



# Hawgfish Scuttlebutt



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## Commander's Corner

Calling all IC/DC Electricians; I and AIMM are in need of a tech manual for the USS Razorback's 1&7 MC Stack. If anyone has in their position or knows of anyone who might have a copy if a tech manual for the 1&7 MC stack for any of the old diesel boats or surface ships from the time before solid state electronics, I would really like to get a look at the manual.

Last month for the April workday on the USS Razorback, Tom Salisbury, Eugene Prohl and I tried to make some repairs to the alarm oscillators' in order to make the general alarm sound correct Gong, Gong, Gong, instead of Wronnnnnnnnnnnnnnnng. After finding and replacing several defective tubes and relays in the oscillator stack, the general alarm still has a problem we weren't able to locate and repair. A schematic of the stack would be a great help in troubleshooting this problem.

It was great to see that the Razorback Base was well represented at the Submarine

Birthday Dinner in Branson hosted by the Ozark Runner Base; I think we had 10 or 12 base members at the dinner. Bravo Zulu to Ron Athey and the base members of Ozark Runner Base for hosting a great dinner and party. Barbara and I had a great time.

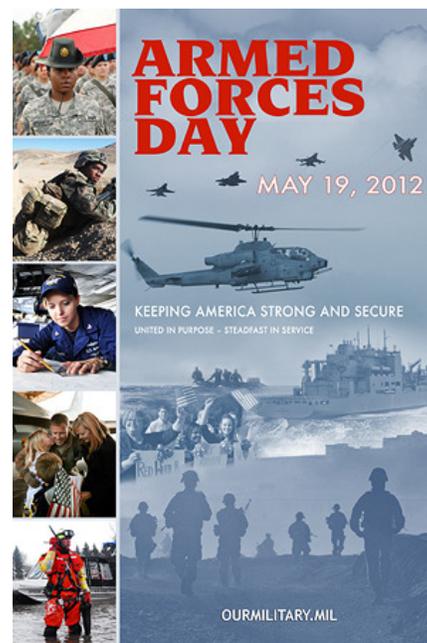
FYI start making your plans to attend next year's US Submarine Birthday Dinner. The Razorback Base will be the hosts for next year's party and dinner returning to Harrison at the Hotel Seville. The dates for the weekend will be April 12-13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. The hotel and hall reservations have already been confirmed.

This month May 12 is our next workday on the USS Razorback SS 394. AIMM has a list of repairs/maintenance that need our attention, so if you can't make it on the scheduled workdays, you are always welcome to stop down on the boat and work anytime you can make it.

And lastly, don't forget that May 18-19-20th is our annual base picnic and campout, so make plans to attend. The campout is at the Lake

Dardanelle State Park in Russellville; look for more information from Ray Wewers for details.

Greg Schwerman  
Base Commander



## Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of May

**USS Squalus (SS-192) 23-May-1939.** 26 men lost with 33 rescued.

**USS Lagarto (SS-371) 4-May-1945.** All hands lost (86).

**USS STICKLEBACK (SS 415) 30-May-1958.** No loss of life.

**USS SCORPION (SSN 589) 22-May-1968.** All hands lost (99).

### **USS SQUALUS (SS 192) May 23, 1939 – 26 Men Lost – 33 Men Rescued**

May 23, 1939 -- With the calm of deep water, in the murky depths to which only the last feeble rays of sunlight filter from the heaving surface far above, all is quiet with a stillness that is filled with a quality of ageless, invisible motion. It is the cool world of the small fishes through which an occasional larger form slides noiselessly with outlines distorted in shimmering patterns of sunlight on its curving back.

Thus the stage is set when, from the limit of underwater vision, there appears a shadow against the lightness of the ocean's surface. Nearer it comes until the dark underside of the fish-like craft can be distinguished in a frame of foamy brightness with a seemingly inadequate flutter of propellers under its stern. It appears progressively larger but its increasing size seems to signify more than decreasing distance. A rounded hull, a pair of fin-like projections and darker shadows reveal the unmistakable characteristics of a submarine coming down in a dive. A swirl of churning water and a cloud of bubbles follows its wake as the Conning Tower and the deck structures come under. In the shimmering light the number "192" painted in white under the bow identifies the USS SQUALUS (SS-192), a newcomer in the ocean's depths. Inside are men. The ports of the Conning Tower gleam dully and serve only to emphasize the blind faith of those men who put their trust in a man-made machine.

