

Tri State Deck Log



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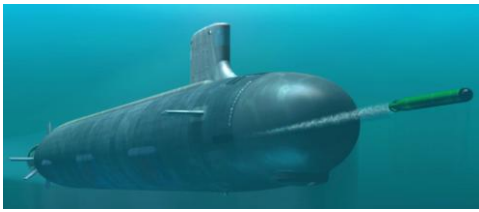
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TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.



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14 July 2012 Business Meeting at Next Dimension's in Funkstown

TRI-STATE BASE

Next Meeting Aug 11th Pikes in Gettysburg do to Joe Hinson's funeral on the 4th

A total of 31 personnel were on hand for the July 2012 meeting, those in attendance were:

Thom & Stephany Peschke, Susie Renaud & Eric Peschke Guests), Art Glover (Capitol Base Past Commander and Acting Chaplain), Chuck Martin (Nova Base), Doug Smith, Ron & Mike Meek, John & Nina Price, Richard Stroud, John Karl & Mary Walters, Glen & Sandra Sherrard, John & Anne Lehman, Joe Hargedon, Dan Hulings, Tom Samuelson, Dave Harvey, Chuck Sirrat (Guest), Buzz, Karen & Kevin Bussard, Dave & Pat Davis (Dave was Buzz's Qual Chief), Felix B. Stewart, Archie & Pat Gargano.

At approximately 1200, **CDR Tom Denton** called the Celebration to order. **CDR Tom** led the pledge to our flag and **Vice CDR John Karl** read our USSVI creed. Guest **Chaplain Art Glover** 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.**

Art read the June and July list, however the June boats were published in the last deck log, so here are the July boats;

JULY

04 1944	USS S-28 (SS133)	49
26 1944	USS ROBALO (SS273)	81
30 1942	USS GRUNION (SS216)	70



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
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JACK PRISLEY	RUSS SWART	BULL DURHAM	JIM FERRELL
BOB BRITSCH	BOB ATKINSON	HENRY CRANFORD	JOHN POFFENBERGER
JOE HINSON			

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



Birthdays for the month of July:

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

Newest Shipmates



Give a huge Welcome Aboard to Ron and Mike Meek. Ron, who join us as dual member is currently associated with the Treasure Coast base in Florida. They are "snow birds" who will join us in the summer and depart in the winter in search of a warmer climate. Those who attended the picnic already know what a grand couple they are!

Reports:

Secretary

Secretary, Thom Peschke; the minutes from the last official meeting were included in the April/May Deck Log. The report was approved.

The Storm that knocked out power and utilities provided an impetus to establish a "hot line" for shipmates in trouble. If you are in need of power, water or even a place to stay while your house is uninhabitable, please let me know and I will place your need on the FLASH TRAFFIC board. One way or another we will find a way to pull together and help each other. We all qualified together on the WHOLE boat and during an emergency a weaponer could count on a NUKE to pull some weight. Here too!

Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Samuelsen presented the April/May 2012 and annual Treasurer's Report (The sermon on the amount). The report was approved.

Tom passed out applications for the golf tourney and announced he would be driving the Beer Cart!

Golf Tournament – Pat Poist is looking for assistance in putting on the Tri State Golf Tournament. If anyone can help Pat and assist with the running of the tournament please contact Pat at 717-624-4157 or. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring a hole, it is \$25 a hole. It will be a great way to advertise. Pat will be



contacting golf courses and more will develop. We will send info out as it is received. Don't forget to contact out brother and sister organizations, VFW, American Legion etc. to get players. PAT NEEDS SUPPORT, Please contact Pat to help if you can. You will find an application and flyer at the back of the deck log. Please round up those golfers.

Sat Sept 15th ... See you there

Ways and Means

Storekeeper Don Boos was not here.

Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of July 2012

Type	Number
WWII	11
Holland Club	19
New Holland Club	3
Life Members	23
Regular Members	30
Tri-State Members	86
Duel Members	6
Associate Members	5
Total Membership	97

Benevolence

No report this month.

