

THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG

11 September 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.

2011 DUES REMINDER

DUES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 1 DECEMBER 2010

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR 2010 DUES TO TOM SAMUELSEN

REGULAR MEMBERS: \$20 BASE AND \$20 NATIONAL

HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERS: \$10 BASE AND \$20 NATIONAL (FOR NEW IN 2011)

WWII VETS: BASE OPTIONAL AND \$20 NATIONAL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TRI-STATE BASE

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United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

TRI-STATE BASE

Business Meeting 11 September 2010

Hoss's
2200 Aikens Ctr.
Martinsburg, WV

A total of seventeen members and spouses were on hand for the September 2010 meeting. Those in attendance were: Pat Poist, Don Boos, John and Nina Price, Tom and Carol Samuelsens, Jon and Joan Fader, John and Anne Lehman, Bob Lampron, George Kilmer, Charles Shadrach, Joe T. Barnack, Dave Harvey, Tom Denton, Richard Stroud.

At approximately 1215, **CDR. Dave Harvey** called the meeting to order. **CDR Dave** led the pledge to our flag and **Secretary Jon Fader** 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.**

SEPTEMBER

SAILORS LOST

01 1920	USS S-5 (SS-110)	No loss of life
09 1943	USS GRAYLING I (SS209)	76
25 1925	USS S-51 (SS162)	32
28 1943	USS CISCO (SS290)	76

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>

TONY CHIMENTI

LEW HANSEN

B.J. CALVERT

ROBERT B BRITSCH

HAROLD OLIVE

GLEN BEARINGER

CHRIS KOUNAS

HOWARD CALVER

DICK SPRINCE

DON HORST

RICHARD E. SAUNDERS

ROBERT ATKINSON

JOHN LUSHER

HAL GOODNOW

THORNTON "PAT" WHITE

HENRY CRANFORD

Birthdays for the month of September:

SEPTEMBER:

Maryle Ashley, Robert Barnes, Karen Bussard, J. Robert Clas, Regina Clas, Molly Cook, Henry Cranford, Tom Denton, Mary Forrest, Honey Gers, Fred Gressley, Elizabeth Gressley, Charlie Heater, Bonnie Keller, John Poffenberger, Jess Ryland, Jean Sprince, Jim Wilhelm, David Yohman

Guests

Joseph Barnack. Joe is a Life USSVI member. Joe served on USS Porpoise SS-172 between 1945 and 1947.

Correspondence:

Commander Dave Harvey discussed the following correspondence items from emails received: Rather than forwarding the emails to the membership, I have summarized those discussed by Dave. JF.

1. **Michael D. Elliott Director of Sales Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center:** I'm writing to make you aware of a very special weekend we're planning for our Military personnel and their families here in Gettysburg, PA. As a way of showing our community's appreciation, many local restaurants, museums and attractions have teamed up with our hotel to offer special discounts over the long weekend of November 11 - 14th, 2010. We're hoping to encourage veterans, active duty and reservists to visit Gettysburg that weekend with their spouses and families. Some specials that weekend include: Overnight room rates at the Eisenhower Hotel starting at \$ 59 + tax, discounts at many Gettysburg area Restaurants, free or discounted admissions to many museums and attractions, a candlelight remembrance ceremony Saturday night.

I found the information about your organization online, which prompted me to write. Can you please share this information (and the web site www.GettysburgRemembers.com) with your members? We'd certainly appreciate it if you can help us spread the word. These deep discounts are available to both retired and active duty as long as they can show an ID at check in to verify their service. After they arrive, we'll give them a Coupon Book of all the specials around town. Phone: 717-334-8121 Ext. 350, Fax: 717-334-6066, Email: melliott@eisenhower.com

2. **Kaps 4 Kids, John Riley, Chairman:** I was confirmed as the USSVI National Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) (K4K) Chairman. This is a great honor to me because I know first hand how beneficial the K4K Program is to Children, Submarine Veterans and USSVI. As you know, K4K is a USSVI Community Outreach Program that brings joy to the Children who are visited as well as to the Sub Vets who visit them. It also provides Positive exposure for USSVI in the Community and advances our Creed. I am in the process of contacting all USSVI Base Commanders to understand the scope of the USSVI Fleet's K4K activities; to help in any way I can to support programs that exist and; to start programs that don't. After I understand the Fleet's K4K status, issues and concerns, I will start an online K4K Information / Bulletin Board for base K4K Chairmen. This will provide useful K4K Program information; allow bases to share "Best Practices" and; help bases start and run K4K programs tailored to their membership and location. I would greatly appreciate getting the following information about your base: Base: Does base presently have a K4K Program: If yes, who is the base K4K Chairman - If no, who can I share K4K information with: Name: Phone #: Email address: Information about Kaps given: Source: Cost per: Colors: K4K Comments, Questions, Concerns, Support Needs: The two quotes that come to mind most often when thinking about this program are: "No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child" – Abraham Lincoln & "We began by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us" - Pope John Paul II. Please feel free to call me (or have your K4K Chairman call me) to share the above requested info or just to discuss the K4K Program. Thank you very much for your support! John Riley Chairman - Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) Program 203 668-9131 jprjer@sbcglobal.net.

