

THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG

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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 5 March 2011

The Pike Restaurant and Lounge
985 Baltimore Pike
Gettysburg, PA

A total of twenty-eight members and spouses were on hand for the 5 February meeting. Those in attendance were: Jon and Joan Fader, Tom Samuelsen, John and Dorothy Traxler, Bob and Mary Patrick, Thom and Stephany Peschke, Tom Denton, Don Boos, Richard Stroud, Dave and Maureen Harvey, Bob and Sharon Lampron, John and Nina Price, Ray and Betty Bussard, Fred Eichhorn, Karen Freemire, Dana and Roxanne Bostwick, Red Yingling, Wayne and Lois Schweitzer, Jim Naser (guest), Paul Benyada.

At approximately 1200, **Base Vice Commander Tom Denton** 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. **VCDR Tom** read the creed and 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.**

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS MARCH

03 1942	USS PERCH I (SS176)	08
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.

<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
TONY CHIMENTI
LEW HANSEN
B.J. CALVERT
ROBERT B BRITSCH

KARL WELTY
HAROLD OLIVE
GLEN BEARINGER
CHRIS KOUNAS
HOWARD CALVER

DAVE GLOTFELTY
DICK SPRINCE
DON HORST
RICHARD E. SAUNDERS
ROBERT ATKINSON

BILL COLLINS
JOHN LUSHER
HAL GOODNOW
THORNTON "PAT" WHITE
HENRY CRANFORD

Birthdays for the month of 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,

Guests: Jim Naser.

Correspondence:

Vice Commander Tom Denton discussed the following correspondence items: Note – there was a number of correspondence items not read, but available to the membership at the time of the meeting.

1. **Qual Boat of the Month USS 06:** Shipmate John Price served on this boat. USS 06 was built in 1918, was put out of commission in 1929, and brought back in 1940 as a school boat. The boat operated daily out of New London CT, and sometimes was on duty in Portland Maine. John pointed out that this boat was very labor intensive; everything was manual. John served on USS-06 in 1942 and 1943.
2. **District Patch: ERN-D3 Commander Barry Ensminger** is promoting a district patch. Barry is asking each of the bases in the district to come up with a design. Entries must be provided no later than 1 May 2011 in color on 8 ½ by 11-inch paper. The entries will be scanned and sent for base voting.
3. **USS Drum SS 228:** Tri-State base received a thank you certificate from Mobile Bay Base for our contribution to the restoration of USS Drum at Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile AL.
4. **Holland Club:** National HC Vice Chairman Gil Shaddock sent notification that shipmates Fred Gressley, Robert Clas, and Jim Wilhelm are eligible for Holland Club membership in 2011. Gil has asked that members visit the National web site www.ussvi.org and make sure that personal profile records are accurate.

Reports:

Secretary

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

Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Samuelsen presented the February 2010 Treasurer's Report. Tom also reviewed the End-of-Year report as submitted to National USSVI. The report was approved.

Membership

Tom Samuelsen: Our membership currently stands at 95.

Benevolence

Chaplain Bob Patrick. Chaplin Bob reported the following: Shipmate Dana Bostwick has been quite ill since September 2010, but is doing much better now. Dana thanks everyone for their prayers and support that truly uplifted him during this trying time. Mary Patrick was scheduled for surgery Wednesday 9 March. Chaplain Bob is having another prostate cancer consultation on 9 March. Judy Kriner had surgery on 17 February. Mary Boos is scheduled for hip surgery on 21 March. Lori Ensminger is recuperating at home after her recent surgery. CDR Pat had knee replacement surgery on 21 February, and is recuperating well at home.

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos: Don reported that longevity pins are available.

Old Business

Longevity Pin: These pins are available from the National Storekeeper, and represent terms of USSVI service in 5-year increments. It was approved at the November 2010 meeting that longevity pins would be provided to members by the base. At the January 2011 meeting, CDR Pat identified the number of pins that will be needed for 2011 and 2012.

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. The cost per ticket is based on drawing a number (1-100) representing 1 cent through \$1. Three different colored raffle tickets are used. Ticket sales will continue until all numbers are sold. When all tickets are sold, and the drawing is made the winning numbers will be put in the Deck Log. The winners will have 30 days to claim their prize.

