

# Tri State Deck Log



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**The Deck Log**

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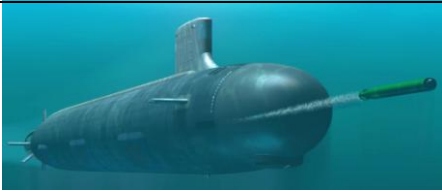
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**TOM DENTON                      NATIONAL ARTIST**

## **UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.**

### **USSVI CREED**

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### **USSVI Tri State Base 2015 Calendar of Events**

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at Pikes Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA; Guest Speaker: John Reinhart**

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at American Legion Post 96, Brunswick, MD; Guest Speaker: Rick Campbell. Author

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at Golden Corral, Martinsburg, WV; Guest Speaker: ?

Apr 11<sup>h</sup> – Submarine Birthday Ball at Pikes Restaurant, Gettysburg

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Willie's Hideout, Chambersburg, PA: Guest Speaker: ?

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Armed Forces Day – Parade

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Service @ Harbaugh's Church ???

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Washington DC USSVI Memorial Day March

Jun 6<sup>th</sup> – Annual Picnic at AmVets Post 9, Middletown, MD

Jul 11<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at American Legion Post 96, Brunswick, MD; - midterm Board Meeting

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Meeting at Pikes Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA; Guest Speaker: ?

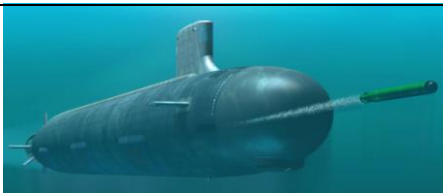
Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at American Legion Post 96, Brunswick, MD; Guest Speaker: ?

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Meeting at Golden Corral, Martinsburg, WV; Guest Speaker: ?

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at Golden Corral, Frederick, MD: Guest Speaker: ?: Elections; New Year Board Meeting

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Frederick Veterans Day Ceremony

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party @ AmVets Post 9, 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**

**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**

**AmVets Post 9**

**408 West Green Street, Middletown, MD  
301 371-5115**

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The invocation was given by **Base Chaplain Jon Fader** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Base Vice Commander Tom Samuelson** gave the USSVI Creed.

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## **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

A total of 35 personnel including guests and visitors were on hand for the January 2015 Sub Base Meeting; those in attendance were:

Sub Base Members (18) – Doug Arnold, Don Boos, Dana Bostwick, Steven Caldwell, Thomas Denton, Jon Fader, Dan Glogg, Joe Hargadon, Dave Harvey, Dan Hulings, John Lehman, Gil McCabe, Thom Peschke, Tom Samuelson, Glen Sherrard, Doug Smith, David Stedman, John Traxler, Jim Wilhelm

Member Spouses/Subvettes (9) – Roxanne Bostwick, Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad, Stephany Peschke, Pat Wilhelm, Dot Traxler, Joan Fader, Sandy Sherrard, Carol Samuelson, Barb McCabe

Visitors (6) – Dave Hambrick, Jeff Silveira, Ken Hartmann, Sharon Hartmann, Victoria Hardy, John Reinhart

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A presentation was given for the swearing in of the Subvettes Officers, with outgoing Base Commander, Thom Peschke performing the swearing in and Subvettes President Stephany Peschke presiding over the ceremony. (Refer to the Subvettes Section of this deck log for their meeting minutes.)



**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 have assigned states to boats lost during the war.**

**The December and January lists:**

**SUBMARINES LOST**

**SAILORS LOST**

**STATE ASSIGNED**

**December**

**01 1943 USS CAPELIN (SS 289)**

**76<sup>1</sup>**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**10 1941 USS SEALION (SS 155)**

**5<sup>2</sup>**

**GEORGIA**

**17 1917 USS F-1 (SS 20)**

**19<sup>3</sup>**

**17 1927 USS S-4 (SS 109)**

**40**

**January**

**08 2005 USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711)**

**1<sup>4</sup>**

**10 1943 USS ARGONAUT I (SS-166)**

**102<sup>5</sup>**

**CALIFORNIA**

**12 1945 USS SWORDFISH I (SS-193)**

**89<sup>6</sup>**

**MINNESOTA**

**11 1934 USS S-34 (SS-139)**

**43**

**20 1942 USS S-36 (SS-141)**

**0<sup>7</sup>**

**IOWA**

**24 1942 USS S-26 (SS-131)**

**46<sup>8</sup>**

**ALASKA**

<sup>1</sup> Records for two additional men, **R. C. Rhimann** and **D. T. Smith**, are unverified.

