

Tri State Deck Log



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Martinsburg, WV 25401

"Life is simple, you're either qualified or you're not"

September 2014 Issue

(Semper Gumby)

TRI STATE BASE

The Deck Log

Check out the TRI-STATE BASE WEB PAGE at: <http://www.ussvi-tri-statebase.org>

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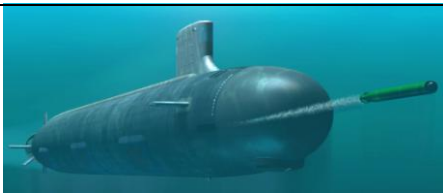
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TRI-STATE BASE MEMBERS THAT HOLD NATIONAL OFFICE
TOM DENTON NATIONAL ARTIST

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

Oct 4th – Pikes – Gettysburg, PA – Nomination Committee Report of those willing to serve; Christmas Party Committee
Nov 1st – Golden Corral – 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**

Golden Corral

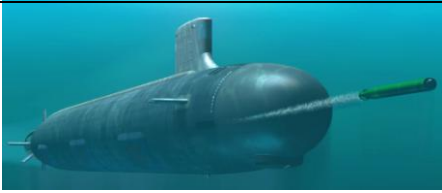
**625 Foxcroft Avenue, Martinsburg, WV
(304) 260-5300**

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 Commander Thom Peschke** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Base Vice Commander Dan Hulings gave the USSVI Creed.

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A total of 20 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the July 2014 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Sub Base Members (14) – Dana Bostwick, Dan Glogg, Dan Hulings, Glen Sherrard, Doug Smith, Jim Ruddy, Tom Denton, David Stedman, John Traxler, Thom Peschke, Don Boos, Bob Patrick, Felix Stewart, Jim Wilhelm

Member Spouses/Significant Others (5) – Roxanne Bostwick, Sandra Sherrard, Dorothy Traxler, Stephany Peschke, Pat Wilhelm

Visitors (1) – Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad

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 U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II has assigned states to boats lost during the war.

The September list:

SUBMARINES LOST	SAILORS LOST	STATE ASSIGNED
September		
01 1920 USS S-5 (SS110)	0 ¹	
09 1943 USS GRAYLING (SS209)	76	COLORADO
17 1943 USS POMPANO (SS181)	77 ²	KENTUCKY
25 1925 USS S-51 (SS162)	33 ³	
28 1943 USS CISCO (SS290)	76	WEST VIRGINIA



¹ USS S-5 was sunk by the accidental intake of water through the Main Induction Valve on September 1, 1920.

² H. A. Calcaterra was killed while manning the **USS POMPANO's** deck gun on September 4, 1942.

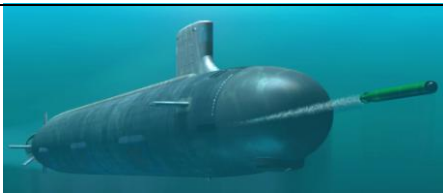
POMPANO crew member Ronald Heister was ashore for some dental work and was not with his shipmates when their boat was lost. He lives for the memory of the men he served with.

³ Three men survived the **USS S-51** sinking: Alfred Geier, Dewey G. Kile, and Michael Lira.

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

2011 = 3

BULL DURHAM

JIM FERRELL

RUSS SWART

2012 = 5

JOE HINSON

TED LEHNHART

WAYNE SCHWEITZER

JOHN POFFENBERGER

JOE BARNACK

2013 = 3

GUS MARTIN

CARL LINSENBACH

GEORGE HINDA

2014 = 3

MIKE IACONA

FREDERICK GERS

MIKE MCMAHON

Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...

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 August Deck Log. The report was approved.

Treasurer

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

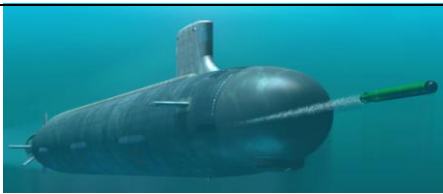
Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of 31 August 2014

Type	Number
WWII	7
Holland Club	22
New Holland Club	2
Life Members	22
Regular Members	33
Tri-State Members	90
Dual Members	4
Associate Members	4
Total Membership	100

Benevolence Report given by Base Chaplain, Jon Fader

Bob Clas
Charlie Shadrack

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.



