

# Tri State Deck Log



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**January 2014 Issue**

**(Semper Gumby)**

**TRI STATE BASE**

**The Deck Log**

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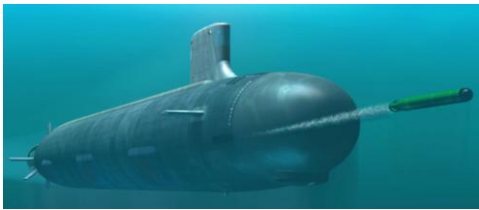
**TRI-STATE BASE MEMBERS THAT HOLD NATIONAL OFFICE**

**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 2014 Calendar of Events**

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – Ryan's – Martinsburg, WV

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Golden Corral – Frederick, MD – Speaker, Bob Effler, National Security issues

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Ryan's – Martinsburg, WV – Speaker - George Wallace

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – Pikes – Gettysburg, PA – Submarine Birthday Ball – Keynote Speaker, ADM McKinney

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – American Legion Post 96 – Brunswick, MD – Speaker?

May ? – Memorial Service at Arlington Cemetery

May 17 – Armed Forces Day - Parade

May 25 – Memorial Day (Memorial Day Service @ 1400 Harbaugh's Church?)

May 26 – Washington DC USSVI March

Jun 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Picnic – AmVets, Middletown, MD Noon

Jul 12<sup>th</sup> – Willie's Hideout - midterm Board Meeting following monthly meeting – General discussion of where we have been and where we are going ask for direction.

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryan's – Martinsburg, WV – Speaker?

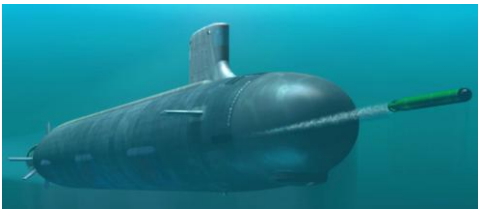
Sep 6<sup>th</sup> – American Legion Post 96 – Brunswick, MD –Speaker?

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Pikes – Gettysburg, PA – Nomination Committee Report of those willing to serve; Christmas Party Committee – Speaker?

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Ryan's – Martinsburg, WV – (Elections) – New Year Board Meeting following monthly meeting – Speaker?

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Frederick Veterans Day Ceremony

Dec 6<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**

**American Legion Post 96**  
**18 South Maple Avenue, Brunswick, MD**  
**301 834-8121**

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

A total of 38 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the 2013 Christmas Party; those in attendance were:

Dana and Roxanne Bostwick, John and Dorothy Traxler, Glen and Sandy Sherrard, Fred and Lin Eichhorn, Dan and Cathy Glogg, Larry and Judy Kriner, Jim and Pat Wilhelm, Fred and Bonnie Keller, Buzz and Karen Bussard, Tom and Deb Denton, Kim Denton, Karen Freemire, Doug Smith, Steven Caldwell, Dan Hulings, Kelly Lauber, Jon and Joan Fader, Dave and Maureen Harvey, Tom and Carol Ann Samuelson, Norm and Jeanie Harper, John and Ann Lehman, Bob and Sharon Lampron

A total of 25 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the January 2014 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Dan Glogg, Bob and Sharon Lampson, Marjorie Bell, Dave Harvey, George Kilmer, Doug Smith, Tom Denton, Les Gallipo, Bill Kingery, Gil and Barb McCabe, Felix Stewart, Don Boos, John and Dorothy Traxler, Jon and Joan Fader, Dana and Roxanne Bostwick, Thom and Stephany Peschke, Pat and Jim Wilhelm, and Dan Hulings

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**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 December/January list:  
SUBMARINES LOST

## SAILORS LOST

### December

01 1943 USS CAPELIN (SS 289)  
10 1941 USS SEALION (SS 155)  
17 1917 USS F-1 (SS 20)  
17 1927 USS S-4 (SS 109)

76<sup>1</sup>  
5<sup>2</sup>  
21<sup>3</sup>  
40

### January

08 2005 USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711)  
10 1943 USS ARGONAUT I (SS-166)  
12 1945 USS SWORDFISH I (SS-193)  
11 1934 USS S-34 (SS-139)  
20 1942 USS S-36 (SS-141)  
24 1942 USS S-26 (SS-131)

1<sup>4</sup>  
102<sup>5</sup>  
89<sup>6</sup>  
43  
0<sup>7</sup>  
46<sup>8</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Records for two additional men, **R. C. Rhimann** and **D. T. Smith**, are unverified.

