

Tri State Deck Log



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TRI STATE BASE

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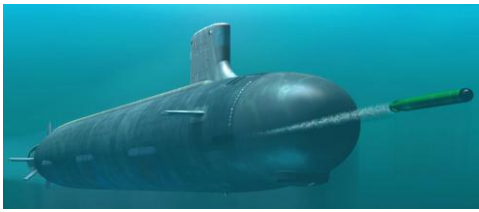
TRI-STATE BASE MEMBERS THAT HOLD NATIONAL OFFICE

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.



Do you want a painting of your Boat? Go to WWW.SUBMARINEART.COM and order a picture today. Great for an office, "I love me wall", or as a gift for a Submarine lover anywhere!

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USSVI Tri State Base 2014 Calendar of Events

Mar 1st – Ryan's – Martinsburg, WV – Speaker - George Wallace

Apr 5th – Pikes – Gettysburg, PA – Submarine Birthday Ball – Keynote Speaker, ADM McKinney

May 3rd – 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 7th – Annual Picnic – AmVets, Middletown, MD Noon

Jul 12th – 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 2nd – Ryan's – Martinsburg, WV – Speaker?

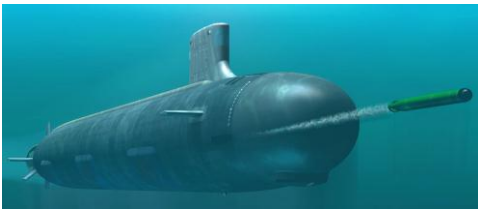
Sep 6th – American Legion Post 96 – Brunswick, MD –Speaker?

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

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

Nov 11th – Frederick Veterans Day Ceremony

Dec 6th – 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 25 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the January 2014 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Sub Base Members – Ron Anstey, Don Boos, Dana Bostwick, Ray Bussard, Tom Denton, Jon Fader, Les Gallipo, Dan Glogg, Joe Hargadon, Dan Hulings, Bob Lampron, John Lehman, Thom Peschke, Pat Poist, Doug Smith, Felix Stewart, and Jim Wilhelm

Member Spouses/Significant Others – Marjorie Bell, Betty Bussard, Joan Fader, Sue Gallipo, Sharon Lampron, Anne Lehman, Stephany Peschke, and Pat Wilhelm

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 February list:

SUBMARINES LOST

February

SAILORS LOST

01 1943	USS SCORPION (SS-278) - LOST	77
04 1945	USS BARBEL (SS-316) - LOST	81
11 1942	USS SHARK I (SS-174) - LOST	59
16 1943	USS AMBERJACK (SS-219) - LOST	72 ¹
27 1944	USS GRAYBACK (SS-208) - LOST	80 ²
29 1944	USS TROUT (SS-202) - LOST	81



¹Prior to the sinking of the Amberjack, Chief Pharmacist's Mate Arthur C. Beeman was killed by returning gunfire during battle surface while going to the aid of an injured officer, February 4, 1943.

²Prior to the sinking of the Grayback, crewmember, Electrician's Mate, Third Class, Jack D. Forward was killed in a plane crash off Midway, November 13, 1943.

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

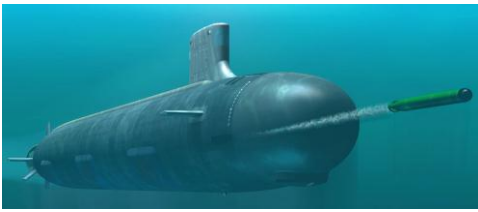
BILL HOOD	TOM BLOCK	LOU GRAVES	GORDON YETTER
CALVIN WALTON	JOHN HUSTON	LEONARD SINGEL	ROBERT FORREST
GLENN HILL	KARL WELTY	DAVE GLOTFELTY	BILL COLLINS
TONY CHIMENTI	HAROLD OLIVE	DICK SPRINCE	JOHN LUSHER
LEW HANSEN	GLEN BEARINGER	DON HORST	HAL GOODNOW
B.J. CALVERT	CHRIS KOUNAS	RICHARD E. SAUNDERS	THORNTON "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 **February**:

Brian Alley, Donald Gunn, Pauline Hood, George Kilmer, Norma Lakin, Stephany Peschke, John A. Price, Nina Price, Ronald Ryland, William Smith, Betty Tucker, James Tucker



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

REPORTS:

Secretary

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

Treasurer

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

Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of 31 January 2013

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

Benevolence Report given by Base Chaplain, Jon Fader

- Terry Kriner is back at home from the hospital.
- Mary Patrick is having difficulty recovering.
- Bob Patrick is recovering from his knee operation.
- Bob Clas is doing better.
- Charlie Shadrack is doing better.
- Roxanne Bostwick is slowly recovering from illness.

