

# Tri State Deck Log



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***(Semper Gumby)***

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

**TOM DENTON**

**NATIONAL ARTIST**

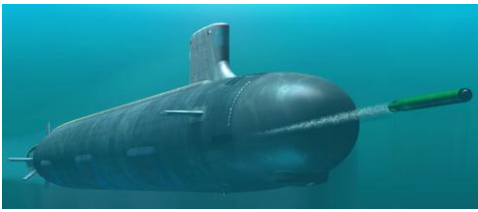
#### **UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.**

**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.**

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### USSVI Tri State Base 2013 Calendar of Events

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Parade Preparations at Main Street and CV Avenue following the Memorial Service  
27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Parade 0900 at the VFW, Waynesboro, PA  
Jun 8<sup>th</sup> – Annual Picnic @ AmVets, Middletown, MD Noon  
Jul 13<sup>th</sup> – Ryan's Martinsburg WV – midterm Board Meeting following monthly meeting– Bylaw revision discussion  
Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – Golden Corral, Frederick MD – Appoint Tri State Base Officers Nominating Committee– Bylaw revision vote  
Sep 7<sup>th</sup> – Ryan's Martinsburg WV – Nomination Committee Report of those willing to serve; Christmas Party Committee  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - CDRs Dinner Meeting at (TBD) Gettysburg – Open Meeting  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – TBD  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – District meeting – Gettysburg, PA **after** the Base Meeting– Open Meeting  
Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pikes, Gettysburg, PA – Elections  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day ceremony @Frederick, MD  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup>– 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**

This month we had our annual Submarine Ball at the AMVETS Hall, Green Street, Middletown, MD.

A total of 42 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the April 2013 Submarine Ball; those in attendance were:

Dana & Roxanne Bostwick, John & Dot Traxler, Dan Hulings, Dough & Carry Arnold, Ray & Betty Bussard, Andy & Sherri Little, Thom & Stephany Peschke, Vic Chrijapin, Tom Denton, Don & Mary Boos, John & Nina Price, Richard Stroud, Daniel & Cathy Glogg, Glen & Sandy Sherrard, George & Linda Kilmer, Doug Smith, Terry & Judy Kriner, Barry & Lori Ensminger, Gilbert & Barbara McCabe, Jon & Joan Fader, Pat & Roberta Poist, Tom & Carol Ann Samuelsen, Joe Hargadon, John & Anne Lehman





**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.

The April list:

### APRIL

#### SUBMARINES LOST

03 1943 USS PICKEREL (SS-177) - LOST  
 09 1945 USS SNOOK (SS-279) - LOST  
 10 1963 USS THRESHER (SSN-593)  
 18 1944 USS GUDGEON (SS-211) - LOST  
 22 1943 USS GRENADIER (SS-210) - LOST

#### SAILORS LOST

74  
 84  
 129<sup>1</sup>  
 79<sup>2</sup>  
 4<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>USS Thresher losses included 112 crew members and 17 civilians.

<sup>2</sup>USS Gudgeon crewman George Harvey Penland, Jr. was killed in a non-sinking event onboard.

<sup>3</sup>74 crew members of the USS Grenadier survived Prisoner of War camp.

**Tri-State Base** members who have departed on **Eternal Patrol** were then remembered.

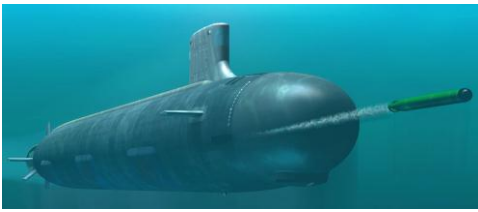
<b>BILL HOOD</b>	<b>TOM BLOCK</b>	<b>LOU GRAVES</b>	<b>GORDON YETTER</b>
<b>CALVIN WALTON</b>	<b>JOHN HUSTON</b>	<b>LEONARD SINGEL</b>	<b>ROBERT FORREST</b>
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<b>TONY CHIMENTI</b>	<b>HAROLD OLIVE</b>	<b>DICK SPRINCE</b>	<b>JOHN LUSHER</b>
<b>LEW HANSEN</b>	<b>GLEN BEARINGER</b>	<b>DON HORST</b>	<b>HAL GOODNOW</b>
<b>B.J. CALVERT</b>	<b>CHRIS KOUNAS</b>	<b>RICHARD E. SAUNDERS</b>	<b>THORNTON "PAT" WHITE</b>
<b>JACK PRISLEY</b>	<b>RUSS SWART</b>	<b>BULL DURHAM</b>	<b>JIM FERRELL</b>
<b>BOB BRITSCH</b>	<b>BOB ATKINSON</b>	<b>HENRY CRANFORD</b>	<b>JOHN POFFENBERGER</b>
<b>JOE HINSON</b>	<b>TED LEHNHART</b>	<b>WAYNE SCHWEITZER</b>	<b>GUS MARTIN</b>
<b>CARL LINSENBACH</b>			

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



### **Birthdays** for the month of **April:**

Donald Boos, Deb Denton, Frank Garguilo Sr., Linda Gunn, Norman Harper, Dan Holba, Bud Huntington, Kurt Johnson, Mary Lloyd, Raymond Lloyd, Gilbert McCabe, David Parkhurst Jr, Carol Ann Samuelsen, Alice Saunders, Sabra Smith, JoAnne Yetter



## NEWEST SHIPMATES

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

The minutes from the last official meeting were included in the March Deck Log. The report was approved.