<sup>2</sup> One crewman, Howard Firth, died as a prisoner of war. Additionally, one man, Lieutenant **Julian Knox Morrison, Jr.**, Commanding Officer, died aboard **USS SEALION** in an accident before the War.

<sup>3</sup> Two men were lost in a grounding accident near Port Watsonville, California, on October 11, 1912. Five men survived the sinking of the **F-1**.

<sup>4</sup> On 8 January 2005 at 02:43 GMT, **USS SAN FRANCISCO** collided with an undersea mountain about 364 nautical miles southeast of Guam while operating at flank (maximum) speed at a depth of 525 feet. The collision was so serious that the vessel was almost lost—accounts detail a desperate struggle for positive buoyancy to surface after the forward ballast tanks were ruptured. Twenty-three crewmen were injured, and one crewman died on 9 January from head injuries.

<sup>5</sup> 30 men were Marine Raiders who were carried aboard the submarines **USS ARGONAUT** and **USS NAUTILUS (SS-168)**, and who gave their lives in the raid on Makin Island. Records for Argonaut crew members Jose DeGuzman, Mario Ramos, Jr., and Hubert R. Widener indicate that they were not aboard the vessel when she was lost.

<sup>6</sup> One other crewman died of injuries suffered in an accident ashore.

<sup>7</sup> **USS S-36 (SS-141)** was lost when she ran aground on Karang Takabakang (also known as Taka Bakang Reef) in the Makassar Strait, west of Southern Celebes on January 20, 1942.

<sup>8</sup> Three other USS s-26 crewmembers survived the sinking.

**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**

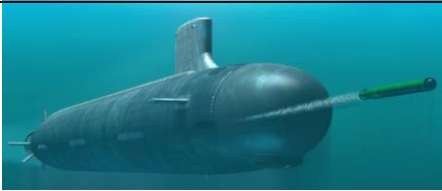
**LEW HANSEN**

**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  
JOE BARNACK**

**TED LEHNHART**

**WAYNE SCHWEITZER**

**JOHN POFFENBERGER**

**2013 = 3**

**GUS MARTIN**

**CARL LINSENBACH**

**GEORGE HINDA**

**2014 = 5**

**MIKE IACONA  
KAREN FREEMIRE**

**FREDERICK GERS**

**MIKE MCMAHON**

**IVAN KINSINGER**

**Rest your oars shipmates, Rest your oars...**

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### **NEWEST SHIPMATES**

Welcome aboard to Dave Hambrick, who served on the USS Silversides SSN 679 from 1978 – 1983.

Welcome aboard to Jeff Silveira, who served on the USS John Marshall SSBN 611 Gold and the USS Whale SSN 638 from 1975 -1981.

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.

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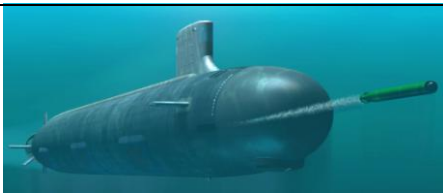
### **REPORTS:**

#### **Secretary**

- The minutes from the last official meeting were included in the November Deck Log.

#### **Treasurer**

- **Treasurer Dan Glogg** gave his report at the January meeting. The report was approved.
  - Dan announced that annual dues are due and to give them to him today or at the next meeting or send them to him directly.
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## WAYS AND MEANS

The store is open.

### Membership Tri-State Base Membership as of 31 December 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

Lori Ensminger

Jon Fader thanked those who attended Karen Freemire's service and advised that he has posted the details on the website.

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.



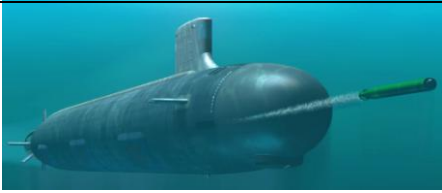
### Birthdays for the months of December and January:

#### December

Jean Brigham, Bill Buckley, Mary Buckley, Jerald Cook, Dawn Hinson, Linda Kilmer, Lisa Martin, Barbara McCabe, Linda McGuire, Michael McMahon, Vickie McMahon, Mary Patrick, Roberta Poist, Michael Spittell, Allan Windle, Harold Yingling

#### January

Paul Benyeda, Cyril Brodbeck, Betty Bussard, Daniel Dunton, Jennifer Eccles, Barry Ensminger, Jon Fader, Zeke Ferrell, Shirley Ferrell, Karen Freemire, Tracy Hershey, Steve Kinney, Terry Kriner, Virginia Lehnhart, Harry McAfee, Valinda Mutzabaugh, Sandra Sherrard, Richard Stroud, Arlene Walton, Keith Meriwether



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### **GUEST SPEAKER: John Reinhart, from the Chambersburg Hospital Cardiac Catharization Lab**

John talked about the nature of heart attacks, and how to preserve the heart.