<sup>2</sup> One crewman, Howard Firth, died as a prisoner of war. Additionally, one man, Lieutenant **Julian Knox Morrison, Jr.**, Commanding Officer, died aboard **USS SEALION** in an accident before the War.

<sup>3</sup> Two men were lost in a grounding accident near Port Watsonville, California, on October 11, 1912. Five men survived the sinking of the **F-1**.

<sup>4</sup> On 8 January 2005 at 02:43 GMT, **USS SAN FRANCISCO** collided with an undersea mountain about 364 nautical miles southeast of Guam while operating at flank (maximum) speed at a depth of 525 feet. The collision was so serious that the vessel was almost lost—accounts detail a desperate struggle for positive buoyancy to surface after the forward ballast tanks were ruptured. Twenty-three crewmen were injured, and one crewman died on 9 January from head injuries.

<sup>5</sup> 30 men were Marine Raiders who were carried aboard the submarines **USS ARGONAUT** and **USS NAUTILUS (SS-168)**, and who gave their lives in the raid on Makin Island. Records for Argonaut crew members Jose DeGuzman, Mario Ramos, Jr., and Hubert R. Widener indicate that they were not aboard the vessel when she was lost.

<sup>6</sup> One other crewman died of injuries suffered in an accident ashore.

<sup>7</sup> **USS S-36 (SS-141)** was lost when she ran aground on Karang Takabakang (also known as Taka Bakang Reef) in the Makassar Strait, west of Southern Celebes on January 20, 1942.

<sup>8</sup> Three other USS s-26 crewmembers survived the sinking.

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

**BILL HOOD**  
**CALVIN WALTON**  
**GLENN HILL**  
**TONY CHIMENTI**  
**LEW HANSEN**  
**B.J. CALVERT**  
**JACK PRISLEY**  
**BOB BRITSCH**  
**JOE HINSON**  
**CARL LINSENBACH**

**TOM BLOCK**  
**JOHN HUSTON**  
**KARL WELTY**  
**HAROLD OLIVE**  
**GLEN BEARINGER**  
**CHRIS KOUNAS**  
**RUSS SWART**  
**BOB ATKINSON**  
**TED LEHNHART**  
**GEORGE HINDA**

**LOU GRAVES**  
**LEONARD SINGEL**  
**DAVE GLOTFELTY**  
**DICK SPRINCE**  
**DON HORST**  
**RICHARD E. SAUNDERS**  
**BULL DURHAM**  
**HENRY CRANFORD**  
**WAYNE SCHWEITZER**

**GORDON YETTER**  
**ROBERT FORREST**  
**BILL COLLINS**  
**JOHN LUSHER**  
**HAL GOODNOW**  
**THORNTON "PAT" WHITE**  
**JIM FERRELL**  
**JOHN POFFENBERGER**  
**GUS MARTIN**

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



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## **Birthdays** for the month of **December and January:**

### **DECEMBER:**

Jean Brigham, Bill Buckley, Mary Buckley, Jerald Cook, Dawn Hinson, Linda Kilmer, Lisa Martin, Barbara McCabe, Linda McGuire, Michael McMahon, Vickie McMahon, Mary Patrick, Roberta Poist, Michael Spittell, Allan Windle, Harold Yingling

