Atkinson, Lynn Blackburn, Mary Boos, Roxanne Bostwick, Buzz Bussard, Patricia Collins, Diane Glotfelty, Dolores Graver, Dave Harvey, Richard Heibel, Doug Henneberger, Carol Huntington, Cathy Karl, Ann Kinney, Patricia (Trish) Klunk, Judy Kriner, Kenneth Kuhar, Robert Lampron, Sharon Lampron, Herb Lopp, Ellen Parkhurst, Lori Shirk, Douglas Smith, Felix Stewart, Betty Yingling, Patricia Yohman

Guests

Victoria Hardy, granddaughter of John Traxler.

Correspondence: Please note: I have summarized based on the meeting recording. My apologies for any omissions. JF.

Commander Dave Harvey discussed the following correspondence items:

1. **Kaps 4 Kids:** John Riley relieved Bob Broderick as head of Kaps 4 Kids program.
2. **Voting Issue:** Due to the late mailing of American Submariner that contained paper ballots, ballots were made available at the August meeting. The importance of voting was stressed. Our D3 Commander Barry Ensminger will be giving an award to the base within his district with the highest voting participation. Here are the results of the voting as of 7/30/10 compared to 7/8/10:

As of	7/30	7/8
Keystone	6	6
Lehigh	3	3
Pocono	7	7
Reading	12	12
Requin	30	30
Tri-St	21	21
USS Scrant	11	11

At the meeting, there was some question on the Tri-State vote tally. There may be more Tri-State votes than indicated above. Barry will check further on this.

3. **New Base:** The **Nathanial Greene Base** has been established in Winston Salem NC.
4. **USS Cavalla SS224 Volunteer Work Week:** The work week is 9-14 August 2010. Contact COB and Curator John McMichael.
5. **Northrop Grumman has quit shipbuilding.** This announcement was made on 13 July 2010. As commented by CDR Dave, looks like this leaves only General Dynamics.
6. **USS Missouri SSN 780 Commissioning:** SSN 780 was commissioned on 31 July 2010.
7. **USS New Mexico SSN779:** Commissioning ceremonies were held on 27 March 2010.
8. **2009/2010 Scholarship Program:** There were no Tri-State winners.
9. **Department of Veterans Affairs:** Approximately 900 WWII veterans die every day. What we have lost is a unique brand of veterans who let nothing stand in the way of victory.
10. **2011 USSVI Calendar:** The focus is on the world's most deadly air independent propulsion submarine. These are very stealthy subs. (The following info is from http://www.navy.mil/navydata/cno/n87/usw/issue_13/propulsion.htm). As interest mounts in "Air-Independent Propulsion" (AIP) for enhancing the performance of small, defensive submarines, a serious new underwater threat is developing in littoral waters. Increasingly, smaller nations unwilling

or unable to accept the high cost of nuclear power to achieve greater underwater endurance and longer range are turning to lower-priced and less ambitious alternatives that still offer significant operational advantages over conventional diesel-electric submarines. The best of the latter boats, such as the German-designed Type 209 or the Russian Kilo, can remain submerged on battery at slow speed for periods on the order of three to five days. But now, several AIP schemes in development or already in operation can increase slow-speed endurance to as much as three weeks or a month. While still dwarfed by the potential of nuclear power, AIP offers diesel submarines a remarkable increase in capability.

- 11. National Convention 8/30-9/5/2010:** Five raffles will be held running Tuesday through Saturday. Raffle tickets will be sold from 1000-2200. Cincinnati Base wants volunteers from other bases to sell the raffle tickets. Bases will get a percentage of the winnings based on the hours volunteered.
- 12. Graduation Ceremony:** All hands are invited to attend the graduation ceremonies of the USS George Washington Carver SSBN657 Basic Enlisted Submarine School Class 13 August 2010 at the Dealy Center Theater in Groton CT.
- 13. Christmas Party:** As agreed at the meeting, **CDR Dave** has hired Maria Rose and Danny Elswick to perform at the Christmas party at the Middletown Amvets on Dec 12, 2010. He told them we were budgeted for \$300 and that they were invited for lunch which we will pay for. He also told them that we could pass the hat to see about getting any extra money for them. Maria and Danny have agreed, will do a majority of Christmas and Patriotic songs, and will mix in several country, oldies and original songs. They will perform for one hour at approximately 1500. Visit their web site at <http://www.mariarose.com/>. Great work Dave! This will be a nice addition to our celebration.

Reports:

Secretary

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

Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Samuelson presented the July 2010 Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

Membership

Tom Samuelson: Our membership currently stands at 100.

Benevolence

Don Boos. Don Reported that Henry Cranford is back at Buckingham's Choice at the healthcare center undergoing physical therapy, and is progressing well. Post meeting: Shipmate Jack Ensminger reported that Robert Atkinson passed away on 8/10/10. Bob was a member of USSVI, Holland Club, Tri-State Base, and Capitol Chapter USSV WWII. Bob will be cremated. A church service will be held on Saturday 21 August. Details will be forthcoming.

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos said the ship's store was open for business.

Old 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. The current plan is to have color coded tickets for each bottle. More to come.

New Business

Christmas Party: The annual Christmas Party will be held at AMVETS, Middletown MD on 12 December 2010 at 1300. (See Correspondence item 13 above for more details).

September Meeting: Next month's meeting has been moved to 11 September 2010 at Hoss' Martinsburg WV. This has been confirmed by shipmate John Traxler. However, we were not able to get the banquet area. Thank you John.

Good of the Order

Voting: At the last meeting, 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. (See Correspondence item 2 above).

District Three Conference: ERN D3 Commander Barry Ensminger reported, tentatively, that the D3 Conference will be hosted by Scranton Base on 16 October 2010. This should be confirmed on Saturday 14 August at their picnic.

VCDR Pat Poist: Pat has been in contact with Keith Reinhart, Philadelphia Base who is now running the PA USSVI license plate program. Keith provided the license plate form to Pat. The new license plate fee is \$26 (down from \$40). The form will be posted on our web site www.ussvi-tri-statebase.org.

50/50 Raffle: No tickets were available for the 50/50 drawing. In lieu of this, the hat was passed for donations to the base. The base netted \$54. Thank you.

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

Next and Next

Next month's meeting – Next month's meeting (September 2010) will be at Hoss' 2200 Aikens Ctr. Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Directions to Hoss's: Using US 81 in WV from the north or south, take Exit Number 16 onto Route 9 East. HOSS's will be on the right about one mile East of I-81 on Rt. 9.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

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| SEPTEMBER 11 | 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