# Tri State Deck Log



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Don't forget you MUST register for the Regional meeting in Gettysburg in October. Go to <a href="http://ussvi-erdn3.org/">http://ussvi-erdn3.org/</a> to register so that you can partake in lunch. If you want a hotel room, the registration page will take you to the Hotel registration. Doug Smith did a beautiful job on the website!

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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**

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – Golden Corral, Frederick MD – Appoint Tri State Base Officers Nominating Committee– 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> – American Legion Post in Gettysburg

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







A total of 29 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the July 2013 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were: Dan Hulings, Dan Glogg, Tom Denton, Doug Smith, Jon and Joan Fader, John and Nina Price, Glen and Sandy Sherrard, Gil and Bara McCabe, Ron and Mike Meek, Gary Kavanagh, John and Anna Lehman, Joe Hargadon, Les Gallipo, Jim and Pat Wilhelm, Roy and Betty Bussard, Tom Samuelson, Pat Poist, Thom and Stephany Peschke, Dana and Roxanne Bostwick

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 July list:

SUBMARINES LOST		SAILORS LOST	
<u>July</u>			
04 1944	S-28 (SS133)	49 <sup>1</sup>	
11 1943	USS RUNNER (SS275)	78	
<b>26 1944</b>	USS ROBALO (SS273)	81 <sup>2</sup>	
30 1942	USS GRUNION (SS216)	70	
30 1919	USS G-2 [formerly USS TUNA] (SS-27)	$3^3$	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Records and communication with his son make it clear that crewman Levi Bolton, previously listed, was not lost with his shipmates on S-28, and survived the War.

# 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	<b>WAYNE SCHWEITZER</b>	GUS MARTIN
CARL LINSENBACH	GEORGE HINDA		

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crewman Samuel Tucker survived Robalo's sinking, but died in captivity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>USS G-2 (SS-27) had already been decommissioned and stricken from the Naval Register at the time of her sinking, but is included here because of the loss of life.









# **Birthdays** for the month of **July**: **JULY**:

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

## **NEWEST SHIPMATES**

Welcome aboard to Gary Kavanagh, who qualified on the SSBN 632 informed the group that he saw the piece in the Martinsburg Journal about the Subvets base and decided he would like to join the Tri State membership.

The best way for the 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 July Deck Log. The report was approved.

# **Treasurer**

**Treasurer Tom Samuelsen** presented July 2013 Treasurer's Report (The sermon on the amount). The report was approved.

# Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of July 2013

Type	Number
WWII	7
Holland Club	19
New Holland Club	6
Life Members	22
Regular Members	35
Tri-State Members	89
Duel Members	6
Associate Members	4
Total Membership	99

# Benevolence Report Terry Kriner – heart surgery

#### THE CONN - CDR Thom Peschke

Thanks to all who made the Picnic a special time. I have a couple of guys that added a little spice to the proceedings. Jim Wilhelm whose superb culinary efforts once again gave us a Brisket that you couldn't beat and Pulled Pork that was superb! Tom Denton came through as our auctioneer extraordinaire. He made bidding a fun thing, and you ever know what is going







to come out of his mouth next! A special thanks to all who brought in dishes, helped set up and helped break it down. If you had as much fun as I did, then you really enjoyed yourself.

Looking ahead, the Convention in Minnesota is right around the corner. I will be going out (God willing). This has not been an easy year for me. The distance from Maryland has made keeping up with what has been going on a bone of contention. Thank God for Barry Ensminger, Jim Wilhelm, Dan Hulings and Doug Smith. They have been there to "take care of business" as it has arisen. If you attend our special Regional meeting in Gettysburg in September, you can be sure that without those guys to do what needed to be done, it wouldn't have happened. Thanks to all from the bottom of my little black heart!

For those of you who haven't been making meetings, please consider making it to the Regional in October. You will get a first hand cut at what we learned at the convention and maybe get the desire to come back and attend meetings again.

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

# KAPS FOR KIDS

No Report

# **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:**

USSVI Submarine Charitable Foundation – Thanks for our base donating \$117 in June.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Regional Meeting in October at Gettysburg Registration is \$20 per USSVI member only.
   Guests are free. Lunch will be provided by the Legion. Register through Doug Smith
- Commander Thom Peschke will be attending the National Convention in August and will bring back a report.
- The base membership voted on the change to the bylaws, and they were unanimously approved. Bylaws will be on display on our website.
- Commander Thom Peschke went over the Groton Sub Base situation with the members.
- Consideration for having a scholarship fund via USSVI was presented to the members. The
  membership was polled and there weren't enough members needing scholarships to warrant a
  Scholarship chair. Members will be notified in the Deck Log when Scholarships should be
  applied for as a tickler!

