Tri State 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.



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! "Life is simple, you're either qualified or you're not" Check out the TRI-STATE BASE WEB PAGE at: http://www.ussvi-tri-statebase.org

USSVI Tri State Base 2014 Calendar of Events

May 17th – Armed Forces Day Capitol Base Ceremony

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

May 26th – Washington DC USSVI March

May 26th – Memorial Service at Waynesboro – Meet at 8 AM; parade at 9 AM

Jun 7th – Annual Picnic – AmVets, Middletown, MD 3 PM

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 3 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 27 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the April 2014 Submarine Birthday Ball; those in attendance were:

Sub Base Members – 17

Dan Glogg, Dan Hulings, John Price, Joe Hargadon, John Lehman, Jim Wilhelm, Buzz Bussard, Fred Keller, Pat Poist, Tom Samuelsen, Karen Freemire, Fred Eichhorn, Felix Stewart, Tom Denton, Gil McCabe, Bob Lampron, Thom Peschke

Member Spouses/Significant Others - 10

Nina Price, Anne Lehman, Pat Wilhelm, Karen Bussard, Bonnie Keller, Roberta Poist, Lin Eichhorn, Barb McCabe, Stephany Peschke, Kathy Davidson

A total of 14 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the May 2014 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Sub Base Members - 9

Dana Bostwick, Jon Fader, Ray Bussard, Jim Wilhelm, John Traxler, James Delaney, Dan Hulings, Daniel Glogg, Thom Peschke

<u>Member Spouses/Significant Others</u> – 5 Roxanne Bostwick, Joan Fader, Betty Bussard, Pat Wilhelm, Dot Traxler



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 April and May list:

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SUBMARINES LOST	SAILORS LOST	
April	The second se	
03 1943 USS PICKEREL (SS-177) - LOST	74	
09 1945 USS SNOOK (SS-279) - LOST	84	
10 1963 USS THRESHER (SSN-593)	129 ¹	
18 1944 USS GUDGEON (SS-211) - LOST	79 ²	Mile V
22 1943 USS GRENADIER (SS-210) - LOST	4 ³	

¹USS Thresher losses included 112 crew members and 17 civilians.

²USS Gudgeon crewman George Harvey Penland, Jr. was killed in a non-sinking event onboard.

³74 crew members of the USS Grenadier survived Prisoner of War camp.

May	
23 1939 USS SQUALUS (SS192)	26 ¹
28 1943 USS RUNNER (SS275)	78
04 1945 USS LAGARTO (SS371)	88 ²
27 1968 USS SCORPION II (SSN589)	99
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¹Of the 26 lives lost, one was a civilian. 33 crew members survived the sinking. ²Two men died in non-sinking events.

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	JOE BARNACK	MIKE IACONO
FREDERICK GERS			

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



Bren States

Birthdays for the month of April:

Donald Boos, Deb Denton, Frank Garguilo Sr., Linda Gunn, Norman Harper, Dan Holba, Bud Huntington, Kurt Johnson, Mary Lloyd, Raymond Lloyd, Gilbert McCabe, David Parkhurst Jr., Carol Ann Samuelsen, Alice Saunders, Sabra Smith, JoAnne Yetter

Birthdays for the month of May:

William Butcher, Mary Heibel, Chlorene Lopp, Rod Mutzabaugh, Wendy Stoner, Pat Wilhelm, Mark Scansen

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.

REPORTS:

Secretary

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

Treasurer

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

Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of 30 April 2014

Туре	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 Nina Price Mary Patrick Bob Patrick Bob Clas Charlie Shadrack Karen Chrjapin Doug Smith Terry & Judy Kriner

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 May 2014 – CDR Thom Peschke

I don't know about you, but I thought that the Brunswick Legion Post was a nice place to hold meetings. Now granted, if you didn't like spaghetti, you probably had a reason to gripe, but as a mean for donations, I thought the food was great (self pat on the back there {snicker snicker}). I do believe that we have found a place to hold our Submarine Birthday celebration. I will be happy to remain the go between for the Legion and scheduling.

There was a Memorial Service before the meeting. It was supposed to start at 1100 and a family member was late holding up the stat of the ceremony. People were getting a little upset and the lateness of the participant, but one Speaker, Bob Effler, (the Legion Post Vice Commander) put it in perspective. Allow me to paraphrase, "We grouse because we started a half an hour late, but Eddie (the veteran we were honoring) spent 5 years as a POW in North Viet Nam. Somehow the things he missed because he was serving put the lateness in perspective." Thanks for that touch of wisdom and humility Bob.

