

Tri State Deck Log



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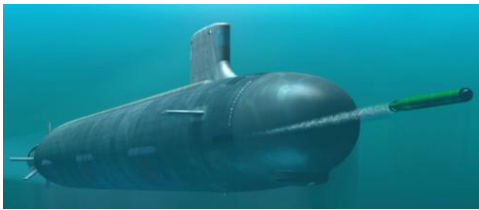
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TRI STATE BASE

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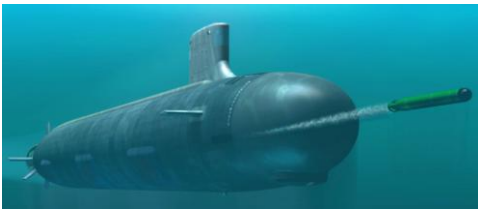
UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.

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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USSVI Tri State Base 2013 Calendar of Events

Apr 6th – AMVETS Hall, Green Street, Middletown. MD, (Catered meal) – Submarine birthday ball from 1 to 4 PM.
May 11th – Pikes, Gettysburg, PA- (WWII member interviews by Phil Turner, guest speaker)
May 18th – Capitol Base USSVI Memorial Service 1100 at Arlington National Cemetery
26th – Memorial Service @ 1400 Harbaugh's Church
Parade Preparations at Main Street and CV Avenue following the Memorial Service
27th - Memorial Day Parade 0900 at the VFW, Waynesboro, PA
Jun 8th – Annual Picnic @ AmVets, Middletown, MD Noon
Jul 13th – Ryan's Martinsburg WV – midterm Board Meeting following monthly meeting– Bylaw revision discussion
Aug 3rd – Golden Corral, Frederick MD – Appoint Tri State Base Officers Nominating Committee– Bylaw revision vote
Sep 7th – Ryan's Martinsburg WV – Nomination Committee Report of those willing to serve; Christmas Party Committee
Oct 4th - CDRs Dinner Meeting at (TBD) Gettysburg – Open Meeting
Oct 5th – Pikes, Gettysburg PA
Oct 5th – District meeting – Gettysburg, PA **after** the Base Meeting– Open Meeting
Nov 2nd – Pikes, Gettysburg, PA – Elections
Nov 11th – Veterans Day ceremony @ Frederick, MD
Dec 7th – Christmas Party @ AmVets, Middletown, MD 1 PM

As the Tri State Base does some hopping to do its meetings, the below locations are for your use. With these and the Calendar of events, you will always be at the right place on the right day...

Pikes Restaurant
985 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA
(717) 334-9227

Ryan's
925 Foxcroft Avenue, Martinsburg, WV
(304) 260-0067

Golden Corral
5621 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD
301 662-5922

A total of 43 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the March 2013 meeting; those in attendance were:

Thom Peschke; Pat & Jim Wilhelm; Herb Lopp; Steve Howell; John & Dot Traxler; Gilbert & Barbara McCabe; David & Dorothy Newkirk; Jim Ruddy; Felix Stewart; Dick Williams; George Kilmer; Bob & Sharon Lampron; Marge Bell; Jon Boos; Barry & Lori Ensminger; Dana & Roxanne Bostwick; John & Nina Price; Doug Smith; Dan Glogg; Glen & Sandra Sherrard; Ray & Betty Bussard; Buzz & Karen Bussard; Les Gallipo; John & Ann Lehman; Dan Hulings; Mike & Mary Lou Naughton; Vic Chrjapin; Tom Denton; Bob & Mary Patrick



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.

