# THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG 9 April 2011

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# TRI-STATE BASE MEMBERS THAT HOLD NATIONAL OFFICE

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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

**Birthday Celebration 9 April 2011** 

**Next Dimensions Restaurant** 

132 Old National Pike

Funkstown, MD

A total of thirty-three members and spouses were on hand for the 9 April Celebration. Those in attendance were: Jon and Joan Fader, Doug and Cheryl Smith, Robert and Regina Clas, John and Nina Price, Terry and Judy Kriner, John and Anne Lehman, Barry and Lori Ensminger, Carolyn and John Poffenberger, Bob and Mary Patrick, Karen Freemire, Fred and Lyn Eichhorn, Richard Stroud, Tom Denton, Don Boos, RADM Jay A. DeLoach (featured guest), John and Dorothy Traxler, Pat and Roberta Poist, Pat and Jim Wilhelm, Thom Peschke, Keith Merriwether.

At approximately 1100, **Base Commander Pat Poist** called the meeting to order. **Chaplain Bob Patrick** gave the invocation. **CDR Pat** 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 APRIL

03 1943	USS PICKEREL (SS177)	74
08 1945	USS SNOOK (SS279)	88
10 1963	USS THRESHER (SSN593)	112 CREW & 17 CIVILIANS
18 1944	USS GUDGEON (SS211)	80
22 1943	USS GRENADIER (SS210)	No immediate loss of life

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

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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

## Birthdays for the month of April:

Donald Boos, Robert Britsch, Deb Denton, Frank Garguilo Sr., Linda Gunn, Norman Harper, Jim Hay, Dan Holba, Bud Huntington, Kurt Johnson, Mary Lloyd, Raymond Lloyd, Gilbert McCabe, David Parkhurst Jr, Carol Ann Samuelsen, Alice Saunders, Sabra Smith, JoAnne Yetter

# **Lunch and Business Meeting**

CDR Pat conducted a Short business meeting that included the upcoming Memorial Service and Memorial Day Parade. (See calendar of events on last page). Our luncheon was ordered from Next Dimension's menu. The cake cutting ceremony followed with **Keith Merriwether** as our newest qualified and **John Price**, including **John Lehman** as the longest qualified jointly cutting the cake. **Thanks to Terry Kriner for providing a great cake.** 

## **Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker was RADM Jay A. Deloach, Director of the Naval History & Heritage Command in the Washington Navy Yard. RADM DeLoach gave an outstanding description of the Naval History Command. The Naval History & Heritage Command is the official history program of the Department of the Navy. Its lineage dates back to 1800 with the founding of the Navy Department Library by President John Adams. The Command now includes a museum, art gallery, research library, archives, underwater archaeology and curator as well as research and writing programs. The Command's origins form a rich history in themselves. Mission of the Naval History & Heritage Command: Collect, preserve, protect and make available the artifacts, documents, and art that best embody our naval history and heritage for present and future generations. Advance the knowledge of naval history and heritage through professional research, analysis, interpretation, products and services. Make naval history and heritage "come alive" for our Sailors and Marines to enhance readiness and esprit de corps. Remind America of its need to maintain a strong Navy and Marine Corps to protect its citizens, their freedoms and the nation's maritime commerce. RADM DeLoach provided a handout describing the preservation of a Steinway piano that was located on USS Thomas A. Edison SSBN 610. He also displayed a copy of the USS Pargo SS264 battle flag. (Our shipmate Bud Huntington served on USS Pargo).

#### **Submarine Memorial Ceremony**

Our traditional memorial ceremony was held with the lighting and extinguishing (one by one) of candles for all the lost boats, and our TRI-STATE members departed on eternal patrol. This ceremony was a very moving experience for all in attendance. **Thanks to all those who set up and participated in this moving ceremony.** 

#### Good of the Order

Shipmate Keith Merriwether donated a statue of the returning sailor as a fundraiser. The statue will be auctioned at our annual picnic in June.

**50/50 Raffle:** There was a total of \$98. Roberta Poist had the winning ticket worth \$49. Roberta donated her winnings back to the base. Thank you Roberta.

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

# **Next and Next**

Next month's meeting – Next month's meeting (May 2011) will be at **Hoss's 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.

Christmas Banquet 1300 at AmVets, Middletown, MD

**DECEMBER 10**