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Commander's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012 Now that all the bowl games and the annual New Year's Day Twilight Zone marathon is over, it's time to look forward to the coming year's base business. 2012 will be an election year for base and national officers. This year we will need to elect a new base commander and vice commander, and most immediately we need to fill the appointed positions of base treasurer, and membership chairman. Bob Bowlin the base treasurer and John Barr the base membership chairman have expressed their wish to be relieved. Both have agreed to continue in their current positions until a relief can be found. I would like to express my personal thank you to both gentlemen for jobs well done. Bob and John have both devoted many hours of their valuable time to ensure that USS Razorback Base continues to grow and succeed. We will also need to fill the position of vice commander interim until the October elections. Vice commander Joe Mathis has resigned as vice commander effective immediately. Joe has resigned for personal reasons, and without doubt his knowledge and wisdom will be missed. I have consulted with Joe on numerous matters concerning difficult decisions and matters of base business, and his input has always been helpful and productive. Thank you Joe for all your help and support.

This year's Base Christmas party was held on December 10th, I think we had close to 50 people in attendance. As always everyone had a great time. The food was both tasty and plentiful, and the dirty Santa turned out to be full of surprises as a number of gifts being re-gifted from last year. It's base tradition to announce and present the Sailor of the Year award at the annual Christmas party. This year the e-board voted to present the Sailor of the Year as a shared award to co-recipients Base Commander Greg Schwerman and Vice Commander Joe Mathis. Congratulations Joe for being selected as this year's SOY, and thanks you to everyone responsible for the selection and presentation of these awards.



December 11th base members participated in the North Little Rock Christmas parade. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the sail, and attended the parade. Below is a picture of those who attended.



The next base meeting will be on January 28th at 1630. We will plan and decide on all dates for base meetings and event's for the coming year, so bring your ideas and concerns and help us plan to make 2012 the best year yet for USS Razorback Base.

Greg Schwerman
Base Commander



Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of January

USS E 2 (SS 25) 15 Jan 1916. Four men lost.
USS S-36 (SS-141) 20-Jan-1942. No loss of crew.
USS S-26 (SS-131) 24-Jan-1942. 46 men lost.
USS Argonaut (SS-166) 10-Jan-1943. All hands lost (105).
USS Scorpion (SS-278) 5-Jan-1944. All hands lost (78).
USS Swordfish (SS-193) 12-Jan-1945. All hands lost (90).

USS SWORDFISH (SS 193) January 12, 1945 – All Hands Lost - 90

SWORDFISH, under Cmdr. K.E. Montross, left Pearl Harbor on December 22, 1944, to carry on her thirteenth patrol in the vicinity of Nansei Shoto. She topped off with fuel at Midway on December 26th and left that day for her area. In addition to her regular patrol, SWORDFISH was to conduct photographic reconnaissance of Okinawa, for preparation of the Okinawa Campaign.

On January 2nd, Swordfish was ordered to delay carrying out her assigned tasks in order to keep her clear of the Nansei Shoto area until completion of carrier based air strikes which were scheduled. She was directed to patrol the general vicinity until further orders were received. In the last communication received from Swordfish, she acknowledged receipt of these orders on January 3rd.

On January 9, 1945, Swordfish was directed to proceed to the vicinity of Okinawa to carry out her special mission. It was estimated that the task would not take more than seven days after arrival on station, which she should have reached on January 11th. Upon completion of her mission, Swordfish was to proceed to Saipan, or to Midway if she was unable to transmit by radio. Since neither place had seen her by 15 February, and repeated attempts to raise her by radio had failed, she was reported as presumed lost on that date.

In the report of her loss, mention was made that KETE, which at the time was patrolling the vicinity of Okinawa, reported that on the morning of January 12th she contacted a submarine by radar. It was believed that contact was with Swordfish. Four hours later KETE heard heavy depth charging from this area, and it was believed that this attack might have been the cause of Swordfish's loss.

Japanese information on antisubmarine attacks does not mention the attack heard by KETE on January 12, and records no attacks in which Swordfish is likely to have been the victim. However, it is now known that there were many mines planted around Okinawa, since the Japanese were expecting an Allied invasion of that Island. The majority of the mines were planted close in. It is considered about equally likely that Swordfish was sunk by depth charge attack before she reached Okinawa for her special mission or that she was lost to a mine at that place.

