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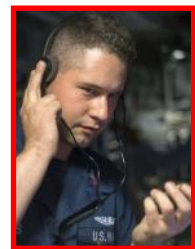
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***Nukes and Submariners Get Seven New Ratings
Nuclear Power, Non Nuke Submariners get new titles, abbreviations.***

By Mark D. Faram, Staff writer, *Navy Times*, 6:42 p.m. EST November 12, 2015

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The Navy is creating seven new service ratings, including machinist's mate weapons for sailors who maintain torpedoes. Machinist's Mate (Weapons) 1st Class (SS) Chaz Lewis, the leading petty officer in the forward torpedo room aboard the attack submarine Minnesota, communicated with the control room while the sub fired air slugs to simulate a torpedo launch in 2013. (Photo: Mark D. Faram/Staff)



It's no secret that sailors identify with their ratings - and thousands of sailors are about to get new ones. For 18,395 nuclear power and submarine sailors, the Navy has created seven new service ratings and will issue the new titles and rating abbreviations - just in time for Christmas.

The creation of these seven new service ratings assists in the identification and classification of submarine and nuclear-trained sailors that have acquired specific skills and training, said Sharon Anderson, spokeswoman for the chief of naval personnel. This measure improves the Navy's ability to track these sailors in the training pipeline and in the fleet.

Anderson said the changes are administrative in nature and will be largely transparent to sailors. No new career fields are being created, nor will these sailors have to sew on any new rating badges when the new service ratings take effect, which is expected by Dec. 18.

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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.



Base



Commander

Shipmates,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and recharged their batteries to have an even better 2016. We started the Christmas holiday off right with a fun Base Christmas party. Thank you to Barbara Schwerman for coordinating it! Everyone seemed to have a good time. I certainly did!

I urge all Base members to plan on attending the January meeting at *AIMM* on Saturday, January 30th. Meeting will start at 6:00 PM with an EC meeting at 5:45PM. We will be setting up activities and schedule for meetings to follow in 2016 and would like everyone's input.

I look forward to seeing you there!!

Fair Winds and following seas,

Jim

Jim Gates
Base Commander



Ted Yearwood
Welcome New Member!

Ted qualified in 1997 on the *Hyman G. Rickover*, SSN-709. He was a MM2(SS). Ted lives in Heber Springs. Welcome aboard and we hope to see you soon.

Deja Vue All Over Again - But it was Worse



In May the highest I saw the water was halfway up the black anchor in the far left picture. And in the picture at left, the screws are still visible.



At left the water is quite a way up the ramp. But note to the right the water is way up the ramp, and the screws are not even visible anymore!



Debris floating down river was an issue. The steps in the picture at lower-left may have belonged to the deck and railings that came by later. In the center picture, the decking pancaked under other



sections - a major chore to fix! And, as the *Hoga* rose with the water, staff had to reposition the aft water cannon to clear the bridge above.





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Sailors in the three nuclear power ratings and in four submarine non-nuclear fields - navigation, communications, auxiliary and weapons - now officially have what the Navy calls a “service rating” to call home. That begs the question, what's a service rating?

Enlisted sailors serve in one of 57 general ratings, which have a single rating badge and two- or three-letter abbreviation, like BM for boatswain's mate or AG for aerographer's mate. For example, aviation boatswain's mate is a general rating, but under that are three service ratings specific to fuels, aircraft handling, and launching and recovery equipment. Service ratings are used for advancement, so that ABEs only compete with other ABEs for their next stripe, rather than also vying with ABFs and ABHs.

All seven new service ratings, until now, had been what the Navy classifies as “exam ratings,” which had titles and abbreviations that were used to identify sailors during testing and advancement. Three of the four new submarine service ratings once had life under current or former general ratings. Submarine quartermasters and radiomen were merged into the electronics technician rating in 1994. Also in the 1990s, submarine qualified torpedoman's mates were merged into the machinist's mate rating. Both TM and RM names and abbreviations were later eliminated from the surface force through two other rating mergers; there are still QMs in the surface fleet.

And though a generation of sailors have come and gone since the Navy executed these mergers, calls for recreating these three ratings under their old names and abbreviation have yet to die down. Sources say the idea to recreate the radioman, submarine quartermaster and torpedoman's mates general ratings are still being discussed in the submarine community. But personnel officials say the creation of the seven new service ratings is not an official step toward recreating these much-loved extinct ratings. **The purpose of this change was to enable these sailors as well as the nuclear trained sailors to be tracked better by the personnel system, Anderson said. It was not meant to create, split out, or consolidate any of the ratings.**

Here's the new submarine career service rating titles and abbreviations and which NECs will be folded in under each:

