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Upcoming Events:

2nd Sat. of each month is a boat work day

Regular Base Meeting Saturday January 22 at 1700 at AIMM

February 2011

Commander's Corner

I got a phone call the other night that reminded me of what a small brotherhood we belong to as submariners. I received a call from a gentleman I had never met or even crossed paths with. His daughter is an over the road trucker, who was passing through Arkansas, and had a medical problem that put her in St. Mary's Medical Center. She was in a strange city all alone and was facing surgery. He was worried about his daughter, and needed someone to check in on her. Since he didn't know anyone in Arkansas he decided to check the USSVI webpage and see if he could find someone that would look in on his little girl and tell him that his she was ok. Of course I was glad to do so and offered to do all I could do to help her out.

The thing that struck me as funny was that I don't think I would have thought of contacting another Sub Vet. I think I would have been sitting

2000 miles away worrying about how she was and what she must be feeling like. In case you're wondering she will be fine, but for me, this great big world just got a little bit smaller this week. It's good to know that submariners still know how to look after their own.

At the January base meeting it was decided that last year's Submarine Birthday Dinner was such a good success, that were going to do it again this year. The celebration will be April 8th and 9th at the Historic 1929 Hotel Seville in Harrison. Mark your calendars and make your plans early to assure a room at the hotel. Also mark down February 26th for a Day at the Races. More information on both these events will be reported later in this news letter.

The workdays on the USS Razorback will continue this year on the 2nd Saturday of each month, starting this month on February 12th at

0900. This month's emphasis will be on what Zonner describes as "a badly needed cleanup" The coffee will be hot, but no drills are being planned before "COMMENCE FIELD DAY"

See you Saturday!

Greg Schwerman
Base Commander
Razorback Base USSVI

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !



Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of February

[USS Shark \(SS-174\)](#) **11-Feb-1942**. 59 men lost

[USS Amberjack \(SS-219\)](#) **16-Feb-1943**. All hands lost (72)

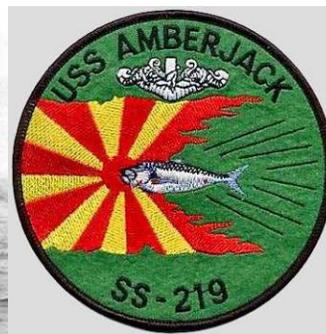
[USS Scorpion \(SS-278\)](#) **1-Feb-1944**. All hands lost (78)

[USS Grayback \(SS-208\)](#) **26-Feb-1944**. All hands lost (80)

[USS Trout \(SS-202\)](#) **29-Feb-1944**. All hands lost (79)

[USS Barbel \(SS-316\)](#) **4-Feb-1945**. All hands lost (81)

USS Amberjack (SS-219) February 16, 1943 – All hands lost (72)



Following her second patrol, AMBERJACK's period of refit, rest and recuperation was cut to twelve days, due to the urgent necessity of submarines in the operating areas. She started out on 24 January, but was forced to return to port for the repair of minor leaks experienced during a deep dive.

Again departing Brisbane on 26 January 1943, AMBERJACK, under LCDR J. A. Bole, Jr., started her third war patrol in the Solomons area. On 29 January she was directed to pass close to Tetipari Island and then proceed to the northwest and patrol the approaches to Shortland Basin. Orders were radioed on 1 February for her to move north and patrol the western approaches to Buka Passage. Having complied with these orders, AMBERJACK made her first miles southeast of Treasury Island on 1 February, and of sinking a two-masted schooner by gunfire twenty miles from Buka the afternoon of 3 February 1943. At this time she was ordered to move south along the Buka-Shortland traffic lane and patrol east of Vella Lavella Island.

Making a second radio transmission on 4 February, AMBERJACK reported having sunk a 5,000-ton freighter laden with explosives in a two-hour night surface attack that date in which five torpedoes were fired. During this engagement Chief Pharmacist's Mate Arthur C. Beeman was killed by machine gun fire, and an officer was slightly wounded in the hand. On 8 February, AMBERJACK was ordered to move to the West Side of Ganongga Island and on the 10th, she was directed to keep south of Latitude 7-30 'S, and to cover the traffic routes from Rabaul and Buka to Shortland Basin. On 13 February AMBERJACK was assigned the entire Rabaul- Buka-Shortland Sea area, and told to hunt for traffic.

The last radio transmission received from AMBERJACK was made on 14 February 1943. She related having been forced down the night before by two destroyers, and that she had recovered from the water and taken prisoner an enemy aviator on 13 February. She was ordered north of Latitude 6-30 'S, and told to keep hunting for Rabaul traffic.