Torpedo in our grasp

OK, we have a chance to get the MK-37 for us to display. The Brunswick Legion has proudly agreed to display the Torpedo and hundreds of travelers at the Train Station will see it every day on their ways to and from work. Jim Wilhelm has a trailer that we can mod to transport it for parades. So all that is lacking is your approval. A FLASH TRAFFIC has been sent out requesting your approval. Since this is a large expenditure, I have self-imposed a 2/3 requirement rather than a simple majority for approval.

See the donation agreement and description of the MK-37 at the end of this deck log.

BYLAWS change

I uncovered an item that bothered me in our bylaws. I want to make sure that the Base is protected, especially from a person "going rogue". At this time, the only expenditures that can be paid by the treasurer are those that are presented by the Commander, but there is no requirement or protections as to limit AND the treasurer can pay bills (not expenditures) that the Commander presents. So, a proposed change has been presented to the membership by FLASH TRAFFIC and a special BOD meeting before the June Picnic has been requested to discuss the Torpedo, bylaws and general direction for the Base.

A summary of the recommended changes is as follows:

Under Article VII, Section 1 -

 Shall make a request at a meeting, (regular, special or electronic) and receive a simple majority of approval of votes cast, prior to authorizing any expenditure of greater than \$100.
Under Article VII, Section 4 –

All expenses in excess of \$100.00 shall be voted on at a base meeting, regular, special or e-meeting and receive a majority of present membership and presented to the Base Commander for approval before payment;

Under Article X -



7 Jun 2014 - Change to article VII sections 1 and 4 to require base approval by vote before expenditures of greater than \$100 can be sanctioned by the Base Commander and made by the Base Treasurer.

Welcome aboard to our newest member, ETCM(SS) Jim Delaney. We are thrilled to have you along shipmate. I met Jim at the Ft Detrick medical facilities and I invited him to meet and see if he would like to join in.

Please reach out to any submariners you meet! We are stronger as a group than we are on our own.

Anyway, it looks like spring has been dragged kicking and screaming out of Winter's dungeon. Don't forget, the Picnic next month at the AMVETs hall in Middletown. Gather up your white elephant items for the ever entertaining auctioneer, Tom Denton, to display, rattle and cajole you to "are you sure you don't want to bid on that box"? After all, just ask Rich Stroud about all the GREAT things you can win ;-). Start time for the meeting is at 1500 (3 PM for the wives). We would appreciate some help with side dishes and desserts.

So, if your last name starts with an;

A through M Please try to bring a side dish,

N through Z Please try to bring a desert...

If you can't bring either, not to worry, one way or another, there will be food!

WIT AND WISDOM

On another thought, I was asked about the rules we lived by on the boats, during the meeting, so here they are for your use and to bring up old memories...

Everything I Ever Needed to Know About Life I Learned On Submarines:

- 1. Never lie, even if it means you will get in the shits.
- 2. Stealing from a shipmate is the worst thing you could ever do.
- 3. If you say you are going to do something, do it. Live by your word.
- 4. Clean up after yourself, and remind your shipmates to do the same.
- 5. If you see a mess, but don't know which shipmate did it, clean it up anyway.
- 6. Always, follow the procedure. If it goes to shit, the procedure will cover your ass.
- 7. It isn't who you are, or whom you know....., but what you know.
- 8. Don't take yourself too seriously. Your shipmates sure won't.
- 9. Don't brag let your actions speak for themselves.
- 10. Respect your shipmate's space.
- 11. If you dish it out, you had better be able to take it.
- 12. Don't leave a shipmate behind, and keep an eye out for him.

13. Help your shipmate to his rack when he's drunk. Help him clean himself up and make it to work on time.

- 14. If you borrow something, return it when you're done.
- 15. Be on time always, for everything.







- 16. Don't make too much noise; your shipmates may be sleeping.
- 17. Don't be a slacker pull your own weight.
- 18. Be confident, but don't be afraid to say I don't know.
- 19. Life isn't fair get used to it.

Lastly, I understand that the USS FS Key will be having a reunion in June and placing the boat's name plaque at the FS Key monument. As I get details, I will pass them along in FLASH TRAFFIC. I would love to have as many Base Participants as possible.

See you at the Picnic!

WAYS AND MEANS

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

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

- Letter received from Joe Barnack's son-in-law about Joe's death in August 2012.
- Update on Mark 37 torpedo: Capitol Base sent invitation for 17 May 2014 memorial in New Jersey

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- May 26 Waynesboro Memorial Day Parade will start at 9 AM. Please be at the Waynesboro VFW no later than 8:00 AM on Monday 26 May to decorate our float. The flat bed truck will be at the Waynesboro VFW on Main St. at the west end of town. Parking is available behind the VFW with access from Main St. Donuts and coffee are available at the VFW. I found out it is OK to toss candy to parade watchers, so load up (candy should be in wrappers). Hope to see you there.
- Send out RSVP for annual picnic on 7 June.

