

Tri State Deck Log



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TRI STATE BASE

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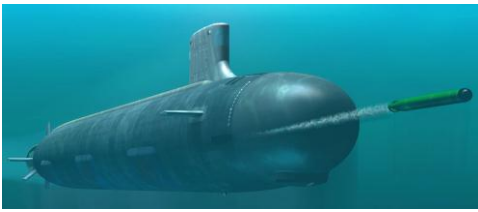
TRI-STATE BASE MEMBERS THAT HOLD NATIONAL OFFICE

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.



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USSVI Tri State Base 2014 Calendar of Events

Apr 5th – Pikes – Gettysburg, PA – Submarine Birthday Ball – Keynote Speaker, ADM McKinney. The event starts at 1100 and will be approximately one and half to two hours.

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 invocation 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 37 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the January 2014 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Sub Base Members – 20

John Price, Jon Fader, Thom Peschke, Gil McCabe, Tom Samuelson, Dave Harvey, Jeff Davidson, Dana Bostwick, Ray Bussard, Felix Stewart, Glen Sherrard, Don Boos, Bob Lampron, Jim Wilhelm, Barry Ensminger, Terry Kriner, Doug Smith, Tom Denton, Dan Hulings, Daniel Glogg

Member Spouses/Significant Others – 13

Nina Price, Joan Fader, Stephany Peschke, Barb McCabe, Carol Ann Samuelson, Roxanne Bostwick, Betty Bussard, Sandra Sherrard, Sharon Lampron, Marjorie Bell, Pat Wilhelm, Lorie Ensminger, Judy Kriner

Other Visitors – 4

Larry Peschke, son of Thom and Stephany Peschke, and grandson Eric Peschke
George Wallace, guest speaker and his wife, Penny Wallace



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.

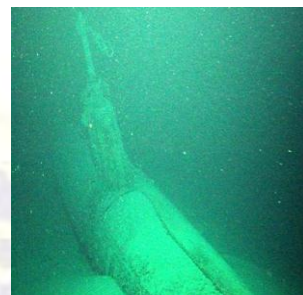
The March list:

SUBMARINES LOST

SAILORS LOST

March

03 1942	USS PERCH (SS-176) - LOST	06 ¹
05 1943	USS GRAMPUS (SS-207) - LOST	71 ²
12 1920	USS H-1 (SS-28) (ex SEAWOLF) - LOST	04
15 1943	USS TRITON (SS-201) - LOST	74 ³
25 1945	USS KETE (SS-369) - LOST	87
25 1915	USS F-4 (SS-223) (ex SKATE) - LOST	21 ⁴
26 1944	USS TULLIBEE (SS-284) - LOST	79 ⁵
28 1945	USS TRIGGER (SS-237) - LOST	89



¹ **Perch** crew members Warren Ingram Atkeison, John Greco, and Robert Willis Osborne all survived Prisoner of War Camp, were released, and came home after the War. Henry Clay Henderson, Jr., who previously had been listed as a survivor of the **Perch's** sinking, was transferred to Corregidor on December 22, 1941, and was therefore not aboard **Perch** when she was lost.

² Some sources list Wayne Rucker Merrill, LT, USNR, as being lost on **Grampus**. Records indicate that he survived the War, and, in fact, went on to command USS **Batfish** (SS-310) from August 21, 1943 to May 14, 1944.

³ On December 1, 1941, another **Triton** crew member, Chief Electrician's Mate Harold Ray Thompson, was transferred ashore at Wake Island due to illness. He was subsequently captured, survived the War in POW camp, and was repatriated.

⁴ **F-4** crew member James M. Hoggett, electrician, was on shore leave when his boat and shipmates were lost.

⁵ **Tullibee** crew member L. E. Kidwell died from injuries sustained in the line of duty in a non-sinking incident. **Tullibee** crew member Clifford W. Kuykendall survived the sinking and Prisoner of War camp.