Down, down; a graceful diving slant under control. But wait! Too many bubbles belch in a cloud around the after part of the boat. It wavers; its forward motion is lost; the angle changes but its progress downward accelerates as the stern falls. The heavy steel walls hide swift drama inside and, as in a picture on a silent film, the stricken submarine sinks noiselessly to the bottom coming to rest in a cloud of churning mud. Tragic bubbles still issue from the undersea giant whose 299-foot length is mocked by the infinite sea.

A moment of inaction - stunned indecision - while riled mud settles and bubbles continue to rise from a depth that never before has seen air. The fallen craft with its cargo of trapped survivors seems to stir as clouds of mud rise from the outlets of the valves under the bow with the outward rush of water from the ballast tanks. The long gray ship shows no other sign and the struggle to increase buoyancy ceases as air spurts from the muddy valves. Another moment of thought; inside, probably a conference, and a small movement can be seen in the middle of the forward deck. Lazily at first, but gathering speed rapidly, there rises from a small hatch a bobbing float which struggles upward on the end of the small cable still attached to the boat. It breaks the surface and the foundered SQUALUS can do no more. To those at the bottom the smoking beacon of the buoy released is another world, a world of air and sunshine, calling for help.

Who can record what is said as minutes pass within that long black hull? Who can picture the tension of the officer waiting at the receiver of the telephone leading to the buoy above? Who can be said to have been the first to sense the approach of another long, black shape gliding on the surface with a frame of foam and the stir of its beating propellers? The approach of another undersea boat duplicates the image of the silent shadow which disturbed the sea at the start of the ill-fated SQUALUS dive. As though in answer to the call of family, the sister-ship USS SCULPIN I (SS-191) has been drawn to the spot and from the smoking beacon discovered the plight of the craft below. Above the surface intense activity must be starting and, in this other world of sunshine and air the alarm is already spreading to shock into purposeful action the resources of the American Navy. The lives of a crew of trapped men has become, in an instant, the major concern of a nation.

Silent hours pass. The gradual darkening of the ceiling above the inert submarine indicates the fading of daylight. Those above have established the fact that life still exists in the sunken hull and the gently rocking sister-ship stands by at the upper end of a slender anchor chain which slants through the murky depths to the ocean's bottom.

May 24, 1939 - Lighter and lighter grows the greenish tint of the water's surface and deeper and deeper into the profound darkness penetrates the light of dawn. The shadowy shape of the sunken craft is discovered still held in the grip of the sucking mud. Darkness saturated with fear and uncertainty must certainly still grip the souls of the hidden men who cover their desperation by mocking it with ribald story and song. Through the floating space a bulky figure with spouting helmet dangling on the end of his lifelines has come from one of the many surface craft whose bottoms are clustered around that of SCULPIN. The slender telephone line to the surface has been repaired. The water makes no record of the stimulating and encouraging pleasantries that pass over that "private line" to SQUALUS. **Continued on next page.**

**"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.**



## Continue of USS Squalus (SS 192)

The light is high and small craft have shuttled endlessly in and out of the range of vision until a larger, more sturdy prow cleaves a path for a throbbing hill whose purposeful approach gives mute evidence of its race from a distant base. Unheard cheers resound in the stuffy compartments of SQUALUS as the news the "FALCON: has arrived is relayed. Unheard by these survivors are the words that crackle through the atmosphere to the millions of the world who wait by loudspeakers, "the FALCON has arrived!"

With a celebrity born of experience FALCON throws out a circle of anchors which maintain its position over the wreck. A diving stage comes overside and, after a short drop through the green water, discharges the figures of divers who slide to the deck of the submarine each dragging his lines and his inseparable swirl of helium-oxygen bubbles. It is a scene of fantastic unreality. To a certain point on the forward deck the diver directs his efforts and at some signal, a cable slides down the guide line on a weighted loop. A moment of crouching and this cable is firmly fastened to a bulging hatch on the submarine. The thud of leaded feet on the deck has been cheerful accompaniment to the frenzied nonsense of the trapped men whose talking has prevented serious thought and the knowledge that no one has even been saved from a disaster of this type. In spite of this, there is an uplifting faith in comrades of the navy and in the resources of a nation whose experts, military and civilian alike will not rest until rescue is accomplished.