Base Chaplin, Bob Patrick, read the March list:

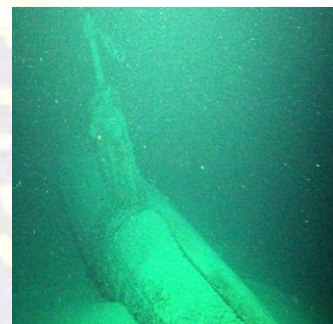
MARCH

SUBMARINES LOST

03 1942 USS PERCH (SS-176) - LOST
 05 1943 USS GRAMPUS (SS-207) - LOST
 12 1920 USS H-1 (SS-28) (ex-SEAWOLF) - LOST
 15 1943 USS TRITON (SS-201) - LOST
 20 1945 USS KETE (SS-369) - LOST
 25 1915 USS F-4 (SS-23) (ex-SKATE) - LOST
 26 1944 USS TULLIBEE (SS-284) - LOST
 28 1945 USS TRIGGER (SS-237) - LOST

SAILORS LOST

6¹
 71
 4
 74²
 87
 21³
 79⁴
 89



¹USS Perch was forced to scuttle herself after being mortally wounded in a depth charge attack. All 54 crew members were picked up by the Japanese, and sent to Prisoner of War camps. Six crew members died as Prisoners of War.

²On December 1, 1941, another Triton crew member, Chief Electrician's Mate Harold Ray Thompson, was transferred ashore at Wake Island due to illness. He was subsequently captured, survived the War in POW camp, and was repatriated.

³F-4 crew member James M. Hoggett, electrician, was on shore leave when his boat and shipmates were lost.

⁴TM3 L. E. Kidwell died from injuries sustained in the line of duty in a non-sinking incident. USS Tullibee crew member Clifford W. Kuykendall survived the sinking and Prisoner of War camp.

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	THORNTON "PAT" WHITE
JACK PRISLEY	RUSS SWART	BULL DURHAM	JIM FERRELL
BOB BRITSCH	BOB ATKINSON	HENRY CRANFORD	JOHN POFFENBERGER
JOE HINSON	TED LEHNHART	WAYNE SCHWEITZER	GUS MARTIN

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



Birthdays for the month of **March:**

Ilka Armstrong, Dana Bostwick, William Brigham, Lori Ensminger, Burl Fluharty, Fred Gers, Jim Graver, Marjorie Heater, Mildred Horst, John Karl III, James LeVangie, Emma Lee McAfee, Bob Patrick, Francis Poist, Lois Schweitzer, Veronica Shirk, Nancy Spittell, Evelyn Stewart

NEWEST SHIPMATES

Welcome aboard to Victor Chrpapin who became the newest member of the Tri-State Base Group. He qualified on USS Guitarro (SSN-655).



He also served on the Stonewall Jackson (SSBN 634) and the Sam Rayburn (SSBN 635).

The only way for Tri State Base to grow is if you invite new members. If you see a set of dolphins on a car, please follow up.

REPORTS:

Secretary

Secretary, Dana Bostwick stated that the minutes from the last official meeting were included in the January Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

Base Commander, Thom Peschke presented March 2013 Treasurer's Report (The sermon on the amount). The report was approved.

Tom Samuelson is ending his tenure as the base Treasurer at the end of this year. If you are interested in being the new Treasurer, contact Tom Samuelson or Tom Peschke.

WAYS AND MEANS

Storekeeper Don Boos was present, so the store was open. Placing order for Tri-State patches.

KAPS FOR KIDS

Storekeeper Don Boos ordered the Kaps and Doo-rags in January and gave them to Tom (Peschke) at the February meeting.



Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of February 2013

Benevolence Report by Thom Peschke

Type	Number
WWII	8
Holland Club	19
New Holland Club	5
Life Members	23
Regular Members	34
Tri-State Members	89
Duel Members	6
Associate Members	4
Total Membership	99

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the following:

- Terry Kriner is home again following his heart ailment.
- Doug Smith reported that his wife Cheryl is getting chemotherapy and is home recovering from her mastectomy.
- Charlie Shadrack has medical issues but is at home.
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CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

Email about Thresher Memorial: Those wanting to attend need to get their order for tickets in soon. For more information see the Good of the Order entry below.

Combined Veterans Council, Waynesboro: On May 27th, 2013, the Memorial Day Parade will be held in Memorial Park and form on Main Street and CV Avenue and start at 9 AM. Thom Peschke will be issuing a flash traffic email on this event, and he will be sending back a postcard that we will be attending.

