



# Hawgfish Scuttlebutt



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September 2012

## Commander's Corner

I need to mention something about the base election nominations and base meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1630 with a potluck dinner to follow. The current nominees are Allen Malone and John Barr for Commander and Billy Hollaway and Tom Salisbury have been nominated for Vice Commander. Nominations remain open until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. According to our base bylaws, the nominee must be present to accept the nomination.

**Greg Schwerman**  
**Base Commander**

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### 2013 Dues

**IF** you owe dues for 2013, you **WILL** get a letter from me toward the end of September.

\*·55 members owe dues for both USSVI & the Base

\*·15 that are USSVI LIFE members, but still owe dues for the Base

\*·7 members that belong to Holland Club, but are not LIFE members, and thus owe USSVI dues, and

\*·6 Dual Base members that owe Base dues (and need to pay USSVI dues through their primary base).

And if all that is confusing, remember you **WILL** get a letter from me explaining what you owe. Please help by paying your dues in a timely manner.

### John C. Barr

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NEVER FORGET.

09.11.2001

### Patriot Day

*From the USSVI Blueback Base*

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on 11 September of each year, designated in memory of the 2,977 killed in the 11 September 2001 attacks. Many Americans who were affected by the events that day refer to the day as "Nine-Eleven (9/11)", "September Eleventh", or

some variation thereof. Initially, the day was called the Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on 11 September 2001.

U.S. House of Representatives Joint Resolution 71 was approved by a vote of 407-0 on 25 October 2001. It requested that the President designate 11 September of each year as "Patriot Day". President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law on 18 December 2001 (as Public Law 107-89). It is a discretionary day of remembrance.

On this day, the President directs that the American flag be flown at half-staff at individual American homes, at the White House, and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments, home and abroad. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

## Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of September

**USS S-5 (SS-110) 1-Sep-1920.** No loss of life. All the crew escaped through a hole cut in hull in the tiller room

**USS S-51 (SS-162) 25-Sep-1925.** 32 men lost

**USS Pompano (SS-181) 1-Sep-1943.** All hands lost (76)

**USS Grayling (SS-209) 9-Sep-1943.** All hands lost (75)

**USS Cisco (SS-290) 28-Sep-1943.** All hands lost (76)

### **USS GRAYLING (SS-209) September 9, 1943 – All Hands Lost (75)**



USS Grayling (Lt. Cmdr. R. M. Brinker) departed Fremantle on 30 July 1943, for her eighth patrol, going through Makassar Strait and thence to the Philippine area. On 19 August, she reported having damaged a 6,000-ton freighter near Balikpapan, and the following day told of having sunk a 250-ton Taki Maru-type pocket tanker by gunfire in Sibutu Passage, taking one man prisoner. This was the last report received direct from GRAYLING. On 23 August, she completed a special mission at Pandan Bay, Panay, and delivering cargo to guerrillas. Guerrillas reported this mission. Then she departed for Tablas Strait, there to reconnoiter until 2 September, when she would patrol approaches to Manila until 10 September. She was to return to Pearl Harbor for refit, passing from SubSoWesPac to Subpac on 13 September.

She was not heard from after 19 August 1943, and on 30 September 1943, GRAYLING was reported as presumed lost.

Following war's end, the Japanese have submitted the following reports, which bear on GRAYLING. On 27 August 1943 a torpedo attack was seen by the enemy, and the next day a surfaced submarine was seen northeast. Both of the positions were in the Tablas Strait area. On 9 September a surfaced U. S. submarine was seen inside Lingayen Gulf; this ties with GRAYLING's orders to patrol the approaches to Manila. It is said that the freighter-transport HOKUAN MARU was engaged in a submarine action on the 9th in the Philippine area, but no additional date were available, and no known enemy attacks could have sunk GRAYLING. Her loss may have been operational or by an unrecorded enemy attack. At any rate, it is certain that GRAYLING was lost between 9 and 12 September 1943 either in Lingayen Gulf or along the approaches to Manila. ComTaskFor 71 requested a transmission from GRAYLING on the latter date, but did not receive one.

GRAYLING's first patrol, made in January and February 1942, was a reconnaissance of the northern Gilbert Islands. She went to the Japanese homeland for her second patrol, and sank a freighter and damaged a sampan. Truk was the scene of GRAYLING's third patrol; she sank a large freighter. On her fourth patrol, this boat again went to Truk, and sank a medium tanker, while she damaged an aircraft transport. In January and February 1943, she patrolled the approaches to Manila on her fifth patrol. Here she sank two freighters and a medium freighter-transport and two schooners. Damage was done to a large tanker and two freighters. She went to the area west of Borneo for her seventh patrol, and sank a medium freighter and two sampans. Damage was done to a large tanker. Thus GRAYLING's total record is 16 ships sunk, totaling 61,400 tons, and six ships damaged, for a total of 36,000 tons.

