

Tri State Deck Log



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“Life is simple, you’re either qualified or you’re not”

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(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.



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

Aug 2nd – Ryans – Martinsburg, WV

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

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

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

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...

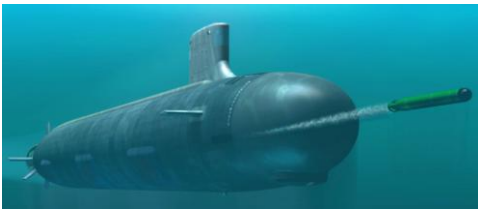
Pikes Restaurant
985 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA
(717) 334-9227

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 30 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the July 2014 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Sub Base Members – Dan Glogg, Thom Peschke, Jon Fader, Terry Kriner, Dave Harvey, Les Gallipo, Fred Keller, Tom Samuelson, Pat Poist, David Marcotte, Norm Harper, Anthony Albright, Felix Stewart, Gil McCabe, John Traxler, Don Boos, Dan Hulings, Jim Wilhelm

Member Spouses/Significant Others – Cathy Glogg, Stephany Peschke, Joan Fader, Judy Kriner, Maureen Harvey, Sue Gallipo, Bonnie Keller, Carol Ann Samuelson, Roberta Poist, Jeanie Harper, Barb McCabe, Pat Wilhelm

IN MEMORORIUM:

Please keep your thoughts and prayers for the families and friends of **Mary Patrick** and **Dex Armstrong** who passed away this past month.

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:

SUBMARINES LOST

June

01 1944 USS HERRING (SS233)
12 1943 USS R-12 (SS89)
14 1944 USS GOLET (SS361)
18 1945 USS BONEFISH (SS-223)
19 1944 USS S-27 (SS132)
20 1941 USS O-9 (SS70)

SAILORS LOST

84¹
42²
82
85
0³
34⁴



¹One crewman died in a non-sinking event. Research indicates that Herring crew member Clyde D. Fleming was not aboard the boat on her final patrol, and survived the War.

²Men who were lost included two Brazilian Navy passengers. 23 crew members survived the sinking or were not aboard when the boat sank. Two men were later lost on other submarines.

³USS S-27 was lost when she ran aground off the coast of Amchitka Island, with no loss of life.

⁴One crewman lost overboard in Cape Code Bay on August 31, 1921.

July

04 1944 S-28 (SS133)
11 1943 USS RUNNER (SS275)
26 1944 USS ROBALO (SS273)
30 1942 USS GRUNION (SS216)
30 1919 USS G-2 [formerly USS TUNA] (SS-27)

49¹
78
81²
70
3³



¹ Records and communication with his son make it clear that crewman Levi Bolton, previously listed, was not lost with his shipmates on S-28, and survived the War.

² Crewman Samuel Tucker survived USS Robalo's sinking, but died in captivity.

³ USS G-2 (SS-27) had already been decommissioned and stricken from the Naval Register at the time of her sinking, but is included here because of the loss of life.

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

1997 - 2009 = 24

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

2010 = 4

BOB ATKINSON	BOB BRITSCH	HENRY CRANFORD	JACK PRISLEY
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2011 = 3

BULL DURHAM	JIM FERRELL	RUSS SWART
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2012 = 5

JOE HINSON	TED LEHNHART	WAYNE SCHWEITZER	JOHN POFFENBERGER
JOE BARNACK			

2013 = 3

GUS MARTIN	CARL LINSENBACH	GEORGE HINDA
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2014 = 3

MIKE IACONA	FREDERICK GERS	MIKE MCMAHON
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Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...



Birthdays for the month of **June**:

James Armstrong, Elaine Brodbeck, Jean Harper, Ruth Hay, Donald Hershey, John Lehman, Mike Meek, Trin Rios, Shad Shadrach, Amy Weldon, Dorothy Traxler

Birthdays for the month of **July**:

W Jeffrey Blackburn, Jean Chimenti, Joan Fader, Maureen Harvey, Barbara Johnson, Clara Kinsinger, Verna Kounas, Carolyn Poffenberger, Thomas Samuelsen, Patsy Shadrach, Glen Sherrard, John Traxler



NEWEST SHIPMATES

Welcome aboard to our newest shipmates David Marcotte and Anthony Aubright.