He talked about the symptoms of heart problems, such as shortness of breath, chest pain, and having to take water pills.

He emphasized on how to recognize a heart attack and quick actions to take to get blood flow to the heart.

As a emergency medical measure, ambulances have been equipped with the ability to perform an EKG for heart attack victims to determine if a heart attack is occurring and what level it is.

This approach allows the hospital to be set up with the cardio cath lab for when the patient arrives; the goal is to get the heart in working order and the blood flowing normally within 90 minutes.

John talked about the different kinds of heart attacks, the first being called angina that is lack of blood flow and occurs when you are doing an activity. If you get the chest pain and it stops after you stop the activity, get to the hospital to get a stress test followed up by a heart catharization to check blockage. The three things that can lead you to getting a heart catharization are the chest pains, stress test, and enzymes in the blood stream.

The second kind of heart attack has to do with the irregular heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation. It is important to call an ambulance since they have the equipment to “shock” the heart into stabilizing.

John emphasized that although it is good to save a patient, it is even more important to practice prevention.

The three main things that lead to heart disease are family genetics, smoking, and diet, with the latter two being controllable. Minimizing bad cholesterol intake is a strong preventive measure. Bad cholesterol takes the fat and pulls it to your artery walls, whereas good cholesterol will carry the fat to your liver and get rid of it. Exercise increases your good cholesterol regardless of your age.

He emphasized that cardiac rehab is the start, but exercise must be continued. Medicines help with the problem, but must be taken continually and responsibly. Inflammation in the heart, which can lead to heart attacks, can be controlled through proper diet, exercise, and proper medication.

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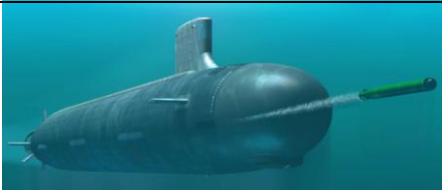
### **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:**

From Fred Eichhorn with regard to our departed member, Karen Freemire’s memorial service.

Karen's sister, Diana Austen, would like to thank you all for your attendance at Karen's memorial service and the moving tribute that Tri-State Base conducted. Diana had not known very much about Karen's part in the Sub Vet group but understands why Karen enjoyed your company.

PS; I would also like to thank you for your efforts, your presence would have made Karen cry. As a lady in a man's field she sometimes wondered if she belonged; your presence answered the question. Many thanks also to Jon Fader for coordinating the tribute.

Sincerely; Fred



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## HOLLAND CLUB

Don Boos reported that there are 8 members eligible for the Holland Club in 2015.

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## EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

No report

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## NEW BUSINESS

- Doug Smith provided an update to the base's new website for members to logon and check out the various functions, including administrative. He also advised that there would be a Subvettes page starting with the opening ceremony (See the note in The Good of the Order and the Subvettes segments of this deck log.)

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## QUAL BOAT OF THE MONTH: USS PICUDA (SS 382)

**Members who qualified on the Picuda include: Dan Hulings.**

**USS *Picuda* (SS-382)**, a *Balao*-class submarine, was originally named ***Obispo***, making her the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the obispo, a spotted sting ray.

### Construction and launching

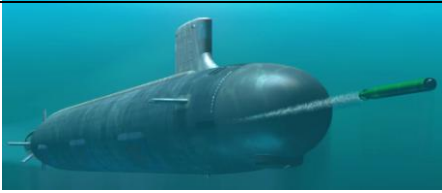
Her keel was laid down by the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine, on 15 March 1943. She was launched on 12 July 1943 sponsored by Mrs. Robert H. English. On 24 September 1942, SS-382 was renamed, making her the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the picuda, a great barracuda, up to seven feet long, of the Caribbean Sea and the tropical western Atlantic Ocean, known for its voracious and ferocious nature. She was commissioned on 16 October 1943 with Lieutenant Commander Albert Raborn in command.

*Picuda* remained in the Portsmouth Navy Yard to complete fitting out until 18 November when she commenced underway trials. Torpedo tube trials were completed off Newport, Rhode Island on 14 December through 16 December, and she shifted to the submarine base at New London, Connecticut for final training exercises. She put to sea from New London 1 January 1944, reported for duty with the Pacific Fleet at Balboa, Canal Zone, on 13 January and arrived at Pearl Harbor on 27 January, joining the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force as a unit of Submarine Division 201, Submarine Squadron 20.