All further messages to AMBERJACK remained unanswered, and when, by March 10, she had failed to make her routine report estimating the time of her arrival at base, she was ordered to do so. No reply was received, and she was reported as presumed lost on 22 March 1943.

Reports received from the enemy since the end of the war record an attack, which probably sank AMBERJACK. On 16 February 1943, the torpedo boat HIYODORI and sub chaser Number 18 attacked an U.S. submarine with nine depth charges in 5-05 'S, 152-37 'E. An escorting patrol plane had previously attacked the submarine. A large amount of heavy oil and "parts of the hull" came to the surface. This attack is believed to have sunk AMBERJACK. However, no final conclusions can be drawn, since GRAMPUS was lost in the same area at about the same time. From the evidence available, it is considered most likely that the attack of 16 February sank AMBERJACK, but if she did survive this attack, any one of the attacks and sightings thought to have been made on GRAMPUS might have been made on AMBERJACK.

"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

USSVI Razorback Base US Submarine Veterans Inc. Invites you to join us for the 2011 Submarine Birthday Dinner 8-9 April 2011

<http://www.razorbackbase.com>

We have made reservations again this year to celebrate the Submarine Service Birthday Dinner, at the Historic 1929 Hotel Seville in downtown Harrison. The hotel has also agreed to give us a 20% discount on rooms for this event, so we have reserved a block of 20 rooms, both King Suites and Historic Queen and double Queen Rooms, with the option to add more rooms if needed. <http://www.hotelseville.com>

Rooms: Contact the hotel at **870-741-2321** to make reservations. When making your reservation, request the Submarine Veterans Rate to receive the discount. The Queen rooms will be \$68.00 plus taxes and the King Suites will be \$82.00 plus taxes. If you think you will be attending, please reserve your room early so we will know if we need to add more rooms to ensure everyone is able to stay at the hotel. The discounted room rate also applies to Friday if you choose to stay for the weekend.

Dinner and Socializing - 1800 to 2300 - \$20.00 each: For dinner you have a choice of either Lemon Pepper Chicken with Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes and Honey Dill Carrots, or Beef Brisket with Twice Baked Potatoes and Green Beans. Dinner will include a Dinner Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

We will have a Cash Bar in the room, and there is also a bar in the hotel. The increase in price for dinner this year is to pay for the dinner room rental and also includes gratuity.

Dress: Dress code will be Business Casual or Party Dress.

Please send your check for dinner made out to Razorback Base to Greg **Schwerman, 2 Sparrow Court Pottsville, AR 72858**. Please Be sure to indicate your choice of meal Beef or Chicken. Call if you have questions

501-804-0386. Please no calls after 2100

Thanks

Greg Schwerman
Base Commander
Razorback Base USSVI

USSVI Razorback Base Minutes

January 22, 2011

The Razorback Base meeting was called to order by base commander Greg Schwerman at 1605 hours at Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum in North Little Rock, AR. There were 28 members present. The Creed was read by Greg Schwerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Billy Hollaway. The Tolling of the Bell for Lost Boats was presented by Billy Hollaway and Paul Honeck. Invocation by Carl Schmidt.

The reading of the minutes by Jane Farmer. One correction under new business, the Broadway Bridge changed to Cemetery Bridge. Minutes accepted with correction.

The treasurer's report by Bob Bowlin. The balance of checking account as of Dec. 2010, \$9307.98. Motion was made and seconded to accept treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Chaplin report/Binnacle List-Carl Schmidt reported Bob Ople has cancer. Carl will be going to Batesville to present James Hicks's widow with bible, and certificates of Eternal Petrol and Holland Club. He also has blank cards with submarine on the front for sale.
2. Membership Report-John Barr reported 10 members still have not paid their yearly dues. Those who do not pay by Jan. 31, 2011 will be dropped from roll. We did have 10 new members to join in 2010.
3. Storekeeper-Billy Hollaway has \$106.86 from sales. The calendars he has left, he will send back to Huey Hahn

4. Memorials and Ceremonies-Paul Honeck will be setting up plans for Memorial, FRA.Veterans, and Pearl Harbor holidays.
5. Activities Report-Ray Wewers submitted and filed with secretary a list of activities for each month of 2011. Motion was made and seconded to set the 4th Sat. of Feb to go to races at Oaklawn. Motion passed. Motion was made and seconded to celebrate Submarine Anniversary in Harrison annually in April. Motion passed. Motion was made and seconded to hold a pot luck dinner at AIMM each October celebrating Navy's birthday. Motion passed.
6. Holland Club-Tom Salisbury reported there will be 11 people to receive this award this year. It was decided to present these awards at the dinner in Harrison in April.
7. Communications
 1. The recommendation from the executive board was to pass the letter from Jessie Taylor on to a corporation if possible.
 2. Parade trophy will be pick-up by Greg Zonner.
 3. Motion was made and seconded to send \$50 in memory of James Hicks to the Masonic Children's Home in Alexandria, LA. Motion passed.
 4. Razorback Association will be on the boat April 11-15, 2011.