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: Two awards ceremonies were held in April – one in Martinsburg and one at Camp Rock Enan



QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS GRAMPUS (SS 523)

Members who qualified on the Grampus include: Fred Keller and Herb Lopp.

History of USS Grampus (SS-523)

USS *Grampus* (SS-523), a *Tench*-class submarine, was the seventh ship of the United States Navy to be named for two members of the dolphin family (Delphinidae): *Grampus griseus*, also known as Risso's dolphin, and orca, also known as the "Killer Whale." Her keel was laid down on 8 February 1944 at Boston Navy Yard. She was launched on 16 December 1944, but World War II ended before she was completed, and she sat idle until construction resumed in 1948. On 26 October 1949, she was both christened (by Charlotte Linné Woodward, wife of Vice Admiral Clark H. Woodward, who also sponsored the previous *Grampus*) and commissioned, with Commander George F. Sharp in command. **1949-1966**

With her new snorkeling equipment, which permitted her to remain submerged for periods far longer than the World War II fleet submarines, *Grampus* served as a prototype for the GUPPY submarines and also incorporated many features to appear later in nuclear submarines. Attached to SubDiv 61 at Norfolk, Virginia, she participated in a variety of exercises along the East Coast and in the Caribbean Sea, including torpedo and attack exercises, snorkeling tests and demonstrations, and antisubmarine training. *Grampus* also did a great deal of work with the early HUK (Hunter-Killer) antisubmarine patrols, now a vital part of American defenses, to whose development she greatly contributed.



USS Grampus Underway

From 5 January to 2 April 1955 *Grampus* proceeded independently to the Mediterranean Sea, where she "showed the flag" at Algiers, Naples, Barcelona, Malta, Beirut, Monaco, and Gibraltar before returning to Norfolk and her routine of exercises and tests, spaced with regular overhauls at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the late 1950s and early 1960s *Grampus* operated out of Norfolk in the North Atlantic.



Under the command of Lieutenant Commander D.A. Kilmer, *Grampus* sailed with Task Force "Alfa" for six weeks prior to 13 February 1964. On 3 April, she deployed with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea until 3 August.

She operated out of the Virginia Capes until entering Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in mid-April 1965 for overhaul. After refresher training and shakedown in the fall, *Grampus* operated along the East Coast engaging primarily in ASW exercises.

She departed Norfolk, Virginia, on 13 May 1966 for the eastern Atlantic and Northern European countries to participate in NATO ASW exercises. Back in Norfolk on 30 August, she resumed operations in the Virginia Capes area and Caribbean Sea until sailing 29 December to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for repairs in the naval shipyard. Shipshape again, she resumed operations with the Atlantic Fleet.

1967-1981 (Decommissioning and service for Brazil)

Grampus was decommissioned and struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 13 May 1972, and sold under the Security Assistance Program to Brazil, where she became *Rio Grande do Sul* (S-11). (She replaced the previous *Rio Grande do Sul* (S-11), ex-*Sand Lance*.) After six years of service, she was decommissioned on 16 November 1978 and scrapped on 18 June 1981



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.

DOWN HOME BAKED BEANS This is a simple recipe for baked beans, and oh so good.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. bacon
- 2 oz (28 oz) cans baked beans
- 1 (12 oz.) bottle chili sauce
- 1 large sweet onion, chopped
- 2 cups packed brown sugar

DIRECTIONS







- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- 2. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.
- 3. In a large bowl combine beans, chili sauce, onion, brown sugar and bacon. Pour into a 9x13 inch casserole dish.
- 4. Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

The 50/50 for the Navy Birthday Ball was won by Felix Stewart which was a total of \$104, and he received \$52 and donated \$30 back to us. There was also a silent auction which took in \$135.