David Marcotte



Anthony Aubright

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 July Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

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

Dan Glogg wants to increase our expenditures to the boats and will work up a proposal as to funding.

Secondly, he will be presenting a budget for next year in one of our upcoming meetings.



Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of 30 June 2014

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

Nina Price
Bob Patrick
Bob Clas
Charlie Shadrack
Karen Chrjapin
Doug Smith
Mark Esposito and his wife

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 July 2014 – CDR Thom Peschke

I Need YOU. Somewhere out there, there is someone willing to step up to the plate and be Vice CDR for Dan Hulings. As Dan Glogg said, it would be preferable to have someone named Dan, to round out the front table Ha ha ha, but in reality, it really should be someone who has been down the road as a CDR before to help Dan Hulings over any bumps in the road.

I know that just about everyone has already been down the Base CDR path, but, I would think, for the sake of the base, someone who hasn't been in office for a while could step up and give him a hand. Would you please look into your heart and see if you can't find the desire to run back through the office?

Next subject. This will be the 50th anniversary celebration of USSVI. The convention out in San Francisco should be an awesome event. With the National elections, change in leadership and with my wife in hand tugging me to get to Ghirardelli's for a hot fudge sundae (and me tugging on her to take the invariable tour of the Pampanito SS-383) to catch a whiff of the smells that will propel me back down memory lane.

I would love to see some of you out there. Probably I will run into the Harvey's (they're everywhere!) but the Ensmingers are taking a pass this time. If there is anything you want or need from out there, please let me know and I will do the best I can to accommodate your request.

Lastly. I want to bid a farewell to Dex Armstrong and Mary Patrick. Dex was the Mark Twain of the submarine force. His after battery tales would weave a lot of "lost" memories and open doors to the past that could be viewed with a smile. We will miss his wit and wisdom as he headed out of that final dive. If he could talk at his own funeral, I can fully believe that as it concluded, he would announce, to a klaxon in the background. "Ooooooga Ooooooga, DIVE... DIVE... make your depth 6 feet and steady on all stop".

Mary, the loving wife of Bob Patrick, had a massive stroke and went home to the Lord on July 12th. Meeting with Bob in the hospital room, I knew that he was resigned to the outcome, but wished with his whole heart that it could pass and not happen. I was struck that morning, as I held my wife close, that I should (and do) appreciate the grace and great gift of her presence. Bob, our heart goes out to you brother. We will always be there for you



if and when you feel a need to talk. The rest of us, take the time to look at your wives and realize how blessed you are.

See you in August at Ryan's... I guess they ARE staying open for the time being.

WIT AND WISDOM

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.

WAYS AND MEANS

The store is open.

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A HUGE thank you to Jim Wilhelm and family for the use of Willies Hideout for our meeting. The food was great and the company phenomenal. If you look up the word Shipmate in the dictionary, there will be a picture of Jim Wilhelm smiling back at you. Thank you Jim for all you do to make the base a success! Not to mention, we could probably build a boat there if we needed to, Jim's turret lathe and workshop made my heart soar like a hawk!



The Torpedo is in the process of being sent from the armory for our lease and use. It is NOT a gift and will have to be maintained. Jim Wilhelm has the steel transporter and will be accepting shipment of the torpedo. The steel will need sandblasting and we will need tires for the transporter. Jim went through the expected expenses and asked for some financial assistance. A motion was placed on the floor by Barry Ensminger to provide what finances are required to complete the transporter. The motion passed. Thom Peschke asked Barry to Chair the torpedo oversight committee, to which Barry was heard to mutter some disparaging remarks about volunteering ;-) but agreed to take on the task. It is expected that the capital outlay will be in the neighborhood of \$500.

HOLLAND CLUB

Don Boos is the new chairman.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

No report

QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS JOHN C CALHOUN (SSBN 630)

Members who qualified on the John C. Calhoun include: Jon Fader qualified on the commissioning crew. B.J. Calvert (deceased), Barry Ensminger, and Buzz Bussard were also on the commissioning crew.



USS *John C. Calhoun* (SSBN-630) was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for John C. Calhoun (1782–1850), the distinguished legislator and statesman.