### Pacific War

*Picuda* got underway from Pearl Harbor for her first war patrol on 17 February, setting course for waters off the Caroline Islands, and entering her designated patrol area on 29 February. In an area not far from Truk, she sank 2672-ton ex-gunboat *Shinyo Maru* on 2 March, going deep to evade a string of 15 depth charges dropped by searching corvettes. On 18 March, *Picuda* changed course to patrol along the Saipan-Palau shipping lanes. She scored hits on a large enemy tanker that afternoon but was held down by two destroyers while the target escaped. She was off Yap Island a few minutes after midnight of 19 March, and sent 1504-ton freighter *Hoko Maru* to the bottom with two torpedo hits.





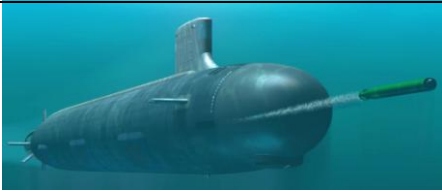
Eleven days later she closed two freighters under escort of two destroyers off the western coast of Yap Island and let go five torpedoes at the largest merchantman. The first hit stopped the target dead in the water and a second torpedo tore off the port quarter capsized the 5873-ton cargo ship *Atlantic Maru*. Two destroyers came down the torpedo tracks to hover over *Picuda* and she was shaken by 26 exploding depth charges before she escaped. With only one torpedo worth firing she returned to Midway Island on 5 April. Upon completion of her refit, she took aboard student officers and men for indoctrination training exercises off Midway, from 28 April to 30 April. Three days later she formed a wolf-pack with submarines *Perch* (SS-313) and *Peto* (SS-265).

*Picuda* put to sea from Midway with the wolf-pack 4 May to conduct her second war patrol in waters off Formosa. On 22 May, she sent four bow shots streaking to sink 1200-ton river gunboat *Hashidate*. She also severely damaged 3172-ton cargo ship *Tsukauba Maru* with the same salvo. The latter enemy was polished off by land-based aircraft from the United States Army Air Corps the following day. On 2 June, *Picuda* closed a convoy of twelve ships hugging the coast of Formosa. After sending her contact report to the other submarines of her wolf-pack, she slipped between two of the three leading escorts and pressed home an attack on a large tanker. Three hits were heard as all escorts made for *Picuda*. She skillfully maneuvered clear and sustained no damage from the many depth charges which exploded on all sides and above from eight enemy vessels during the next hour. She continued to patrol the Formosa coast until 4 June then passed off Batan Island and eastward of the Nansei Shoto to a point northward of Chichi Jima by 14 June. Two days later she pointed her bow for Midway where she arrived 22 June. She put to sea the next day to arrive at Pearl Harbor 27 June. After the end of the second war patrol, Raborn was replaced as skipper of *Picuda* by Commander Glynn R. Donaho.

*Picuda*, in wolf-pack with sister ships *Spadefish* (SS-411) and *Redfish* (SS-395), departed Pearl Harbor for her third war patrol 23 July in waters of the Luzon Strait between Formosa and Luzon. On 25 August, *Picuda* spotted ten ships hugging the coast some 4,000 yards (3,700 m) off the beach of Luzon. Slipping past five escorts, and with three enemy patrol planes overhead, she sent six torpedoes streaking to sink 1943-ton cargo ship *Kotoku Maru*, then skillfully maneuvered for a down-the-throat shot that spelled the doom of 1270 ton pursuing Japanese destroyer *Yūnagi*. *Picuda* probed deeper in the interior of Luzon Strait on 16 September, for a bold daylight attack on an eight-ship convoy, guarded by three destroyers and air cover. She sank 5975-ton cargo ship *Tokushima Maru* and scored hits for unknown damage to two other freighters. Searching the southern border of her assigned patrol area, *Picuda* found another convoy hugging the north coast of Luzon on 21 September and sent 1948-ton freighter *Awaji Maru* to the bottom. *Picuda* made rendezvous with *Barb* (SS-220) and *Queenfish* (SS-393), then set course in company with these two submarines to terminate her third war patrol in the lagoon of Majuro Atoll on 3 October.