The 50 - 50 for May was \$20 and was won by Dana Bostwick

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 gatherings are as follows:

May 17th – Armed Forces Day - Parade

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

May 26th – Washington DC USSVI March

May 26th – Memorial Service at Chambersburg

Jun 7th – Annual Picnic – AmVets, Middletown, MD 3 PM









Donation Agreement (Conditional Deed of Gift)

THIS AGREEMENT between the HAWTHORNE ORDNANCE MUSEUM of 925 E Street, P.O. Box 2008, Hawthorne, Nevada 89415, hereinafter called "the Donor" and The United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) - Tri-State Base, hereinafter called "the Donee"; located at 2 Donovan Court Brunswick, MD 21758.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS the donor did acquire at his own expense, certain inert MK-37 MOD 3 Torpedoes in pristine condition on September 29, 2012 (shown right) from the demil account of the operating contractor of the Hawthorne Army Depot (HWAD) for the specific purpose of creating historic and accurate displays so that a realistic representation of the various torpedoes used by the U.S. Navy could be made, and

WHEREAS the Donee has applied for the following by his letter of 20-March-2014 specifically for the donation to Donee's organization of:



• One qty, MK-37 MOD 3 Fitment Torpedo (inert), complete with rail-guides, guidance fins and propulsion section installed; pristine condition held in a MK 318 Mod 0 Shipping container for the purpose of a memorial-parade float.





HAWTHORNE Ordnance Museum

All assets originate from the Donor's facility in Hawthorne, Nevada, and Donor and his volunteers have worked hard to select the best example of the before mentioned shapes with shipping to be provided by Donee to Donee's address. Further, the Donor hereby states that all TORPEDO shapes are obsolete. No further demil work is to occur to the listed property without authorization by the Donor.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Donor agrees (a) to release the MK-37 Torpedo on an "as is, where is" basis and without warranty of any kind implied or expressed and (b) to notify the Donee of the available date sufficiently in advance thereof to enable the Donee to make necessary arrangements for

shipping of the herein listed assets to Donee's address.

2. The Donee acknowledges that Donor did have volunteers open the shipping containers on 19-October-2012 and found the torpedoes were inert and that no explosives or hazardous materials of any kind were found . The Donor certifies that the Warhead space is EMPTY and HOLLOW and



contains no parts at all (shown right).

- 3. The Donee agrees to accept the property on an "as is, where is" basis and be responsible for all arrangements and costs in the shipping and delivery of assets.. The Donee shall, at no cost to the Donor, arrange and pay for any disassembly, packing, transportation and other actions as necessary for the movement of the donated property to the Donee's display location.
- 4. The Donee acknowledges that the donated property were training shapes for a former and now obsolete torpedo system and shall use the donated property in a careful and prudent manner, and shall maintain it and make such repairs to it as are necessary to keep it in a clean and safe condition so that its appearance and use will not discredit the Donor and the previous owner; the United States Navy. The Donee also agrees not to use the donated property as security for any







loan, nor sell, lease, rent, exchange the property for monetary gain or otherwise under any circumstances without the prior written approval of the Donor.

- 5. The Donee shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the Donor from and against all claims, demands, actions, liabilities, judgments, costs, and attorney's fees, arising out of, claimed on account of or in any manner predicated upon personal injury, death, or property damage caused by or resulting from possession and/or use of the donated property.
- 6. The Donee agrees to allow authorized representatives of the Donor reasonable access to the Donee's records to assure accuracy of the information provided the Donor and compliance with

the terms of this Conditional Deed of Gift.

7. Title is transferred on special condition that the donated property not be transferred or otherwise disposed of including redonation without the written consent of the Donor. If disposition by any



method (including additional redonation) without consent of the Donor is attempted, title to the property is subject to forfeiture and the Donor may require return of the property by the Donee or may repossess the property from whomsoever may have possession thereof and the Donee shall bear all expenses of return and repossession as well as all storage costs.

Upon the failure of the Donee to observe any of the conditions set forth in this Conditional Deed of Gift, title to the donated property shall revert to and vest in the Donor. Repossession of all or any part of the donated property by the donor shall be at no cost or expense to the Donor, and the Donee shall pay all maintenance, freight, transportation and either charges attributable to such repossession.

- 8. When the donated property is no longer required by the Donee, disposition instructions will be requested from the Donor. All costs of disposition will be borne by the Donee.
- 9. Subject to the conditions set forth herein, title to the property shall vest in the Donee upon receipt of written acceptance hereof from the Donee.
- 10. The Donee shall certify, upon request from the Donor, the condition and location of the donated items.





HAWTHORNE Ordnance Museum

11. If and when any placard is created by the Donee, stating details of the donated property as a source of information to the visiting public, a bottom acknowledgement shall be added noting that the Property was Donated by the Hawthorne Ordnance Museum of Hawthorne, Nevada USA and thanking the Museum for its donation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Donor and the Donee have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective duly authorized officers as of the day and year stated below.

Hawthorne Ordnance Museum

Signature:

Peter P. Papadakos, Curator, and Chairman of the Board of Directors Hawthorne Ordnance Museum (775) 857-7086

ACCEPTANCE:

DATE

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