Correspondence items:

One input from Al Singleman thanking us for our scholarship contribution of \$288. CDR Tom also pointed out that the communications has improved between National and us and he is sure our contributions are going to the tight places. Bob Bowman is our national contact. His phone number and Email are; 425 576-1884, bob.bowman@mac.com.

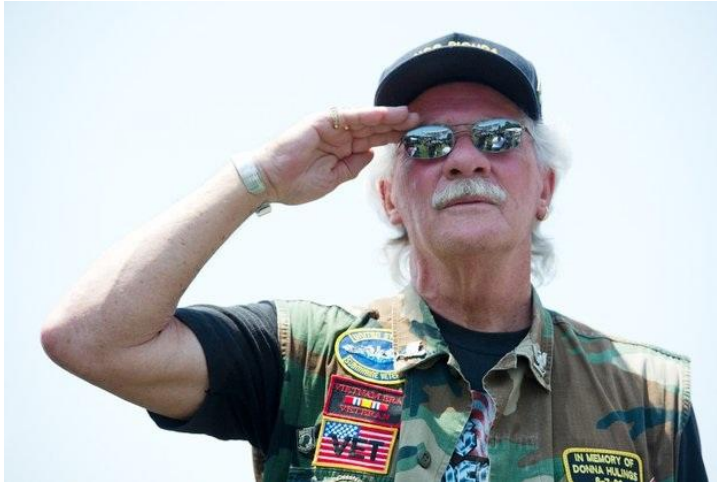
Good of the Order



Here is a nice shot from the Memorial Day parade attendants.



Rolling Thunder went through Washington. Our own Dan Hulings made the Washington Times! Here he is rendering honors in two shots.



Picnic - 9 June at Red Run Park

What a good time and thanks to Jim Wilhelm's Masterly Chefing (which is different than a Master Chief) with Pulled Pork and a Brisket to die for we ate VERY well. The only problem was that there were only 27 attendees and one child. I wish that everyone would have been able to come. The food was superb; there were salads and desserts to be had and the white elephant Auction as MC's by our very own lovable fuzzball, CDR Tom was a real hoot.

You might not be able to look back and smile like those of us who attended did, but you can see a few pictures and wish you had been there.



And what is my bid for this little number? How many fingers you holding up?

Oooooops this box makes noises... going once, going twice...Oh I guess you really want this one Richard!





I swear, it was This Big!

Lastly... Jim Wilhelm, the Brisket whisperer... Master of the Grill and Chef ABSOLUTE! Thank you ever so much for some GREAT Chow!



Old and New Business

Stephany Peschke announced that Operation Sunscreen is being run where Mary Kay Skin Care specialists will match any contribution to provide sunscreen for our troops in the sand box. Please contact her at (301) 712-5094, or send her an email at SAPESCHKE.MK@gmail.com if you wish to contribute to this worthy cause.

A turnover list for the offices should be created so that turnover would go smoother. Each Tri State Officer is requested to create a turnover list to ensure continuity. The list should be kept current and revised as duties evolve.

Doug Smith and a few other Marshall sailors are making a pilgrimage to Marshall University where the ship's bell is stored. He will present a Ship's picture to the University. The Picture was donated by Tom Denton and framed by Tom Samuelson.

Buzz told us that there are new ID cards that don't have social security numbers on them. Most of us old farts had Service numbers that were taken away to use social security numbers. We can remember our old service numbers, but probably won't remember our "new" service numbers.

Richard floated the idea of having a Baser Calendar using Tom Denton's boat pictures. CDR Tom stated he would research the costs involved, but he believes that it is a risky proposition.

Art Glover forwarded the possibility of sponsoring a baseball game in Bethesda July 20th or 21st with a college league at the Shirley Povich field. USSVI would get to throw out the first pitch. If you are interested, contact CDR Tom for Art Glover's contact information.



Holland Club

The Induction of Dave Harvey and Elmer "Buzz" Bussard into the Holland Club was conducted; an honor for those two shipmates that was richly deserved.