The Calhoun was the fourth of ten ships to be constructed in the series of submarines known as the James Madison class. This class succeeded the Lafayette class and its ships differed from those of its predecessors in only one way—the inclusion of an improved missile system which was capable of carrying Polaris A-3 missiles and exhibited enhancements in the ships' missile guidance, navigation, and launcher systems.

Construction and commissioning

The contract to build *John C. Calhoun* was awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia, on 20 July 1961 and her keel was laid down there on 4 June 1962. She was launched on 22 June 1963 sponsored by Miss Rosalie J. Calhoun, and commissioned on 15 September 1964, with Commander Deane L. Axene (who was also the Commander of the commissioning of the USS Thresher) in command of the Blue Crew and Commander Frank A. Thurtell in command of the Gold Crew.



Operational history

After shakedown and training along the United States East Coast, *John C. Calhoun* began operational deterrent patrols on 22 March 1965, assigned to Submarine Squadron 18.

Throughout the course of her career, John C. Calhoun was the recipient of two Navy Meritorious Unit Citations in addition to a National Defense Service Medal and underwent two upgrades to her missile systems being refitted with Poseidon missiles (1969-1978) and later Trident I missiles (1979-1982).

Decommissioning and disposal

John C. Calhoun was decommissioned on 28 March 1994 at Bremerton, Washington, and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register the same day. Her scrapping via the Nuclear-Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program at Bremerton, Washington, was completed on 18 November 1994.

As a side note, Barry Ensminger added a soliloquy about the “roll counter” and how the Calhoun had more 3 degree rolls than any boat in the fleet because you could whack the counter and it would go nuts.

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.



How to Make a Flag Cake

Covered in a buttery white-chocolate frosting, this sprinkle-studded cake is decorated with fresh berries to reflect the American flag. Yield: 12 to 16 servings Recipe courtesy of Food Network Kitchen



Ingredients

Cake:

Nonstick cooking spray	2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup stone-ground white cornmeal	1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
2 sticks (8 ounces) unsalted butter, softened	2 cups granulated sugar
5 large eggs, at room temperature	1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup buttermilk	3 tablespoons rainbow or red, white and blue sprinkles

Frosting:

2 sticks (8 ounces) unsalted butter, softened	1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
2 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar	1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 ounces chopped white chocolate, melted and cooled slightly	

Garnish:

1 cup blueberries	One 16-ounce container strawberries
1 tablespoon apple jelly or apricot jam, melted	

Special equipment:

Pastry bag	Rosette tip
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Directions

For the cake: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch rectangular baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper and coat again with nonstick cooking spray. Combine the flour, cornmeal, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. Whisk together and set aside.



Beat the butter with the granulated sugar on medium-high speed with an electric mixer until smooth and fluffy, 3 minutes. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, until combined, and then beat in the vanilla. Reduce the speed to low and beat in one-third of the flour mixture until just combined. Beat in half the buttermilk and then repeat, adding the flour in two more increments and alternating with the second half of the buttermilk. Stir in the sprinkles. Transfer to the prepared pan and spread the batter evenly. Bake until golden brown and the top springs back to a light touch, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool 15 minutes in the pan.

Run a small knife around the edges of the cake to release the sides and turn the cake out onto a baking sheet. Remove the parchment paper and then flip again onto a serving platter or cutting board so the top of the cake is back on top. Cool completely before frosting.

For the frosting: Place the butter and salt in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy. Add the white chocolate and beat until fluffy. Gradually beat in the confectioners' sugar and the vanilla. Increase the speed to medium-high and beat until very smooth and fluffy.

Transfer 1/2 cup of the frosting to a pastry bag fitted with a small rosette tip. Frost the top and sides of the cake with the remaining frosting.

For the garnish: Place the blueberries in six rows of 6 berries each in the top left hand corner of the cake. Trim and halve the strawberries lengthwise and make four rows of strawberries across the cake. Pipe 13 stars between the blueberries and use the remaining frosting to pipe a border around the bottom of the cake. Brush the berries with the melted jelly. Cut and serve.

The 50 - 50 for July was \$54 and was won by Dave Harvey

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 gatherings are as follows:

Aug 2nd – Ryans – Martinsburg, WV