Thus starts the climax of a chapter in history. Breaking the surface alongside FALCON there appears a strange bell-like shape. After bobbing about for a minute, the cable from the under surface of the bell to the submarine hatch tightens, the bells pulls itself under and starts downward trailing a row

of violent bubbles and hose connections. Gently it settles on the deck of the submarine with the flattened end at the apex of tapering sides guided by the diver. Inertly it stays there like a growth marring the sleek lines of the hull. Varying degrees of bubbling surround the bell as the only evidence that its chambers are being blown out of flooded to accommodate the passage of men from the Torpedo Room of the submarine to the bell.

Finally the bell stirs. It moves and, under the tug of its cables above, it begins to rise with its freight of survivors. It breaks the surface at the end of the journey and it is known by the world that this task has been accomplished for the first time in history. Down again; up again; down again; up again; two more trips go smoothly - so smoothly that tension grows. The last trip down. Darkness has fallen and the action can only be occasionally glimpsed by the flash of underwater lights. The last trip up. Catastrophe -- almost! Snagged by the tangled downhaul cable the bell hangs suspended unable to break away from the inert wreck and hanging by a frayed cable above. Desperate action to clear the foul consumes four dreadful hours but is at last rewarded. In the last load comes the Commander of the ill-fated SQUALUS to become the only Commander to have survived a submarine disaster.

Up above, the survivors. Every man not lost at the time of the accident is saved. Down below, the lonely tomb; further challenge to the FALCON that accomplished the greatest rescue in the history of the world.

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## **Razorback Base News**

### **Annual Razorback Base Campout** *May 18-20, 2012*

Our annual base campout is just a few days away. It will be at the Lake Dardanelle State Park in Russellville. We will start Friday afternoon whenever you can get there.

Friday--May 18--1730--dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs  
Saturday---May 19--1130--  
Lunch of pork, beef brisket and/or pork tenderloin  
1300--Short Base meeting  
1730-dinner of more barbecue  
Sunday---May 20---0900--  
Breakfast surprise

We are in need of side dishes for each of the meals above:

Please let me know what you can bring and how many people in your party.

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967-5541

Thanks,  
Ray

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**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Cinco de Mayo

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – V-E Day, 1945

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Workday

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Day

**May 18-20<sup>th</sup>** – Base Meeting

Campout

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Armed Forces Day

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Day

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## **Navy News**

### **Panel to Navy: Keep 12 Ballistic Subs** - *Navy Times, April 25*

A minimum of 12 ballistic missile submarines must remain in service for the foreseeable future, a key congressional committee said, despite Navy plans to drop below that number beginning in 2029.

The provision is included in the markup of the House Armed

Services seapower and projection forces subcommittee, which was released Wednesday.

Although 14 Ohio-class "boomers" are now in service, the fleet is scheduled to begin shrinking in 2027 as the oldest units are retired. Current Navy plans show the force dropping to 11 ships in 2029 and reaching 10 ships in 2032, where the level holds for a decade before starting to rise again as new replacement submarine come on line.

The markup - the first legislative process in assembling a defense authorization bill to send to the full House of Representatives - also approves a Navy request for a new multiyear procurement authority for Virginia SSN 774-class attack submarines. The subcommittee granted MYP authority for 10 submarines beginning in 2014, and allows for incremental funding of the ships.

Other Navy-related provisions in the markup include:

- Authorization of an MYP for up to 10 Arleigh Burke DDG 51-class destroyers and allowance of \$3 billion for two ships in the 2013 program, the first year of the MYP.

- Granting an extension of the incremental funding of the future aircraft carriers CVN 79 and CVN 80 from a five-year period to a six-year period.

- Limiting spending on the refueling and complex overhaul of the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln to \$1.6 billion in 2013, the first year of a two-year incremental funding profile.

The markup also requires additional risk-reduction technology development for the follow-on aircraft of the Unmanned Carrier-launched Surveillance and Strike system — currently in technology development as the X-47B aircraft — and requires a "competitive acquisition environment" for the program. The markup notes the change in terminology from a "future unmanned carrier-based strike system" to "unmanned carrier-launched surveillance and strike system," indicating an increased emphasis on the surveillance role.

It also repeals a provision in the 2008 defense authorization law that required all new classes of combatant strike vessels to be nuclear-powered, a pet project of former Seapower subcommittee chairman Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., who was defeated in the last elections.

