

Tri State Deck Log



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Brunswick, MD 21758

**** DON'T FORGET MEETING DATE CHANGED TO 8 OCTOBER ****



Life is simple, you're either qualified or you're not



(Semper Gumby)

TRI STATE BASE

The Deck Log

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10 September 2011

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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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- **10 September 2011 Business Meeting at Hoss's Restaurant**

TRI-STATE BASE

Business Meeting 10 September 2010 at Hoss's Restaurant, 195 Aiken Center, Martinsburg, WVA

A total of 26 members and spouses were on hand for the September 2011 meeting. Those in attendance were:

Thom Peschke, John & Nina Price, Pat & Roberta Poist, Terry & Judy Kriner, Bob & Mary Patrick, Dan Hulings, Jim & Pat Wilhelm, Doug Smith, John Karl, Ray & Betty Bussard, George & Linda Kilmer, Glen Sherrard, Jon & Joan Fader, Don Boos, Dave Harvey, Tom Samuelson, Keith Meriwether, John and Dorothy Traxler

At approximately 1200, **CDR Pat Poist** called the meeting to order. **CDR Pat** led the pledge to our flag and **Past Commander Dave Harvey** read our USSVI creed. **Chaplain Robert Patrick** 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

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.

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 month of **September:**

SEPTEMBER:

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



Guests

One Shipmate came in as a guest and left as a member! Welcome aboard Shipmate Dan Hulings.

Reports:

Secretary

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

I need to ensure that I have the most up to date email list for two reasons;

- 1) I send out "Flash Traffic" with notices that I get that I think will impact our shipmates and the Deck Log.
- 2) Postage is a drain on our treasury. If I can email instead of Snail mail your deck log, it will save us, currently \$11 a month.

So, please help me help you and report any email address changes to me at tgpeschke@gmail.com.

Lastly, request to move the October meeting from the 1st to the 8th was put forth and approved by vote.

Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Samuelson presented the August 2011 Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

Membership

Tom Samuelson: Tri-State Base Membership as of 31 July 2011

Type	Number
WWII	14
Holland Club	21
New Holland Club	3
Life Members	26
Regular Members	27
Tri-State Members	91
Dual Members	4
Associate Members	5
Total Membership	99



Benevolence

Chaplain Robert Patrick reported the following;

He himself is back driving a bus

Barry & Lori Ensminger's have were able to attend the Dogfish (SS350) reunion in Portsmouth, NH.

Roxanne Bostwick – is in the hospital recovering from major surgery

Ronnie Hunter passed away 11 Aug 2011 – He was a Thresher sailor

Carol Samuelson had a shunt placed in her brain but is back is at home with Tom

Doug Smith is holding on taking shots

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos said the ship's store was open for business.

Commander Pat Poist discussed the following correspondence items:

Adm. Smith sent a note thanking and congratulating the base

James Morton is trying to verify he was a member In 94 Jon fader, Thom and Terry will look in to their records

NE District 3 CDR Huey, sent a heads up o gram introducing himself and presenting his expectations

Pat Householder sent a note describing how aging ship museums face attempting to repair without funds.

National Al Singleman sends dues request - don't be dink. Dues must be in prior to December first. If you miss your dues, you will be prominently displayed in the Deck Log!

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

1) TRICARE Reduces Pharmacy Home Delivery Co-Pays

September 07, 2011

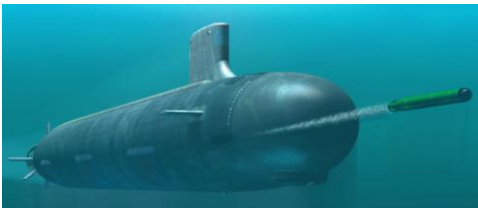
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FALLS CHURCH, Va. - Copayments for some medications provided through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery are being reduced to zero. As of Oct. 1, 2011, Home Delivery beneficiaries may fill generic prescriptions at no cost to themselves.

Generic formulary drugs purchased through Home Delivery currently cost \$3 for a 90-day supply, but as of Oct. 1 the copayment drops to zero.

"These new copays make using TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery more affordable than ever," said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, TRICARE Management Activity deputy director. "Home Delivery offers a great value for patients taking maintenance medications for chronic conditions."

The following changes to the TRICARE pharmacy copayments are scheduled to go into effect Oct. 1:



- > Generic formulary drugs purchased at retail pharmacies will go from \$3 to \$5.
- > Brand name formulary drugs from retail pharmacies will go from \$9 to \$12.
- > Non-formulary medications will go from \$22 to \$25 in both retail and Home Delivery.

Brand name formulary drugs purchased through Home Delivery will have the same \$9 copayment. Copayments for prescriptions filled through Home Delivery cover a 90-day supply, but only a 30-day supply when purchased at a retail pharmacy.

"This is the first change to TRICARE pharmacy copays since 2002," Hunter said.

"Our goal is to keep costs as low as possible for our beneficiaries and DoD."

Military, their families and retirees are increasingly using Home Delivery to get their maintenance medications conveniently delivered through U.S. mail - saving TRICARE about \$30 million in 2010. Use of Home Delivery has grown in 2011 by nearly 10 percent over 2010. More than 1 million prescriptions per month are filled through the service.

For more information about TRICARE pharmacy, the new copayment rates and Home Delivery, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy.