### **JANUARY:**

Paul Benyeda, Cyril Brodbeck, Betty Bussard, Daniel Dunton, Jennifer Eccles, Barry Ensminger, Jon Fader, Zeke Ferrell, Shirley Ferrell, Karen Freemire, Tracy Hershey, Steve Kinney, Ivan Kinsinger, Terry Kriner, Virginia Lehnhart, Harry McAfee, Valinda Mutzabaugh, Sandra Sherrard, Richard Stroud, Arlene Walton, Keith Meriwether

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## **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**

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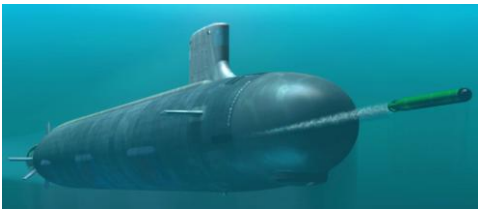
## **REPORTS:**

### **Secretary**

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

### **Treasurer**

**Treasurer Dan Glogg** gave his report at the January meeting. The report was approved.



## Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of 31 December 2013

Type	Number
WWII	7
Holland Club	20
New Holland Club	8
Life Members	21
Regular Members	33
Tri-State Members	89
Duel Members	4
Associate Members	4
Total Membership	97

### Benevolence Report given by Base Chaplain, Jon Fader

- Cheryl Smith is doing better.
- Mary Patrick received good news that her tumor has shrunk by 40%.
- Bob Patrick is recovering from knee surgery following his motorcycle accident.
- Bob Clas is doing okay with his Parkinson's Disease.
- Charlie Shadrack also has Parkinson's and is recovering from a leg operation.
- Terry and Judy Kriner are doing better and were able to attend the Christmas gala.

**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

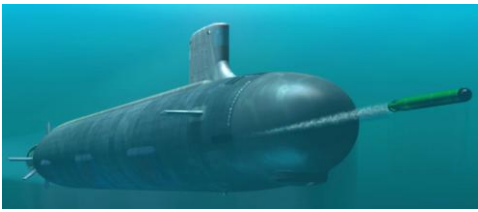
The CONN, January 2014

Snowden. What does that name bring to mind? Pictures of a Whistle blower that let Americans know what was going on behind their backs? Or does it bring to mind a real Benedict Arnold, a traitor to the US? Exactly what impact did Snowden have on US and our real security or on domestic security? If you are wondering these things, please make it to the next meeting at the Golden Corral in Frederick where Bob Effler, chair of a Security subcommittee will shed some light. I think you will at least learn the truth of what the US is looking at when it looks in. It will be a chance to get some questions answered.

As to this month's Conn, I thought I would try and take a stroll down memory lane and see if I couldn't evoke some nostalgia with some of my own memories.

I heard the clippy, "clank" under each foot as I descended the cold gangway to the boat on a December morning. The topside watch gave a bored yet knowing look as my hand snapped salutes to the ensign and to the watch, requesting permission to come aboard. The watch returned with a salute that was more of a tired wave and said "Mornin' Thom... good night on the beach bud?" I managed a wry smile and said, "You know I was at the house, so you can only imagine". He gave me a twisted grin and waved me away with a motion like he was throwing a pitch. I crossed the doors of the closed missile tube doors on the way to Machinery 1 hatch where my nostrils were assaulted with the rich odors of "the boat". The "arm pit of the world" mixed with oils and grease in a warm slap to the face. I grabbed the chromed rail and swung my foot down to the hatch combing cover and then descended one rung at a time.

The whine of the 400 Cycle set was clear and the raucous laughter of the Auxiliaries at the workbench in Middle level carried to my ears. Fireman Crowe was relating how he and the Engineer had gotten stewed down in Ft Lauderdale. Quite an unlikely pair, but you could find them at a table in the "Missile Lounge" at CoCo. Oh well... People were heading aft for quarters.



I stepped through the Tunnel hatch and made my way by the step off pad at the Reactor Compartment hatch and into Machinery 2. There was a bustle of activity by the SGWLC Panel and panel faces were off the Vital Busses. As the ET's and EM's gathered to muster and catch their work assignments...