Swordfish, in the twelve patrols before her fatal thirteenth, sank twenty-one ships, amounting to 113,100 tons, and damaged an additional eight, totaling 45,800 tons. Her first patrol began the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and was conducted west of the Philippines. Swordfish sank four freighters, varying from 3,900 tons to 9,400 tons, and damaged a fifth. At the time, this was the most successful patrol in the war. She conducted the second patrol in the lesser Philippine group and among the small islands between Celebes and New Guinea. Here she sank three medium freighters and a tanker. She also evacuated President Quezon, his family, Vice President Osmena, Chief Justice Santos, and three officers in the Philippine Army from Corregidor and took them to Panay, where they boarded a motor tender. Swordfish returned to Manila Bay and evacuated eleven more Philippine officials⁴. Swordfish's primary mission on her third patrol was to deliver 40 tons of supplies to the beleaguered Corregidor. However, on April 10, 1942 ComSubAF told Swordfish to neglect her special mission and patrol offensively. Swordfish made no attacks on this patrol, but did perform reconnaissance of several islands.

The South China Sea area was the scene of this ship's fourth patrol, and she sank a freighter and a tanker, while she damaged two freighters. She returned to the South China Sea for her fifth patrol, but did no damage to the enemy. Swordfish went to the area west of Bouganville for her sixth patrol, and sank a medium freighter and damaged a second freighter. She went again to the Solomons for her seventh patrol and sank a freighter. On her eighth patrol she covered the Palau-Truk-Rabaul areas during August and September 1943. Here she sank a freighter and a transport, while damaging a freighter-transport. Her ninth patrol was cut short by material defects. On her tenth patrol, in the same area as her ninth, she sank a freighter-transport, and two medium freighters.

This ship covered the Marianas on her eleventh patrol; she damaged two freighters. On her twelfth patrol, conducted in the Bonins, she sank a freighter and two small trawlers, and sank the Japanese destroyer MATSUKAZE in a night submerged attack as the enemy ship was bearing down for an attack. Swordfish was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for the period of her first, second and fourth patrols.

"We shall never forget that it was our submarines that held the lines against the enemy while our fleets replaced losses and repaired wounds," Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, USN.



Razorback Base News

Prayer List

Our Base Treasurer, Bob Bowlin, is in the McClellan VA Hospital in Little Rock with severe respiratory problems. No further details are available but keep him on your prayer list.

Billy Hollaway ***

Razorback Base History

I have finally updated the Base History File. Yes, we have one and a historian as well. I inherited the job from Wendall Dedmon about 5 years ago. He started putting the clippings and photographs together, but didn't finish. When I received the file, it languished in a box for a while. I motivated myself to finish what Wendall started. The result is in the AIMM/USSVI library.

There are 2 binders of photographs, newspaper clippings and memorabilia. They start with the 1999 dedication of the Snook Memorial at MacArthur Park and the USS Razorback Base formation in 2000. There is another binder of photographs. I tried to put everything in chronological order.

Any base member is welcome to view the binders, but I ask that the material does not leave AIMM. I also welcome any suggestions and comments.

Joe Mathis
Razorback Base Historian

Overnight Stays on Razorback Shipmates,

Greg Zonner has asked that I circulate the following to you. We need some help to staff overnights on the Razorback. As you will see below, they are book solid for a while and could use some help. If you can help on any of these, please let Greg know at gzonner@aimm.museum.

Overnights for January and February, 2012

Saturday, January 7th
BSA Troup 392
~35 people
Zonner Duty

1st Shift – Hopper
2nd Shift – Stitz
Sub Vet -

Saturday, January 14th
Sea Scouts
Unknown number
Mathis Duty
1st Shift – Hopper
2nd Shift – Gates
Sub Vet –
(Stitz out of town)

Friday, January 20th
First UMC Jacksonville
~35 people
Hopper Duty
1st shift – Stitz
2nd Shift – Gates
Sub Vet –

Saturday, January 28th
BSA Troup 444
Unknown number
Stitz Duty
1st Shift – Stitz
2nd Shift – Mathis
Sub Vet –

Saturday, February 11th
BSA Troup 392
Unknown number
Zonner Duty
1st Shift – Hopper
2nd Shift – Stitz
Sub Vet –

Saturday, February 25th
BSA Troup 6
~10 people
Hopper Duty
1st Shift – Mathis
2nd Shift – Zonner
Sub Vet –

Submariners Keep Vet Organization Numbers High

While veterans associations are shuttering doors because of low membership rates and aging members, the U.S. Submarine Veterans numbers are stable and its members are actually getting younger.