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	MIKE IACONO	

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



Birthdays for the month of **March:**

Ilka Armstrong, Dana Bostwick, William Brigham, Lori Ensminger, Burl Fluharty, Fred Gers, Jim Graver, Marjorie Heater, Mildred Horst, John Karl III, James LeVangie, Emma Lee McAfee, Bob Patrick, Francis Poist, Lois Schweitzer, Veronica Shirk, Nancy Spittell, Evelyn Stewart

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 February Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

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

Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of 28 February 2013

Type	Number
WWII	7
Holland Club	20
New Holland Club	8
Life Members	21
Regular Members	33
Tri-State Members	90
Dual Members	4
Associate Members	4
Total Membership	98

Benevolence Report given by Base Chaplain, Jon Fader

Mary Patrick – requiring more chemotherapy

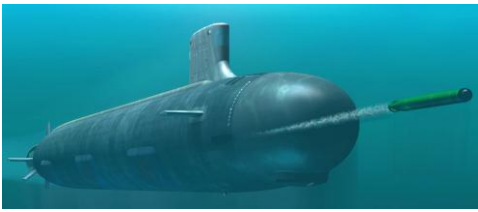
Bob Patrick – recovering from rotator cup shoulder surgery

Bob Clas – suffering with some problems

Charlie Shadrack – still at home

Karen Chrpapin – doing better at home from blood clot

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 for March 2014 – CDR Thom Peschke

Here we are, coming to our Submarine Birthday this month. Admiral Hank will be our Keynote speaker and I am sure that you, like me, are looking forward to being regaled!

But, let's look back at history of continental US submarines (I am sidestepping an issue here). *Bushnell had devised Turtle as a means of breaking the British blockade of Boston harbor but because of problems with the vessel, detailed in the letters of Dr. Benjamin Gale to Silas Deane, 7 December 1775 and 1 February 1776, the British fleet had departed from that harbor before Turtle was operational. The first attack on an enemy vessel by Turtle took place in New York harbor in September 1776. Turtle functioned as anticipated, but the attack, for reasons detailed in the account taken from the report of David Bushnell of October 1787 and from the journal of James Thacher, October 1776, both reproduced here, did not succeed. Two subsequent attempts to attack British warships were thwarted by navigational issues and tides. Before Turtle could be re-deployed, it was sunk along with the sloop transporting it by enemy fire on 9 October 1776. Although recovered, Turtle saw no further service. Its eventual fate remains a mystery.*¹

The next use of a submarine in came in the form of the Hunley. *Hunley, nearly 40 feet (12 m) long, was built at Mobile, Alabama, and launched in July 1863. She was then shipped by rail on August 12, 1863 to Charleston, South Carolina. Hunley (then called Fish Boat) sank on August 29, 1863, during a training exercise, killing five members of her crew. She sank again on October 15, 1863, killing all eight of her second crew, including Horace Hunley himself, who was aboard at the time, even though he was not enlisted in the Confederate armed forces. Both times Hunley was raised and returned to service. On February 17, 1864, Hunley attacked and sank the 1240-short ton (1124 metric ton screw sloop USS Housatonic on Union blockade duty in Charleston's outer harbor. Soon after, Hunley sank, killing all eight of her third crew. This time, the innovative ship was lost.*² The Hunley was not a commissioned vessel, but she was the first successful use of a submarine to sink a warship.

The rest of the submarines lost we honor during our celebration. Remember the boats lost and the crew members, our brothers of the pin', who willingly traded their lives for our freedom. From Mush Morton to the Seaman Recruit, all wearers of the dolphins helped to build a strong and proud heritage. Let us reflect on them and their spirits with every candle we snuff during the ceremony.

WAYS AND MEANS

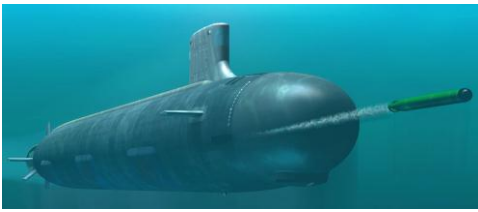
The store is open. Don Boos reported that five 50th anniversary patches are available.

