

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 9 July 2011

Next Dimensions

132 Old National Pike

Hagerstown, MD

A total of twenty-one members and spouses were on hand for the 9 July meeting. Those in attendance were: Jon and Joan Fader, Thom and Stephany Peschke, Glenn and Sandy Sherrard, John and Ann Layman, John Traxler, Steven Caldwell, Doug Smith, George and Linda Kilmer, Tom Denton, Tom Samuelsen, Dave and Maureen Harvey, Don Boos, John and Nina Price, Pat and Roberta Poist

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 July and our departed shipmates followed this. **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

July	SUBMARINES LOST	SAILORS LOST
04 1944	S-28 SS 133	49
26 1944	USS Robalo SS-273	81
30 1942	USS Grunion SS-216	70

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>
<i>TONY CHIMENTI</i>	<i>HAROLD OLIVE</i>	<i>DICK SPRINCE</i>	<i>JOHN LUSHER</i>
<i>LEW HANSEN</i>	<i>GLEN BEARINGER</i>	<i>DON HORST</i>	<i>HAL GOODNOW</i>
<i>B.J. CALVERT</i>	<i>CHRIS KOUNAS</i>	<i>RICHARD E. SAUNDERS</i>	<i>THORNOTN "PAT" WHITE</i>
<i>ROBERT B BRITSCH</i>	<i>HOWARD CALVER</i>	<i>ROBERT ATKINSON</i>	<i>HENRY CRANFORD</i>

Birthdays for the months of **July**:

JULY:

Jeffrey Blackburn, Jean Chimenti, Joan Fader, James Ferrell, Maureen Harvey, Dianna Henneberger, Barbara Johnson, Clara Kinsinger, Verna Kounas, Augustus Martin, Carolyn Poffenberger, Thomas Samuelson, Patsy Shadrach, Glen Sherrard, John Traxler

Guests: None

Correspondence:

Commander Pat Poist discussed the following correspondence items:

1. **National:** Thank for our generous contribution of \$327 to the scholarship fund.
2. American Submariner has been mailed out on 6/27
3. **Groton Base:** 23 July, there will be a Liberty ship cruise from North LI down to Manhattan – Dinner, Open Bar and a good party – Talk to Pat for more information
4. **Subvets Convention** – Vendors. Please support all our vendors and ships store
5. **USN Needs More Diesel Boats** – Support the request for more Diesel subs. See www.defencenews.com for more information.
6. **TRICARE:** No more SSNs on new ID cards. So we come full circle back to ID Numbers in lieu of SSNs.
7. **Rickover, the movie:** Producers of a new movie about the life of Rickover are looking for pictures and materials concerning Rickover's life.
8. **WWII Submarine R-12** – R-12 has been located off of Key West Florida. It was lost June 12th 1943.
9. **When a Member Passes on** – The Base Chairman shall complete the materials on USSVI website using Base Tools. Please ensure you enter the date of passing. This will ensure that all necessary personal are notified.

Reports:**Secretary**

Thom Peschke: The minutes from the last official meeting were included in the **June** Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

Tom Samuelson presented the June 2011 and results of the 2011 Picnic Treasurer's Report. 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. Mary Patrick had scheduled for surgery Wednesday 9 March. Judy Kriner had surgery on 17 February. Mary Boos had hip surgery on 21 March and is recuperating. CDR Pat had knee replacement surgery on 21 February, and is fully recuperated. Shipmate Doug Smith reports that he has MS and is coping. The Kriners' grandson was injured in Afghanistan due to an IAD but is recovering.

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos: Don was present at the meeting.

Qual Boat of the Month

USS Torsk SS 423: Three Shipmates qualified onboard, Ray Bussard, Donald Gunn and Howard Wentz. The Torsk got its name from a fish allied to that Cod fish. She was built in Portsmouth Naval Yard in Portsmouth NH, with her keel laid on June 7th 1944 and she was launched in September 1944. She arrive in Pearl on 23 March 1945. Her first patrol was as lifeguard duty for bomber pilots. Post war, she returned to New London and was used as a training boat. She also made a Med run and participated in Joint training exercises. March 4th 1968 she retired, but continued to be used as a Reserve pier side Training Vessel. She had made 11,884 dives in the course of her career. 1972 she was transferred to MD and in 1973 became a display. The “shark mouth” painting was discussed by Tom Denton.

Eagle Scouts – Shipmate John Traxler made one presentation.

Holland Club – Shipmate John Layman discussed the old boats, and Shipmate John Price is looking for William Harris and would like to gather historical data.

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 had donated three bottles of premium brandy that he wants to give to TRI-STATE for a fund-raiser auction. Doug Smith “bought” the last bottle. ;-)

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

None

Good of the Order

License Plates: John Traxler reported that WV a Submarine License plates can be had for \$75 a plate, however a minimum of 250 plates will have to be ordered.

There are MD Submarine plates, however nobody seems to know how to locate or order them, Shipmate Doug Smith will look into the MD Plates and get back to us.

50/50 Raffle: There was a total of \$74. Doug Smith winning ticket worth \$37. Doug donated his winnings to Tri-State. Thanks Shipmate.

Business cards: Shipmate Tom Samuelson presented Vince Flarity’s business card initiation using the USSVI database to solicit business. Tom will write to National and question the impact on the tax impact.

Appreciation: CDR Pat wants to prepare and present tokens of Appreciation to all organizations to support our Base and USSVI. Tom Denton and Tom Samuelson will prepare and frame a certificate.

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

Next and Next

Our next gathering is 6 August at 1130 hours at the picnic at the Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg PA.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

AUGUST 06	Meeting 1130 at Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA - Appoint Tri-State Base Officers Nomination Committee
AUGUST 13	Tournament will be held at the Bridges Golf Course in New Oxford PA
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