**"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

### Razorback Base Meeting

#### Minutes

August 18, 2012

The Razorback Base was called to order by base commander Greg Schwerman at 1639 hours at AIMM barge in North Little Rock, AR. There were approximately 19 people present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Creed was read by Greg Schwerman. Carl Schmidt said the prayer. Tolling of the Boats was done by Billy Hollaway and Paul Honeck.

The minutes of the May 19, 2012 was read by Barbara Schwerman. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

The financial report was read by Mark Taylor. The balance in checking account as of July 2012 was \$6,028.39. Total base funds are \$14,323.64. Motion made and seconded to approve report as read. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports:

1. Chaplain Report: Carl Schmidt-Four went to eternal patrol. Gene Haley broke his hip. A card has already been mailed to him. Sent bibles out. Have two bibles left on hand.

2. Membership Report: John Barr-We have 204 active members at this time. Two new members.

3. Storekeeper Report: Billy Hollaway-No report. Did not sell anything. Reminder, 2013 calendars to be ordered on October 1, 2012. Let him know by then if you want one. Will order 1-2 extras to have on hand. Calendars are \$9.00.

4. Memorials and ceremonies: Paul Honeck-Veteran Days will be at Fort Roots with cake and coffee.

5. Holland Club: Tom Salisbury-will present to those qualifying at September 22 meeting and potluck. Four are eligible but only two live close.

6. Activities: Ray Wewers-We were asked to pay for the baseball tickets at end of meeting.

#### Communications:

None.

#### Old Business:

1. Paul Honeck got the cards and fliers made. Passed them out. Can have blanks for name or get some stickers and put each person's name, phone number and possibly e-mail address. Can take another card to get interested person's info and exchange. Give person's info to John Barr.

2. Ray Wewers reminded us about the national Elections and to vote on line. There is one week left to vote.

#### New Business:

1. Greg Schwerman opened nominations for Base Commander and Vice Commander. If you nominate someone, be sure that person agrees to the nomination. Ray stated only two positions elected. The rest are appointed by the new Commander. Hopefully there will be multiple nominations. Can vote until the October meeting. Nominations opened. Billy Hollaway nominated John Barr for base commander. Ray Wewers nominated Alan Malone for base commander.

2. It was noted bylaws states person nominated must be at meeting to accept nomination. Paul Honeck suggested changing bylaws to allow nominations via e-mail. Billy Hollaway also suggested can change bylaws to read if two people run for base commander, the runner-up can automatic be vice commander. Greg Schwerman nominated Gene Prohl for vice commander. Gene declined the nomination. Ray Wewers nominated Tom Salisbury for vice commander. He accepted. Paul Honeck nominated Billy Hollaway for vice commander. He accepted.

3. Greg Zonner motioned to keep nominations open for the moment. Was seconded. Motion passed.

4. Ray Wewers passed out fliers about the Naval Submarine Memorial Plaque Project to be placed on the Commemorative Plaque Wall at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center in Washington, DC. It costs \$10,000 to have placed. Have raised so far \$4200.00. If an individual donates \$125.00, they will receive a framed print of the Plaque. If a base donates \$500, they will receive as a base a framed canvas of the plaque. Ray made a motion to donate \$100.00 from the Charity Fund. Was seconded by Billy Hollaway. When sending in donation, note on your check Razorback Base and it will go towards the \$500.00. Greg Zonner had a question, if he sends in \$125.00 in and puts Razorback Base, does he receive individual print of plaque and goes toward canvas plaque? Ray will look into. Billy Hollaway suggested putting info on the website and in the newsletter for a couple months. Motion to donate \$100 was approved.

5. New member, James Murphree brought up about the USS Clamagore at Patriots Point is the only boat of its type left and is in bad shape and needs help. Ray stated there is a website. Greg Zonner stated the problem is if a project is not done, where does the donated money go? Also they will need more funds than what the sub-vets can raise. They will need a big, rich donor to help. John Barr stated he would look into and report at next meeting.

6. Billy Hollaway stated the candidate for NLR mayor, Tracy Steele has said the city must get their spending habits in order so possibly will affect the Razorback. Greg Zonner said this is always a concern when a change in government.