The markup also directs the Navy to report on the issue of ship superstructure cracking, with an emphasis on the choice of superstructure material for the DDG 51 Flight III-class ships, the first of which is scheduled to be ordered in 2016. The subcommittee wants information "comparing the estimated construction costs for a deckhouse made of each of the three materials, or even a possible hybrid of two or all three, and then compares the estimated lifecycle costs for the designed life of the ship."

The markup makes no mention for producing any other information other than cost factors.

The full committee will hold its formal markup sessions on Thursday.

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### **Navy Accepts New Sub**

*By Michael Melia, Associated Press, May 4, 2012*

GROTON — The chief of Naval operations accepted a new attack submarine on behalf of the U.S. military Wednesday and praised the builders for delivering it a year ahead of schedule and under budget.

On a visit to the Groton shipyard of Electric Boat, Adm. Jonathan Greenert described the construction of Virginia-class attack submarines as "probably our best program out there."

Greenert also toured the submarine, which will be commissioned as the USS Mississippi in June, and pinned submarine badges known as "dolphins" on crew members' uniforms.

The Mississippi is the ninth of the Virginia-class submarines, which are built in partnership between Groton-based Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News

Shipbuilding in Virginia at a cost of about \$2.6 billion each.

"This company, this shipbuilding team, between here and down in Newport News, are giving us submarines earlier every time," Greenert said.

It was a proud moment for a submarine community that still faces clouds of uncertainty as the Pentagon looks to trim costs.

Since the administration of President Barack Obama raised the specter of a new round of base closings in January, officials including the governor have been mobilizing to protect the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, which was nearly closed in 2005. U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, a Democrat who accompanied Greenert on the tour, said it looks like no such process will take place this year but officials need to remain vigilant.

"I feel very strongly that we've got a very powerful case in terms of the synergy with EB, among others, that this is a base that really should be of enduring value," Courtney told reporters.

Asked for his perspective on how the Groton base might fare before a Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Greenert was more reserved.

"It's hard to say when you say you're going to have a BRAC round. It's a very deliberate process," the four-star admiral said. Still, he said the base has added value as a training center for the submarine force. "A lot of people don't talk about that piece of it."

The Navy has also proposed pushing back the construction timetable for a new class of ballistic missile submarines to replace the aging Ohio-class submarines, which form part of the U.S. nuclear deterrence strategy. The military's latest budget delays procurement of the first sub by two years until fiscal year 2012 — a decision that Greenert said is driven partly by budget considerations.

Engineers already are working on the design for the Ohio replacements at Electric Boat, a division of General Dynamics

Corp., and Greenert said he discussed the proposed delay with company executives.

"We need to look at it closely and make sure what we're doing is right and is sustainable, and right now I think it is," he said.

Construction of the Mississippi began in February 2007, and it took just over five years to complete — roughly two years less than the first submarine in the class. It will be commissioned on June 2 in a ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss.

Greenert said the efforts of local contractors and sailors helped the Navy to dominate "the undersea domain."

"We do have the best submarine force in the world," he said.

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### **Israel Gets Nuclear Missile-Capable Sub**

*Marine Link, May 4, 2012*

In Kiel, a German-made submarine, capable of launching nuclear weapons, has been handed over to the Israel Defense Forces.

An official ceremony to hand over to Israel a Dolphin-class submarine, which can carry nuclear weapons, took place in the German city of Kiel, according to Rianovosti. The German-made submarine, named Tanin ("alligator" in Hebrew), is due to enter service in 2013, when all tests are completed.

The Tanin is the fourth submarine of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), and one of the country's most expensive defense contracts. Its construction costs are estimated at \$500 million, with one third being subsidized by the German government.

"The Navy and the submarine fleet constitute a deterrent, protective and strategic arm for the IDF and for the State of Israel," Defense Minister Ehud Barak said during the ceremony.

A fifth submarine for the IDF is currently in the final stages of construction and is due to enter service in 2014. Earlier, Israel and Germany signed a deal to build the sixth submarine, due to be completed by 2017.

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### **Submarine Market Seems to be on Solid Ground**

*Defense-update.com, May 2*

The military submarine market is expected to continue growing in a modest pace through the second decade of the 21st century, as naval forces are inducting modern, more capable submarines, designed for extended operational missions at sea.

Along with the growth of the submarine fleets, there is a growing interest in combat systems, sensors, defense systems countermeasures, as well as the means for integrating submarines with surface and joint operations, the 'ICD global submarine market report 2011-2012' indicated.