And that is where I will leave it for now. Just a taste of Memory lane for you Nukes and Knuckle draggers (OK OK, you Torpedomen who are now MM's too).

See you at Golden Corral. Please remember, if you see a boat sailor, tell him about us.

## WAYS AND MEANS

The store is open. Don Boos reported that base patches are available and nine 2014 calendars were available.

## KAPS FOR KIDS

Base Commander, Thom Peschke, is looking for a hospital we can sponsor.

## CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

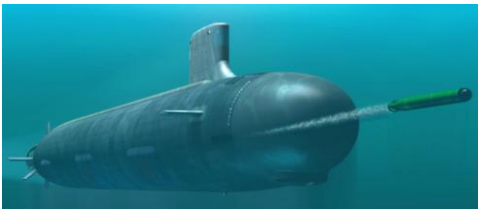
No correspondence.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Base Commander, Thom Peschke, emphasized the importance of taking care of our deceased subvets members' widows needs.
- He then read a poem entitled "Freedom's Tag" by Phil Turner. This will be available at the base birthday meeting for auction.
- Thom inquired if we were sponsoring any boats. The response was that we sponsored the three boats representing Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. However, Thom pointed out that we were not represented as doing so in the *Sub Mariner Magazine*. Members concurred that we were represented only a third of the time, and Thom requested Dan Glogg to ensure we were sending the proper funds for our sponsorship. Thom also said he would contact the National USSVI to get our base back in the magazine. Tom Denton advised that the new magazine editor is Charles Emmet and is working on getting everything back on schedule and having better contact with the bases.
- Thom also requested that we find subvets from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia to become base members. Several ideas were presented for reaching out to gain membership.

## OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Tom Denton brought up that National USSVI has their Memorial Day parade in Washington, DC on May 26<sup>th</sup> and the Waynesboro parade is on the same day. Tom expressed the need to find out how we would be placed in the National parade, whether as a separate base or as part of a region. Thom Peschke said the Armed Forces Day parade is May 17<sup>th</sup>, but no location. Thom also expressed that he would like to join the Brunswick parade as well. Thom said he would send out a flash traffic to see whether members preferred to attend the DC or Waynesboro parade. Dan Hulings brought out the point of heavy traffic and parking difficulty during Memorial Day weekend in DC. Tom Denton will contact Al Singleman the point of contact for the DC parade to get details.



## HOLLAND CLUB

Try to keep in touch with older members.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

John Traxler reported that there is one possible Eagle Scout ceremony coming up and would get more details.

## QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS JAMES K POLK (SSBN 645)



**Members who qualified on the James K. Polk include: Ron Anstey**

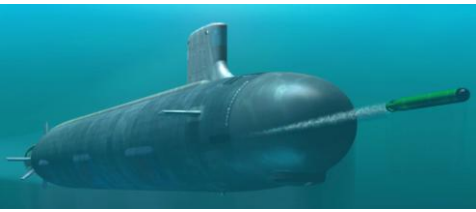
**USS *James K. Polk* (SSBN-645)**, a *Benjamin Franklin* class fleet ballistic missile submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for James K. Polk (1795–1849), the eleventh President of the United States (1845-1849). She was later converted into an attack submarine and redesignated **SSN-645**.

The contract for *James K. Polk*'s construction was awarded on 1 November 1962, and her keel was laid down on 23 November 1963 by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation at Groton, Connecticut. She was launched on 22 May 1965, sponsored by Mrs. Horacio Rivero, Jr., wife of Admiral Horacio Rivero, Jr., the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and commissioned on 16 April 1966 with Commander R.M. Douglass commanding the Blue Crew and Commander F.D. McMullen, Jr., commanding the Gold Crew.

*James K. Polk* sailed to Charleston, South Carolina in September 1966 to load Polaris ballistic missiles for her initial deterrent patrol. After completion of her shakedown, she operated on strategic deterrent patrols in the Atlantic Ocean and completed 19 of them between September 1966 and May 1971.