As the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor passed on December 7th, it was marked by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association announcement that it was closing shop due to low membership.

In addition, the Submarine Veterans of World War II, from which the U.S. Submarine Veterans later sprang, announced that it will disband in Sept. 2012 for similar reasons.

Veterans' association groups across the nation struggle with retention rates and inevitable aging of members, according to Fred Borgmann, national office Manager for U.S. Submarine Veterans.

Read the article at this link:
<http://www.centrankitsapreporter.com/news/135296943.html>

2012 Base Dues

Dues for 2012 for USSVI and the Razorback Base are payable before January 1, 2012.

Thanks to all of you for your continued membership.

John C. Barr

Military Honors

A reminder to all members concerning military honors. A surviving family member should ensure they possess a valid and up-to-date DD 214 or Certificate of Honorable Discharge. As it turns out, honor details are provided based on the most recent information received, i. e. veteran rates two Honor Guard Members; retired, four and Medal of Honor or KIA, six. Also, the base is in a position to provide an honor detail, color guard but no fire detail if requested. Contact the Base Commander or Chaplain for info if unsure of your personal situation.

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Layman's 10 Commandments

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout life.

2. Why is a car's windshield so large & the rearview mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
 4. All things in life are temporary. If they are going well, enjoy them, they will not last forever. If they are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
 5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! To hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
 6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart; it's just a bend, not the end!"
 7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in YOUR abilities.
 8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
 9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
 10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's PEACE.
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On Eternal Patrol Kelly P. Driver

Kelly was a WWII sub vet having served on the Snapper, SS-185, in 1942-43. He was an FT1 (SS) and also served aboard the Proteus. Kelly was a very fine man. Sailor rest your oars. His home address is 30 Fairway Dr., Cabot AR 72023-0972. His obituary follows.

Kelly P. Driver, 87, of Cabot, left his earthly home peacefully and went to join his Savior Jesus Christ in his heavenly home on Dec. 15 at the Veterans Hospital in Little Rock. He was born on Jan. 24, 1924.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith M. Driver; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.P. Driver, and a sister, Anna Grace Dyer.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Driver, of Cabot; her children, Roger Cook and his wife,

Lisa, of North Carolina, Rusty Cook and his wife, Donna, of Oklahoma, and Robbie Heller and Marty of Texas; his son, Joe D. Driver, and his wife, Reba, of North Little Rock; grandsons, Jimmy Driver of North Little Rock, Adam Driver of New York and granddaughter, April Wilson, and her husband, Steve, of Indiana, and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephew and many longtime friends.

He was a Navy veteran who served on submarines in World War II and the Korean War.

He retired from the Navy and worked at Amphibious Base with the Seals then retired to Arkansas in 1993. He was an active member of Sylvan Hills Baptist Church.

He was an accomplished bass guitar player with a traveling band, The Gospel Tones, and an avid car enthusiast. He never met a stranger.

His funeral was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Sylvan Hills Baptist Church.

Interment followed at Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery.



Jan 1st – New Year's Day
Jan 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Navy News

Important-If you are military retiree, pay heed!

DFAS end-of-year mailing holds tax documents, more

CLEVELAND (AFRNS) – Retirees will be receiving some extra documents in their end of year mailing from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. DFAS officials state that every piece of paper in the mailing is important and will help retirees manage their pay matters through the tax season and beyond.

Included in the mailing will be:

-- A Retiree Account Statement dated Dec. 2 show the new payment amount as of Dec. 30. This includes the cost-of-living allowance adjustment for 2012.

-- A Retiree Account Statement dated Dec. 12 show the new payment amount as of Feb. 1. This includes any federal income tax adjustments caused by changes to the 2012 tax tables.

-- Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R reflecting all payments retirees received in 2011. DFAS officials remind retirees that because of the pay date change approved by Congress earlier this year, the 1099-R will reflect 13 payments rather than 12.