7. The Navy and Base birthday was brought up and will we do

something. Mary Christians volunteered to set up something in Hot Springs for October 19-21, 2012.

8. Billy Hollaway brought up that Herb Murphy passed away and had no relatives. It would help if any next of kin or friends were told to notify the base of a member's passing.

#### Good of the Order:

1. Greg Zonner stated he had a request from a Marine, Johnny Spider whose son was shot and killed in Colorado Springs if we would do a burial at sea here. Will be set up. No motion, "we'll just do it".

2. Ray Wewers motioned to adjourn, Billy Hollaway seconded. Motion approved.

Last note: Greg Zonner saw the Hoga a couple weeks ago. A private individual has funded all the money. She is currently at Mare Island. The inside looks good but due to asbestos that must be addressed, Arkansas will give volunteer Hazmat training for asbestos removal for anyone in our group. Several said they would.

Substituting for Recording Secretary Jane Farmer

Barbara Schwerman  
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#### On Eternal Patrol

#### **Murphy, Herbert**

996 County Road 804  
Gamaliel, AR 72537-9753

Date Died: 8/6/2012

Date Born: 11/4/1943

Base: Razorback

Joined USSVI: 2004

Boats Served on: SSBN-616

BIO: Qualified in submarines on the USS Lafayette (SSBN-616) in 1966 and was a ETN2 (SS) when he left the Navy.

His record is now posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website. Both you and any base he belonged to have access to this Eternal Patrol file using your USSVI Online Tools. As

you or the base learn more details about this shipmate, you can update his bio and obit fields.

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#### **Razorbacks Base Activities 2012**

**Sept.** National Convention – Norfolk, VA 9/2-9/12/2012

**Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Holland Club Induction (more info to come)

**Oct.** – Navy Birthday (Dinner or Party)

**Nov.** – Base meeting 11/17/2012 or Veterans Week Activity

**Dec.** – Christmas Party 1700 at Razorback 12/15/2011

John C. Barr-Membership Chair

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#### **Booster Club**

#### **Razorback Base - USSVI**

**Bob Christians** - Hot Springs Vil., AR

**Jane Farmer** - North Little Rock, AR

**Ronald Goins** - Granbury, TX

**Ronald Hines** - Oxnard, CA

**Terence Murphy** - Gaithersburg, MD

**George Wrightam** - Heber Springs, AR

AR

**Carl Schmidt** - Cabot, AR

**Funds from the *Booster Club* will be used for restoration of the *USS Razorback* and other special projects appropriate to the mission of *USSVI*.**

**Send donations to Razorback Base – USSVI, 9 Broadview Dr., Little Rock, AR 72207-5113 (Memo – *Booster Club*).**

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#### **ORDER YOUR 2013 USSVI CALENDAR NOW**

The 2013 USSVI Calendars are in production and will be available for delivery starting in August.

The theme of this year's calendar is "The Victors", a tribute to the fighting submariners of WWII.

I am taking orders for calendars as of August 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012. The order will be placed to the USSVI National Storekeeper on October 1, 2012. Members' cost per calendar will be **\$9.00**/each not to include shipping or postage. If you want or think you may want a calendar or calendars, please notify me before the October 1 date. I cannot guarantee orders placed after that date. You may place orders with the Base Storekeeper by e-mailing

retldousn@earthlink.net; calling 501 758 3266; or via postal correspondence to Billy Hollaway, 3220 N Cypress St., N Little Rock, AR 72116. I will be available at the base meeting and Arkansas Travelers baseball game on 18 August 2012 also. Your cooperation in this effort is deeply appreciated.

Billy Hollaway, Storekeeper  
[retldousn@earthlink.net](mailto:retldousn@earthlink.net)



**Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Holland Club Induction  
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#### **Navy News**

#### **Navy Is Completing Total Ownership Cost Study For Virginia-Class Subs**

*Inside the Navy*, Aug. 31

The Navy is completing a reduction of total ownership cost study to scale back the operational support cost for Virginia-class submarines, and the service expects it will wrap up before a request for proposals for the Block IV contract is released, according to a service official.

The current plan for a Virginia-class sub is a 33-year service life with four major depot availabilities. The study is looking to reduce the number of depot availabilities from four to three over a sub's service life, which enables the boat to have 15 deployments instead of 14, Capt. David Goggins, Virginia-class program manager, told *Inside the Navy* in an Aug. 27 interview at Washington Navy Yard.

"By going from four down to three major availabilities, there is a reduction in the [operations and sustainment] cost," Goggins said.

