

THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG

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NATIONAL ARTIST

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 7 May 2011

Hoss'

2200 Aikens Center

Martinsburg, WV

A total of twenty-one members and spouses were on hand for the 7 May meeting. Those in attendance were: Jon Fader, Pat Poist, Doug Smith, Richard Stroud, Glenn and Sandy Sherrard, George Kilmer, Herb Lopp, Bull Durham, Barry and Lori Ensminger, Tom and Stephanie Peschke, Dave and Maureen Harvey, Bob Lampron, Maryle Ashley, Dana and Roxanne Bostwick, John Traxler, Tom Denton.

At approximately 1200, **Base Commander Pat Poist** called the meeting to order. **Shipmate Jon Fader** gave the invocation. The tolling of the bells for US submarines lost during the month of May and our departed shipmates followed this. **Shipmate Doug Smith** read the creed and **CDR Pat** 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

MAY	SUBMARINES LOST	SAILORS LOST
03 1945	USS LAGARTO (SS371)	88
22 1968	USS SCORPION (SSN589)	99
23 1939	USS SQUALUS (SS192)	26
30 1958	USS STICKLEBACK (SS415)	No loss of life

JUNE		SAILORS LOST
20 1941	USS O-9 (SS70)	34
12 1943	USS R-12 (SS89)	42
19 1942	USS S-27 (SS132)	No loss of life
26 1943	USS RUNNER I (SS275)	78
01 1944	USS HERRING (SS233)	80
14 1944	USS GOLET (SS361)	82
19 1945	USS BONEFISH I (SS223)	85

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	HENRY CRANFORD

Birthdays for the months of May and June:

MAY:

William Butcher, Mary Heibel, Joe Hinson, Chlorene Lopp, Rod Mutzabaugh, Wendy Stoner, Pat Wilhelm

JUNE:

James Armstrong, LaVerne Block, Elaine Brodbeck, Jean Harper, Ruth Hay, Donald Hershey, John Lehman, Trin Rios, Shad Shadrach, Amy Weldon

Guests: Shipmate John Karl was welcomed back to base membership.

Correspondence:

Commander Pat Poist discussed the following correspondence items:

1. **USS California SSN 781:** SSN 781 will be commissioned on 29 October 2011, Pier 14, Naval Station Norfolk VA. Contact John Carcioppolo, email: commander@subvetsgroton.org. Ticket requests must be submitted by 31 May 2011. Base CDR Pat will have pertinent details.
2. **District Commander:** Voting for District Commander will be 1 through 30 June 2011. Huey Dietrich, Requin Base is the current candidate. A ballot is available on our web site, <http://www.ussvi-tri-statebase.org>.
3. **District Patch: ERN-D3 Commander Barry Ensminger** is promoting a district patch. Two entries were submitted. The base preferred a patch identified as no.1, but suggested that silver dolphins be identified. VCDR Tom Denton will contact Reading Base (creator of the patch) and see if they can better identify silver dolphins. A vote will be taken at the Annual Picnic.
4. **Kaps 4 Kids: CDR Pat** played a DVD describing the program. Two copies are available.
5. **National Convention:** Ozark Runner Base is hosting the convention, which will be held 5 through 9 September 2011. This convention will be a joint USSVI and WWII SUBVETS endeavor.
6. **National Convention Ad:** Two ad sizes are available: 4"X2" for \$99, and 7 ½"X2 ½" for \$169. A motion was made and approved to donate \$50 to Ozark Runner Base in lieu of an ad. A vote will be made at the 11 June Annual Picnic.
7. **US Submarine Exhibit:** The Washington DC Naval Museum will have the exhibit on 18 June 2011. The museum is located at the Washington Naval Yard.

Reports:

Secretary

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

Treasurer

CDR Pat Poist presented the March and April 2011 Treasurer's Report. (Our Treasurer Tom Samuelsen was ill and was unable to attend the meeting). The report was approved.

Membership

CDR Pat: Our membership currently stands at 95.

Benevolence

Shipmate Jon Fader. Jon reported the following: Our Chaplain Bob Patrick is being treated for prostate cancer. Please keep Chaplain Bob in your prayers. Treasurer Tom Samuelsen was ill with a 100-degree temperature at the time of the meeting. Patricia Yohman, wife of associate member David, passed away on 29 April. Chaplain Bob has sent a condolence card on behalf of Tri-State. It was nice

to see Lori Ensminger and Dana Bostick at the May meeting, and we pray that their health continues to improve. Mary Patrick was scheduled for surgery Wednesday 9 March. Judy Kriner had surgery on 17 February. Mary Boos had hip surgery on 21 March. CDR Pat had knee replacement surgery on 21 February, and is recuperating well.

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos: Don was not present at the May meeting.

Qual Boat of the Month

USS Grouper SS 214: SS 214 was a Gato Class submarine. She was the only ship to be named for the grouper. Launched from EB Groton on 27 October 1941. Commissioned 12 February 1942. Decommissioned 2 December 1968. Her classification was changed to SSK on 2 January 1951. In 1958-1962, Grouper was reclassified as AGSS 214 where she served as a floating laboratory. For more info on Grouper, visit <http://www.hazegray.org/danfs/submar/ss214.txt>. Shipmate Don Boos qualified on this boat in 1958.

