

# Tri State Deck Log



*2 Donovan Court*

*Brunswick, MD 21758*

***Brunswick Maryland Veterans Day Parade!***



***Christmas Party AMVETS in Middletown December 10<sup>th</sup>***

***"Life is simple, you're either qualified or you're not"***  
***November / December 2011 Issue***



## **(Semper Gumby)**

TRI STATE BASE

The Deck Log

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## **TRI-STATE BASE MEMBERS THAT HOLD NATIONAL OFFICE**

**TOM DENTON**

**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.**





## IN THIS ISSUE OF THE TRI-STATE BASE DECK LOG:

- 05 November 2011 Business Meeting at Pikes, Gettysburg PA

## TRI-STATE BASE

### Next Business Meeting 07 January 2012 at Hoss's Restaurant in W VA

A total of 38 members and spouses were on hand for the November 2011 meeting. Those in attendance were:

Joan and Jon Fader, Dan Hulings, Barry and Lori Ensminger, Huey Detrick (District Commander), Jim and Pat Wilhelm, Red Yingling, Don Boos, John and Nina Price, John and Anna Lehman, Maryle Ashley, Doug Smith, Dave and Maureen Harvey, Pat and Roberta Poist, Betty and Ray Bussard, Gilbert and Barbara McCabe, Eugene and Karen McCabe with daughter Skylar McCabe, John and Dot Traxler and Samuel Traxler, John Poffenberger, Bob Patrick, Tom Samuelsen, Tom Denton, Richard Stroud

At approximately 1200, **CDR Pat Poist** called the meeting to order. **CDR Pat** led the pledge to our flag and **Vice CDR Tom Denton** 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.**

### NOVEMBER

07 1944	USS ALBACORE (SS218)	85
08 1944	USS GROWLER (SS215)	86
09 1944	USS SCAMP (SS277)	83
16 1943	USS CORVINA (SS226)	82
19 1943	USS SCULPIN (SS191)	40

### DECEMBER

02 1943	USS CAPELIN (SS-289)	76
10 1941	USS SEALION (SS-195)	5
17 1917	USS F-1/CARP (SS-20)	19
17 1927	USS S-4 (SS-109)	34



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	Karl Welty	Dave Glotfelty
Bill Collins	Tony Chimenti	Harold Olive	Dick Sprince	John Lusher
Lew Hansen	Glen Beringer	Don Horst	Hal Goodnow	B.J. Calvert
Chris Kounas	Richard E. Saunders	Thornton "Pat" White	Bob Britsch	Bob Atkinson
Henry Cranford	Jack Prisley			



### **Birthdays for the month of November and December:**

#### **NOVEMBER:**

Ray Bussard, Dottie Graves, Paula Hines, William Hines, Lynda Kuhar, Thomas Peschke, Gary Shirk, John Shirk, Toni Swart, Fay Calver

#### **DECEMBER:**

Jean Brigham, Bill Buckley, Mary Buckley, Jean Butcher, Jerald Cook, George Hinda, Dawn Hinson, Linda Kilmer, Lisa Martin, Barbara McCabe, Linda McGuire, Michael McMahon, Vickie McMahon, Mary Patrick, Roberta Poist, Wayne Schweitzer, Michael Spittell, Allan Windle, Harold Yingling

#### **Guests**

Huey Detrick (District 3 District Commander), Eugene and Karen McCabe with daughter Skylar McCabe, Samuel Traxler

#### **Reports:**

#### **Secretary**

**Secretary stand in, John Fader.** The minutes from the last official meeting were included in the **October** Deck Log. The report was approved.

#### **Treasurer**

**Treasurer Tom Samuelsen** presented the October 2011 Treasurer's Report "The Sermon on the Ammount". The report was approved. The treasurers records are available for review by any Tri State Member.

#### **Benevolence**

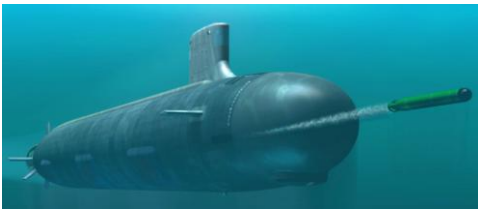
**Chaplain Robert Patrick knew of nobody in need**, but Shipmate Doug Smith reported the following; Ron Ryland undergoing Prostate cancer treatment and isn't doing so well. Please pray...

#### **Special Presentation**

CDR Poist presented Pikes Restaurant's Manger, Cheryl with a Tom Denton picture in thanks for all the service Pikes has shown Tri State over the years. BZ to Pike Restaurant!