3. **There's more to the USSVI Creed: Pat Householder email:** Occasionally is it worthwhile to review and reflect on the purposes of USSVI. I hope you will take the time to read it over and reflect on what it means to us all. Our organization's purpose is defined in our Constitution "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. In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today. "The above describes the mission and purpose of USSVI at all levels. Questions, concerns or comments? Please give me a shout back at nc@ussvi.org. Fraternally, Patrick Householder Natl Commander
4. **Boat Reunions: T. Michael Bircumshaw Editor American Submariner:** 4-8 October 2010 **USS CAPITANE SS-336** Las Vegas NV Thomas H. Morris 23 Timm Street Sheridan, WY 82801-8604 307- 672- 6593 (775) 751-9435 (fax) bigtom@fiberpipe.net. 21-24 October 2010 **USS CLAMAGORE SS-343** Branson, MO Welks Resort Hotel 800-268-4014 "Mention Clamagore" Sam Bass 714-636-7238 geobass@earthlink.net Wayne Owens 410-944-1806.
5. **TRICARE: John P. Dudas.** Last year, Congress approved the creation of the TRICARE Reserve Retired program, a premium-paid TRICARE Standard coverage plan for "gray area" Reserve retirees. The program is planned to start in October. The Premium rates were unveiled on Aug. 6. The premiums -- \$388.31 per month for single coverage and \$976.41 a month for family coverage -- have been set high enough to cover the full cost of the program because the benefit is not subsidized by the government. For more info see http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmartfiles/Prod_790/TRR_Brochure_Final_Lo.pdf.
6. **John Crouse Deceased:** John Crouse was the curator of the St. Marys Submarine Museum, Kings Bay GA. He passed away while at the National USSVI Convention. A scholarship has been established in John's name. \$1,784 was raised at the convention to start the scholarship. All submariners are invited to attend a memorial service for John Crouse to be held at Noon, Friday the 17th of Sept at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 106 E Dillingham, St Marys GA, to be followed by a celebration of John's life at the St Marys Submarine Museum. John qualified on the USS Flasher (SSN-613) in 1973 and was a MMCM (SS) when he left the Navy. John had requested no flowers, and would like any donations be made to the Museum. John also requested that the attire for the service be shorts and loud Hawaiian shirts with leis.
7. **USSVI National Election Results:** USSVI Election Results: National Commander: T Michael Bircumshaw, Senior Vice Commander: Jon Jaques, Junior Vice Commander: Al Singleman, Secretary: Tom Conlon, Treasurer: John Markiewicz, NE Region: Paul Orstad, SE Region: Bill Andrea, Central Region: Wayne Standerfer, Western Region: Jim Dunn. Proposed Amendments: all passed. Note: The 2011 Convention will be in Springfield MO, The 2012 Convention will be in Norfolk VA. The 2013 Convention will be held in Rochester, MN. Starting in 2014, the conventions will be held in the even numbered years.
8. **US Navy's Strategic Position:** The future focus will be on nuclear deterrence, and the vessel will carry the same type of ballistic missile as fielded today.
9. **Ernie Plantz of Gayles Ferry:** WASHINGTON, DC – On 2 August Congressman Joe Courtney presented an award made from granite used to build the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. to WWII veteran and submariner Ernie Plantz of Gales Ferry. The piece of granite was one of 435 blocks given to members of Congress. "In the purest sense of the word, Ernie Plantz is a hero," said Congressman Courtney. "When I accepted a piece of granite from the WWII Memorial on behalf of the Second District, I thought of Ernie right away. His story of heroism in the face of brutal

conditions is an inspiration to us all and an amazing example of The Greatest Generation."Ernest "Ernie" Plantz grew up in West Virginia, and joined the Navy in 1940 at age 19. He served on a battleship and then volunteered for submarine duty. His first submarine assignment was the USS Perch (SS-176), which was in the Java Sea on its second war patrol when it encountered an enemy convoy on March 1, 1942. The next morning after an extended battle, the captain gave the order to abandon ship. Plantz and 53 of his fellow submariners jumped into the water and were later picked up by the Japanese. He was held captive for 1,297 days, leaving the prison camp on September 17, 1945. He spent approximately 10 months recuperating at a Navy hospital near Chicago, IL, before returning to active duty. He retired as a Lieutenant in 1970, and has remained an active member of the SubVets and other organizations. He was in the first class of the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