Three New Base Chairs: The additional base chairs are, Kaps 4 Kids (does not apply to TRI-STATE, Eagle Scout, and Holland Club. Shipmates John Price and Don Boos have volunteered to be Holland Club chairs. John Traxler, Barry Ensminger, and Jon Fader are Eagle Scout Program chairs. CDR Pat is looking into the York-Adams PA area for the Eagle Scout Program.

Eagle Scout Awards: Shipmate John Traxler has been very active in this endeavor in WV, and is doing a great job. John reported that he has some Eagle awards pending in Hagerstown MD.

Holland Club: Shipmates John Price and Don Boos are our Holland Club chairs. John is looking for a description of required duties. Jon Fader sent an email to Gil Shaddock, National HC Vice Commander, asking for clarification of HC Chair duties. The reply received was as follows: "Jon, there is nothing in writing as to what a Base Holland Club chair's duties are. Basically, he is an assistant to the Base Commander and keeps track of who from his Base is eligible each year and so inform the Base Commander. You might want to check with Groton Base. They have the most people inducted into the HC each year." John Garcioppolo, Groton Base CDR will provide an update on the duties later this week.

Submarine Birthday Celebration: The birthday celebration will be held at Next Dimensions on Saturday 9 April 2011 from 1100 to 1600. (Note: This is a time change from original 1200-1700). The guest speaker will be RADM Jay Deloach who is the curator of the Naval Historical Center.

Golf Tournament: At the January meeting, **CDR Pat** moved that TRI-STATE hold a golf tournament at the Bridges Golf Course in New Oxford PA in the August 2011 time frame as a fund raiser. The course charges \$40 per person. We will charge a \$55 per person entry fee (\$220 per team). There will be hole sponsorship at \$25 per hole. Prize arrangements will be \$220 first prize, \$160 second place, \$120 third place, and a \$25 par three closest to the pin prize for the 4 par three holes. We will need 40 golfers. The motion was approved. At the February meeting, CDR Pat reported that he has a contract with the Bridges Golf Course for Saturday 13 August 2011. There will be a 1:00 PM shotgun start. CDR Pat prepared a flyer and registration form that was distributed at the March 2011 meeting. CDR Pat has requested that each member encourage hole sponsorship by businesses or organizations. This will be a good way to make money on this effort.

Base Secretary: We are still seeking a Base Secretary. Please contact CDR Pat to fill this empty position. Associate members can hold this position.

New Business

Nothing noted.

Good of the Order

Successful Trident II Launch: Shipmate Bob Lampron reported that on Tuesday 1 March at 1300 Pacific Time, the 135th consecutive successful launch of a Trident II missile was completed. This is a remarkable success story.

Discount to Veterans: Shipmate Ray Bussard reported that Lowes and Home Depot give a 10% discount to veterans.

50/50 Raffle: There was a total of \$100. Stephany Peschke drew Lois Schweitzer's winning ticket worth \$50.

Chaplain Bob Patrick led our closing prayer (Lost Harbor).

Next and Next

Next month's meeting – Next month's meeting (April 2011 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 2011

APRIL 09	Submarine Birthday Celebration 1100 to 1600 at Next Dimensions Restaurant, Funkstown MD
MAY 07	Meeting 1130 at Hoss's, Martinsburg, WV
21	Capitol Base USSVI Memorial Service 1100 at Arlington National Cemetery
29	Memorial Service 1300 at Harbaugh's Church
	Parade Preparations at (TBD) following the Memorial Service (tentative)
30	Memorial Day Parade 0800 at the VFW, Waynesboro, PA
JUNE 11	Annual Picnic 1200 at Red Run Park No. 1, Waynesboro, PA (tentative)
JULY 09	Meeting 1130 at Next Dimensions Restaurant, Funkstown MD – Nominations for District Three officers
AUGUST 06	Meeting 1130 at Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA - Appoint Tri-State Base Officers Nomination Committee
SEPTEMBER 10	Meeting 1130 at Hoss's, Martinsburg, WV
OCTOBER 01	Meeting 1130 at Next Dimensions Restaurant, Funkstown MD Nomination Committee report of those willing to serve
NOVEMBER 05	Meeting 1130 at Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA Election of Tri-State Base Officers
06	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 10	Christmas Banquet 1300 at AmVets, Middletown, MD