At Majuro, *Picuda*, now under the command of Evan T. Shepard, her final wartime skipper, formed a new wolf-pack with *Queenfish* and *Barb*, and departed 27 October. Topping off with fuel at Saipan, 1 November and 2 November, the wolf pack set course to range over the northern waters of the East China Sea, westward of Kyūshū. *Picuda* sent 9433-ton passenger-cargo vessel *Mayasan Maru* to the bottom of the sea 17 November in the area southwest of Nagasaki. On 23 November, closing a convoy off the Korean Archipelago and stealing between two lead escorts, *Picuda* sank 6933-ton freighter *Shuyo Maru* and 5296-ton passenger-cargo ship *Fukuju Maru*. She departed her patrol area six days later and returned from her fourth patrol to moor in Apra Harbor, Guam, on 2 December.

On 29 December, *Picuda* put to sea for her fifth war patrol in the Formosa Straits and the East China Sea off the east coast of China from Shanghai to Kam Kit. On 7 January 1945, *Picuda* received a contact report from *Barb* and closed a convoy in the straits of Formosa to inflict severe damage with four torpedo hits on 10,045-ton tanker *Munakata Maru*. On the afternoon of 8 January, she again received a convoy contact report from *Barb* and slipped between two escorts of the starboard screen about four hours before midnight to pick out two large passenger-freighters. Three bow tubes fired at each target resulted in one hit on each. She swung and fired



stern shots at a tanker, then discovered an escort dead ahead, 700 yards (640 m) range, and was forced to clear the area. The 2854-ton coastal tanker *Hikoshima Maru*, hit by both *Picuda* and *Barb*, was disabled and ran aground. The freighter *Meiho Maru* had a similar experience, and severe damage was inflicted on 6600-ton freighter *Hisagawa Maru* as well as 6516-ton coastal tanker *Manju Maru*. *Picuda* having flashed a contact report as she cleared the area, set course for lifeguard station in support of the Third Fleet airstrikes on Formosa. In the early morning darkness of 29 January, *Picuda* made out at least three large ships in the rain and commenced tracking. The rain slacked as she approached dead ahead of a troop transport, overlapped by a freighter. One hit on the transport and two hits on the freighter were observed by *Picuda*'s officer of the deck. The transport, almost dead in the water, commenced shrill whistle blasts and the mist dropped down to reveal the freighter enveloped in a huge cloud of steam and smoke. An enemy float plane forced *Picuda* to abandon the attack. The victim sunk in this attack was the 5497-ton passenger-cargo ship *Clyde Maru*. *Picuda* reached Tanapag Harbor, Saipan 5–6 February and arrived at Pearl Harbor on 15 February.

*Picuda* spent much of her sixth war patrol on lifeguard station off the coast of China. She got underway from Pearl Harbor 15 March and cleared the replenishment base of Apra Harbor, Guam on 29 March. She entered her patrol area off Kii Suido on 2 April for uneventful lifeguard duty in support of B-29 Superfortress strikes. On 6 May, *Picuda* made rendezvous with sister ship *Scabbardfish* (SS-397) off the Nansei Shoto and received five crewmen from an Army B-29 bomber and debarked these survivors at Tanapag Harbor on 10 May, transferring them to the Headquarters of the Twenty-First Bomber Command. After voyage repairs alongside submarine tender *Orion* (AS-18), she departed 11 May for the East Coast of the United States. She stopped at Pearl Harbor, San Francisco, California, and transited the Panama Canal to arrive at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine, on 22 June.

*Picuda* received six battle stars for World War II service.

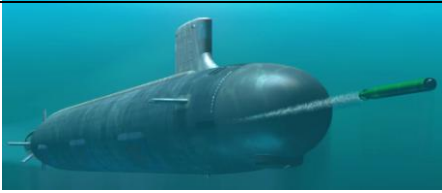
### Post-war

*Picuda* was assigned to Submarine Division 201, Squadron 20, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. She remained in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for major overhaul until 18 October. She shifted to the Submarine Base at New London on 31 October for duty as a training ship for the Submarine School. *Picuda* put to sea from New London 12 November for a training cruise which included visits to Key West, Florida, and Havana, Cuba. Upon her return to New London, 26 November, she was assigned to the New London Group of 16 November (Inactive) Fleet. She shifted to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on 12 December to commence preservation incidental to being placed in inactive status. On 15 January 1946, *Picuda* was ordered to cease inactivation and report to the Second Fleet for duty as a unit of Submarine Division 81, Squadron 8, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

*Picuda* prepared for active service in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until 18 February and shifted to the Submarine Base at New London the next day. In company with five other submarines of the New London Group, she cleared that base 25 February for a tour of duty out of the Submarine Base at Balboa, Panama, returning by way of St. Thomas, to New London on 27 March. *Picuda* again entered the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for inactivation on 27 March and was towed by a fleet tug to New London on 19 September 1946. She was placed out of commission, in reserve 25 September 1946.