Goggins' predecessor, Rear Adm. Michael Jabaley, wrote for *Proceedings* last June that doing this for the 12 yet-to-be constructed submarines would save the service \$1.4 billion.

"We're still working on the details of the study and the savings. We'll see," Goggins added.

The Navy plans to release an RFP for Block IV this fall, which is

for a nine-sub buy. The plan is to award the contract in the fall of 2013, and will give the service enough time to receive proposals and negotiate the terms of the contract, he explained.

The Virginia-class submarine program was intended to be built at two ships per year. However in the president's FY-13 budget request it calls for moving one sub from FY-14 to FY-18.

The "real impact" of moving the submarine from FY-14 to FY-18 is force structure, the former Virginia-class program manager, Jabaley told ITN in April. He added that since the FY-14 sub would be delivered in 2019, before the attack sub shortfall goes below 48, the sub would fill 25 percent of the shortfall gap.

"It's a tremendously beneficial submarine in terms of force structure," he said.

Navy acquisition czar Sean Stackley told the Senate in April that procuring a 10th sub in its block buy -- to allow for two per year over five years -- would have a "near neutral" cost but that the Navy could only budget the ship if the service were allowed to pay for the ships incrementally, which is not standard practice.

The Navy is working with Congress to get the second sub back into FY-14, Jabaley stated. Congress has said the Navy could buy two Virginias a year for five years.

During the negotiations process, the Navy will talk to industry about the cost impact of moving a sub from FY-14 to FY-18, which would interrupt the two-year cycle and cause a potential loss in efficiencies, Goggins stated.

Meanwhile, the program office is doing work on behalf of the Undersea Warfare Division for the Virginia-class payload module, which will be able to carry a mix of missiles, sensors and unmanned undersea vehicles such as the large displacement UUV.

"We are doing a little bit more concept work understanding the risk areas and how to mitigate that risk, so that if it is a requirement we can go ahead and start

design," Goggins explained. "That's all we're doing at this point."

Concept development and system development for the module is scheduled to wrap up by mid-2013 pending congressional approval of the FY-13 president's budget request and program start, Goggins said.

"These undersea systems are joined by investments in the P-8A and Arleigh Burke DDG to improve cueing and close-in [anti-submarine warfare] operations," Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert said in March, in his Navy posture statement to all four congressional defense oversight committees.

"We will evolve the force to maintain our war fighting edge by exploiting the ability of new payloads to dramatically change what our existing ships and aircraft can do," he added. "A focus on what our platforms carry will be increasingly important as anti-access/area-denial (A2/AD) threats including new radars and more sophisticated surface-to-air and anti-ship missiles limit the ability of manned platform to get close to an adversary in wartime."

Greenert also pointed out the Virginia will be a platform for future conventional prompt strike capability.

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### **CNO: Women Aboard Attack Subs Next Year**

*Navy Times, Aug. 22*

After years of anticipation, a date for assigning women to attack submarines has been set: next year.

Attack boats represent the next phase of the Navy's gradual integration of the submarine force, which began last year when female officers joined ballistic- and guided-missile subs. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jon Greenert told sailors recently that this new phase would begin as soon as next year, when female officers are assigned to Virginia-class subs.

"I think next year we're going to bring some officers into the Virginia class," Greenert said Aug.

22 at an all-hands call in New London, Conn.

So far, the fleet's first female submariners have fit well into billets on Ohio-class boomers and guided-missile boats. But with two dozen female officers entering submarines each year, officials are looking for more hulls and more opportunities. That's why they're moving to integrate the Virginia class, the Navy's latest class of attack boats. Recruiters are seeking talented female midshipmen for sub duty, but the number of volunteers has been lower than officials anticipated.

"They're not quite as high as we thought they'd be, frankly, in the officer ranks," said Greenert, who explained the integration effort will continue gradually, hewing to lessons from the earlier integration of ships and aviation squadrons, such as putting female officers onboard first and providing them with female mentors. But he hinted the Navy may soon start looking for female enlisted volunteers, too.

"What about the enlisted?" he asked. "We need chiefs and first class females that would be willing and ready to go into submarines." The CNO did not say when enlisted women may join the sub force, but his comments signaled it likely would be part of a later phase of the integration.

While attracting a lot of press coverage, women remain a very rare presence in the sub force. There were only 24 women assigned to boats as of Aug. 30, counting both female submarine officers and Supply Corps lieutenants serving as their mentors. They serve aboard the blue and gold crews of the ballistic-missile subs Wyoming and Maine and the guided-missile sub Ohio, as well as the gold crew of the guided-missile sub Georgia.