A Memorial Service at the Purple Church will be held on Sunday, May 26th, before the Memorial Day parade. The guest speaker will be Jim Getty, who is an impersonator of President Lincoln. The service will start at 2 PM

GOOD OF THE ORDER

USS Thresher to be honored with special postmark stamp

April 10 marks 50th anniversary of nuclear submarine tragedy.

The Portsmouth and Kittery, Maine, post offices are planning a special day to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the loss at sea of the U.S. Navy nuclear-powered submarine USS Thresher.

On Wednesday, April 10, Kittery Postmaster John Wickman, Portsmouth Postmaster Richard Provencher and their staffs will be on hand to stamp letters and postcards with a unique postmark documenting the occasion.

There will be two postmarks — 03804, zip code for the Eternal Patrol Station of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; and 03904, the zip code for the Memorial Dedication Station in Kittery, Maine.

Specially authorized by the U.S. Postal Service, this postmark is a way to take home an inexpensive souvenir of the historical event.



The Thresher (SSN 593) was built at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and was commissioned in 1961. It was the first of its class and the most advanced seagoing vessel of its era. Designed to hunt and destroy Soviet submarines at the height of the Cold War, the Thresher was capable of diving deeper, quieter and deadlier than its counterparts.

The fast-attack submarine was lost April 10, 1963, during deep-dive trials more than 200 miles off the New England coast. The Navy ultimately concluded a piping failure caused the Thresher's nuclear reactor to shut down.

Once the vessel lost power, it sank toward the ocean's bottom before imploding from the sea's crushing water pressure, and 129 lives were lost. Today, it lies below 8,300 feet of water.

"We're expecting about 1,000 pieces of mail to be stamped during the first day or two," Provencher said. "We'll be doing this at the post office on Daniel Street, and we'll be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 10."

After the first couple of days, Provencher said, pieces of mail requesting a stamp will be stamped directly at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, put back into an self-addressed, stamped envelope, and mailed back to the sender at no cost.

"There will be a lot of collectors and old-timers from all around the country sending mail to be stamped," he said.

The Kittery Post Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 10.

There will be a ceremony at the shipyard that day, but because of security, members from the U.S. Postal Service may or may not be in attendance, said Tom Rizzo, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service.

"The ceremony will be by invitation only," he said.

Customers wishing to receive the special postmark by mail have until 30 days after the event to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope containing the letter or envelope they want canceled to Postmaster, 80 Daniel St., Portsmouth, NH 03801-9998, or Postmaster, 10 Shapleigh Road, Kittery, ME 03904

We will be getting a base picture and work up a Thresher memorial statement to send to the Thresher ceremony.

Thom Peschke advised the membership that we want to get a base picture with as many members as possible to send to the Thresher Memorial. The picture will be sent with some correspondence and praise for the Thresher. Doug Smith advised that there was such a picture available that could be sent.

Jim Wilhelm informed the membership that Time magazine March 4, 2013 issue devoted its entire new section to the rise of health care costs and the reasons behind them with the primary article being written by Steve Brill.

Thom Peschke emphasized the importance of taking care of the widows of WWII and other deceased veterans as well as those veterans who have difficulty fending for themselves.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Golf committee will have to meet at a later meeting.

Thom Peschke reminded everyone about the upcoming Submarine Birthday Ball in April. He sent emails to the membership to choose selections from the menu by March 8th.

Jon Fader thanked the group for the support given to him and his family during his recovery.



HOLLAND CLUB

Try to keep in touch with older members.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

One for February was put in the Feb Deck Log.

QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS BARBEL (SS-580)



USS *Barbel* (SS-580) was the lead ship of her class of submarines in the United States Navy. She was the second Navy ship named for the barbel, a cyprinoid fish, commonly called a minnow or carp.

The contract to build *Barbel* was awarded to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine on 24 August 1955 and her keel was laid down on 18 May 1956. She was launched on 19 July 1958 sponsored by Mrs. Bernard L. Austin, and commissioned on 17 January 1959, with Lieutenant Commander Ord Kimzey, Jr., in command.