1. EMN, Electrician's Mate, Nuclear Power: 3301, 3302, 3354, 3359, 3364, 3371, 3372, 3376, 3377, 3384, 3389, 3394, and 9901.
2. ETN, Electronics Technician, Nuclear Power: 3301, 3302, 3353, 3359, 3363, 3371, 3372, 3373, 3376, 3377, 3383, 3389, 3393, and 9901.
3. MMN, Machinist's Mate, Nuclear Power: 3301, 3302, 3351, 3355, 3356, 3359, 3365, 3366, 3371, 3372, 3376, 3377, 3385, 3386, 3389, 3395, 3396, and 9901.
4. ETV, Electronics Technician, Submarine, Navigation (ETV): Formerly Quartermaster, submarines, ETV includes: 14GM, 14NM, 14NO, 14NP, 14NV, 14TK, 14XM, 14XO, and 3329.
5. ETR, Electronics Technician, Submarine, Communications: Formerly Radioman, submarines, ETR includes: 14AA, 14AB, 14BH, 14CM, 14EM, 14HH, 14TM, 14RO, 14TO, 14ZA, 14ZQ, and 14ZR.
6. MMW: Machinist's Mate, Non-Nuclear, Submarine Weapons: Formerly Torpedoman's Mate, submarines, MMW includes: 4233, 4235, and 4247.
7. MMA, Machinist's Mate, Non-Nuclear, Submarine Auxiliary, MMA includes: 4231, 4234, 4246, 4252, and 4253.

**From Tom
Desaulniers**

Happy New Year!

**And here is the
traditional old lang
sign!**



**Anyone know this
boat? Serve on her?**

Hint: Nickname is -

Old Funny Fins





Lost Boats - January



USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost on January 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4th war patrol. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

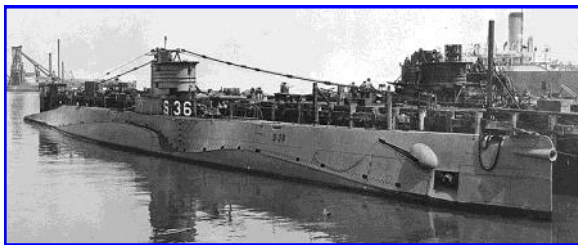
Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Jap destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire. (Picture to Left: V-4 (SF-7) crewman training the submarine's forward 6"/53" deck gun, during shakedown tests off Provincetown, Massachusetts, 21 June 1928.



USS Swordfish (SS-193)



Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on January 20, 1942 with no loss of life, on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her.



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was rammed by the USS PC460 and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.



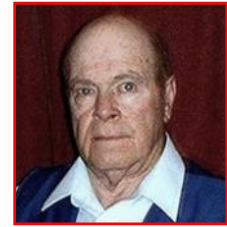


Burial Service and Eternal Patrol

Service for Bob Bowlin

Service for Bob, QM1(SS) was held aboard the *USS Razorback* on December 14th. Bob passed away on October, 19, 2014 in Conway, Arkansas. Bob qualified on the *USS Caiman*, SS-323. He also served on *USS Mero*, SS-378, *USS Springer*, SS-414 and *USS Hardhead*, SS-365.

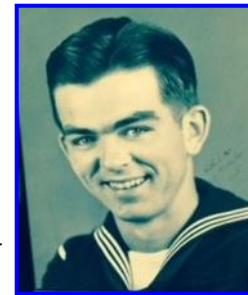
Bob's grandson, Justin McEwen, is shown receiving the flag from Joe Mathis.



William H. Haupt

William H. Haupt, 95, of Little Rock, passed away December 28, 2015. Born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Charles W. and Edna Smith Haupt, he was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired from Safeway after 50 years of service and from Rector Phillips Morse Real Estate after 17 years. Preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jack (Jackie) M. Haupt, daughter, Brenda Haupt and son, Dan Haupt, he is survived by his daughters, Sandra Myers and husband, Richard and Lisa Haupt; son, Murray Haupt;

eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



Bill was a Life Member of WWII submarine veterans. He served from June 1944 until October 1945. He was a Seaman and qualified on the *USS Pike*, SS-173.

Gerald Spielman

December 22, 1936 - December 30, 2015

Gerald Spielman, 79, of Yellville, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2015 in Mountain Home. He was born December 22, 1936 in Evanston, Illinois to Kenneth Karl and Lola Ruth (Kitterman) Spielman. He was a decorated Vietnam Navy Veteran having served his country from 1954 until his retirement in 1975. He had several jobs including raising turkeys and construction. The things he loved most were his wife, his family, his country and the Razorbacks.

He is survived by one daughter, Mary Sutterfield (Billy) of Yellville; one son Henry Johnson (Jan) of Forest Ranch, California; two "special" daughters, Sabra Bagwell of Cushing, Oklahoma and Joyce McCalla (Danny) of Yellville; six grandchildren, Krista McCalla (Michael), Zach Sutterfield (Alyssa), Judy Tatom (Troy), Eric Gaylor (Pam), Arron Gaylor (Liz) and Courtney Bagwell; three brothers, Tom (his twin), Karl and Rodger Spielman; several great-grandchildren including Bradon, Ethan, Lainey and Shaylee McCalla and Kylek and Zaylie Sutterfield and two close friends, Roy Haake and John Longdon.