Birthdays for the month of September:

Maryle Ashley, Robert Barnes, Karen Bussard, J. Robert Clas, Regina Clas, Molly Cook, Tom Denton, Mary Forrest, Fred Gressley, Elizabeth Gressley, Charlie Heater, Maryle Karl, Bonnie Keller, Ron Meek, John Niziolek, Jess Ryland, Jean Sprince, Richard Weldon, Jim Wilhelm, David Yohman

WAYS AND MEANS

The store is open.

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

There is a sticker for your ID Card if you are an Annual member. See the Treasurer if you want a sticker to affix to your ID Card.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

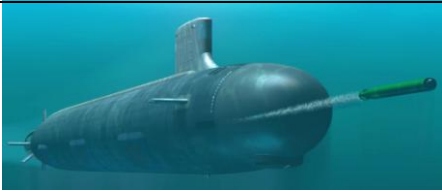
- ☐ Christmas Party has to get kicked off. Base Commander Thom Peschke will contact the chair for the function. Discussion was held on entertainment for the Christmas Party.
- ☐ Bob Patrick thanked the members for the support for him after Mary's passing.

OLD BUSINESS

- ☐ Jim Wilhelm provided a torpedo report. The torpedo is at his home. It is a medium blue and is in pristine shape. He has started building the trailer for it. The moving mechanism has been completed and is ready to go under the trailer. Willie is currently working on the main frame for it, and it only needs final welding. The trailer will weigh about 700 pounds, and torpedo has a weight of 1,445 pounds. He will be checking to see how much lead ballast can be removed. Gross weight on the road is estimated at 2,200 pounds. The aluminum container that housed the torpedo will most likely be sold for the metal. There will also be side panels for signs. He recommended using vinyl signs so they may be easily removed.
- ☐ Thom Peschke reported that at the National Convention they were reminded about the Turtle being the first attack submarine. It attacked the Eagle in New York Harbor on September 6, 1776.

NEW BUSINESS

- ☐ Thom Peschke attended the USSVI Board meeting. Proposal made to have National take charge of monies for national conventions held on bases and have the bases "shepherd" with National. Thom recommended that bases have the option of managing their own monies or having National do so, not make it strictly that National manages and distributes all convention monies.
- ☐ Thom Peschke inquired if the base had ever had an audit done. Treasurer Dan Glogg advised that he had not found evidence that one had ever been done. Thom emphasized that he wanted to ensure that the base's bylaws did show that all monetary activities were "above board". He emphasized that the bylaws were to protect the base members. He asked if anyone would want to propose an outside audit. Discussion was held of holding an audit and thereafter a minimum of three years and be reflected in the bylaws. Dan Glogg



explained how the present monies are set up with the bank. Thom recalled how the base nearly lost all its funds due to the Groton incident two years ago. Motion was made to have an audit for a minimum of three years or when the Treasurer changes. Motion was passed.

- ☐ Dan Glogg brought up the subject of getting software for the Treasurer. A motion to research financial software for the Treasurer was passed.
- ☐ Thom Peschke inquired about new ideas to get new members; he expressed concern about younger people not joining. He was advised by USSVI that membership was steady but not growing. He talked about the lack of camaraderie in all the services. He asked for members to see about finding organizations and what attracts younger people to join.
- ☐ Thom Peschke talked about USSVI National Insurance for events outside regular meetings, such as picnics, parades, Christmas party, etc. USSVI is checking that past insurances are not overlapping, so that we are covered under one insurance for all events. The insurance is only for the event. Other insurance covers going to and from an event.
- ☐ Thom Peschke reviewed the National Treasurer's report.
- ☐ Thom Peschke inquired about our base charter and wants to go over it.
- ☐ Any non-family personnel wanting to become an associate member must be approved by National Vice-Commander. Exceptions include widows who do not need National approval if they choose to be associate members.
- ☐ Add National point of contact information to the deck log: Al Singleman, Ron Martini from whom we can get information.
- ☐ If you are in a position that you can be reimbursed by and receive expense checks from National but do not wish to be reimbursed, you may return it, but you must fill out a form so that it may reflect in their budget.
- ☐ Thom Peschke emphasized the importance of voting for base officers and board members. He stressed that only 22% of the base membership voted in the last election. Nationally only 17% voted. Let people know the importance of voting.
- ☐ Pittsburg is where the 2015 National Convention will be held.
- ☐ Stephany Peschke talked about the Star program, where stars from worn or tattered American flags are embroidered and sent to organizations, veterans, and veterans' family members. Also Subvettes make blankets for disabled veterans. They also provide care packages.