EAGLE SCOUT program

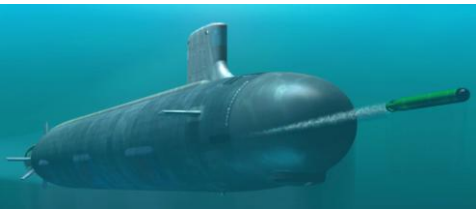
No report



Qual boat of the Month

USS SEA FOX (SS-402) – Buzz BUSSARD 1962

USS *Sea Fox* (SS-402), a [Balao-class submarine](#), was a ship of the [United States Navy](#) named for the [sea fox](#), a large [shark](#), also called the [thresher shark](#), which frequents the coast of Europe and the [Americas](#).



Sea Fox was laid down on 2 November 1943 at the [Portsmouth Navy Yard](#) in [Kittery, Maine](#); [launched](#) on 28 March 1944, sponsored by Mrs. Robert N. Robertson; and [commissioned](#) on 13 June 1944, Lieutenant Commander Roy C. Klinker in command.

First patrol: October–November 1944

Two months after commissioning, *Sea Fox* departed [New London](#) for [Hawaii](#) and duty in Submarine Division 282 (SubDiv 282). She arrived at [Pearl Harbor](#) on 11 September and, on 4 October, got underway on her first war patrol. On 16 October, she entered her initial patrol area near the [Bonin Islands](#), and remained in the Bonin-[Volcano Islands](#) area through 25 October, hunting enemy shipping and serving on lifeguard duty for [B-24 Liberator](#) strikes against [Iwo Jima](#).

On 26 October, she conducted her first attack and damaged an enemy freighter; then proceeded on to the [Nansei Shoto](#) in the [Ryukyus](#). There, on 8 November, after firing 11 torpedoes in four attacks, she sank an engines-aft cargoman. Of the 11 torpedoes fired, several broached and one circled and passed over *Sea Fox*'s [conning tower](#). On 15 November, the submarine departed her assigned area and arrived at [Majuro](#) on 24 November for refit.

Second patrol: December 1944 – February 1945

On her second war patrol, 20 December 1944 to 5 February 1945, *Sea Fox* returned to the Nansei Shoto as a unit of Task Group 17.19, a [coordinated attack group](#) composed of her, [Blueback \(SS-326\)](#), and [Puffer \(SS-268\)](#). En route to [Saipan](#) to top off with fuel, the submarines and their [PC](#) escort picked up survivors of a downed Liberator. On 28 December, the submarines departed the [Marianas](#) for the Ryukyus; and, on 1 January 1945, *Sea Fox* reached her patrol area.

Nine days later, she made her only contact worthy of [torpedo](#) fire but, despite two attacks, was unsuccessful. *Puffer*, to which she reported the contact, later sank the target, *Coast Defense Vessel No. 42*. In February 1945, while undergoing refit at [Guam](#), five of her crewmembers were killed in a Japanese ambush. Buzz regaled us with further tales.

Third and fourth patrols: March – July 1945

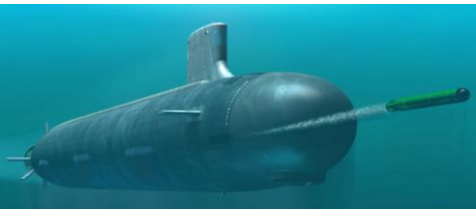
Sea Fox's third war patrol, 8 March to 6 May 1945, saw her in the [South China Sea–Formosa](#) area. She made six contacts but was able to close and attack only one, a [convoy](#) of three merchantmen and four escorts. During that action, conducted in heavy fog on the morning of 1 April, she damaged one of the freighters.

That same day, [Queenfish \(SS-393\)](#) sank the "mercy" ship, [Awa Maru](#); and, on 2 April, *Sea Fox* was ordered into the area to pick up survivors and wreckage to determine the type of cargo the maru had been carrying. *Sea Fox* located no survivors but found bales of sheet rubber covering the area where the ship had gone down. She took aboard one of the sheets and continued her patrol.

The next day, one of *Sea Fox*'s crew was accidentally shot by another crewman. Efforts to transfer the wounded man to a homeward-bound submarine were thwarted by rough seas, and the patient remained aboard for the duration of the patrol.