Gerald was an EN1(SS), qualifying on the *USS Cusk*, SS-346 in 1961. He also served on the *USS Tunny*, SS-282 and the *USS Henry L. Stinson*, SSBN-655.





Fun Facts to Read

- In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb."
- Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only ... Ladies Forbidden" ... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.
- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- **It is impossible to lick your elbow.**
- The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska!
- The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000!
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
- The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David; Hearts - Charlemagne; Clubs - Alexander, the Great; Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
- If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Answers to following questions listed below.

Q1. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

Q2. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?
Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? A. All invented by women.

Q3. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A1. Their birthplace.

A2. One thousand.

A3. Honey

- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase ... "good night, sleep tight."
- It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month ... which we know today as the honeymoon.
- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts ... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." Its where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"
- Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

AND FINALLY: At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

(Thanks to Nick Bert, Editor, The Havana Herald in Florida for the humor I grab for our newsletter.)



January + Birthdays

Maurice Lee Barksdale 7
 C. Dean Read, Jr. 7
 Bruce M. Lipe 8
 Cecil H. Goins 10
 Michael D. Moore 10
 Sam Cecil 11
 Marvin E. Vaughtner 18
 Ted Yearwood 23
 James H. Gates 28

February

Paul Honeck 4
 John E. Archer 6

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Booster Club

Avery (TX) Class of 1958 in Memory of Bob Stiltz, Jr. (1)
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 Suzann & John Barr (8)
 Bruce Dart (1)
 James Flanders (1)
 George Fore (1)
 James & Susan Franks (0)
 Ron Hines (1)
 Billy Hollaway (10)
 Terence & Kathleen Murphy (10)
 Ann & Tom Salisbury (6)
 Bill Smith (12)
 Frank C. Tillery (11)
 Fred Weilminster (1)
 George Wrightam (6)

TREASURER'S REPORT		DECEMBER 2015
TOTAL BASE FUNDS BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 16,217.58
General Fund Beginning Balance		\$ 6,315.46
DEPOSITS		
Base Dues		\$ 330.00
National Dues		\$ 345.00
EXPENSES		
National Dues		\$ 550.00
Eternal Patrol Plaques		\$ 21.91
Storekeeper		\$ 66.25
Christmas Party		\$ 200.91
General Fund Ending Balance		\$6,151.39
Designated Funds Beginning Balance		\$ 4,425.52
Maint. Fund Beginning Balance		\$ 2,647.66
Booster Club- Bill Smith		\$ 5.00
Maint. Fund Ending Balance		\$ 2,652.66
Charity Fund Balance		\$ 372.00
Snook Memorial Fund Balance		\$ 1,405.86
Designated Funds Ending Balance		\$ 4,430.52
Checking Balance (Gen. + Desig. Funds)		\$ 10,581.91
Other Funds		
CD Balance		\$ 5,224.60
Cash on Hand		\$ 252.00
TOTAL BASE FUNDS ENDING BALANCE		\$ 16,058.51
Respectfully submitted,		
Mark Taylor, Base Treasurer		





Base Activities and Notes

- January 23, Saturday, at 6 p.m. Executive Committee at 5:30. (No pot luck.) We will be discussing base activities and items for the first half of 2016.

District Commander's CD1 Report for January.

Due to some health and personal issues I've asked the USSVI Election Master to remove my name from the ballot for Central Region Director.

Base treasurer EOY report is now posted on the USSVI website. Base treasurers please notify me when this report has been submitted. A Central District I meeting for all 11 bases will be held in Branson, Missouri May 20th & 21st, 2016. All base officers and base members are invited to attend. A hospitality room will be hosted by the Ozark Runner Base. National Commander Al Singleman and Regional Director David Farran will be in attendance. Base Commanders will receive additional information later this month. Nominations for National Officers will be accepted till March 1, 2016. Also any changes to the USSVI Constitution and Bylaws are due by March 1, 2016.

Bonny and I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Fraternally, Carl Schmidt, District Commander CD1

60th High School Reunion!

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years being high school classmates and having attended class reunions in the past without fail. This 60th anniversary of their class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high.

The widower throwing admiring glances across the table. The widow smiling coyly back at him. Finally, he picked up courage to ask her - "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered - "Yes, yes I will!" The evening ended on a happy note for the widower. But the next morning he was troubled.

Did she say "Yes" or did she say "No?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question but for the life of him could not recall her response. With fear and trepidation he picked up the phone and called her.

First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening. As he gained a little more courage he then inquired of her. When I asked if you would marry me, did you say "Yes" or did you say "No?" "Why you silly man, I said "Yes, yes I will. And I meant it with all my heart." The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat. Then she continued - "And I am so glad you called because I couldn't remember who asked me!"

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