-- The DFAS retiree newsletter including important updates from retired and annuitant pay officials, as well as information about tools people can use to manage their retired pay account year round.

For people with online myPay accounts, the statements will be posted Dec. 4, and the 1099-Rs will be posted Dec. 15. For people who get these documents via the U.S. Postal Service, DFAS official will mail these documents to retirees Dec. 19 through Jan. 10.

The Annuitant Account Statements and 1099-Rs will be available Dec. 14 on myPay. Annuitants who get these documents via mail can expect to receive them Dec. 19 through 31.

Retirees and annuitants must keep their contact information current, according to DFAS officials who say the top reason a retiree or annuitant doesn't receive their 1099-R is because it is sent to an old address.

If a retiree or annuitant does not have their correct address on file with DFAS by Dec. 5, they will experience a significant delay in receiving their end of year documents, said official. People who do not have an active myPay account must call, mail or fax a written request to DFAS-Cleveland; processing a change of address and reissuing a new 1099-R takes at least 30 days, said officials.

Retirees and annuitants with an active myPay account can decrease their wait time for an address change and new 1099-R by logging in and updating their own account. Changes take effect in three to five business days, and

a copy of their 1099R can be printed directly from myPay.

For more information about account maintenance, 1099-R requests, and logging in to myPay visit the DFAS website at www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html. People without an online account can contact DFAS at 800-321-1080.

For more retiree news and information, please visit www.retirees.af.mil.

Sub CO Fired

UPI-December 16, 2011

The U.S. Navy fired a submarine commander after a near-miss encounter with a merchant ship in the Strait of San Juan de Fuca.

Commander Joseph Nosse was transferred from the USS Kentucky a week after the Oct. 12 incident.

Navy Times obtained reports on the incident under the Freedom of Information Act. The Kentucky and the M.V. Midnight Sun, an 839-foot cargo ship, came within 900 yards of each other with the submarine traveling at periscope depth.

The report said a series of miscommunications and lapses in attention while the submarine was changing course led to the near miss in the Strait of Juan de Fuca between British Columbia and Washington State. The Kentucky was apparently unaware the Midnight Sun was in her path until the merchant vessel alerted her.

A former submarine commander who looked at the report said the situation was very dangerous. "When you look at this, you say, 'If the guy on the merchant hadn't been playing heads-up ball, he could've slammed into this guy carrying a boatload of nuclear weapons,'" the former commander said.

The Kentucky is based in Bangor, Wash. The Midnight Sun, owned by Totem Ocean, makes regular runs between Tacoma, Wash., and Anchorage, Alaska.

Nuclear Subs for Canada?

Military News – Oct 2011

Canada's defense minister is "hinting" that Ottawa might be interested in adding nuclear fast-attack submarines to its navy for tomorrow's critical under-ice patrols.

It could use them: The Royal Canadian Navy has not had good luck with submarines of late, as the CBC, via Galrahn, describes— all four of Canada's former British boats are laid up today, and one of them has only had two days of service in the 13 years it's been a Canadian warship.

All other things equal, it could be a great idea for both Canada and the United States. Either the Canadians could buy new versions of the U.S. Navy's Virginia-class fast attack sub — and you'd better believe General Dynamics' Electric Boat yard would make them a heckuva deal — or, as Galrahn suggests, they could even lease U.S. Los Angeles-class boats. The U.S. and its contractors could get a nice payday from the deal, plus the strategic comfort in knowing a close ally had some sophisticated gear to help keep an eye under the all-important Arctic.

Will it happen? Seems like a long shot. File this one away with the onetime suggestions that Australia could buy some American nuclear submarines, which was just as pleasant a daydream. In fact, it was better, because an Aussie nuclear submarine force would not only guarantee sales and work for American engineers, it would've created a friendly new nuclear-capable port conveniently situated in the Western Pacific. Although speakers at the Naval Submarine League conference this month praised the value of the Navy's two current submarine tenders, those ships aren't getting any younger, and the service won't replace them any time soon.