Submarines form an essential core of today's naval fleets as a result of their flexible mission capabilities and ability to complement other strategic resources. Worldwide, 41 countries possess submarine capability and together operate 450 submarines.

Most of these nations are modernizing their fleets or increasing them as a result of changing security situations. A total of 155 submarines are to be procured over the forecast period, costing US\$188.8 billion.

North America is set to constitute 46.27% of the global submarine market during the forecast period, followed by Europe with 24.48%, Asia with 24.35% and Latin America at 4.55%. With the dramatic growth of major Asian fleets, Asia-Pacific is expected to significantly impact the submarine market throughout this decade.

The rise of regional powers with ambitions for power projection coupled with a growing sense of hostility and a resulting arms race in Asia-Pacific is driving the submarine market.

The need to replace a Soviet era submarine fleet, rising maritime threats such as piracy, transnational terrorism and growing demands to protect sea lanes and communication lines are also important factors behind the

desire for a strong submarine capability.

Submarines by category: 102 conventional Submarine Hunter Killer types (also called attack submarines – SSK), 37 nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSN) and 16 Nuclear powered Ballistic Missile carrying Submarines (SSBN) are to be built across the globe over the forecast period. Major markets for SSKs include Brazil, India, Turkey and Vietnam, which have planned procurements in place. The SSN market is dominated by the US, which is planning to buy 21 SSN's across the forecast period. A total of 16 SSBNs are planned to be procured during the forecast period at a value of US\$57.1 billion, which includes the cost of R&D of the US SSBN (X) and the UK's SSBN (R) programs.

### **Evolving technology & changing mission profiles**

The improvements in underwater sensor and propulsion technologies have resulted in extended underwater endurance, as in the case of diesel electric submarines through the aid of an Air Independent Propulsion system. This has broadened the operational scope of today's submarines, extending its mission profile to include enhanced ISR operations and Special Forces insertion and extraction. Developments in sensor and stealth technology have resulted in the boats undertaking covert operations near enemy territory and in littorals with near impunity to enemy sensors.

### **Navies Opt for Improved Capabilities to Cope with Force Reduction, Budget Cuts**

The reduction in defense budgets in the Western world combined with changes in the global strategic security situation and the advent of sophisticated technology has brought about an immense change to the submarine market. Rising economic powers such as China, Brazil and India and their neighbors will increase expenditure on acquiring submarines and on developing the necessary submarine industrial base.

The overall reduction in submarine orders in the West have forced the industry to reinvent the production process, turning to modular production processes and cutting down on manufacturing cost and time.

The increasing cost of technology development and its rapidly changing nature has driven the submarine industrial base to adapt to modular and flexible systems architecture, which has long term benefits such as ease of upgrade installation and through life support.

It also helps to easily switch between various mission profiles by swapping modules. Varying mission profiles has in turn resulted in the adaptation of a flexible payload to effectively deal with varying threats.

#### **Shifts in submarine procurement patterns to stimulate collaboration and consolidation**

The above factors have led to increasing collaboration amongst the submarine industrial base (SIB) present within a country. The decrease in demand in the West, which has a matured SIB, and the increasing demand from the rest of the world, which has limited industrial capability but stable financial growth, has resulted in cross border consolidation.

The political will and limited restrictions in transferring sensitive technology have also led to growing license production through technology transfer agreements, a trend that is expected to increase during the forecast period.

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#### **Eternal Patrol**

##### **William "Doc" Charette**

##### **Last Submariner Medal of Honor Recipient**

LAKE WALES - William "Doc" Charette, 79, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2012 due to complications of surgery.

He was born and raised in Ludington, Michigan. Master Chief Charette served at the Naval Hospital in Charleston; SC; Fleet Marine Force, 1st Marine Division, Korea; USS Quillback (SS424); USS Triton (SSN586), Fleet

Ballistic Missile Training Center, Charleston, SC; USS Daniel Webster (SSBN626); Naval Hospital, Orlando, FL; USS Simon Bolivar (SSBN646); and at the Recruit Dispensary, Orlando, FL. He retired from the Navy on April 1, 1977.

While serving as a Navy Corpsman with the Marines in Korea in March of 1953, he was nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on January 12, 1954. (Citation below)

In May of 1958, while on board the USS Canberra (CAG2), he made the final selection on the World War II Unknown Soldier, now buried in Arlington National Cemetery. On April 30, 1999, the Charette Health Care Center in Portsmouth, VA was dedicated in his honor. It is recognized as the flagship hospital for the East Coast. He is a member of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, the Korean War Veterans Association, William R. Charette Chapter 158, Elks Lodge 1974, V.F.W. Lodge in Lake Wales, FL, USS Sea Peachers Association, Fleet Reserve Association in Charleston, SC, Florida Chief Petty Officer Association and many other charitable organizations.