Five more crews are planned to be integrated in January: Georgia's blue crew, and blue and gold crews on the guided-missile sub Florida and ballistic-missile sub Louisiana. Sub leaders haven't selected which Virginia-class subs will be integrated or planned specifically for when the first female crew members will report

aboard them, a Submarine Forces spokeswoman said.

The next wave of 24 female submariners is now in the officer training pipeline, with 18 more waiting to enter after them, said Cmdr. Monica Rousselow.

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### **U.S. Navy Details How It Will Fund USS Miami's \$450M Repair**

*By Deborah McDermott, Seacoastonline.com, Aug 27, 2012*

Shipyard union boss says thoughts of arson suspect have haunted him

KITTERY, Maine — The U.S. Navy is reprioritizing its resources now and in the future to pay for the estimated \$450 million cost to repair the USS Miami submarine.

Shipyard workers from Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., and Huntington Ingalls Industries in Newport News, Va., will also be coming to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard by year's end to work during the expected 1½-year repair project.

The nuclear-powered submarine was damaged after a fire was allegedly set inside the forward compartment May 23. It took more than 100 firefighters 10 hours to bring the blaze under control. Former shipyard worker Casey Fury has been charged with setting the fire.

The Navy is expected to pay for all but \$150 million of the cost of the repairs by shifting money around in its Fiscal Year 2012-13 budgets, said Dale Eng, public affairs officer for Naval Sea Systems Command.

Eng confirmed conversations Navy officials have had this week with members of the Maine and New Hampshire congressional delegations detailing the spending.

It is anticipated that \$100 million will come from money already in the ship repair fund of the current year's budget. Another \$200 million will be shifted to the Miami repairs from the Fiscal 2013 "ship depot maintenance line" of the Navy's budget. This is funding assigned to the four public shipyards for work for the year. The final \$150 million is expected to come from Congress. The Navy requested it in the 2013 defense appropriations bill.

"This is above and beyond the Navy's usual ship repair budget, and has been specifically designated for the USS Miami repairs," said Kevin Kelly, communications director for Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

The Senate Appropriations Committee recently passed an appropriations bill with the Miami money included, but the full Senate has not voted on the measure.

Both Collins and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., said they will fight to ensure the funding makes it through Congress.

"The USS Miami represents a significant investment in our national security," Collins said. "It is important that it return to the fleet as quickly as possible."

Shaheen spokesperson Faryl Ury said the senator will "continue to work with the Navy and the relevant congressional committees to ensure that the Navy has the funding needed."

Meanwhile, the shipyard is planning for the work, which is slated to begin by the end of the year and end in April 2015.

Paul O'Connor, president of the Metal Trades Council, said the work will be a hybrid between new construction and repair. Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls build submarines. He said Miami's forward compartment was "damaged beyond repair in many areas" and needs to be replaced as new.

"They're the experts in new construction; we're the experts at repair," O'Connor said. "It's kind of a marriage in the middle."

The work can be accommodated at the shipyard, as the next submarine scheduled to be brought to the dry dock housing the USS Miami won't arrive until the end of 2014, Eng said. Accommodations were made to delay the start of that work for four months.

In addition, shipyard workers will also have access to parts from the recently inactivated USS Memphis, which is now at the shipyard.

"Towing the ship to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (in

Washington State) has been postponed so that the Navy can reuse as many components as possible to restore the Miami," Eng said.

Fury, 24, of Portsmouth reportedly confessed to Navy investigators that he set the Miami fire and a second fire two weeks later on the dry dock. He told investigators he wanted to leave work early.

He is being held without bail and, according to court documents, may plead guilty to the charges before he's indicted.

O'Connor said he's thought often of Fury the past few months as the planning for the Miami repair work has taken place.

"I sit through meetings with rooms full of personalities — highly intense ship builders, admirals, civilian professionals — and we talk about the amount of money and work it will take," O'Connor said. "Then I think this is all happening because one guy wanted to go home early. During these high-level meetings, it runs through my mind constantly."

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### **DARPA's Next Sub Hunter Won't Need Us Puny Humans**

*Andrew Tarantola, Gizmodo.com, Aug 24, 2012*

The US Navy has a bit of a sub problem; while its fleet has shrunk over the past two decades, other countries that aren't exactly BFFs with the US have been expanding their own fleets of ultra-quiet diesel-electric subs. While this has grown into a very real national security threat, DARPA may soon have a solution in its robotic submarine trackers.