The thing is, defense issues are national issues for Canadians (and Australians) in ways they aren't for Americans. President Obama was photographed at Langley AFB, Va. not too long ago with two Air Force F-22s, and he even made a joke about how he wanted to take one for a spin. Has

any national reporter or commentator connected Obama's visit with the Air Force's apparent inability to make the jets safe for their pilots? In another time and place, Obama's joking about the F-22 could have been the equivalent of President George W. Bush's praise about "a heckuva job." But the F-22's grounding and troubles are so below the radar of both the White House and the national press corps, Obama's advance team may not even have known the Raptors' backstory, or cared enough about it to change the president's photo op. Multiply that times Future Combat Systems; the San Antonio-class amphibious transports; the Joint Tactical Radio System and so on — for the most part, voters just don't care.

Canada is different, though. Every couple of weeks, for example, the mainstream national newspapers have an item about Canada's membership in Club F-35 — either political controversy or some new question about the jets' capability. As you read on Defense Tech, the Winnipeg Free Press reported that Canada's CF-35s may not be able to fully communicate when they're patrolling their portions of the Arctic. The National Post had a column about the program "unraveling" on Friday. All this means that Ottawa can't make big defense decisions such as buying or leasing nuclear submarines out of sight, the way our Pentagon mostly operates on its own. So given how much juice it's already costing Canada's Conservative government to buy 65 CF-35s, any discussion about nuclear submarines might prove to be a boat too far.

History of Submarine Pay

Did you Know?

Submarine pay is one of the oldest specialty pays in the service, created in 1905 by President Theodore Roosevelt after taking a two-hour ride in a submarine.

At that time, submarine duty was considered shore duty; sailors got 25 percent less pay than their counterparts on surface ships.

But after his ride in the submarine Plunger on March 25, 1905, Roosevelt directed that submarine officers get the same pay as their surface counterparts.

In addition, he issued an executive order giving enlisted men qualified in submarines an extra \$10 each month while those not yet fully qualified got \$5. They also received an additional dollar a day.

Hidden Bag Found On USS Cobia Submarine

Herald Times, January 2

MANITOWOC - Imagine Paul Rutherford's surprise when he was working aboard the USS Cobia and came across a bag that likely hadn't been touched by human hands since World War II.

Rutherford is maintenance supervisor for the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, where the submarine draws thousands of visitors each year.

The Cobia yielded its surprise to Rutherford on Dec. 21. He was on his back, squeezed into a tight space installing a protective cage around a light fixture above upper sleeping bunks in the after torpedo room.

"I had to take off the cover around the light fixture so I could use that to attach the cage to it," he said. "I realized I didn't bring the cages with me. I couldn't reach them and I didn't want to crawl down because it's a struggle, so I called for some help."

During the five minutes or so that he waited, his imagination went to work. He put himself in the mindset of a World War II submariner and wondered if one of them might have stashed something in a nearby nook.

"Wouldn't that be cool if I found something," he thought to himself.

Rutherford reached his hand above an electrical utility box behind the escape hatch.

And there it was. A brown leather zippered toiletry bag, flattened from being shoved into a 2- to 3-inch-high space more than 60 years ago.

"So I pulled it out," he said. "There was actually a lot of dust on it and one edge was spray-painted

white," likely from remodeling during the '60s or '70s before the museum acquired the submarine, he said.

Rutherford waited until he finished his work and shimmied out of the tight space to see what was inside.

The bag yielded up a small empty red corduroy pouch, a rubber stamp with a seaman's name, a "100 Cocktails" booklet, and two poems, "Give Us a Drink" and "Navy Wife."

"That thing had definitely been up there longer than I've been alive," said Rutherford, 47. "If I wouldn't have forgotten to bring the cages with me, I would have never have found these items."

Using the rubber stamp as her guide, Karen Duvall, submarine curator, consulted crew records and identified the objects as being from Seaman First Class Hersey J. Williams, who served aboard the USS Cobia on the submarine's fourth war patrol, which departed from Perth, Australia, on Dec. 12, 1945.

Chances are that one of the two bunks near the area where the bag was found belonged to him, Duvall said.

"The submarine has been here for 41 years, and to find something that has been there for 66 years that's exciting," Duvall said. "It was a tricky area to get to - that's why it has been up there for so long."

While the bag was flattened, everything inside was in good condition, she said.

"It's kind of odd," Rutherford said. "It's not stuff you would usually find in the bag. We thought maybe he left it there as some sort of Navy tradition or something. It was in a place that you wouldn't have put something like that normally. That's why it was cool finding it."