Barbel-class submarines were originally designed and built with bow planes. Around 1960, the *Barbel* had been operating off the coast of the Eastern U.S. while participating in training exercise SLAMEX. Following her first dive of the day to test depth (700 feet), she ruptured a 5" line used for cooling equipment which circulated sea water throughout the boat at ambient pressure. It's rumored that this was a defect in construction when a hole for a junction or valve got mistakenly taped and painted over. Thus for the first part of her career all that was holding out the sea at test depth was a piece of tape and a layer of paint. An emergency blow was performed and on reaching the surface it was found that she had taken on 350 long tons (360 t) of water in the engine room. She entered Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and underwent major repairs of all her piping over 2". At that time, her bow planes were also converted to fairwater planes.

In 1966 *Barbel* accidentally rammed and sank North Vietnam's largest freighter while trying to determine what type of war-related cargo it was carrying. Although damaged, *Barbel* was able to remain submerged and return to port for repairs.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the early classes of nuclear submarines suffered propulsion plant reliability problems, and occasionally were unable to complete their assigned missions. In 1969, while deployed in WESPAC, *Barbel* was assigned to fill in on a "special mission" for such a nuclear submarine. It was noted by the control room watch standers at that time that there should be some sort of recognition badge, similar to the recently authorized "Polaris Patrol Pin", for diesel boats required to fill in for a broken down nuclear submarine. A contest was held to design the badge. ETR-3(SS) Leon Figurido's winning design was a broadside view of a guppy submarine with SS superimposed on the North Atlantic sail. There were two bare-breasted mermaids facing towards the sail with arms outstretched. Completing the design was a wreath under the



boat, with holes for stars, and centered on the wreath were the letters "DBF" standing for "Diesel Boats Forever". And so was born the DBF pin.

In 1973 *Barbel's* weapons gang set a SUBPAC record for successfully shooting 118 torpedoes that year. This included successful salvo firing two Mark 16-8 exercise torpedoes, and a successful MK 16-8 warshot operational test. In addition the boat performed a zero error Mark 45 torpedo Technical Standardization Inspection conducted by DoD, a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection, and the torpedomen identified the source of the MK 45 torpedo "flex hose eater problem." For this record, *Barbel* was awarded the 1973 Battle Efficiency "E". "Barbel's" record for firing torpedoes was around 1978. She also succeeded in sinking the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) during Exercise RIMPAC during that same period.

From 19 January 1981 to 22 January, *Barbel* and *Grayback* (SSG-574) participated in ASWEX 81-3U off the coast of the Philippines, an exercise in shallow water ASW. The submarines opposed the transit of the oiler USNS *Navasota* (T-AO-106), which was escorted by the destroyers *John Young* (CTF 75 embarked) and *Elliot*, and frigates *Gray*, *Whipple*, *Lang*, *Ramsey* and through the narrow straits.

On 1 May 1989, while operating off Kyūshū, Japan, three submariners were washed overboard by heavy waves. One sailor was rescued; two drowned.

Barbel was decommissioned on 4 December 1989, and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 17 January 1990. The Navy sold *Barbel* to a scrapper who began the process of scrapping her. After the sail, superstructure and induction piping were removed, the scrapper discovered the boat's interior was filled with painted-over asbestos insulation. Scrapping ceased at that time while the scrapper decided what to do with *Barbel*. In the mid-1990s *Barbel* had her sail and superstructure reconstructed out of plywood for a brief role in the movie *Crimson Tide*. Her only scene was departure for patrol. After eight years *Barbel* returned to Navy ownership. She was towed from the berth in San Pedro, California and on 30 January 2001 she was sunk as a target off the California coast in 1,972 fathoms (3,606 m).

SUBMARINE VETERANS



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.

Spring is in the air, so why not make some spring rolls. Here's a five star recipe: ENJOY!