Sure, nuclear subs hold the advantage of never needing to be refueled and the ability to remain underwater for months, but diesel-electric engines are no WWII relics, especially not when they're enhanced with air-independent propulsion technology that allows DE engines to operate without the need for a snorkel. They're nearly undetectable when running on battery power alone. So how does the US counter a double whammy of fewer sailors searching for more and better-equipped enemies? By getting ACTUV.

The Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Continuous Trail Unmanned Vessel (ACTUV) is a trimaran platform designed to operate completely autonomously for the duration of its operating cycle with zero human intervention. And without having to accommodate people, and all their housing and abstinence needs, the ACTUV can be built light and fast enough to outpace the diesel-electric subs it chases. It doesn't find the subs itself — it just tails them.

"It relies on our hunters to hunt and find the submarine, but frees them from being tied down in asset-intensive continuous trail," said DARPA program manager Rob McHenry. In all, the ACTUV will be able to travel up to 3000km from its base, lurk around an area of ocean for up to a month, then pick up and trail a hostile sub over another 30-day stretch.

In order to do all this, the ACTUV will employ a combination of commercial off-the-shelf components supporting a suite of high fidelity sensors. The craft's C&C system will utilize advanced collision avoidance and navigation restraints to navigate the high seas without violating the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and maritime law. The vessel's sonar is being built by Applied Physics Laboratory while Spatial Integrated Systems is developing the navigation algorithms.

"Key features and technology for the vessel include advanced software, robust autonomy for safe operations in accordance with maritime laws, and innovative sensors to continuously track the quietest of submarine targets," Scott Littlefield, DARPA program manager, said in a press statement.

"Our goal is to transition an operational game-changer to the navy," he continued. "This should create an asymmetry to our advantage, negating a challenging submarine threat at one-tenth their cost of building subs. The program also establishes foundational

technologies for future unmanned naval systems."

The ACTUV program has just completed Phase 1 with a successful proof of concept. Phases 2-4 — to design, build and test the vessel — should be completed by mid-2015. If successful, this platform could be a boom for the US Navy, freeing up precious forces for other duties without letting hostile forces slip through their fingers.

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### Here's A Toast To The Navy Wife

She's one of a kind  
for half of her life  
she's left behind.

She must be strong  
and steady and true  
while her man's a long  
way out on the blue.

She takes care of the house  
the kids and the pets  
gets some off to school  
the others to the vets.

She takes care of the moving  
this chore never ends  
the tearful good byes  
and making new friends.

There's no one quite like her  
on all of God's earth  
and I'd like to toast her  
this lady of worth.

While her man is at sea  
may she weather the storm  
chart her course carefully  
and keep her love warm.

She's one of a kind  
so please raise your glass  
to this lady of ours  
this lady with class.



The Navy's most dangerous people



### September Birthdays

Sep 4<sup>th</sup> – Stephen Pittman  
Sep 5<sup>th</sup> – Leslie Nichols  
Sep 9<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Mathis  
Sep 10<sup>th</sup> – June Eubanks  
Sep 15<sup>th</sup> – Jud Rouch  
Sep 20<sup>th</sup> – R. Casto  
Sep 21<sup>st</sup> – Thomas Howard  
Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> – Joseph Talbert  
Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gary Reynolds  
Sep 24<sup>th</sup> – Mad Max Bassett  
Sep 28<sup>th</sup> – Mac McCammon  
Sep 30<sup>th</sup> – Donald Bice  
Sep 30<sup>th</sup> – Sammy Baugh  
Sep 30<sup>th</sup> – Frank Likert  
Sep 30<sup>th</sup> – Jeffrey Gerard

**Happy Birthday!**

### Treasurer's Report: Aug 2012

<b>BEGINNING BAL.:</b>	<b>\$ 6028.39</b>
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>	
Booster Club	
Dues	35.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS:</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>Accounting Error</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
CK# 1232	24.40
CK# 1233	43.47
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 67.87</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 5995.52</b>
<b>BASE CHARITYS</b>	
Boat Maint Fund	1066.03
Base Charity Fund	567.00
USS Snook Memorial	1405.86
<b>ACCOUNT END BAL</b>	<b>\$ 9034.41</b>
<b>Regions Bank CD</b>	<b>\$ 5206.36</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5206.36</b>
Cash on hand	50.00
<b>TOTAL IN BASE FUNDS =</b>	<b>\$14,290.77</b>

Respectfully submitted  
Mark Taylor  
Base Treasurer

**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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