### Treasurer

Tom Samuelson is ending his tenure as the base Treasurer at the end of this year.

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## WAYS AND MEANS

Storekeeper Don Boos has placed order for Tri-State patches.

## KAPS FOR KIDS

### Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of March 2013 Benevolence Report

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

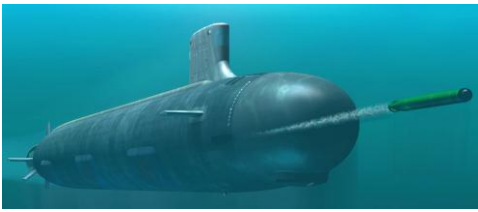
## CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

The annual presentation and ceremony for the submariners and their crew lost at sea was given by selected members.

## OLD AND NEW BUSINESS





## HOLLAND CLUB

Try to keep in touch with older members.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

## QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN-598)



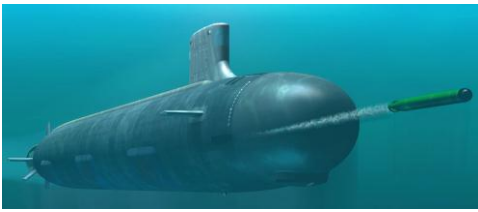
**Members who qualified on the George Washington include: Robert Barnes and Robert Lampron.**

**USS *George Washington* (SSBN-598)**, the lead ship of her class of nuclear ballistic missile submarines, was the third United States Navy ship of the name, in honor of George Washington (1732–1799), first President of the United States, and the first of that name to be purpose-built as a warship.

*George Washington's* keel was laid down at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, Groton, Connecticut on 1 November 1957. The first of her class, she was launched on 9 June 1959 sponsored by Mrs. Robert B. Anderson, and commissioned on 30 December 1959 as SSBN-598 with Commander James B. Osborn in command of the Blue crew and Commander John L. From, Jr. in command of the Gold crew.

*George Washington* was originally laid down as the attack submarine USS *Scorpion* (SSN-589). During construction, she was lengthened by the insertion of a 130 ft (40 m)-long ballistic missile section and renamed ***George Washington***; another submarine under construction at the time received the original name and hull number. Inside *George Washington's* forward escape hatch, a plaque remained bearing her original name. Because the ballistic missile compartment design of *George Washington* would be reused in later ship classes, the section inserted into *George Washington* was designed with a deeper test depth rating than the rest of the submarine.

*George Washington* left Groton on 28 June 1960 for Cape Canaveral, Florida, where she loaded two Polaris missiles. Standing out into the Atlantic Missile Test Range with Rear Admiral William Raborn, head of the Polaris submarine development program, on board as an observer, she successfully conducted the first Polaris missile



launch from a submerged submarine on 20 July 1960. At 12:39, *George Washington's* commanding officer sent President Dwight Eisenhower the message: POLARIS - FROM OUT OF THE DEEP TO TARGET. PERFECT. Less than two hours later a second missile from the submarine also struck the impact area 1,100 nmi (1,300 mi; 2,000 km) downrange.

*George Washington* then embarked her Gold crew, and on 30 July 1960 she launched two more missiles while submerged. Shakedown for the Gold crew ended at Groton on 30 August and the boat got underway from that port on 28 October for Naval Weapons Station Charleston, to load her full complement of 16 Polaris missiles. There she was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, after which her Blue crew took over and embarked on her first deterrent patrol.

The submarine completed her first patrol after 66 days of submerged running on 21 January 1961, and put in at Naval Submarine Base New London at New London, Connecticut. The Gold crew took over and departed on her next patrol on 14 February 1961. After the patrol, she entered Holy Loch, Scotland, on 25 April 1961.

In 1964, four years after her initial departure from Groton, *George Washington* put in to refuel, having cruised some 100,000 nmi (120,000 mi; 190,000 km).

*George Washington* shifted to the United States Pacific Fleet and a new home port at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On 9 April 1981, *George Washington* surfaced underneath the 2,350 long tons (2,390 tons) Japanese commercial cargo ship *Nissho Maru* in the East China Sea about 110 nmi (130 mi; 200 km) south-southwest of Sasebo, Japan. *Nissho Maru* sank in about 15 minutes. Two Japanese crewmen were lost; 13 were rescued. The submarine suffered minor damage to her sail.