*Picuda* was assigned to the New London Group of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet until late in the year 1952 when she was towed to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for snorkel conversion. She recommissioned 19 June 1953, Lieutenant Commander Ted N. Swain in command. Her conversion was complete by 24 August and she shifted to the Submarine Base at New London. She reported for duty to Submarine Division 122, Squadron 12, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.





*Picuda* steamed by way of Norfolk, Virginia, and Nassau, Bahamas, to arrive at Key West, Florida, on 17 September. She was assigned to duty as a training ship for Submarine Refit Training Group and based her operations for that command at Key West through September 1959. This duty included almost daily exercises in the Key West operating area, visits to American ports on the Gulf of Mexico, and periodic training cruises to the waters of Cuba, Jamaica and Haiti. This service was intervened by special cruises from Key West and two tours of duty in the Mediterranean Sea. On her first special cruise, she operated off Norfolk from 24 April to 20 May 1954, participating in anti-submarine development exercises. On her second special cruise, she cleared Key West on 3 September and set course for waters of Northern Europe and the Mediterranean. She arrived at Londonderry Port, Northern Ireland, on 24 September for joint maneuvers with ships of the Royal Navy, then arrived at Gibraltar on 29 October to join units of the Sixth Fleet for Operation "Bright Bonfire." She returned to Londonderry Port 14 November to resume hunter-killer and other anti-submarine warfare tactics with units of the British Fleet, and cleared that port 25 November to resume her training duties at Key West, 11 December. She again sailed from Key West 6 January 1958 and arrived at Gibraltar 18 January. Her tour with the Sixth Fleet included participation in operation "ASCENDEX" and visits to the ports of Palma and Barcelona, Spain; Port de Monaco; and Genoa, Italy. She sailed from Gibraltar on 18 August and conducted hunter-killer exercises with destroyers in waters off Cuba and Jamaica before returning to Key West 11 October.

*Picuda* underwent overhaul in the Charleston Naval Shipyard from 13 October 1958 to 12 March 1959, followed by a brief period of refresher training in the New London, Connecticut–Newport, Rhode Island, area. She resumed her former duties at Key West on 27 March 1959 and put to sea from that port 1 June for her third Mediterranean tour. She touched at Norfolk 4 June and reached Gibraltar on 15 June. Operations in the Mediterranean during this tour included visits to Naples and Genoa, Italy; Marseilles, France; and Lisbon, Portugal. She departed the latter port 26 August to resume training duties at Key West, Florida.

The *Picuda* was brought to Pensacola FL during the 50th Anniversary of Naval Aviation and people were allowed to board her to see inside.

In 1961, *Picuda* visited Guantanamo Bay and underwent a five-month overhaul at Charleston Naval Shipyard. During 1962, *Picuda* visited Guantanamo Bay twice before making a circumnavigation of the South American continent, conducting joint operations with Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Peru. This operation was terminated due to the Cuban Missile Crisis, and *Picuda* proceeded to Key West, Florida. *Picuda* spent most of 1963 operating out of her homeport of Key West making one trip to Guantanamo Bay.

During 1964, *Picuda* operated out of Key West in the Atlantic and Caribbean, winding up the year with an overhaul in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. *Picuda* made another visit to Guantanamo Bay in 1965. She began 1966 with a three month Mediterranean tour with the Sixth Fleet, participating in fleet ASW exercises and NATO exercises with French and Italian naval forces. She wound up the year with another visit to Guantanamo Bay.

During the 1967 North Atlantic NATO operation "Quick Pursuit," *Picuda* lost two men at sea. She visited Bergen, Norway and Portsmouth, England before returning to Key West.



### USS PICUDA (SS 382)

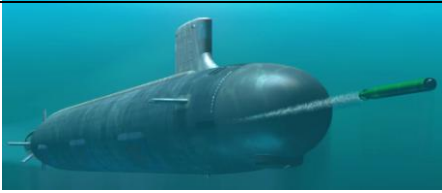
#### Spanish Navy service

Transferred to Spain on 1 October 1972, former *Picuda* was renamed *Narciso Monturiol* (S-33). The submarine was stricken from the U.S. Navy's Naval Vessel Register on 1 November 1974 and was purchased outright by Spain on 18 November 1974. In 1975, she was laid up with mechanical defects and finally deleted from the *Armada Española* on 30 April 1977, her name being shifted to former ex-*Jallao* (SS-368), which the Spanish had acquired.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Outgoing Base Commander Thom Peschke, performed the swearing of the 2015 Base Officers, including:
  - Dan Hulings, Base Commander
  - Tom Samuelson, Base Vice-Commander
  - Dana Bostwick, Base Secretary
  - Dan Glogg, Base Treasurer
- Jim Wilhelm provided an update on the base torpedo and the rescheduling of the meeting at Willie's Hideout to be moved to May 2<sup>nd</sup>.