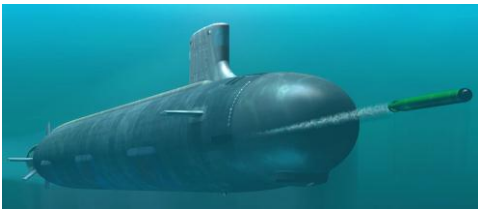
A big thanks to Joan Fader for making Thinking of You cards for members to sign and send to those who are in need of an uplift.

THE CONN – CDR Thom Peschke

The CONN, February 2014

A Hearty BZ to our incoming Treasurer. He not only gives Tom Samuelson a welcome respite, speaks with a New Yawk accent (although not quite like Tom... we will miss that {sniff}) and donated a klaxon to the Base! So all we have to do is hook it up and have a switch for letting her rip!

Many thanks to our guest Speaker this month Bob Effler. His presentation was enlightening. Some things he couldn't confirm or deny, but if you were a student of body language, you got a lot to read "between the lines". His position as a Chair on a Security subcommittee places him in a position to hear and see much that is well



beyond our paygrade and I think him (and his beautiful wife Jen or “Jenformation” as we call her in the legion ha ha ha) for taking the time to try and explain what he could. These are turbulent times and it is nice to have a voice of reason to spread a little oil on those turbulent waters. All of us came with expectations as what we thought we would hear and though some of you didn’t get the answers you were looking for (it is that pesky “confirm or deny” thing again) I think we all walked away with a gem or two.

This month’s speaker Mister George Wallace should be of interest as well. I, for one and looking forward to hear him regale us!

A little insight as to what is coming for the Birthday Celebration. We will have the framed Poem that was given to us to raffle off by Phil Turner. We also have a commemorative coin that was donated by Tom Samuelsen. I still have some things I brought back from last year’s convention... So bring your checkbook. We will have a silent auction set up and you will have your chance to bid.

WAYS AND MEANS

The store is open. Don Boos reported that base patches are available.

KAPS FOR KIDS

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

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

- Item 1. Farragut Base Cookbook is available for purchase.
- Item 2. 51st USS Thresher Memorial is going to be held in April.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

As stated in the monthly CONN message, Bob Effler was our guest speaker. As a note he referred to Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities, which can be found in www.archives.gov. Bob also encouraged the group to contact representatives and senators about cutting military retirement and benefits.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

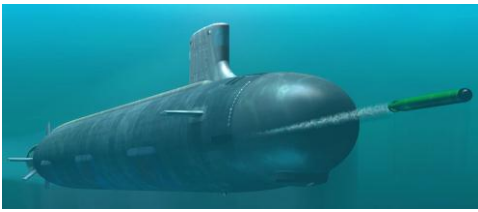
The base diving alarm no longer works. Base Treasurer, Dan Glogg stated he has a working one that he can donate to the base.

HOLLAND CLUB

Jim LeVangie needs to receive his Holland Club materials.

There are three Holland Club candidates for this year, who are Zeke Ferrell, Les Gallipo, and Bob Patrick. John Price needs to be contacted to arrange for getting the required materials.

Try to keep in touch with older members.



EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

John Traxler reported that there was one Eagle Scout ceremony held on January 19th.

QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS TORSK (SS 423)

Members who qualified on the Torsk include: Ray Bussard, Donald Gunn, and Harold Wentz.

History of USS *Torsk* (SS-423)

For many years it was customary to name U.S. submarines for fish, although this custom no longer exists. World War II submarines were named for everything that swam, from *Albacore* to *Whale*. The *Torsk* got its name from a gadoid fish, allied to the codfish, which is found in the North Atlantic. The name *Torsk* is Norwegian in origin.