This spring roll recipe can be made vegetarian with tofu or with baby shrimp if you prefer. Brimming with vegetables and lots of flavor, these spring rolls make a great appetizer or party food. And they're surprisingly easy to make. Get some help from your children or guests with the rolling, and you'll be crunching on these delicious spring rolls in no time. As a bonus, this spring roll recipe is also fresher and healthier than the spring rolls you'll find in most restaurants.

Prep Time: 35 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 45 minutes
Yield: Approx. 1 dozen spring rolls

Ingredients:

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 thumb-size piece galangal OR ginger, grated
- 2 green onions, sliced into matchstick pieces
- 1 red chili, minced, OR 1/2 to 1 tsp. cayenne pepper (omit if you prefer very mild spring rolls)
- 1/2 cup shredded or finely chopped cabbage
- 4-6 shiitake mushrooms, cut into matchstick pieces
- 1/2 cup medium to firm tofu, sliced into matchstick pieces (If non-vegetarian: add 1/2 cup cooked baby shrimp)
- approx. 2 cups bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup fresh coriander, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh basil, roughly chopped
- 2 Tbsp. oil, plus more for deep-frying
- 1 pkg. spring roll wrappers (thawed if frozen)
- STIR-FRY SAUCE:
- 2 Tbsp. regular soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp. fish sauce or vegetarian stir-fry sauce (Lee Kum Kee brand is a good choice.)
- 2 Tbsp. lime juice
- 1/4 tsp. sugar
- TO SERVE:
- Thai sweet chili sauce (available in most supermarkets, Asian section)

Preparation:

1. Place 2 Tbsp. oil in a wok or large frying pan over medium to high heat. Add garlic, galangal (or ginger), green onion, and chili. Stir-fry until fragrant (about 1 minute). **Stir-frying Tip: Add a little water to the wok/pan when it gets too dry instead of more oil.**
2. Add cabbage, mushrooms, and tofu (or shrimp). As you stir-fry, add the sauce. Stir-fry 1-2 minutes, until vegetables have softened. Remove from heat and add bean sprouts, tossing to mix in. Then do a taste test for salt, adding a little more fish or soy sauce if not flavorful enough.



3. To assemble rolls, lay spring roll wrappers on a clean working surface. Place one heaping Tbsp. of filling on each wrapper (if using large wrappers, you will need more). Spread filling along the width of the spring roll wrapper - you'll want to do this 2/3 of the way down, closer to you so you have room to roll it. Try not to include too much of the liquid left from the wok/pan (a slotted spoon works well for this).
4. Sprinkle some of the fresh coriander and basil over the filling. Then fold the left and right sides of wrapper over filling. Lift up the end nearest you and tuck over, rolling upwards. Secure by dipping your fingers in some water and wetting the end, "pasting" it shut.
5. To fry spring rolls, place some oil (about 1 inch deep) in a wok or deep-sided frying pan over medium-high heat. When oil begins to form snake-like lines across the bottom of the pan, the oil is starting to heat up. To test it, dip one corner of a spring roll into the oil. If it begins to sizzle and cook, the oil is ready.
6. Using tongs, place spring rolls in oil, allowing them to fry about 1 minute on each side. Spring rolls are done when they turn light to medium golden-brown (see photo). Place on paper towels (or a clean dish towel) to drain while you finish frying the rest.
7. Serve spring rolls while still hot with Thai Sweet Chili Sauce, or your own dipping sauce (see recipe above).

TO MAKE YOUR OWN DIPPING SAUCE: Mix 1/3 cup plum sauce with 3 Tbsp. soy sauce. Add fresh cut red chili or dried crushed chili as desired.

WIT AND WISDOM

At the Groton Sub Vets Holland Club monthly Luncheon the guest speaker was Captain Jane F. Vieira. For half of her career she has served as a Submarine Force Chaplain. She will be retiring at the end of the month. I think after reading what she prepared for today you will see how special she is.