HOLLAND CLUB

No report

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

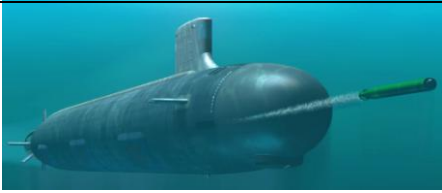
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QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617)

Members who qualified on the Alexander Hamilton include: Fred Eichhorn, John Karl, and John Shirk.

USS *Alexander Hamilton* (SSBN-617), a *Lafayette*-class ballistic missile submarine, was the third ship of the United States Navy to be named for Alexander Hamilton (1755–1804), the first Secretary of the Treasury, who was instrumental in the formation of both the United States Coast Guard and the United States Navy.

Alexander Hamilton's keel was laid down on 26 June 1961 at Groton, Connecticut, by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation. She was launched on 18 August 1962 sponsored by Mrs. Valentine



Hollingsworth, Jr., the great-great-great granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton, and commissioned on 27 June 1963 with Commander Norman B. Bessac commanding the Blue Crew and Commander Benjamin F. Sherman, Jr., commanding the Gold Crew.

Operational history

Between 28 June and 18 October 1963, *Alexander Hamilton* carried out two shakedown cruises, one for each of her crews. Following those operations, she conducted post-shakedown availability. After trials early in 1964, she departed the United States East Coast on 16 March 1964 to deploy to Rota, Spain, her base of operations. She conducted deterrent patrols out of that port for the remainder of 1964 as a unit of Submarine Squadron 16. In January 1965, she transferred to Submarine Squadron 14 and was rebased at Holy Loch, Scotland. Her cycle of patrols from there lasted until 2 June 1967, at which time she returned to the United States at Charleston, South Carolina. Later that month, she moved north to New London, Connecticut, and from there into the Electric Boat shipyard on 18 June 1967 to begin her first overhaul and nuclear refueling.

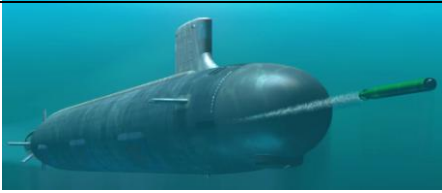
Alexander Hamilton completed the overhaul on 28 June 1968 and conducted post-overhaul trials, inspections, and shakedown training until early October 1968. In November, she began a deterrent patrol en route to Rota, her new base, where she arrived on 30 December 1968. For the next four years, she operated from Rota as a unit of Submarine Squadron 16.

At the conclusion of her 31st deterrent patrol, *Alexander Hamilton* returned to Charleston in November 1972 and in January 1973 began her second refueling overhaul, combined with a conversion to carry Poseidon missiles, at the shipyard of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. The work on those two modifications lasted for over two years. Upon its completion, she carried out shakedown in April 1975 and devoted the remainder of the year to training and various post-overhaul trials. She conducted her 32nd and 33rd deterrent patrols in the early part of 1976. *Alexander Hamilton* concluded the 33rd patrol at Holy Loch in May 1976 and conducted her next three deterrent patrols from that base. While on her 35th patrol, she visited Port Canaveral, Florida, and New London, Connecticut, before concluding that patrol at Charleston in March 1977. During March and April 1977, she completed refit and conducted refresher training. In July 1977, she departed Charleston for another deterrent patrol which ended with her arrival at Holy Loch in September 1977.