#### **Ways and Means**

**Storekeeper Don Boos** said the ship's store was open for business. He has Calendars in hand.



## Membership

Tri-State Base Membership as of 31 October 2011

Type	Number
WWII	14
Holland Club	21
New Holland Club	3
Life Members	24
Regular Members	28
Tri-State Members	90
Duel Members	4
Associate Members	5
Total Membership	99

### Commander Pat Poist discussed the following correspondence items:

- Scholarship application starting 15 Oct to 15 March 2012. Applications to be in the hands of the chairman by 15 April. See CDR Pat for more info.
- Veterans employment bill passed 400,000 veterans are to be hired, but the job scope wasn't clear
- NYC Veterans day parade on 11/11/11 – All Subvets invited
- Restaurants to feed Veterans on Veterans day. CDR Pat read a list of places to eat. I hope you all ate well from your limited menu...
- 2012 National and Regional Elections, a call for nominations. See the national website.

### Old Business

- Longevity Pins Gill McCabe 5 Harold Yingling 15 John Lehman 15 Barry Ensminger 20
- Christmas Party times changed to 1200 to 1600
- Brunswick Parade to be held tomorrow on 11/6. We were number 22 in the lineup.
- Holland eligibility for 2012,
- Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony in Frederick on 11/11/11

### New Business





At this time we are spending about \$6.00 a year on postage to get the newsletter out to you all. Every member who can provide an email address not only saves the Base money, but is receiving flash traffic with new information about TRICARE, benefits etc that I do not include in the printed monthly Deck Log. ***If you feel that anything I am doing could or should be done differently, please let me know.***

Past Commander Doug Smith is starting a new business! Small disabled Veterans owned company. If anyone has advice, please contact Doug.

## Holland Club

No new business

## Good of the Order

Did you ever wonder where your boat(s) fit in to the great scheme of things in the annals of US Navy Submarines? Doug Smith has inserted a GREAT slide show in our website. Click on the link and go to the bottom of the website to be allowed into the presentation...

<http://www.ussvi-tri-statebase.org>

### Elections were held for Tri State Officers – Results are;

Secretary – Thom Peschke

Treasurer – Tom Samuelsen

Vice Commander – John Karl

Commander – Tom Denton

Congratulations to new and returning Officers.

### District 3 Commander Huey Detrick Presents;

- District 3 CDR Huey Detrick presented the Tri State Base with the Traveling Dolphins. We hold them until either we travel to another base or another base rep comes to visit.
- Provided a brief overview of National and District concerns.
- Scholarships were discussed.
- Awards Manual on the National site updated in January – See what we are eligible for. CDR to research.
- Veterans War status, Tax free donations can be provided. We can request organizations for funds but we should use kids issues (eagle scouts etc.) to request funds.
- Chaplains manual is on line and contains links to flag folding and prayers
- National convention in Norfolk in September 2012. Get your Hotel NOW, they are booking quickly.
- Redistricting was discussed in depth.
- Huey wants to have a District wide meeting for all base CDRs

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!** Santa was seen aboard a German Sub... (I have a sneak picture that our Deutsch “Brothers of the Phin” sent) It is said that Santa sports a specialty set of Dolphins...of COURSE he’s Qualified don’t ya know!



Good Deal



Home Depot gives a 10% cut in prices to our retired Veterans. So don't forget to show your ID card to the Clerk

### Are we putting things off that we should do?

Leo Buscaglia wrote, "There was a girl who gave me a poem, and she gave me permission to share it with you, and I want to do that because it explains about putting off and putting off and putting off—especially putting off caring about people we really love. She wants to remain anonymous, but she calls the poem, "Things You Didn't Do," that said the following:

Remember the day I borrowed your brand new car and I dented it?

I thought you'd kill me, but you didn't.

And remember the time I dragged you to the beach and you said it would rain, and it did?

I thought you'd say, "I told you so," but you didn't.

Do you remember the time I flirted with all the guys to make you jealous, and you were?

I thought you'd leave me, but you didn't.

Do you remember the time I spilled strawberry pie all over your car rug?

I thought you'd hit me, but you didn't.

And remember the time I forgot to tell you the dance was formal and you showed up in jeans?

I thought you'd drop me, but you didn't.

Yes, there were lots of things you didn't do.

But you put up with me, and you loved me, and you protected me.

There were lots of things I wanted to make up to you when you returned from Viet Nam. But you didn't.