Two cookbooks are available.

Some car sun screens and bumper stickers are available..

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

- Kathy Shafer sent information on upcoming Waynesboro Memorial Day parade on May 26th, at which are base will be represented as per membership approval.
- Agenda for the 50th Anniversary Convention of USSVI to be held at San Francisco from 1 – 7 September.
- 150th Anniversary of the sinking of the CSS Hunley



GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Dan Glogg got a new storage locker at the second floor of Fort Knox Storage in Frederick, MD.
- Dan issued keys to the Commander, Vice-Commander, and Secretary for access.
- Tom Denton talked about the annual Capitol Base Memorial Service to be held at the Arlington National Cemetery on May 17th for the first submarine crew lost at sea in 1915 with a loss of 17 sailors. Tri State Base has participated in the past. Help is requested for this year's ceremony, and anyone interested contact Tom to see what they may do to help.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Ray Bussard proposed that we start the annual picnic and Christmas party at 3 PM vice 1 PM, and by doing so will save \$75. Commander Thom Peschke asked the members if there were any opposed to moving the times of both events to 3 PM and received no objections. However, there was discussion brought by Jim Wilhelm concerning the Christmas event being at 3 PM and that due to it getting darker earlier, there may be an issue with people driving in the dark. The discussion resulted in the time for the Christmas event could still be moved to 3 PM. As a result the times are being changed and will reflect on the calendar.

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

Report: No Report

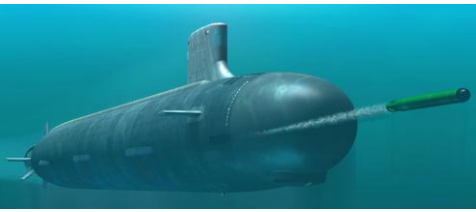
QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS TIRU (SS 416)

Members who qualified on the Tiru include: Les Gallipo.

History of USS *Tiru* (SS-416)

USS *Tiru* (SS-416), a *Balao*-class submarine, was a ship of the United States Navy named for the tiru, a member of the lizardfish family. Voracious and carnivorous, this fish is found in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic—especially in the Bermuda area and Caribbean.

Tiru's keel was laid down on 17 April 1944 at Vallejo, Calif., by the Mare Island Navy Yard. It remained uncompleted for three years as a result of the curtailment of the submarine building program at the end of World War II. In the fall of 1947, the Navy decided to complete *Tiru* as a "Guppy" (Greater



Underwater Propulsive Power) snorkel boat. Her altered design incorporated improvements resulting from the Navy's recent combat experience and German technical development.

Tiru was launched on 16 September 1947; sponsored by Mrs. John P. Cromwell, the widow of Captain John P. Cromwell, and commissioned on 1 September 1948, Commander Charles N. G. Hendricks in command.



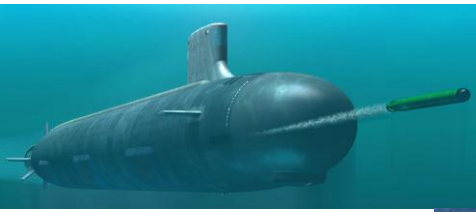
USS Tiru Leaving Drydock at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in August 1948

1948–1959

Tiru conducted training and trials off the West Coast before heading for Hawaii on 10 February 1949. Homeported at Pearl Harbor and attached to Submarine Squadron 12 (SubRon 12), the "Guppy" submarine operated in Hawaiian waters for a year and one-half before conducting a 12-day snorkel voyage from Pearl Harbor to the West Coast which ended upon her arrival at San Diego on 27 June 1950.

On 9 June 1951, *Tiru* sailed for the Far East and her first Western Pacific (WestPac) deployment. While in Asiatic waters, she operated in support of United Nations forces engaged in the Korean War. Then, after departing Yokosuka, Japan, on 26 November, the warship arrived at Pearl Harbor on 6 December. Her operations in the Hawaiian area continued until 24 February 1952, when *Tiru* got underway for her second WestPac deployment.