He is preceded in death by his son, William "Billy" Charette. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Louise Fraiser Charette; children, Margaret A. Henderson, Kathryn M. Donovan, Laura L. Bennett and Michael R. Charette; beloved sister, Margaret "Peggy" Ezdebski; brothers-in-law, Bill and Stewart Fraiser; and five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

#### **William R. Charette**

**Rank and Organization:** Hospital Corpsman Third Class, U.S. Navy Medical Corpsman serving with a Marine rifle company

**Place and Date:** Korea, 27 March 1953 Entered service at: Ludington, Michigan

**Birth:** Ludington, Michigan

**Citation:**

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy aggressor forces during the early morning hours. Participating in a fierce encounter with a cleverly concealed and well-entrenched enemy force occupying positions on a vital and bitterly contested outpost far in advance of the main line of resistance, HC3c. Charette repeatedly and unhesitatingly moved about through a murderous barrage of hostile small-arms and mortar fire to render assistance to his wounded comrades. When an enemy grenade landed within a few feet of a marine he was attending, he immediately threw himself upon the stricken man and absorbed the entire concussion of the deadly missile with his body. Although sustaining painful facial wounds, and undergoing shock from the intensity of the blast which ripped the helmet and medical aid kit from his person, HC3c. Charette resourcefully improvised emergency bandages by tearing off part of his clothing, and gallantly continued to administer medical aid to the wounded in his own unit and to those in adjacent platoon areas as well. Observing a seriously wounded comrade whose armored vest had been torn from his body by the blast from an exploding shell, he selflessly removed his own battle vest and placed it upon the helpless man although fully aware of the added jeopardy to himself. Moving to the side of another casualty who was suffering excruciating pain from a serious leg wound, HC3c. Charette stood upright in the trench line and exposed himself to a deadly hail of enemy fire in order to lend more effective aid to the victim and to alleviate his anguish while being removed to a position of safety. By his indomitable courage and inspiring efforts in behalf of his wounded comrades, HC3c. Charette was directly responsible for saving many lives. His great personal valor reflects the highest credit upon himself and enhances the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

**It Is the VETERAN...**

It is the **VETERAN**,  
not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is  
the **VETERAN**,  
not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the  
press.

It is  
the **VETERAN**,  
not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is  
the **VETERAN**,  
not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to  
assemble.

It is  
the **VETERAN**,  
not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair  
trial.

It is  
the **VETERAN**,  
not the politician,  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is  
the **VETERAN** who  
salutes the Flag,

It is  
the **VETERAN**  
who serves under the Flag,



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REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET  
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON  
THEM.**  
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**May Birthdays**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bob Hickey
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Greg Zonner
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – George Wrightam
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Joe Manning
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – George Conro
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Lee Huss
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – A.J. Wilson
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Bob Bowlin
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Dom Alvarado
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Charles Smith
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Steve Shelton
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Bob Sykes
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Tom McLeod
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – John Harrel, Jr.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Herb Welch
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Mehalick
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Rey Esguerra
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Jack Nease
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Lowell Blue
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Ralph Bulmer

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Frank Crawford  
May 31<sup>st</sup> – Marcial Pamintuan  
**Happy Birthday!**  
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**Treasurer's Report: April 2012**

<b>BEGINNING BAL.:</b>	<b>\$ 5732.48</b>
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>	
Donation (Boosters)	55.00
Store Keeper Sales	125.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS:</b>	<b>\$ 180.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Chaplin Expense	18.00
Razorback Base Sign's	86.90
Newsletter Expense	84.39
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 189.29</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 5723.19</b>
<b>CHARITYS</b>	
<b>Boat Maint Fund</b>	1066.03
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1066.03</b>
<b>Base Charity Fund</b>	567.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 567.00</b>
<b>USS Snook Memorial</b>	1405.86
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1405.86</b>
<b>Regions Bank CD</b>	<b>\$ 5202.48</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5202.48</b>
Cash on hand	50.00
<b>TOTAL IN BASE FUNDS =</b>	<b>\$14,014.56</b>

**Base Commander  
Greg Schwerman**



**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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