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. Latest recipients were announced at the meeting.

Bottle Raffle: 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.

Golf Tournament: The tournament will be held at the Bridges Golf Course in New Oxford PA on 13 August 2011 as a fundraiser. 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. 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.

New Business

Annual Picnic: Our Annual Picnic will be held at Red Run Park Waynesboro PA at 1200 on 11 June 2011. Shipmate Jim Wilhelm will not be able to prepare smoked meats this year due to illness. Treasurer Tom Samuelson has proposed using Frontier BBQ who produces excellent barbeque. He has also checked out chicken at another place that is much better than Wallmart's.

- BBQ price is \$11.00 per pound - inc. sauce: Tom suggests 25 lbs. split between pit beef and pulled pork. (\$275.00).
- Chicken is \$111.30 for 100 pcs.

Tom suggests charging about \$10.00 per head for the meal.

A motion was made and approved to use Tom Samuelson's suggestion.

Please let CDR Pat Poist patrob2@comcast.net 717-624-4157 and Tom Samuelson grainary@yahoo.com 717-642-9445 know (by 3 June 2011) how many are planning to come to the picnic on the 11th. There will be a white elephant auction (bring your wrapped items) and

we will have our 50/50 raffle drawing. Also, Shipmate Keith Merriwether donated a statue of the returning sailor as a fundraiser. The statue will be auctioned at our annual picnic.

SIDE DISHES FOR PICNIC

A-F: BREADS: Chips, Pretzels, and Buns.

G-K: SNACKS: Veggies & Dip, Cheese, etc

L-P: DESSERTS:

Q-Z: SALADS: Coleslaw, Beans, Pasta, and Potato

Note: The above groupings were based on leveling the last name distribution of our membership list.

50/50 Raffle: A 50/50 raffle drawing will be held at the Annual Picnic. Jon Fader handed out tickets to those present at the May meeting. The remaining tickets will be mailed out to those not present.

Please send stubs and checks to Treasurer Tom Samuelsen per the note included with the tickets. Do not send to Jon Fader, as he will not be at the picnic.

Memorial Service 21 May 2011: Capitol Base will host a USSVI Memorial Service 1100 at Arlington National Cemetery. Those attending, meet at 0930 at the Walmart on Rt. 26 in Walkersville MD.

Memorial Service 29 May 2011. A memorial service will be held at Harbaugh's Church at 1400. This is an event that TRI-STATE has traditionally supported, and all are encouraged to attend.

DIRECTIONS TO HARBAUGH CHURCH:

From Hagerstown Option 1: Take SR 60 north to Leitersburg and then north on SR 418. Go thru the blinking RED at SR 64 junction, Ringgold. As you cross the MD/PA line, turn right onto Harbaugh Church Rd. Go approx 1 mile. Church is on the left. Or Option 2: Take SR 64 to junction SR 418, blinking RED at Ringgold. Turn Right onto SR418 north. Follow directions above.

From I-81: Go east at Exit 5, Greencastle, on PA SR 16. Go thru Waynesboro and Wayne Heights to Stop Light at Midvale Rd, approx 3 mile east of Waynesboro (AC&T Exxon on the left and entrance to shopping mall). Turn right onto Midvale Rd and go south. Just before you cross PA/MD State Line, Harbaugh Church Rd is to the left. Follow directions above to church.

From Gettysburg: Take SR 16 east toward Waynesboro. At 2nd Stop Light (entrance to shopping mall to right) for Midvale Rd, turn left and follow directions above.

Waynesboro Memorial Day Parade: We will meet at the VFW for the parade prior to 9:00 AM on 30 May. Please show your support and participate. The VFW is located at the West end of Main St. (PA Route 16) and provides coffee and donuts.

Good of the Order

Kudos To Seal Team 6.

50/50 Raffle: There was a total of \$72. Roxanne Bostwick drew Maureen Harvey's winning ticket worth \$36. Maureen donated her winnings to Tri-State. Thank you Maureen.

Shipmate Jon Fader led our closing prayer (Lost Harbor).

Next and Next

Our next gathering is 11 June 2011 at 1200 hours at the picnic at Red Run Park in Waynesboro PA.

Directions Red Run Park:

Using I-81 from the north or south:

FROM **I-81** south to "old" exit 3 at **PA Rt. 16**. Continue **East on PA 16** to Waynesboro. Go through Waynesboro **East on PA 16**. Before you start to "go up the mountain", you will see **RED RUN PARK ON THE LEFT**.

Using US 15 from the north or south:

US 15 to Emmittsburg, MD then West on RT 140. This turns into **PA Rt. 16**. Continue west to Waynesboro. As you go "down the mountain" and reach the bottom of the mountain, **RED RUN PARK IS ON THE RIGHT**. If you go into Waynesboro, you went too far.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

MAY 07	Meeting 1130 at Hoss's, Martinsburg, WV
21	Capitol Base USSVI Memorial Service 1100 at Arlington National Cemetery
29	Memorial Service 1400 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