## SUBVETTES



### Subvettes - Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2015

Our Subvettes meeting starts each month as part of the Subvets Tri-State Base monthly meetings from the Welcome through lunch. Just before their business meeting starts, the Subvettes depart to another section to hold our meeting.

Today a special ceremony was held at the beginning of the Subvets meeting - our Subvettes of the Tri-State Base was chartered. We held the chartering ceremony in the Subvets meeting so that all the supporters and attendees could be part of our ceremony. The Subvets' Tri-State Base Commander, Thomas Peschke, introduced the chosen president of the Subvettes to begin the chartering ceremony. The chartering ceremony was begun by thanking all the Subvets and supporters for allowing a Subvettes base to be chartered under their Base. Then there was a reading of "The Silent Ranks" (a poem about the life of the military wife) author Unknown. Several sections from Jerry Baker's Book "Plants are like People" listing the important 'Ps' and their meanings as it would relate to the Subvettes member. From the "Ladies of Steel" Newsletter "The Comfort Zone" poem was read. Then Thomas Peschke, Tri-State Base Commander began the installation of the chosen officers by reading the position responsibilities and asking for their acceptance. (Missing from this ceremony was the Vice-President, Betty Bussard – who will be installed at the February meeting). After each officer accepted their roles of responsibility, the officers then repeated the Oath of Office and were duly sworn in. Then as each charter member (and those still wishing to join) came forward, it was explained that they are as important to the organization as the officers that were just installed bringing with them their various talents and skills. Each member was asked to pledge their loyalty and support to their officers by saying "I will".

#### 2015 Installed Officers are:

President: Stephany Peschke

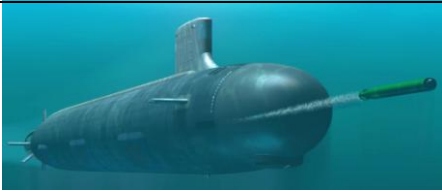
Secretary: Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad

Treasurer: Sandra Sherrard

(\*Vice President: Betty Bussard will be installed at the February Meeting)

After the above Officers, the Charter Members are: Roxanne Bostwick, Barbara McCabe, Carol Samuelson, Dorothy Traxler and Sue Gallipi (joined that day).

After the installation all Subvettes stayed with the Subvets and enjoyed the lunch each ordered. When the



Subvets started the business portion of their meeting, we Subvettes and other ladies in attendance moved to another section to hold our meeting.

The President Stephany Peschke brought forward the first topic of discussion. This was an email sent by one of the ladies discussing the situation she faced in her attempt to obtain the “Star” section of the American flag for the “Stars for Our Troops” project. The Martinsburg American Legion stated that they would not participate as they believed we were desecrating the American Flag. President Stephany Peschke then forwarded that email to the Tri-State Base Commander for further investigation with both the Maryland and National leadership. The National American Legion leadership unfortunately confirmed the local level’s belief. Base Commander Thom Peschke then forwarded that email to a couple of other groups requesting their input. As of the meeting, no response was received. President Stephany Peschke relayed all this information to the Subvettes and members in attendance and stated that anyone who did not believe in our project did not have to participate and no ill will would be held against them. Secretary Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad read several items from the “Starsforourtroops” website and after some discussion with the beliefs of the members, everyone in attendance opted to participate and the stars of the donated flags were cut out and packaged. President Stephany Peschke stated that the written statement, to be enclosed with the star, from the “Stars for Our Troops” would be printed and ready for cutout at next month’s meeting and added to the stars already packaged, making them ready to hand out. (There were 170 stars cut out and bagged at the meeting. We still have more stars to be cut out.) This will be an on-going project for our base.