Between 1952 and 1959, *Tiru* conducted four more WestPac deployments, interspersed with local operations—providing services for antisubmarine warfare (ASW) exercises and conducting type-training. Operating with the 7th Fleet, her seventh WestPac tour lasted from 1 January to 17 April 1959.



USS Tiru at Sea

1959–1965

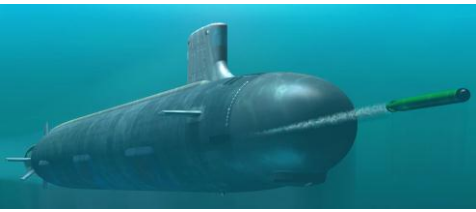
Tiru returned to Pearl Harbor for a major overhaul, entering the shipyard on 4 May 1959 for a fleet rehabilitation and modernization (FRAM) conversion to a "Guppy III". In the course of the work, the ship took on a new and different external appearance. Her hull was lengthened by 12 feet (3.6 m); she acquired a new conning tower, five feet longer than its predecessor; and a fiberglass sail was added. Internally, increased sonar and ordnance equipment greatly enhanced the ship's capabilities in those key areas. On the last day of the year 1959, *Tiru* emerged from the overhaul a virtually "new" ship.

From 1 January to 10 November 1960, *Tiru* conducted local operations out of Pearl Harbor to prove the worth of the FRAM/Guppy III conversion. After testing and honing her capabilities, the submarine departed Pearl Harbor on 10 November for another 7th Fleet deployment. She later returned to Pearl Harbor on 10 May 1961 upon completion of her eighth WestPac cruise.

Local operations out of her home port occupied the rest of 1961 and the first few months of 1962. She again was deployed to WestPac in March and April before returning to Hawaiian waters on 3 May. The next month, the ship operated with a carrier task force on ASW "hunter-killer" exercises. While the submarine was engaged in a firing exercise, a torpedo malfunction in her after torpedo room seriously damaged the compartment, and 18 men were overcome by toxic gases. Quick reaction averted a more serious tragedy and earned four men—one officer (Lieutenant Commander W. Earle Smith Jr.) and three enlisted men—Navy and Marine Corps medals.

1966

The ship conducted three more WestPac deployments through 1965 before she returned to a schedule of local operations. *Tiru* entered another major overhaul on 6 December 1965—one which saw the installation of a masking system to cover the ship's own noise while snorkeling. Further internal alterations improved both her fighting capacity and her habitability. She conducted sea trials until 14



June 1966 when she departed Hawaii for the Naval Torpedo Station at Keyport, Wash., for an alignment and testing of her weapon system. The submarine departed the West Coast on 9 July, bound for Hawaiian waters, and made port at Pearl Harbor nine days later to commence pre-deployment operations.

After a 16-day passage from Hawaii, *Tiru* arrived at Brisbane, Australia, on 12 October. Three days later, she sailed to commence ASW exercises in the Coral Sea with warships of the Australian, British, New Zealand, and United States Navies. The nine-day exercise provided for submarine patrol, reconnaissance, and attack operations against both carrier and destroyer task forces before the submarine returned to Brisbane on 26 October.

On 2 November, *Tiru* got underway for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. One day out, the submarine ran aground on Frederick Reef. For two anxious days and nights, *Tiru* attempted to extricate herself from the predicament by backing off under her own power, but to no avail. On 6 November, civilian tugboat *Carlock* and Australian destroyer HMAS *Vendetta* came to the rescue, arriving on the scene and commencing salvage operations under the direction of a 7th Fleet salvage officer. Returning to Brisbane, *Tiru* was drydocked at South Brisbane Dockyard for emergency repairs and damage estimates.