#### **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

#### HOLLAND CLUB

Try to keep in touch with older members.

# **EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM**

No Report







#### ANNUAL TRI-STATE SUBVETS PICNIC

In June we had our annual Submarine Picnic at the AMVETS Hall, Green Street, Middletown, MD.

Everyone enjoyed great food, fine weather, engaging company, and a fun-filled white elephant auction with Tom Denton being the entertaining auctioneer. A total of \$344 was collected from the auction.

The picnic 50/50 raffle was also held with Fred Eichhorn drawing the 1<sup>st</sup> prize ticket for \$139.

Fred also won the second prize of \$47, which he donated to the base.

Tom Samuelson won the third prize of \$47.

A total of 26 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the picnic; those in attendance were: Dan Hulings, Dana & Roxanne Bostwick, Tom & Carol Ann Samuelson, Ray Bussard, Jim Wilhelm, Jon & Joan Fader, Don & Mary Boos, John & Dot Traxler, Sam Traxler, Richard Stroud, Dan & Cathy Glogg, Tom Denton, Thom & Stephany Peschke, Dave & Maureen Harvey, Fred Eichhorn, Karen Freemire, John & Nina Price Here are some pics provided by Dan Glogg. Thanks Dan!









# **QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS CATFISH (SS-339)**







Members who qualified on the Catfish include: Ronald Meek and Jim Graver.

USS Catfish (SS-339), a Balao-class submarine, was a ship of the United States Navy named for the catfish.

Catfish was launched 19 November 1944 by Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn.; sponsored by Mrs. J. J. Crowley; and commissioned 19 March 1945, Lieutenant Commander W. A. Overton, USNR, in command.

Catfish sailed from New London 4 May 1945 for Pearl Harbor, arriving 29 June. After training and the installation of new equipment, she proceeded to Guam for special training, then departed 8 August on her first war patrol, a special mission to locate a minefield off Kyūshū. When the cease-fire order was given 15 August, she was ordered to the Yellow Sea for surface patrol and lifeguard duty. She returned to Guam 4 September, thence to the West Coast, arriving at Seattle 29 September.

Based at San Diego, *Catfish* operated locally on the west coast and made two cruises to the Far East during which she conducted simulated war patrols and provided services to the Seventh Fleet.

Catfish was extensively modernized in a GUPPY II conversion (August 1948–May 1949), giving her greater submerged speed and endurance. She was on another Far Eastern cruise when war broke out in Korea in which area she made a reconnaissance patrol in support of the United Nations forces. Catfish returned to the States 20 October 1950 and was based in San Diego.

After that the submarine carried out training exercises with Naval Reservists off the west coast, operated with the Canadian Forces in joint antisubmarine warfare exercises, and made several cruises to the Far East.

Catfish received one battle star for World War II service.

Catfish was decommissioned, struck from the Naval Register, and sold to Argentina, 1 July 1971, where she was renamed **ARA** *Santa Fe*. In 1982, during the Falklands War *Santa Fe* was badly damaged and subsequently captured by British forces. Deemed too costly to economically repair as a war prize she was sunk in Grytviken Sound, South Georgia.







#### **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.

#### DR. PEPPER GRILLED CHICKEN

## Ingredients

- 2 whole chickens
- 4 12oz cans Dr. Pepper
- Juice from 2 oranges
- Juice from 2 lemons
- ½ cup honey
- 2 teaspoons thyme
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

#### **Directions**

- Cut chicken in half and remove breast bones, ribs and back bones.
- Combine remaining ingredients.
- Marinate chickens for 2 hours.
- Place on hot grill, cook until done. (165 F internal temperature).

# Makes 16 servings

#### WIT AND WISDOM













The 50 - 50 for July was \$40 and was won by Jim Wilhelm, who kindly donated it back to the base funds.

The meeting was ended with **Acting Chaplain Jon Fader** 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 gathering for August is as follows:

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – Golden Corral, Frederick MD – Appoint Tri State Base Officers Nominating Committee–