***Is there something you need to do today for someone you care about—something that you've been putting off for too long? Why not do it today?***

## Brunswick Veterans Day Parade

As you can see on the cover we successfully attended the parade; and ran out of candy about ¾ of the way through the route. The Parade started moving around 3PM, so please, we need more participation next year. An extra special thank you to Shipmate Ray Bussard for providing the wheels and trailer. As a note, I have complained to the parade committee and asked that the not allow both side of the street parking next year. There were lots of little kids (and even some BIG kids) who got candy this year. Next year MORE pieces (300 for the throwers and MORE for the kids).

## Qual boat of the Month

USS Corporal SS 346 1946 to 1972— 2 members qualed aboard her Harold Yingling (8/53) and Bob Patrick (8/64).

DBF! —a [Balao-class submarine](#), was a ship of the [United States Navy](#) named for the corporal, an alternate name for the [fallfish](#), found in streams of the eastern United States.

*Corporal* was [launched](#) 10 June 1945 by [Electric Boat Co.](#), [Groton, Connecticut](#), and she was decommissioned, struck from the US [Naval Register](#), and transferred (sold) to [Turkey](#), under terms of the Security Assistance Program, 28 November 1973. On

12 February 1974 she was commissioned **TCG 2. *İnönü* (S 333)**, the second submarine in the third pair named in honor of the [Battle of İnönü](#) in the [Turkish Independence War](#).







She was dropped from the [Turkish Naval](#) rolls on 2 September 1996, and scrapped. Today, a section of hull containing the stern torpedo tubes is preserved at the Naval Museum at [Istanbul](#).

### **TRI State Base Outreach for members...**

We need to reach out to the community to get people to know we are here. USSVI can reach out into the community and hopefully snag some new members. Newspapers and Radio Stations could put out our meeting dates and times.

If you know of any stories that could pan out and reach the community.

A past article in the American Submariner had ways to reach out. One idea was to pass out 3X5 cards with our names and a contact number.

Make some USSVI business cards. Keep a couple in your pocket and if you see a Submarine license plate holder or bumper sticker that would belong to a boat sailor, slip a card under the wipers. I recently contacted 3 potential members that way. They will join if they know you are there AND you ask...

## **SUBVETTES**



**You ladies kept us going when all seemed hopeless. You have supported us and kept our minds right! If you have any thoughts you would like to share, PLEASE send them to me. I will publish all that I receive.**

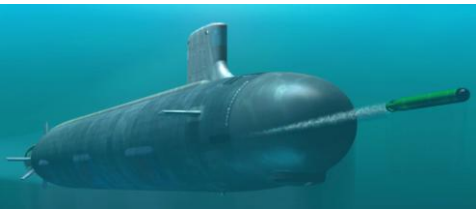
Here is a quick tip for people looking for the good deals so they can save money.

- 1) Look in the flyers for what the weekly "special" is. Whether it is chicken breasts or ground beef or steaks, buy enough for you to eat for a full week of recipes.
- 2) Freeze the portions in single serving size. If you are cooking for one, only freeze what you will prepare for each meal and clearly label what the item is and what date you are freezing it.
- 3) If you like to marinate steaks before cooking (or grilling), poke holes in the steak and add marinade before you freeze the steaks. That way, the steaks will slowly thaw and marinate at the same time.

The Supermarket just uses the deal as a "draw" to get you in the store. They usually rotate between ground beef, chicken, steaks, pork and roasts. By buying enough for a week, you can spread it out over a month and with the other items you buy have a nice variety in your menu. If you miss this month's special, it will be back around soon, just pay attention to the flyers. I found that the major area stores usually have a different "draw" item from each other each week. If anything, you have to make sure that you don't buy too much and block your freezer available storage area.

Special tips for ground beef, 1) try to buy 85 to 90% beef. The rest is fat that the butcher throws in. At 85 to 90%, you get enough fat to help in cooking and give flavor but not so much that most of it melts out of the meat during processing. 2) When you buy ground beef in bulk, freeze it as 1/2 cup size patties. You will find that 1/2 a cup will give you 1/4 pound





patties, so if you freeze it and you find you want a hamburger, each burger should be a good size, but if you have a recipe that calls for a pound of beef, all you have to do is pull out 4 burgers!

By doing this buying routine, you will save yourself money and get enough good meat to provide a nice variety!

**Do any of you ladies have an outside interest that you might be willing to share? Please let me know at [tgpeschke@gmail.com](mailto:tgpeschke@gmail.com).**

## **HUMOR AND WISDOM**



Here is an interesting story out of WW2 that I had not heard of before. Read it and try to visualize the reaction on both sides.

### **A Navy story from the archives.....**

A U.S. Naval history story provided by the Naval Order of the United States.

