

Tri State Deck Log



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Martinsburg, WV 25401

Please put this on your calendar and prepare to make merry.

Dec 7th - Christmas Banquet 1200 to 1600 at AmVets, Middletown, MD

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(Semper Gumby)

TRI STATE BASE

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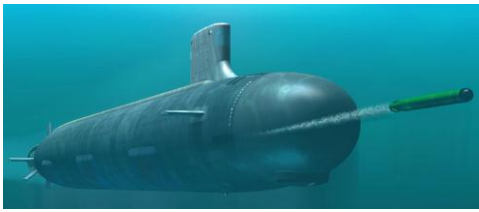
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TRI-STATE BASE MEMBERS THAT HOLD NATIONAL OFFICE

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

Oct 4th - CDRs Dinner Meeting at Gettysburg. Dinner location will be by consensus after we join up at the hotel;
Legion Post address - 528E middle St. Gettysburg; Hotel address - 865 York Road Gettysburg – Open Meeting
Oct 5th – American Legion Post in Gettysburg
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– Dec 7th - Christmas Banquet 1200 to 1600 at AmVets, Middletown, MD

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 20 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the August 2013 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Dan Hulings, Mike and Mary Naughton, Doug Smith, John and Anne Lehman, Hank and Mary McKinney, Jon and Joan Fader, Les Gallipo, James Ruddy, Gil and Barb McCabe, Dana and Roxanne Bostwick, Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad, Dan Glogg, Thom Peschke, and Glen Sherrard

The benediction was given by Acting Base Chaplain, Jon Fader, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Base Vice Commander Dan Hulings gave the USSVI Creed.

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 September list: SUBMARINES LOST

SAILORS LOST

September

01 1920 USS S-5 (SS 110)

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09 1943 USS GRAYLING (SS 209)

76

17 1943 USS POMPAÑO (SS 181)

77²

25 1935 USS S-51 (SS 162)

31³

28 1943 USS CISCO (SS 290)

76

¹ USS S-5 was sunk by the accidental intake of water through the Main Induction Valve on September 1, 1920. The entire crew was rescued the next day through a small hole cut into the stern.

²H. A. Calcaterra was killed while manning the **USS POMPAÑO's** deck gun on September 4, 1942. **USS POMPAÑO** crew member Ronald Heister was ashore for some dental work and was not with his shipmates when their boat was lost. He lives for the memory of the men he served with.

³Three men survived the sinking of **USS S-51**: Alfred Geier, Dewey G. Kile, and Michael Lira.



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

CARL LINSENBACH

GEORGE HINDA

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



Birthdays for the month of **September:**

Maryle Ashley, Robert Barnes, Karen Bussard, J. Robert Clas, Regina Clas, Molly Cook, Tom Denton, Mary Forrest, Fred Gressley, Elizabeth Gressley, Charlie Heater, Bonnie Keller, Jess Ryland, Jean Sprince, Richard Weldon, Jim Wilhelm, David Yohman

NEWEST SHIPMATES

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.

OTHER GUESTS

Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad, daughter of Dana and Roxanne Bostwick

REPORTS:

Secretary

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

Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Samuelson will give his report at the November meeting.

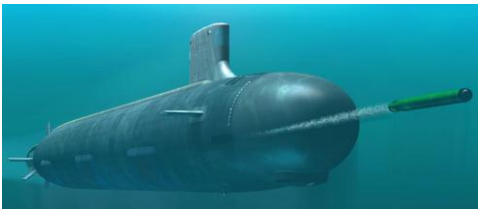
Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of September 2013

Type	Number
WWII	7
Holland Club	19
New Holland Club	6
Life Members	22
Regular Members	36
Tri-State Members	90
Duel Members	6
Associate Members	4
Total Membership	100

Benevolence Report given by Jon Fader

Terry Kriner – home from heart surgery; cards and letters lift his spirit
Judy Kriner - recovering at home following a heart attack
Cheryl Smith – recovering at home and improving
Bob Clas – diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and is not doing well
Mary Patrick - being treated for recurring cancer

A big thanks to Joan Fader for making Thinking of You cards for members to sign and send to those who are in need of an uplift.



THE CONN – CDR Thom Peschke

Ahhhh, you guys missed it. Once a year, Blaine Young and his partner Jerry Wood take a day and say thank you to the Veterans. They provide a great Chicken Dinner with all the fixins'...potato salad, coleslaw, beans and some cold beer, tea or soda, as the spirit (or spirits) moved you, to wash it down.

I was the only Tri State Base member there, I was sorry that I didn't see one or two of you there. Next year, I will make sure that it gets broadcast to all of you. I know that there are some of you guys who wouldn't miss an opportunity like that. Anyway, I want to thank Blaine and Jerry for thinking highly enough of us to schedule an annual event like this.