It was typical for submariners to keep personal items in small personal lockers, bunk bags and small lockers in the crew's washroom of the submarine, Duvall said.

The drink booklet contains recipes for martinis and rum drinks, she said.

The "Navy Wife" poem warned women not to become a sailor's wife unless they could answer yes to the questions it asked, including, "Can you sit home nights just waiting until the war is won?"

The other poem was a little salty, peppered with what Duvall called "sailor talk."

The little red bag might have once held the seaman's razor, she said.

Duvall plans to scour the museum's archives, talk to veterans and do Internet research to find out more about the submariner who, possibly on a whim, tucked the bag into the bowels of the submarine and maybe even chuckled as he thought of the day that it might be found.

----- Pride Runs Deep -----

January Birthdays

Jan 1st – Sabri Celik
Jan 7th – Dean Read
Jan 7th – Maurice Barksdale
Jan 8th – Bruce Lipe
Jan 10th – Cecil Goins
Jan 10th – Mike Moore
Jan 11th – Sam Cecil
Jan 18th – Marvin Vaughter
Jan 24th – Renny Wright
Jan 26th – John Mitchell
Jan 28th – Jim Gates

Happy Birthday!

Treasurer's Report: Will be in next month's newsletter

**Base Treasurer
Bob Bowlin**



State-of-the-art Iranian Submarine

A little Late but Good!
The 12 Subby (Wife) Days of Christmas

*In Humor by Wife of Sailor
Dec 20, 2001*

Sometimes, phrases get stuck in my head and I have to write it down. That's what began here and I ended up making it into an entire poem. I hope you enjoy my "12 Subby (Wife) Days of Christmas." I found it humorous to write and I hope it brings at least a smile to your face. Even if you aren't part of the submarine or even Navy community, I hope you can at least find a few things to nod and smile with. If I was able to sing a lick, I'd have put it to music and made a blog. But I didn't. Because I can't. You are welcome.

Oh, and thanks to Sespi (one of the other fantastic writers here) for reading this over for me—and giving me a few great suggestions—before I published it.

The Twelve Subby (Wife) Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
A seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the second day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine (gosh you really stink!)

On the third day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside (shhh, don't tell),
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the fourth day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud (*cough* thanks, hubby),
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the fifth day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Fiiiiive emails at once!
Four missed holidays (yes my birthday counts),
Three strains of boat crud,

Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the sixth day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Six days of duty...
Fiiiiive emails at once! (Boy did I need that!)
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the seventh day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Seven days to pay the rec bill
Six days of duty (New Year's Eve, again?...
Fiiiiive emails at once! (finally!)
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the eighth day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Eight Single Sailors at dinner,
Seven days to pay the rec bill (WHAT did he spend it on?),
Six days of duty...
Fiiiiive emails at once! (finally!)
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the ninth day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
Nine different duty stations! ...
Eight Single Sailors at dinner (how much do they eat?),
Seven days to pay the rec bill,
Six days of duty...
Fiiiiive emails at once! (finally!)
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the 10th day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
10 weeks 'til the next deployment...
Nine different duty stations (I don't even know where I am!),
Eight Single Sailors at dinner,
Seven days to pay the rec bill,
Six days of duty...

Fiiiiive emails at once! (finally!)
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the 11th day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
11 still-unpacked boxes!...
10 weeks 'til the next deployment (yikes, already?),
Nine different duty stations,
Eight Single Sailors at dinner,
Seven days to pay the rec bill,
Six days of duty...
Fiiiiive emails at once! (finally!)
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

On the 12th day of Christmas, my subby gave to me:
A 12-hour plane ride to see family!...
11 still-unpacked boxes (from three moves ago!),
10 weeks 'til the next deployment,
Nine different duty stations,
Eight Single Sailors at dinner,
Seven days to pay the rec bill,
Six days of duty...
Fiiiiive emails at once! (finally!)
Four missed holidays,
Three strains of boat crud,
Two phone calls from topside,
And a seabag of clothes smelling of amine!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**HAWGFISH SCUTTLEBUTT
IN GOD WE TRUST**

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OUR CREED:

"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. A pledge of loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government its Constitution."



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