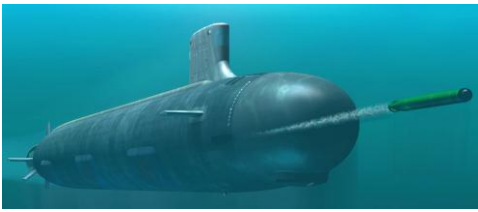
The accident strained U.S.-Japanese relations a month before a meeting between Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and President of the United States Ronald Reagan. Japan criticized the U.S. for taking more than 24 hours to notify Japanese authorities, and demanded to know what the boat was doing surfacing only about 20 nmi (23 mi; 37 km) outside Japan's territorial waters. Neither the submarine nor an American Lockheed P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft circling overhead made any attempt to rescue the Japanese crew.

The U.S. Navy initially stated that *George Washington* executed a crash dive during the collision, and then immediately surfaced, but could not see the Japanese ship due to fog and rain. A preliminary report released a few days later stated the submarine and aircraft crews both had detected *Nissho Maru* nearby, but neither the submarine nor the aircraft realized *Nissho Maru* was in distress.

On 11 April, President Reagan and other U.S. officials formally expressed regret over the accident, made offers of compensation, and reassured the Japanese there was no cause for worry about radioactive contamination. As is its standard policy, the U.S. Government refused to reveal what the submarine was doing close to Japan, or whether she was armed with nuclear missiles. (The standard response all modern American submariners are taught to neither confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons aboard.) The Navy accepted responsibility for the incident, and relieved and reprimanded the *George Washington's* commanding officer and officer of the deck.

On 31 August, the U.S. Navy released its final report, concluding the accident resulted from a set of coincidences, compounded by errors on the part of some members of the submarine crew.





In 1982, *George Washington* returned to Pearl Harbor from her last missile patrol. In 1983, her missiles were unloaded at Bangor, Washington to comply with the SALT I treaty.

*George Washington* made 55 deterrent patrols in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans in her 25-year career.

*George Washington* continued service as an attack submarine (SSN), returning briefly to Pearl Harbor. In 1983, she departed Pearl Harbor for the last time and transited the Panama Canal back to the Atlantic and to New London. *George Washington* was decommissioned on 24 January 1985, stricken from the Naval Vessel Registry on 30 April 1986, and scheduled for disposal through the Ship-Submarine Recycling Program at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Recycling of the ship was completed on 30 September 1998.

*George Washington's* sail was removed prior to disposal and now resides at the Submarine Force Library and Museum at New London, Connecticut.

## 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.***

## ROAST CHICKEN WITH SPRING VEGETABLES

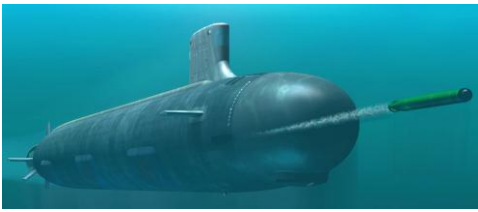
### Ingredients

- 3 1/2 pounds skin-on, bone-in chicken quarters
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 lemon, halved
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound fingerling or other small potatoes
- 2 bunches radishes
- 1 bunch scallions
- 1 bunch baby carrots
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill

### Directions

- Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Rinse the chicken and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper, then place skin-side up on a rimmed baking sheet. Squeeze 1/2 lemon over the chicken and drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Roast 15 minutes.
- Meanwhile, cut the potatoes and radishes in half and cut the scallions into thirds. Toss the potatoes, radishes, carrots and the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a bowl; season with salt and pepper.
- Remove the chicken from the oven and scatter the vegetables around it. Continue to roast until the vegetables are tender and the chicken is golden and cooked through, about 20 more minutes. Squeeze the remaining 1/2 lemon over the chicken and vegetables. Top with the dill and season with salt.





## WIT AND WISDOM

### Shark Watch!

by MM1/SS Dillmann, USS Maryland SSBN-738, 1995-99 Gold Crew

Once, on a swim call, we had a rather jovial TM2 standing watch in the sail with an M-16 for sharks. The CO at the time was, how do you say it properly, not a very "fun" man and had no time for jokes.

This is how the conversation went:

CO : So Petty Officer, If you were to have to shoot at a shark from here, do you think it would even penetrate the water and actually stop the shark?

TM2 : (In his most sincere voice and demeanor) Shark? I'm supposed to shoot the shark? I thought I

was supposed to shoot the slowest crew member swimming back to the boat. Sacrifice the one for the many, sir. Sir?

CO : (Without so much as a flinch of any of the muscles required to smile, the CO stared at the TM2, finally broke the gaze and departed.)

Come to think of it, the CO never smiled. Coincidentally though, the TM2 never stood watch in the sail with an M-16 during swim call again after that.

The 50 - 50 for April was replaced by the donations from members for the USS Thresher Base totaling \$280.

The meeting was ended with **Base Commander, Thom Peschke** 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.

## NEXT AND NEXT

**Our next gatherings for May are as follows:**

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