***This is an excerpt from the “Stars for our troops” website***

***Should you be asked -***

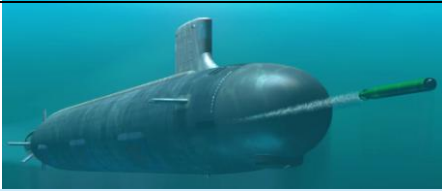
*How do you dispose of a torn, soiled or damaged flag?*

*Section 8(k), Chapter 1, Title 4, United States Code states the flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.*

*There are Organizations that are questioning the project called Stars for our Troops, stating it goes against the US Flag Code. The Code is a recommendation on how the flag is handled in different circumstances. Dignity and respectability are how these Flags and Stars are handled.*

*The Flag Code was written in 1923, when all flags were biodegradable. Today, they are synthetic, thus toxic when burned, may become a glob of plastic when burned at low flame. Flags do not need to be burned, they can be buried and may not disintegrate in 200 years.*

*Please follow what is in your heart about this project. Do not deny others the right to make their own decision about the project. That is what this country is based upon, the right for each of us to agree to disagree.*



*Speak to someone that has received a Star. Read the messages received from our soldiers and veterans.*

*We thank you for your concern.*

*Please note:*

*There are NO Flag Police!*

The stars were continued to be cut out as the subject then moved onto vests for our base. Two vests were shown for examples, President Stephany Peschke's white vest and Base Commander Thomas Peschke's blue vest. There was discussion on the color and design of the vests and would be decided at the next meeting, as well as options to design a pattern for each person in order to gain the proper size. It would be great if our vests were completed and ready to wear at the National Convention held in Pittsburgh this Sept. As a chartered base all attendees and activities are reported monthly to the National Subvettes' President and our accomplishments for the year are read at the National Subvettes meeting.

President Stephany Peschke requested that members bring service project ideas to our meeting that they would like to see our organization participate in or complete. Secretary Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad and Roxanne Bostwick stated that they would like to assist an organization that assists military personnel and is in need of assistance. The contact information for Shari Jordan the Social Worker for the Lady Vets was given to the President for further investigation as to what was needed and will report back next month on her findings.

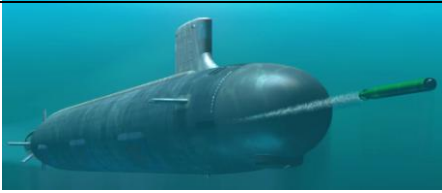
Our project for February, we will once again collect items for packages to be sent to active duty military service members. Any personal hygiene items would be needed. It was suggested that the extra shampoos, lotions, conditions and soaps from hotel stays were a great source. If candy was given, only candy without chocolate, except M&Ms. Also if anyone has cards they receive in the mail or by other means to please bring those to the meeting. We then would all sign the cards and include them with the packages. Exact addresses for military personnel serving abroad that are family members or friends would be greatly appreciated.

Lap blankets were also discussed again and several would like to pursue making them. These can be sewn, crocheted, knitted, or any other fashion of completing. To be discussed further at the February meeting. Joan Fader offered to bring her card making "kit" to either show us how to make a card or volunteered to make cards for our members as the need arises like she does for the Subvets.

Next month's meeting will be at the American Legion in Brunswick, Md. Our meeting was then concluded and we once again joined the Subvets' meeting and their closing ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Bostwick-Trinidad  
Secretary





## WIT AND WISDOM

### US Navy Sensitivity Training

A young Naval Officer was in a terrible car accident, but due to the heroics of the hospital staff the only permanent injury was the loss of one ear. Since he wasn't physically impaired he remained in the military and eventually became an Admiral. However, during his career he was always sensitive about his appearance.

One day the Admiral was interviewing two Navy Master Chiefs and a Marine Sergeant Major for his personal staff.

The first Master Chief was a Surface Navy type and it was a great interview. At the end of the interview the Admiral asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?"

The Master Chief answered, "Why yes. I couldn't help but notice you are missing your starboard ear, so I don't know whether this impacts your hearing on that side."

The Admiral got very angry at this lack of tact and threw him out of his office.

The next candidate, an Aviation Master Chief, when asked this same question, answered, "Well yes, you seem to be short one ear."

The Admiral threw him out also.

The third interview was with the Marine Sergeant Major. He was articulate, extremely sharp, and seemed to know more than the two Master Chiefs put together. The Admiral wanted this guy, but went ahead with the same question.

"Do you notice anything different about me?"

To his surprise the Sergeant Major said, "Yes. You wear contact lenses."

The Admiral was impressed and thought to himself, what an incredibly tactful Marine. "And how do you know that?" the Admiral asked.

The Sergeant Major replied, "Well sir, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with only one freakin' ear."

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**The 50 - 50 for September was \$49 and was won by Les Gallipo.**

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The meeting was ended with **Base Chaplain, Jon Fader**, reading Lost Harbor.

There is a port of no return, where ships may ride at anchor for a little space and then, some starless night the cable slips, leaving an eddy at the mooring place... Gulls, veer no longer. Sailor, rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore.

## NEXT AND NEXT

**Our next gathering is as follows:**

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at American Legion Post 96, Brunswick, MD; Guest Speaker: Rick Campbell. Author