In July 1971, *James K. Polk* began her first overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Virginia, for nuclear refueling and conversion of her ballistic missile system to support the Poseidon C-3 ballistic missile. She completed her conversion in late 1972 and commenced a rigorous schedule of sea trials and exercises, culminating in the Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (DASO) of her Poseidon missile system, which tested her ballistic missile system and crew by requiring the launch of a Poseidon C-3 missile from the submarine.

*James K. Polk* resumed deterrent patrols in the Atlantic Ocean in May 1973 with her new Poseidon missiles. She conducted her second overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at Kittery, Maine, after completing her 50th



deterrent patrol in September 1981. She completed overhaul in 1983 and conducted seven more successful deterrent patrols.

*James K. Polk* returned to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in January 1986 for a third overhaul after completing her 58th deterrent patrol. She departed Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in November 1988, then headed south for her post-overhaul DASO. In May 1989 she began her final series of Poseidon strategic deterrent patrols.

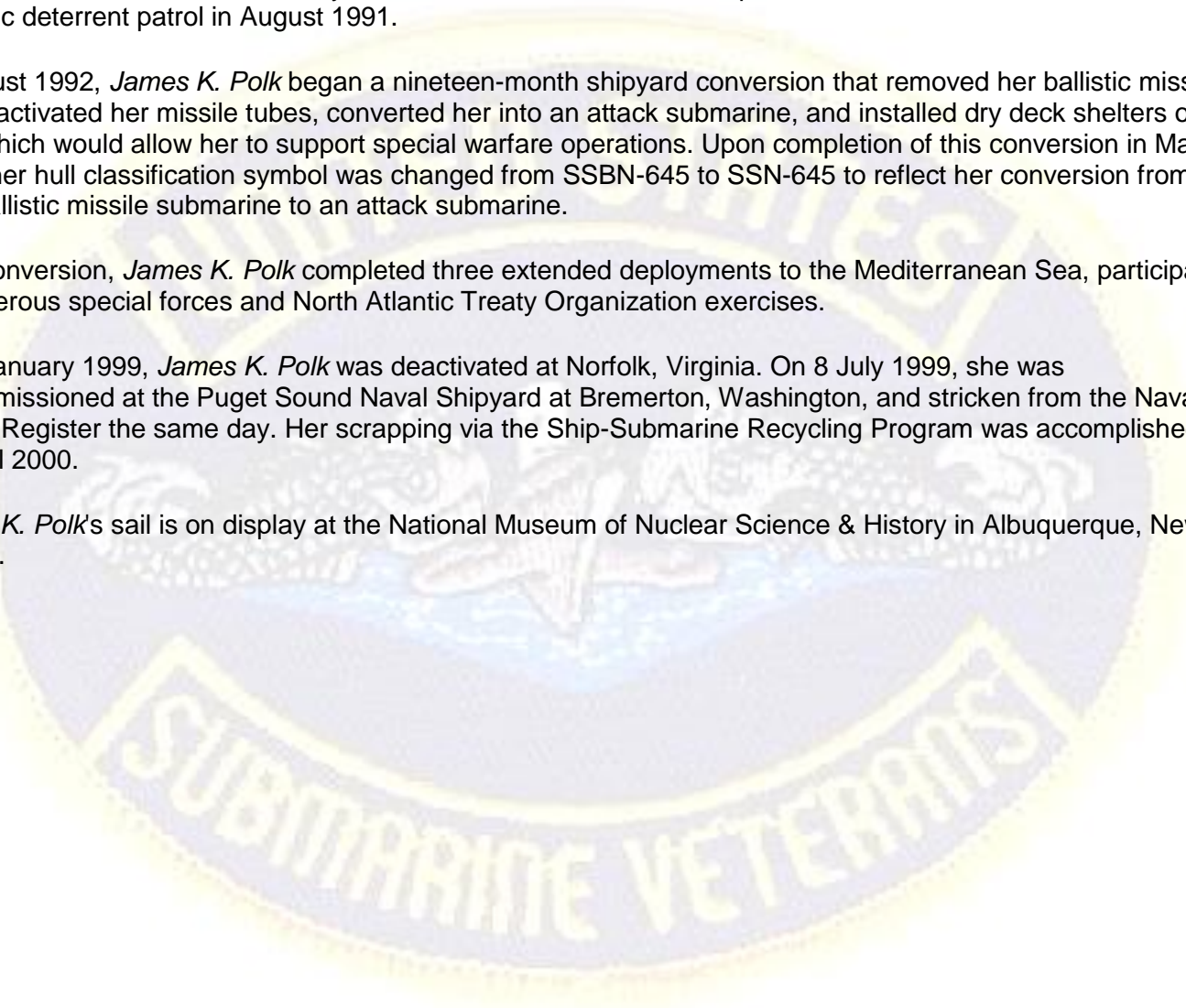
*James K. Polk* celebrated her 25th year of commissioned service in April 1991. She finished her 66th and final strategic deterrent patrol in August 1991.