In mid-April, *Sea Fox* was off the northwest coast of Formosa where she encountered a shift in Japanese [ASW](#) tactics. Patrol planes were numerous at night, precluding recharging. The planes, however, were relatively inactive during daylight hours, and *Sea Fox* surfaced and recharged accordingly.

On the night of 16 April – 17 April, *Sea Fox* departed her patrol area. Progress toward [Saipan](#) was slowed by a casualty in the bow plane rigging mechanism on 19 April; but, on 26 April, she arrived in the Marianas, and she



reached Pearl Harbor on 6 May. Refit took a month, and *Sea Fox* sailed on 7 June for her last war patrol. Assigned primarily to lifeguard duty during the 53-day patrol, she picked up nine Army aviators near [Marcus Island](#) and a tenth in the [Nanpō Islands](#). On 29 July, she completed the patrol at [Midway](#).

1945–1952

The war ended with the completion of refit, and *Sea Fox* headed toward Pearl Harbor for a two-week visit prior to getting underway for postwar duty with [Submarine Squadron 5](#) (SubRon 5) in the [Philippines](#). Based at [Subic Bay](#), she operated in the Philippine area into 1946; then, on 12 January, got underway to return to the United States.

Sea Fox arrived in [San Francisco Bay](#) on 2 February. Overhaul followed; and in mid-May, she returned to Pearl Harbor where she rejoined [Submarine Division 52](#) (SubDiv 52). During the remainder of the 1940s, she was deployed three times: to the central Pacific in the summer of 1946, and to the western Pacific in the winter of 1948 and in the fall of 1949. The end of the latter year also brought a brief assignment to [SubDiv 13](#), but January 1950 saw her a unit of [SubDiv 12](#). Six months later, the [Korean War](#) broke out; and *Sea Fox*'s training exercises—[mine](#) planting, torpedo approaches, gunnery, and ASW—increased.

On 2 September 1951, the submarine sailed west. A six-month tour in the western Pacific followed during which she supported the [United Nations'](#) effort in [Korea](#) by providing services to the ASW training group and by patrolling in the northern [Sea of Japan](#). In March 1952, she returned to the Hawaiian Islands to resume local operations and to prepare for a [GUPPY IIA](#) conversion.

1953–1970

Decommissioned on 15 October 1952 at [Mare Island Naval Shipyard](#), *Sea Fox* completed conversion the following spring and was recommissioned on 5 June 1953. In August, she returned to Pearl Harbor and resumed operations—training exercises, special operations, and western Pacific deployments—as a unit of [SubDiv 71](#). Reassigned to [SubDiv 33](#) at [San Diego](#) on 1 July 1955, she became [flagship](#) of the division on 1 August and commenced local operations off the southern [California](#) coast. A year later, she sailed west for another six-month tour with the [7th Fleet](#); and, from then until 1969, she continued to rotate between training operations out of San Diego and duty with the 7th Fleet in the western Pacific. From 1964, her tours in WestPac included support of the Allied effort in [Vietnam](#).

On 21 December 1968, *Sea Fox* returned to San Diego from her last WestPac deployment. Local operations, overhaul, and training exercises followed; and, in November 1970, she was declared unfit for further service. She was decommissioned, her name was struck from the [Navy List](#) on 14 December 1970.

Buzz relayed the story of getting caught Dink by his Qual Chief!



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.

From Sandy Sherrard; I have two that are our family's favorites! The first one is a recipe for pickles that Glen's mother made for years. We call it "Valeria's pickles".

Valeria's pickles

1/2 gal. Kosher Dill Pickles
3 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. celery seed
1/2 tsp. mustard seed
17 whole cloves
1/2 cup vinegar

Remove the pickles from the jar and discard liquid. Wash pickles in cold water, slice and put in large bowl. Mix sugar, vinegar and spices and pour over pickles. Stir occasionally until liquid appears. (Like liquid in pickle jars you buy in the store!) It takes a few hours.

Put pickles and juice back in the jar they came out of. Enjoy!!

My daughter-in-law gave me the next one.