From Holy Loch, *Alexander Hamilton* conducted her 39th and 40th deterrent patrols. She departed Holy Loch in May 1978 for her 41st deterrent patrol and concluded it at Charleston in July 1978. She remained there until August 1978 when she got underway for New London. She arrived at New London early in September 1978 and, after exchanging crews, embarked upon her 42nd deterrent patrol later that month. She ended that patrol at Holy Loch in October 1978. Over the next year, she made four patrols from Holy Loch. On 31 October 1979, she departed Holy Loch on her 46th deterrent patrol, ending it at Charleston on 7 December 1979. Early in January 1980, she departed Charleston on her 47th deterrent patrol. She concluded that patrol at Holy Loch on 17 March 1980 and operated from that base for the remainder of 1980.

Planned deactivation and reprieve

Alexander Hamilton's deterrent patrols out of Holy Loch continued until 1986. At that time, she was to have been decommissioned in order to remove her from the fleet as a gesture of goodwill in accordance with the terms of the unratified SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty. Upon her arrival in Groton early in 1986, she began preparations for deactivation. The grounding of the ballistic missile submarine USS *Nathanael Greene* (SSBN-636), however, forced the Navy to change its plans. What had been a deactivation overhaul quickly became a four-week maintenance availability for repairs to get *Alexander Hamilton* ready for active service. In April 1986, she departed for Charleston, South Carolina, for further work conducted in the floating drydock USS *Alamogordo* (ARDM-2). While at Charleston, she also served at sea occasionally as a training platform.



In mid-June 1986, *Alexander Hamilton* returned to Groton. During the summer of 1986, she participated in training cruises for United States Naval Academy and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps midshipmen.

In August 1986, *Alexander Hamilton's* crew learned that her refueling overhaul would be conducted by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Bremerton, Washington. She departed Groton on 1 October 1986 to begin the voyage to Bremerton. Steaming by way of the Panama Canal, she arrived at Bremerton late in November 1986. She formally began her refueling overhaul on 30 November 1987.

In early 1991, ALEXANDER HAMILTON sailed out of Groton and made numerous port visits, some of them in the Caribbean, including St. Croix the birthplace of the ship's namesake, Mr. Alexander Hamilton. During this period she also stopped in Charleston and Ft. Lauderdale.

During the last year of operations out of the Washington home port (Trident Squadron 17), the HAMILTON completed support service for TRE's (Tactical Readiness Exams) for several of the Trident Submarines stationed there. The boat and crew represented themselves well, even against the newer, more advanced submarines.



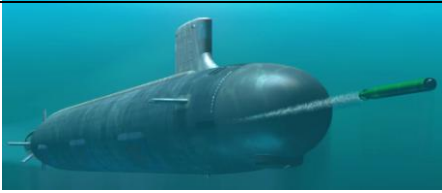
USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSN 617)

Decommissioning and disposal

Decommissioned and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 23 February 1993, *Alexander Hamilton* was disposed of through the Nuclear Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Recycling was completed on 28 February 1994.

WIT AND WISDOM

"For years, I've been wondering what could happen to nuclear submarines when they dive and disappear from the surface of the earth for months, without a trace. No one really knows where they are."-Guy Hamilton -



SUBVETTES



To the Wives, Widows, Sisters, Mothers and Daughters of the USSVI Subvets,

With an increasing number of you requesting information regarding the "Subvettes" The Ladies Auxiliary of Subvets, I have asked the Subvets District Commander's Wife – Mary Lou Naughton- to join the Subvets' meeting on Saturday, Oct 4th at Pike's restaurant, to assist me in speaking about this organization.

As you may (or may not) know, I attended the USSVI National Subvets Convention in San Francisco this month with Thom. During that timeframe I attended a few of the meetings and tried to gather information regarding what the other "Bases" are doing and would like to share this with you.

If you have even the slightest interest in this organization please plan to come and listen to Mary Lou and myself as we try to explain and answer any of your questions. The sole purpose of this meeting is to give you information, you are **NOT COMMITTING** to anything by attending.

\$30 seed money was donated to get the Subvettes started in the right direction for initial expenses. \$10 from the CDR, that he won from the Admiral at the convention and \$20 from the sale of a Convention coin. There is one more convention coin should anyone want to buy one. The money will go to Subvettes.