When God Created a Submariner

15 May 2012

When the good Lord created a Submariner, it was almost 2300 on the sixth day. An angel appeared and said, "You're having a lot of trouble with this one. What's wrong with the standard model?" And the Lord replied, "Have you seen the specs on this order? It has to be able to think independently, yet be able to take orders; have the qualities of both a scientific mind and a compassionate heart; be able to mentor juniors and learn from seniors; run on black coffee; handle emergencies without a Damage Control Manual, respond competently to critical incidents, decipher cryptographic codes, understand pneumatics, hydraulics and sonar, have the patience of a saint and six pairs of hands, not to mention the strength of three its size."

The angel shook its head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands - - No way!"

And the Lord answered, "Don't worry, we'll make other Submariners to help. Besides it's not the hands which are causing the problem. It's the heart. It must swell with pride when a Shipmate earns his Silver Dolphins – which above all else signifies the crew members trust it with their lives, sustain the incredible hardship of life at sea in a steel tube, beat on soundly when it's too tired to do so, and be strong enough to continue to carry on when it's given all it had."

"Lord," said the angel touching the Lord's sleeve gently, "Stop! It's almost midnight!"

"I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something unique. Already I have one whose hands blend knowledge with skill to perform the most intricate procedures, yet are strong enough to patch a ruptured seawater pipe; whose ears can discern the sonar sounds of a myriad of ocean life, yet detect the slightest shift in ventilation; whose mind can (perfect the art of Diesel Electric "Smokeboats") and practice the science of nuclear submarining, yet not lose sight of the art of teamwork; and whose eyes can peer through a periscope to identify a hull down ship, yet search within to embrace and personify honor, courage and commitment."

The angel circled the model of the Submariner very slowly. "It's too serious," the angel sighed.

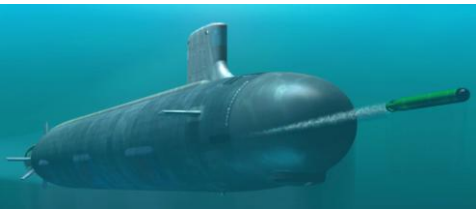
"But tough," said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this Submariner can do or endure."

"Can it feel?" asked the angel.

"Can it feel! It loves Ship, Shipmates and Country like no other!"

Finally the angel bent over and ran a finger across the Submariner's cheek. "There's a leak," pronounced the angel. "I told you you're trying to put too much into this model."

"That's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."



"What's it for?" asked the angel.

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, frustration and pride!"

"You're a genius!" exclaimed the angel.

The Lord looked pleased and replied, "I didn't put it there."

Filled with pride, the Lord continued, "Great things are planned for this Submariner. It will be one of many and together they will lead a legacy of excellence like none has known before."

And with that the Lord rested. It was the seventh day.

CAPT Jane F. Vieira Chaplain Corps, United States Navy

The 50 - 50 was won by Billy Stewart who won a total of \$ 61 and donated \$20 to Kaps for Kids.

The meeting was ended with **Base Chaplain, Bob Patrick** reading Lost Harbor.

There is a port of no return, where ships may ride at anchor for a little space and then, some starless night the cable slips, leaving an eddy at the mooring place... Gulls, veer no longer. Sailor, rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Vic Chrijapin gave an informative presentation on the conversion of boomers into prototypes.

Some highlights of the presentation:

- The conversion he was involved with was the conversion of the USS Sam Rayburn into a moored training ship at Charleston Naval Shipyard.
- It is currently in the old Naval Weapons Station near Goose Creek, SC.
- It's there along the second type converted boomer the USS Daniel Webster.
- They are both due to be replaced with the USS San Francisco and USS La Jolla within two to three years.
- Vic covered the Sam Rayburn's history and the person it was named after.
- He also talked about Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II), which was never ratified.
- He also gave an overview of Navy nuclear power training.
- Also, covered was how the ship was deactivated and the Missile Compartment was removed as part of the conversion.
- Lastly, Vic talked about the current status of the Rayburn as a training ship.

Following his presentation, the floor was opened to questions.

NEXT AND NEXT

Our next gathering is Apr 6th – AMVETS Hall, Green Street, Middletown. MD (Catered meal) – Submarine birthday ball.