Veterans issues... that takes me down a whole new road. Are there any of you with service related illnesses or pains that were never addressed? There are too many of you who have an injury that is service related that are not taking advantage of your rights. What have you got to lose, especially if you are on a fixed income? Go to a VA clinic and have your injury evaluated. You might get given a VA number and have your problem looked at and the medications you need to address the problem provided free of charge by the VA. If you rate it, it ISN'T WELFARE, you EARNED it. You made the payments with our life blood all those years ago. Don't try to call the VA, you will just get the runaround. Find a VA clinic. In Maryland you have a clinic at Ft Detrick and in West VA you have VA hospital in Martinsburg. If you run into problems or get side tracked or don't feel that they are treating you right, please give me a call or a Service Officer at an American Legion Post. We will help you get the service you deserve. Just remember, if it was service related, stick to that. Don't let them talk you into believing it isn't service related. i.e. if you didn't snore before you went in and you have sleep apnea now, you might have a claim...

WAYS AND MEANS

The store is open. Don Boos reported that base patches are in and 2013 calendars are gone.

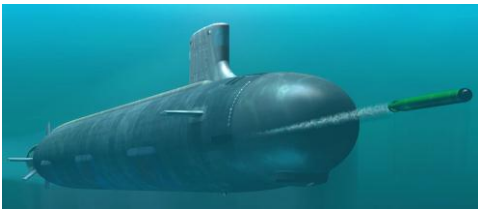
KAPS FOR KIDS

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

No correspondence

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Thom Peschke read the fourth stanza of The Star Spangled Banner to place the importance on our freedoms.
- Hank McKinney went over their experiences at the National Convention held in Minnesota.
- Doug Smith reported that \$387 has been generated for the regional meeting.
- Thom Peschke announced that 2014 Calendars will be available soon.
- Thom Peschke presented Doug Smith with Certificate of Appreciation for maintaining the base's website.
- Thom Peschke reviewed the results of the Groton Base investigation and emphasized the importance of keeping in mind that USSVI funds are tied into all the bases.



OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Regional Director, Northeast, Mike Naughton reported on the National Convention held at Rochester, Minnesota.

- 2014 National Convention will be held in San Francisco.
- 2015 National Convention will be held in Pittsburgh.
- Member retention is a major issue. Phone calls tend to have better results than emails.
- May 24, 2014, has been set aside for the USSVI 50th Anniversary - more information to come
- Access is available to USSVI site for officers from each base
- 2014 USSVI Commander elections are coming up

Thom Peschke brought out that the spouse of a veteran buried in a veteran cemetery can also be buried there.

2015 hotel rates in Pittsburgh will be \$104 per night

2016 National Convention will be held in Reno, NV. Hotel rates will be \$79 per night or \$99 for refrigerator and microwave

Minnesota convention: people were very friendly, and their memorial was "immense" with no tax payer funding.

HOLLAND CLUB

John Lehman asked for volunteer to Chair the Holland Club

Try to keep in touch with older members.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

No Report

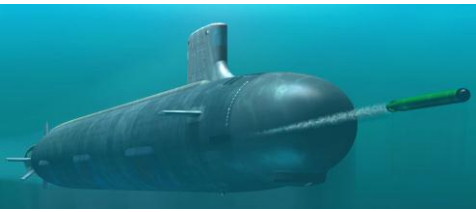
QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN-598)



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

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).

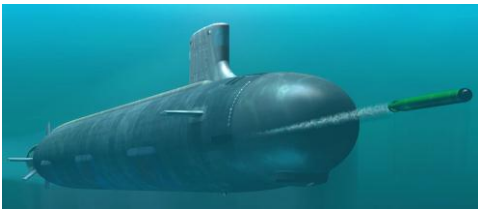
George Washington shifted to the United States Pacific Fleet and a new home port at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On 9 April 1981, *George Washington* surfaced underneath the 2,350 long tons (2,390 t) 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 is neither to 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.

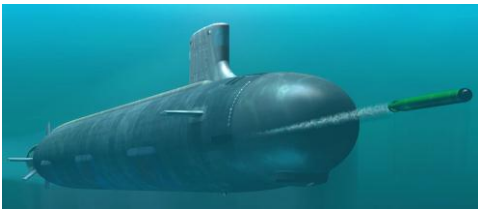
QUICK AND CRUNCHY CHICKEN PARMESAN

Ingredients

- 6 frozen breaded chicken breast tenderloins (about 1 lb. total)
- 8 oz. spaghetti, uncooked
- 1 (26 oz.) pkg. spaghetti sauce, warm
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1/2 C. (2 oz.) six cheese Italian blend shredded cheese

Directions

1. Bake chicken strips according to package directions.
2. Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain.
3. Arrange on platter; top with 2 cans of spaghetti sauce.
4. Sprinkle Mozzarella Cheese over spaghetti.
5. Layer warm chicken strips over cheese.
6. Spoon remaining spaghetti sauce over chicken; top with six cheese Italian blend cheese.



WIT AND WISDOM



The 50 - 50 for September was \$32 and was won by Doug Smith.

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 October is as follows:

Oct 4th - CDRs Dinner Meeting at Gettysburg – Open Meeting

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