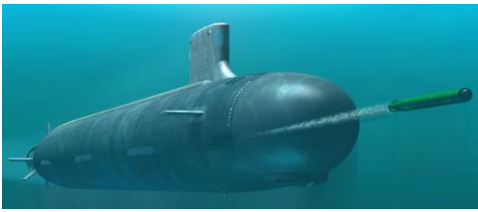
Building and Commissioning

USS *Torsk* (SS-423) was built at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. The keel was laid on 7 June 1944. The submarine was launched on 6 September 1944, sponsored by Mrs. Allen B. Reed. *Torsk* was placed in commission on 16 December 1944 with Commander Bafford E. Lewellen, U.S. Navy, as her first commanding officer.



Launching of USS Torsk 6 September 1944

On 31 December 1944 she put to sea for the first time. After training off the East Coast, she sailed to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Next she proceeded to Panama and from there to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where she arrived on 23 March 1945. She sailed for the Pacific war zone on her first war patrol on 15 April 1945.



War Patrol No. 1 - 15 April 1945 to 16 June 1945

Torsk's primary assignment on this, her first, patrol was to serve as lifeguard for B-29s making raids on the Japanese empire. During this patrol, the Torsk took station off Kii Suido, and later off Honshu. Part of this time she operated with submarines *Sandlance*, *Cero*, and *Guardfish*. By that time, naval operations against the Japanese merchant marine had sunk so many ships that submarines found very few targets. Only two small ships were contacted, but were not attacked.

War Patrol No. 2 - 17 July 1945 to 15 August 1945

After clearing Hawaii, *Torsk* sailed to Guam for a short stop. Then she went on to the Sea of Japan. On 11 August she rescued seven Japanese seamen whose ship had been sunk by a U.S. plane. On 12 August she had her first combat action when she fired two torpedoes at a small freighter. The ship appeared to be damaged, but postwar investigation failed to show that she sank.

The next day *Torsk* torpedoed and sank a small cargo ship, the *Kaiho Maru*. The following day, 14 August, she completed her wartime career by sinking two more small ships, *Coast Defense Vessel No. 13* and *Coast Defense Vessel No. 47*. This action earned *Torsk* the distinction of firing the last torpedo and sinking the last Japanese combatant ships of World War II as the "Cease fire" order went out to all U.S. forces on 15 August. The combined tonnage of the three ships sunk on her second patrol was 2,473 tons.

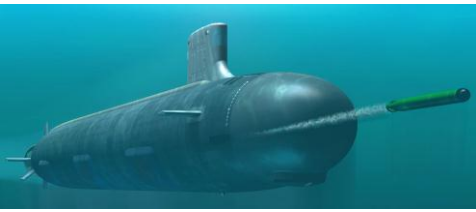
Postwar Operations 1945-1954

After patrolling off Japan for a few days, *Torsk* headed east on 9 September 1945. She made brief stops in Guam and Hawaii, and on 20 September cleared the Panama Canal en route to New London, Connecticut, where she arrived on 15 October 1945. For the next ten years *Torsk* was assigned to the Submarine Squadron 8 at the Submarine School in New London, where she trained officers and enlisted men for submarine duty. This assignment earned her the title of the "divingest" submarine in the U.S. Navy as she made dives several times a day in the course of her training activities.

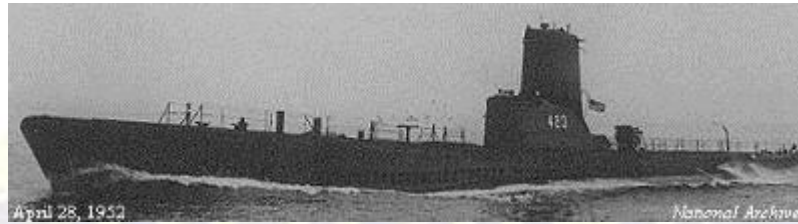
In the course of her training duties, *Torsk* operated along the entire Atlantic coast of the United States and Canada, as well as the Caribbean. She operated in the Mediterranean briefly from 9 September to 14 November 1950, and again from 26 August to 27 November 1952. During these periods, she participated in joint training exercises with the British, Italian, French, and Turkish navies.