I look forward to seeing you in Oct.
Respectfully,

Stephany Peschke, CAP-OM Proud Wife of Master Chief Thomas Peschke, USN Ret.

The 50 - 50 for September was \$35 and was won by Doug Smith

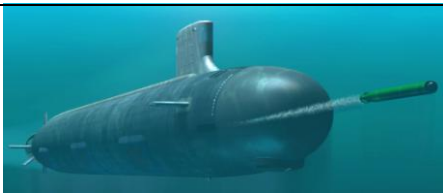
The meeting was ended with **Base Commander, Thom Peschke**, reading Lost Harbor.

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:

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



SPECIAL DECK LOG SEGMENT: 2014 SUBVETS NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO

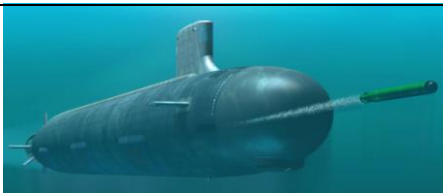
2014 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO
HIGHLIGHTS

CONVENTION OPENING NIGHT



Everybody milled about smartly finding old shipmates and enjoying the water hole.



AT GHIRADELLI SQUARE/ CRAB BREAD



We got to travel out and about.
First stop the original Ghirardelli for the
best hot fudge anywhere, followed by tours.



Boudins breads makes some
VERY sour sourdough bread.

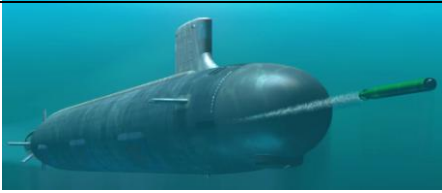
GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE/ DINNER CRUISE



The Golden Gate is a favorite
stop during the guided tour.



Dinner Cruise, under the golden gate –
Beautiful cruise and great food.



UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE/ TORPEDO MEMORIAL



Sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge



The torpedo memorial gave me a glimpse of what our memorial will look like.

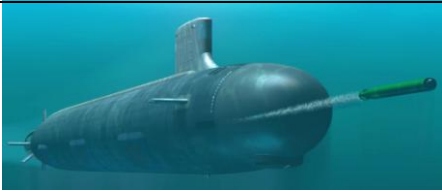
IS THIS RUSSIA?/ USS PAMPANITO



We learned that there is an extensive Russian community in San Fran



The Pampanito is a highlight. You walk aboard, take a deep whiff and you are 18 again!



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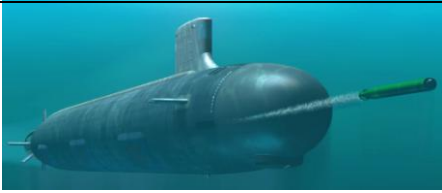


Every day, the Subvettes were active in doing business and finding projects to help us do our jobs better. Ask my wife about project flag. She handed out a small token to a Veteran and ended up with tears in her eyes. If you can join in, you will too.

LOST BOAT PLAQUES



There was a magnificent tapestry, hand sewn by Red, one of the subvets. He also hand made all of the lost boat plaques. The tapestry contains the name of every boat in our navy (and the Hunley too) and all support vessels. It's a magnificent work. When completed it will adorn the submarine museum at Mare Island.



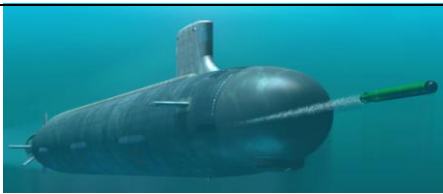
MEMORIAL CHAIR/ TOLLING THE BOATS CHAIR



SWEARING IN CEREMONY



At the business meeting, all the new officers were sworn in. The age of AI Begins!



BANQUET NIGHT



Banquet night –
Stephany and I finished out week at
the Banquet. Unfortunately, we had to
leave at 2130 to change and catch our
Red Eye back to Maryland.
THEN Stephany had to repack and drive
to Tennessee. Somehow we made it!