On April 5th, 1943, the U.S. Navy's Destroyer Squadron 21 was returning from a night of shelling Japanese shore installations deep in the New Georgia area of the Solomon Islands. Our destroyer, the USS O'Bannon, as part of this force, picked up a radar contact that turned out to be a large Japanese submarine cruising on the surface and apparently unaware of our presence. The Japanese lookouts undoubtedly were fast asleep.

We approached rapidly and were preparing to ram the sub. Our captain and other officers on the bridge were trying to identify the type of sub and decided, at the last minute, that it could be a mine layer. Not wanting to blow up ourselves along with the sub, the decision was made that ramming was not a wise move. At the last moment, the rudder was swung



hard to avoid a collision and we found ourselves in a rather embarrassing situation as we sailed along side of the Japanese submarine.

On board the sub, Japanese sailors, wearing dark shorts and dinky blue hats, were sleeping out on deck. In what could be considered a rude awaking, they sat up to see an American destroyer sailing along side. Our ship however, was far too close to permit our guns lowered enough to fire and since no one on deck carried a gun, not a shot was heard. Ditto on the Japanese sub, no one there had a gun either. In this situation, no one seemed sure of the proper course of action and it probably would not have been covered in the manual anyway. Therefore everyone just stared more or less spellbound.

The submarine was equipped with a 3 inch deck gun and the sub's captain finally decided that now was probably a good time to make use of it. As the Japanese sailors ran toward their gun, our deck parties reached into storage bins that were located nearby, picked out some potatoes and threw them at the sailors on the deck of the sub. A potato battle ensued. Apparently the Japanese sailors thought the potatoes were hand grenades. This kept them very busy as they try to get rid of them by throwing them back at the O'Bannon or over the side of the sub. Thus occupied, they were too busy to man their deck gun which gave us sufficient time to put a little distance between our ship and the sub. Finally we were far enough away to bring our guns to bear and firing commenced. One of our shells managed to hit the sub's conning tower but the sub managed to submerge anyway. At that time our ship was able to pass directly over the sub for a depth charge attack. Later information showed that the sub did sink. When the Association of Potato Growers of Maine heard of this strange episode, they sent a plaque to commemorate the event. The plaque was mounted in an appropriate place near the crews mess hall for the crew to see. Well, it was the crew's battle.

The story was picked up by the papers back in the States and, shortly thereafter, a full blown account of the event was covered by a story in the READERS DIGEST. Conversations with a crew member that served years later revealed that, while the plaque was still located in the crew's mess hall, no one seemed to pay much attention to it nor knew much about it. I guess the crew was interested in making history but not particularly interested studying it.

**50 - 50 - \$102 total and \$51 was won by Tom Samuelsen and returned to the treasury. Thank you Tom! Jon Fader won a Requin Base Challenge Coin.**

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

## **Next and Next**

Our next gathering is 5 November at 1130 hours at the picnic at the **Pike Dimension Restaurant in Gettysburg 985 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA**

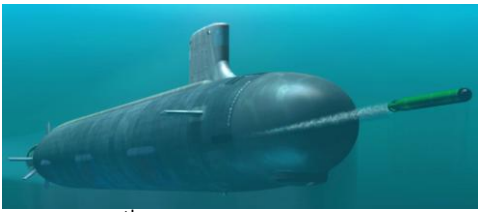
### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011**

**DECEMBER 10**      **Christmas Banquet 1200 to 1600 at AmVets, Middletown, MD**

### **USSVI Tri State Base 2012 Calendar of Events**

January 7<sup>th</sup>      Hoss's Martinsburg WV





- February 4<sup>th</sup> Next Dimensions Funkstown
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Pike Restaurant Gettysburg
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Next Dimensions, Funkstown – Submarine Birthday Celebration
- May 5<sup>t</sup> Hoss's Martinsburg WV
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Capitol Base USSVI Memorial Service 1100 at Arlington National Cemetery
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service 1300 at Harbaugh's Church  
Parade Preparations at (TBD) following the Memorial Service (tentative)
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade 0800 at the VFW, Waynesboro, PA
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at 1200 Red Run Park No 1 Waynesboro, PA (tentative)
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Next Dimensions, Funkstown  
Nominations for District Three Officers
- August 4<sup>th</sup> Pike Restaurant Gettysburg  
Appoint Tri State Base Officers Nominating Committee
- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Hoss's Martinsburg WV
- October 6<sup>th</sup> Next Dimensions, Funkstown  
Nomination Committee Report of those willing to serve
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Pike Restaurant Gettysburg  
Election of Tri State Base Officers  
Annual BoD Meeting
- November 4<sup>th</sup> Brunswick Veterans day Parade (?)
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day Ceremony in Frederick, MD (Note: There may be a conflict with Brunswick Parade).
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at Amvets Middletown