Fleet Snorkel Conversion

On 6 November 1951 *Torsk* returned to the Portsmouth Navy Yard for conversion to a Fleet Snorkel submarine. The snorkel, developed by the German Navy, is a long tube that can be extended above the submarine allowing her to take in fresh air for the diesel engines. This means she can run



submerged on diesel power making greater speed than if she used the batteries to run her electric motors. She can also charge her batteries while submerged, thus extending her time below the surface from approximately 24 hours to several days. As part of the conversion, she received a streamlined “sail” that contains the snorkel intake and exhaust masts, as well as the periscopes and various radar and radio antennae.



Torsk after Fleet Snorkel Conversion

1955-1968 Operations

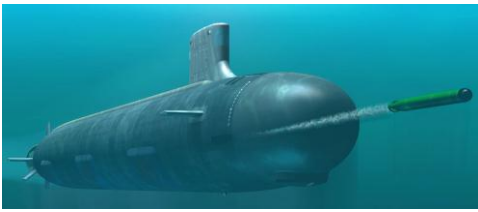
On 1 July 1955 *Torsk* joined Submarine Squadron Six based at Norfolk, Virginia where she continued her training activities by providing services to anti-submarine forces developing new ASW techniques.

In the mid 1950's, the Regulus Missile system was under development. Regulus was a jet powered, radio controlled pilotless aircraft that could carry a conventional or nuclear warhead. It could be carried on surface ships such as cruisers, and in specially designed hangers aboard submarines. The submarines would surface to launch the missile from rails on their main deck. In addition to several submarines outfitted as launch boats, additional units of the Atlantic and Pacific fleet were selected as guidance boats for the Regulus system. These boats would be positioned along the flight path of the Regulus missile, and would control the missile's flight while it was in their designated area.

Torsk was one of the Atlantic submarines assigned to this duty, and entered the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in late 1955 for modifications and equipment upgrades to allow her to control the missiles. She participated in various training exercises over the next few years, until the Regulus system was discontinued in the early 1960's.

Beginning on 19 August 1957 *Torsk* took part in NATO exercises operating with submarines of the Royal Navy. In 1959 she took part in the ceremonies marking the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway during which time she made an inland cruise through the Great Lakes to Milwaukee, Chicago, and Buffalo. More than a hundred thousand visitors had their first look at the submarine during the trip as they trooped through *Torsk's* cramped compartments.

She was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for operations during the 1960 Lebanon Crisis, operating as a unit of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea. She took part in the 1962 naval



blockade of Cuba established by the United States during the Russian missile crisis. During the operation, *Torsk* sent boarding parties to inspect some Soviet merchant ships. For this action she won the Navy Commendation Medal.

During the mid 1960's, *Torsk* continued to provide Anti-Submarine training services to the surface fleet. She also made several cruises to places such as Ireland in 1965, and the Mediterranean in 1966.

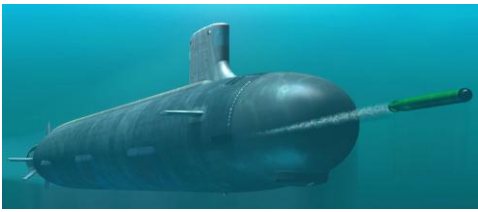
On 4 March 1968 *Torsk*, at the ripe old age of 24, was decommissioned at the Boston Navy Yard and assigned to the U.S. Naval Reserve as a pierside training submarine at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC. By that time she had made 11,884 dives, a very high number by today's standards.. Modern submarines stay down for as long as 60 days when they dive whereas *Torsk* has very limited underwater endurance, and as a training submarine she customarily made several dives in a day.

On September 26, 1972 she was transferred to the State of Maryland, and on May 1, 1973 *Torsk* was established as the Maryland Submarine Memorial, and berthed in Baltimore. Today, she is moored in the Inner Harbor along with the Coast Guard Cutter Taney, and the lightship Chesapeake.

Torsk is one of two surviving Tench class Fleet Submarines in the United States. The other is USS *Requin* (SS-481) in Pittsburgh, PA. Several other submarines of the class were sold to foreign countries, and may (though not likely) still be in service.



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.