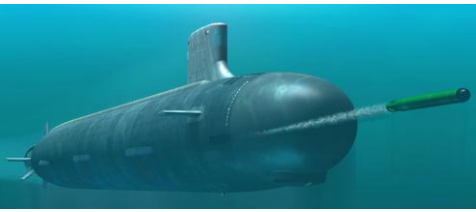
Following temporary repairs to her sonar dome, outer hull, and keel, the submarine gingerly made her way from Australia to the United States Naval Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan. En route, *Tiru* called at Guam to provision alongside *Proteus* (AS-19) and pick up new crew members. Arriving at Yokosuka on 29 November, the submarine entered drydock for restricted availability.

1967–1970

Once repaired, *Tiru* left Yokosuka on 9 January 1967 for Chin Hae, South Korea, and while in transit provided services for an Iwakuni-based patrol plane squadron. Operating with Republic of Korea (ROK) ASW forces from 15 January to 17 January, *Tiru* arrived back at Yokosuka on 22 January for upkeep. From 7 February to 20 March, the submarine conducted special operations before returning for further upkeep prior to a "Yankee Station" deployment off Vietnam. She later operated with Nationalist Chinese forces on ASW exercises; conducted additional special operations; and again provided services for patrol plane squadrons based at Iwakuni, before returning to Hawaii on 15 May.

Spending the remainder of the year 1967 on local operations out of Pearl Harbor, *Tiru* commenced the year 1968 as a unit of Submarine Division 72 (SubDiv 72), SubRon 7, and Submarine Flotilla 5 (SubFlot 5). On 16 May, the submarine was shifted to operational control of Commander, 7th Fleet, with her home port changed to Yokosuka, Japan. Departing the western Pacific on 4 October after a tour which had included a transit through the Vietnam war zone, *Tiru* returned to the West Coast; and her home port was changed to San Francisco, Calif., while she became a unit of SubDiv 52, SubRon 5, SubFlot 1.

Overhauls and local operations occupied the ship until 12 November 1969, when *Tiru* sailed west for another WestPac deployment. Transferred to the command of the Commander, 7th Fleet, on 6



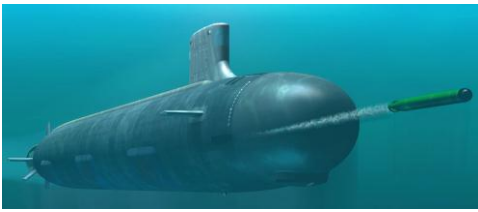
December, the submarine arrived at Yokosuka on 10 December. Five days later, she got underway for special operations which took her into 1970.

Tiru participated in Exercise "Sea Rover," with United States and Australian naval units, before heading home for the United States at the conclusion of her WestPac deployment. While approaching Guam for voyage repairs, she routinely copied the evening weather broadcast which was accompanied by an urgent alert notifying the ship of a search and rescue (SAR) operation underway to look for and rescue survivors of a small craft which had been adrift for two days in a heavy sea. An extensive search by Guam-based SAR forces had thus far turned up nothing, but *Tiru* located the five people—two of them Japanese nationals—and rescued them, despite darkness and high seas. Soon after *Tiru's* arrival at Guam on 14 April 1970, the Japanese consul visited the submarine to express his government's appreciation for the ship's rescue mission.

1970–1975

Subsequently arriving at San Diego on 8 May after a brief period at Pearl Harbor, *Tiru* conducted local operations and underwent an overhaul prior to being transferred to the Atlantic Fleet on 1 August 1970. Underway on 6 August for Charleston, S.C., her new home port, *Tiru* called at Acapulco, Mexico; Rodman, Canal Zone; transited the Panama Canal; and visited Kingston, Jamaica, before reaching Charleston harbor on 2 September. For the remainder of the year, the ship conducted local operations, provided services, and underwent type training—activities which continued into 1972. Later transferred to SubFlot 6, SubRon 4, SubDiv 41, during 1972, *Tiru* operated in the Caribbean and off the lower East Coast of the United States, with two deployments to European waters, into 1975.

On 1 July 1975, *Tiru* was decommissioned and struck from the Navy list to be sold to the Turkish government. An American arms embargo imposed on Turkey as a result of the Cyprus tensions between Greece and Turkey delayed the sale, however, even though negotiations and arrangements had been well into the planning stages. The sale was never completed, and on 19 July 1979 *Tiru* was sunk as a target by submarine *Silversides* (SSN-679) at 36°N 73°W 36°N 73°W, about 200 miles (320 km) off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.