Easy Beef BBQ

4 – 5 lbs chuck roast
1 cup water
1 tsp salt
1 T cider vinegar
1/2 tsp pepper

Place the above in a crock pot and cook 8 – 10 hrs on medium.

Discard the liquid when cooked.

Shred the meat with 2 forks and return to crock pot.

ADD:

14 oz. ketchup
15 oz. tomato sauce
1 cup sweet pickle relish
2 T Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup brown sugar

Heat on high about 30 minutes – turn to low to keep warm for awhile, if needed.



HUMOR AND WISDOM



Old sailors sit, And chew the fat, About things that used to be,
Of the things they've seen', The places they've been, When they
ventured out to sea.

They remembered friends, From long ago, The times they had back
then,
The money they spent, The beer they drank, In their days as sailing
men.

Their lives are lived, In the days gone by, With the thoughts that
forever last.
Of the bell bottom blues, Winged white hats, And good times in their
past.

They recall long nights, With the moon so bright, Far out into the lonely sea.
The thoughts they had, As youthful lads, When their lives were wild and free.

They know so well, How their hearts would swell, When old glory fluttered proud and free.
The underway pennant, Such a beautiful sight, As they plowed through an angry sea.

They talked of the chow, Ol' cookie would make, And the shrill of the bos'n pipe.
How salt spray would fall, Like sparks from hell, When a storm struck in the night.

They remember old shipmates, Already gone Who forever hold a spot in their heart,
When sailors were bold, And friendships would hold, Until death ripped them apart.

They speak of nights, Spent in bawdy houses, On many foreign shore,
Of the beer they'd down, As gathering around, Telling jokes with a busty whore.

Their sailing days Are gone away, Never again will they cross the brow.
They have no regrets, They know they are blessed, For honoring the sacred vow.

Their numbers grow less With each passing day As the final muster begins,
There's nothing to lose, All have paid their dues, And they'll sail with shipmates again.

I've heard them say Before getting underway That there's still some sailing to do,
They'll say with a grin that, their ship has come in And the Lord is commanding the crew.

Anonymous



Last Thoughts

I realized that during the singing of “Eternal Father Strong to save” at John’s service, all the verses were about Surface Sailors, so I decided to rectify that. With that in mind, I offer another verse...

**Oh Mighty Power and Lord who saves
Whose depths extend beneath the waves
Who sends his Sailors in the Deep
Quiet patrol, the Peace to Keep
Oh hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in Peril Under the Sea**

Maybe we could add it to the next service we do...

Maybe Art Glover can come back again and get to sing this time (Oooooops sorry CDR Tom)

50 - 50 \$48 was won by Mary Walters who donated it back to the base.

The meeting was ended with our closing prayer.

Next and Next

Our next gathering is August 4th Pike Restaurant, 985 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg PA

As the Tri State Base does some hopping to do its meetings, I figure that it would be smart to include the addresses of our 3 meeting houses. With these and the Calendar of events, you have a complete secret decoder ring and will always be at the right place on the right day...

**Pikes Resturaunt
985 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg PA**

**Hoss's
195 Aiken Ctr, Martinsburg W VA**

**Next Dimensions
132 Old National Pike, Hagerstown , MD**



USSVI Tri State Base 2012 Calendar of Events

- August 4th Joe Hinson's Funeral
August 11th Pike Restaurant Gettysburg
Appoint Tri State Base Officers Nominating Committee
Sept CANCELED
October 6th Next Dimensions, Funkstown
Nomination Committee Report of those willing to serve
November 3rd Pike Restaurant Gettysburg
Election of Tri State Base Officers
Annual BoD Meeting
November 4th Brunswick Veterans day Parade
November 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony in Frederick, MD (Note: There may be a conflict with Brunswick Parade).
December 8th Christmas Party at Amvets Middletown

Afterword

We had a moving presentation by Anne Lehman. She described the history of and gave readings from her book. More importantly, she reminded us to keep historical records and pictures. Once your history is lost it is gone forever. Thank you Anne for regaling us with your history and reminding us to keep ours.

AGAIN –

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