MEXICAN-STYLE RICE & BEAN BURRITOS

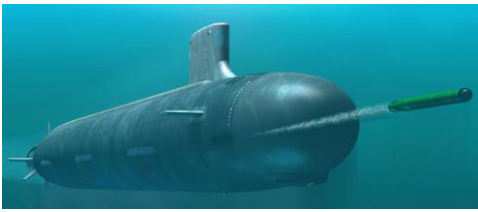
One of the reasons we love burritos so much is that it's really easy to put your own spin on them just by adding or subtracting ingredients as you see fit. And they're famous for being extremely easy to cook, making them a perfect weeknight meal.

INGREDIENTS

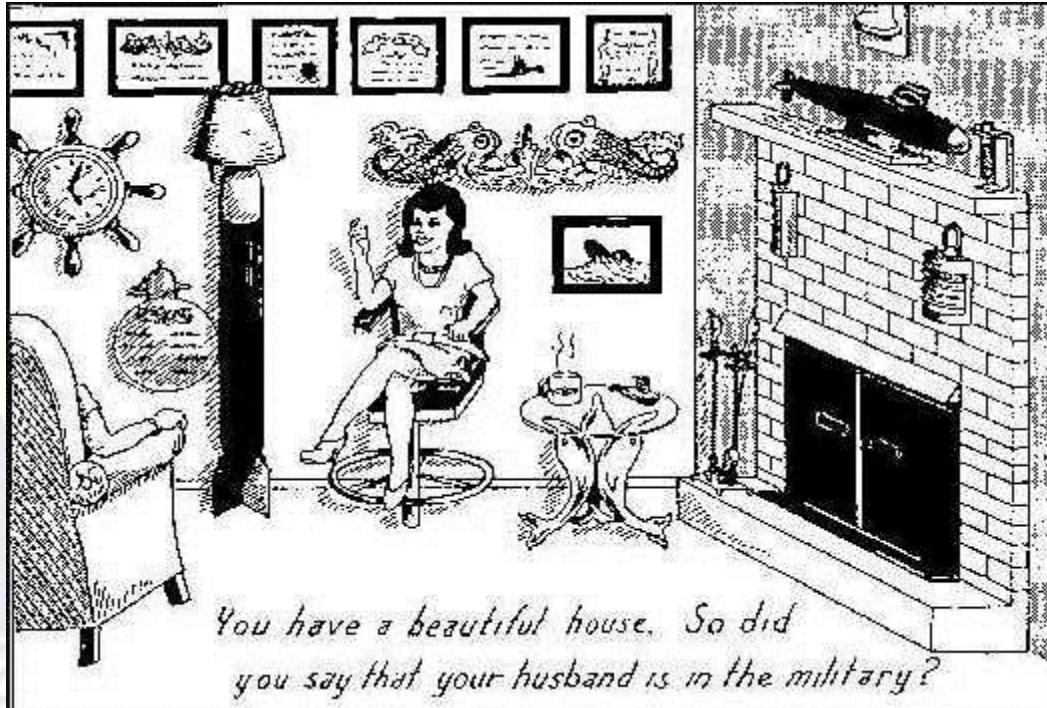
- 1 package Knorr® Rice Sides™ - Chicken flavor
- 2 cups water
- 2 Tbsp. I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!® Spread
- 1 medium red or green bell pepper
- green onions
- 1 can (15 oz.) black beans [or red kidney beans], rinsed and drained
- 4 (8-in.) fajita size flour tortillas, warmed
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese [or cheddar cheese] (about 2 oz.)

DIRECTIONS

- Prepare Knorr® Rice Sides™ - Chicken flavor with water and 1 tablespoon Spread according to package directions.
- Meanwhile, melt remaining 1 tablespoon Spread in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat and cook red pepper, stirring occasionally, 2 minutes. Add green onions and beans and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, 1 minute. Toss with hot Rice Sides.
- Evenly spoon rice mixture into warm tortillas, then top with cheese to serve. Garnish, if desired, with hot sauce, sour cream and shredded lettuce.



WIT AND WISDOM



The 50 - 50 for September was \$37.50 and was won by Dan Glogg.

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:

Mar 1st – Ryan's – Martinsburg, WV – Speaker - George Wallace