- 10. Homefront America:** This organization donates backpacks to families of submariners.
- 11. USS Flier SS 250: MUSKEGON** — Families who never got to bury their loved ones after a submarine hit a mine and sank in the Pacific in World War II will finally see a video of the sunken vessel in Muskegon this week. Nelson Jacobson, a Grand Haven man whose father survived the sinking, hopes the experience will bring those families closure. Footage of the U.S.S. Flier will be shown for the first and perhaps only time in the U.S. Friday as part of a memorial for its 86-crew members. Eight of the crewmembers, including Alvin Jacobson Jr. of Grand Haven, survived the sinking, but have since died. A memorial for the submarine crew will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum, 1346 Bluff. Friday marks the 66th anniversary of the day the World War II submarine sank near the Philippines. For more info see http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2010/08/memorial_service_for_crew_of_w.html.
- 12. USS Sea Dragon SSN 584:** The 50th anniversary of the sub was 21 August 2010. Sea Dragon completed the first submarine transit of the Northwest Passage.
- 13. CDR Submarine Force Nomination:** President Obama has nominated RADM John M. Richardson for CDR Submarine Force. With that promotion he will be promoted to Vice Admiral.
- 14. Veterans Benefit:** Long Term Care is available to Veterans and spouses that is being overlooked. Special pension for veterans pays up to \$1644 per month, \$1,9736 annually, toward assisted living. Vets must have served at least 90 days including at least 1 day in wartime. Congress defines wartime periods as: 12/7/41-12/31/46, 6/27/50-1/31/55, 8/5/64-5/7/75, 8/2/90-current.
- 15. Holland Club, Gil Shaddock email:** "AHOY BASE COMMANDERS", because of the latest change to the USSVI C & B, which eliminated the requirement for a "Regular" member, who has been "Qualified in Submarines" for 50 or more years from having to be a member of USSVI for 5 years, there are over 400 "Regular" members who are now eligible for the Holland Club. You are requested to review your Base records and determine if you have any eligible candidates and if so, nominate them for the Holland Club. Send your nominations to the National office with a "CC" copy to the Holland Club Chairman, Frank Lister hollandclub@gmail.com, and to me, Gil Shaddock gil@ssbn601.com, Holland Club Vice Chairman. If you have any questions or need any help, please contact me by E-mail. Gil Shaddock Holland Club Vice Chairman. **Note: Gil sent a later email stating. "Commanders/POC's, please hold your 2011 HC nominations until the middle of December. The National office will be "swamped" getting the 400 plus processed that are eligible in 2010.**

Reports:

Secretary

Secretary Jon fader: The minutes from the last official meeting were included in the **August** Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

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

Membership

Tom Samuelson: Our membership currently stands at 100.

Benevolence

Jon Fader. Don Boos reported that Henry Cranford is at Buckingham's Choice at the healthcare center undergoing physical therapy, and is progressing slowly. Treasurer Tom Samuelsen is recovering from a finger injury encountered in a router mishap. Jon Fader has recovered from a toe injury. Barry Ensminger had carpal tunnel surgery on his wrist, and appears to have recovered well.

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos said the ship's store was open for business. The 2011 Diesel Boats Calendar is available. There is a Submarine Chef's Cookbook. Don has order forms for the cookbook

Old Business

Veterans Day Parade Brunswick: The parade will be held on Sunday 7 November 2010. Ray Bussard has arranged for a hay wagon to hold TRI-STATE parade participants. CDR Dave has submitted the application, but has not heard from parade representatives yet.

Christmas Party: The annual Christmas Party will be held at AMVETS, Middletown MD on 12 December 2010 at 1300. Maria Rose and Danny Elswick will perform at the Christmas party. 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/>.

Fundraising Prospect: 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. **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. Raffle tickets were sold at the **September** meeting for each item. The cost per ticket is based on drawing a number (1-100) representing 1 cent through \$1. Three different colored raffle tickets are used. There was \$31 in ticket sales at the meeting. Ticket sales will continue until all numbers are sold.

50/50 Christmas Raffle: This raffle is the same as our Annual Picnic raffle. There will be three winners (30%, 10%, and 10%) to be drawn at our annual Christmas banquet on 12 December 2010. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Secretary Jon Fader has assembled groups of 20 tickets with each members name on an envelope. Tickets will be handed out at monthly meeting participants through the October meeting. The remainder will be mailed. A note inside the envelope explains where to send the ticket money and stubs.

New Business

2011 Base Officer Nominations: Vice-commander Pat Poist is looking for board members for the 2011 year, especially Vice-Commander and Secretary. If anyone is interested please contact Vice-Commander Pat at patrob2@comcast.net.

Dues: Please submit your 2011 dues to Treasurer Tom Samuelsen by 1 December 2010, so that he can submit to National by 31 December. Dues are \$20 Base (\$10 for Holland Club Members who are not WWII Veterans) and \$20 National (New HC in 2011 only). WWII Veterans have the option to not pay base dues.

Three New Base Chairs: The additional base chairs are, Kaps 4 Kids, Eagle Scout, and Holland Club. We need to fill these chair positions at TRI-STATE. **Will anyone step forward?? Notify Base Commander Dave Harvey.**

Good of the Order

National Convention: The following Tri-State Base members attended the USSVI National Convention in Fort Mitchell, KY this year: Dave and Maureen Harvey, J.B. and Lori Ensminger, Trin and Carolyn Rios. John Price, Tom Denton, Joe Barnack, Pete Gunn.

District Three Conference: ERN D3 Commander Barry Ensminger reported, tentatively, that Scranton Base will host the D3 Conference 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: Anne Lehman drew George Kilmer's winning ticket worth \$59. The meeting was ended with our closing prayer (Lost Harbor).

Next and Next

Next month's meeting – Next month's meeting (2 October 2010) 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

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