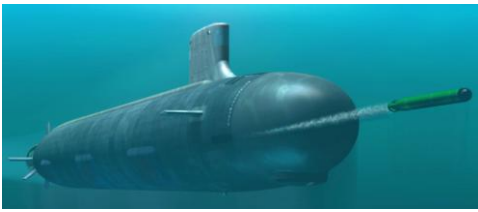
In August 1992, *James K. Polk* began a nineteen-month shipyard conversion that removed her ballistic missiles and deactivated her missile tubes, converted her into an attack submarine, and installed dry deck shelters on her deck which would allow her to support special warfare operations. Upon completion of this conversion in March 1994, her hull classification symbol was changed from SSBN-645 to SSN-645 to reflect her conversion from a fleet ballistic missile submarine to an attack submarine.

After conversion, *James K. Polk* completed three extended deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, participating in numerous special forces and North Atlantic Treaty Organization exercises.

On 9 January 1999, *James K. Polk* was deactivated at Norfolk, Virginia. On 8 July 1999, she was decommissioned at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at Bremerton, Washington, and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register the same day. Her scrapping via the Ship-Submarine Recycling Program was accomplished on 26 April 2000.

*James K. Polk's* sail is on display at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in Albuquerque, New Mexico.





## 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.***

### FETTUCCINE WITH QUICK RAGU

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Now that you've officially exhausted your holiday leftovers, settle in for a hearty pasta dinner. This one boasts the flavor of a slow-simmered sauce, but it can be on the table in only 35 minutes.

#### INGREDIENTS

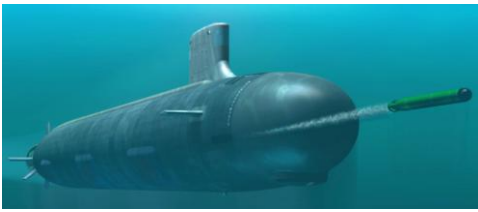
- 1/2 onion
- 1 stalk celery, cut into 4 pieces
- 1 small carrot, cut into 4 pieces
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound ground veal or turkey
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 12 ounces fettuccine
- Freshly grated parmesan cheese, for serving

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Pulse the onion, celery, carrot, garlic and rosemary in a food processor until finely chopped.

Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the chopped vegetables and cook, stirring, until softened and golden, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the veal, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, milk, 1 cup water and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer until slightly thickened, about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the fettuccine as the label directs. Drain the pasta, then toss with half of the ragu (about 3 cups). Top with parmesan. Reserve the remaining ragu to make stuffed peppers.



## WIT AND WISDOM



**The 50 - 50 for September was \$41 and was won by Barb McCabe.**

The meeting was ended with **Base 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 February is as follows:**

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Golden Corral – Frederick, MD – Speaker, Bob Effler, National Security issues