2) Subject: DD 214 Equals Increased Social Security Benefits For Vets

YOU NEED TO REQUEST THIS FACE-TO-FACE W/SSA - NEED A COPY OF YOUR DD-214

DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits For Vets FYI,

Subject: DD FORM 214 -- Extra SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT for those with active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 (UNCLASSIFIED)

See the web site & notes below to possibly increase your Social Security Benefits.

Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 and planning for retirement.

In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your

DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Soc Sec website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

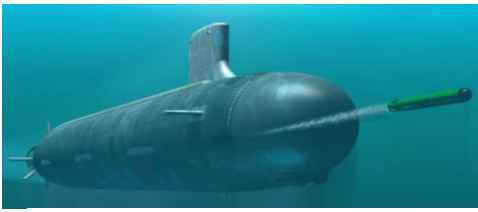
This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. **It is NOT just for retirees**, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI - this benefit is **not automatic, you must ask for it!** We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security but, keep living and you will get there...

Regional Resource Coordinator

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans Project State of Maryland- Southern Region

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3) **Military Retiree Pay Dates to Change Defense Finance and Accounting Service**

CLEVELAND, Sept. 6, 2011 - Paydays for military retirees and those who receive portions of retired pay are changing for the months of September and December, as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service changes its pay schedule to comply with the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act.

This year payments normally scheduled for Oct. 3, 2011 will be issued on Sept. 30, 2011 and payments normally scheduled for Jan. 3, 2012, will be issued on Dec. 30, 2011. For the calendar year 2011, this means military retirees will receive 13 rather than the normal 12 payments.

The 13th payday on Dec. 30 falls within the 2011 tax year, which could affect the tax liability of some retirees and those who receive portions of their retired pay. Customers should speak with a tax advisor, the Internal Revenue Service or their state tax authority to determine if their tax withholding will satisfy federal and state income taxes when they file returns next year. DFAS cannot provide tax advice.

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EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

Shipmate John Traxler has made 3 presentations, and has 2 coming up in September.

Shipmate Doug Smith suggested having an eagle come to a meeting

The District patch was presented - A Motion was made and passed to order of 20 patches for base.

The **Brunswick Veterans Day Parade** was discussed – The Secretary said he would talk to Rick Weldon and get info on the parade and pass it on to CDR Pat. The trailer will be available for the parade.

Cold War Museum – Shipmate Keith Merriwether presented the cold war museum and hours of operation, 10 to 5 Monday to Fri. You will need to make a one week advance request. The Museum is located in Bldg 70 in the Washington Navy Yard (Call 202) 433-6826 to make reservations or for additional information. As a side note, yeah, NCIS is there, but don't try to sneak in to see Abigail "**Abby**" Sciuto! ;-)

Christmas dinner proposal - see the attached pages for further information. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Holland Club

No new business Other than the picture done by Vice CDR Tom Denton was delivered to Bill Harris!



Good of the Order

Qual boat of the Month

SSBN617 The Hamilton was the Qual Boat of the Month - Fred Eichhorn, John Karl and. John Shirk and Terry Kriner stated he was in the Commissioning crew! Detailed history is available for viewing at;
<http://ssbn-617.com/history.htm>

50 - 50 \$36 was won by Doug (lucky, yellow car drivin') Smith!

Jim Wilhelm presented some stamps for collectors from the first gulf war.

The meeting was ended with our closing prayer (Lost Harbor).

Next and Next

Our next gathering is 8 October at 1130 hours at the picnic at the Next Dimension Restaurant in Funkstown.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

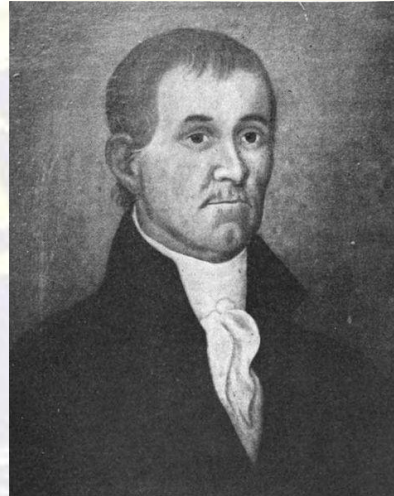
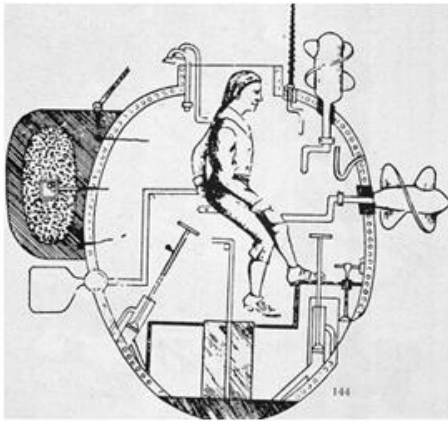
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| OCTOBER | 08 | Meeting 1130 at Next Dimensions Restaurant, Funkstown MD
Nomination Committee report of those willing to serve |
| NOVEMBER | 05 | Meeting 1130 at Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA
Election of Tri-State Base Officers |
| | 06 | Brunswick 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) Tentative – may have it after the Brunswick Parade |
| DECEMBER | 10 | Christmas Banquet 1300 at AmVets, Middletown, MD |



Special History

Lest we forget, the first attempted submerged attack occurred on Sept 7th 1776. The Turtle with its one man crew tried to blow up a ship in New York Harbor against the HMS Eagle but was thwarted by the plating on the hull of the ship.

Here's to our first Submariner Sgt Ezra Lee and to David Bushnell our first Sub designer



The Turtle

Sgt Ezra Lee

SUBMARINE VETERANS