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.

GREEN VELVET CUPCAKES

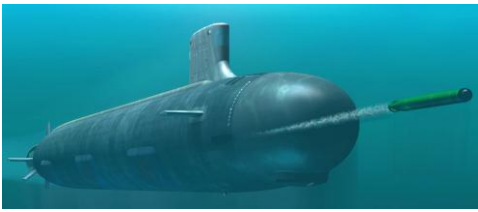
Green Velvet Cupcakes topped with fluffy white frosting are the perfect way to celebrate your wee bit o' Irish on St. Paddy's Day.

INGREDIENTS

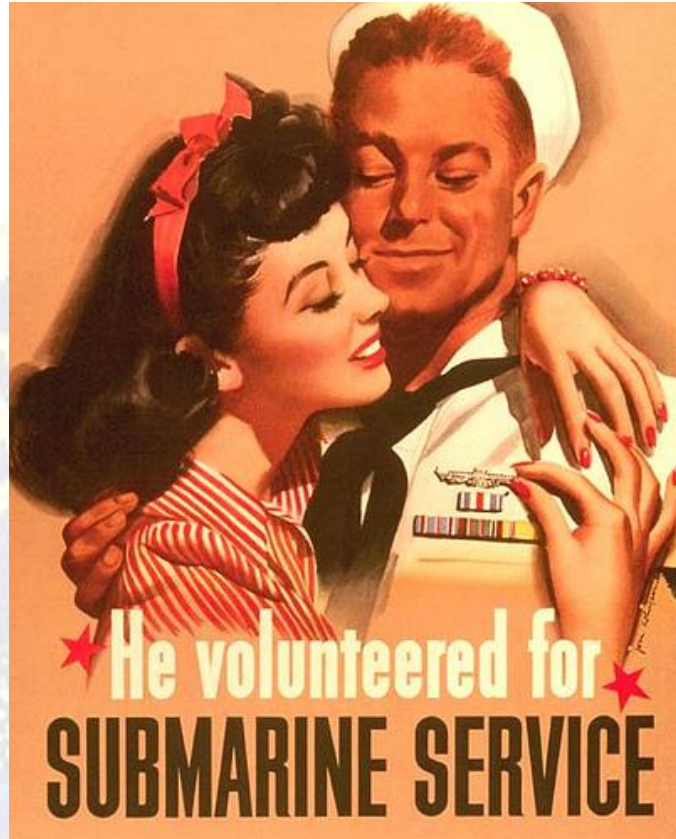
- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) white cake mix
- 2 oz. Semi-Sweet Chocolate, melted
- 1 Tbsp. green food coloring
- 4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 jar (7 oz.) Marshmallow Cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tub (8 oz.) Frozen Whipped Topping, thawed

DIRECTIONS

- **HEAT** oven to 350°F.
- **PREPARE** and bake cake batter as directed on white cake mix package for 24 cupcakes, blending melted chocolate and food coloring into batter before spooning into prepared muffin cups. Cool completely.
- **BEAT** cream cheese, marshmallow cream and vanilla in large bowl with mixer until blended. Add whipped topping; beat just until blended.
- **SPOON** whipped topping mixture into resealable plastic bag. Cut corner off one bottom corner of bag; use to pipe whipped topping mixture onto tops of cupcakes.
- Keep frosted cupcakes refrigerated.



WIT AND WISDOM



The 50 - 50 for September was \$46.50 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.

Following the main meeting, guest speaker, George Wallace, published author and former submariner, spoke to the group about his writing of submarine novels.

NEXT AND NEXT

Our next gathering for April is as follows:

Apr 5th – Pikes – Gettysburg, PA – Submarine Birthday Ball – Keynote Speaker, ADM McKinney. The event starts at 1100 and will be approximately one and half to two hours.