Old Business

1. Work on the engines will begin next week. Anyone who wants to help Jim Barnes is welcomed.

New Business

1. Work day to be the 2nd Sat. of the month. The next one will be Feb 12 to clean the boat.
2. Motion was made and seconded to take \$250 out of the maintenance fund for the galley on the Mary

Munn barge. Motion passed.

3. John Barr will revamp Sea Daddy list and give to the callers.
4. It was discussed to start a 50-50 drawing at the base meeting. This will start at the next meeting.

Benediction by Carl Schmidt
Meeting adjourned at 1725 hours.

Recording Secretary
Jane Farmer

Submarine Greeting Card

Shipmates,

For some time there has been interest expressed in USSVI making a submarine themed greeting card available to the bases and members for their use.

I'm glad to tell you such a card is now available for purchase in lots of 25 ea and can be used for such things as a 'binnacle list' get well, 'eternal patrol' sympathy, birthday greetings or for general correspondence between submariners.

The card size is 5.5 inches by 8.5 inches and includes an envelope. The front cover of the card is of an underwater WWII diesel submarine.

Inside, directly in back of the front cover is an enlarged USSVI emblem. The inside lower part of the card is blank to allow any suitable message to be written by the Base representative. (This is what makes it a multiple purpose card.)

These cards and envelopes can be purchased in lots of 25 ea for \$29.95, which also includes the current cost of shipping.

To order these cards, please make your check out to USSVI for \$29.95 and mail it to:

Carl Schmidt
National Chaplain USSVI
23 Rockwood Road
Cabot, Arkansas 72023

Be sure to identify your base name and the address where the cards are to be sent.

To see the face of this card, follow the link:

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization/BinnacleListCard.jpg

Fraternally yours

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

Navy News

Unmanned Subs Making Waves

By Seth Robson, Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWÖHR, Germany - Unmanned aircraft have been playing a major role in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for years. Now, the U.S. military is beginning to field unmanned submarines. In a move that could dramatically cut the cost of undersea warfare, NATO is testing three Autonomous Undersea Vehicles, or AUVs, in the Mediterranean Sea this month as part of the alliance's largest annual anti-submarine warfare exercise.

The AUVs, dubbed "gliders," have much in common with their flying cousins, including wings, according to Michel Rixen, a scientist at the NATO Undersea Research Center in Italy. "They are very similar vehicles although the dynamics are changed a little," Rixen said. "What is peculiar to the AUVs are buoyancy controls."

The battery-powered gliders, which are about 6 feet long and weigh up to 130 pounds, can be launched from shore or from a small rubber boat. They move through the sea at less than 2 mph, using a pump that inflates and deflates an internal bladder to change the vehicle's buoyancy in the same way a scuba diver might inflate a buoyancy jacket, he said.

"The changes in buoyancy require much less energy than a propeller," he said, allowing the vehicle to stay underwater longer than a propeller-driven AUV.

In 2009, a glider of the same type being used in this month's Proud Manta 11 NATO exercise completed a trans-Atlantic crossing that lasted 221 days.

The gliders will be at sea for three weeks during the exercise, traveling up to 300 miles collecting data on water salinity and temperature and relaying it to scientists on shore, Rixen said. The data is important because it

allows sonar operators to calculate the speed of sound through the water – something that helps them detect enemy submarines, he said.

In the past, such data was collected by manned submarines or surface ships.

"We are demonstrating that military oceanography can be conducted from the office, piloting the gliders remotely instead of sending a big submarine (in the case of covert operations) to do a couple of temperature and salinity profiles in the ocean," he said.

The cost of sending a research ship to collect such data runs at \$25,000 a day or more, said engineer Richard Stoner of the research center.

The three gliders - which were manufactured by Teledyne Web of Falmouth, Mass. - participating in the exercise have been at sea collecting data since Jan. 24.

As Proud Manta kicks off in earnest on Friday with six submarines, 19 aircraft and eight surface ships from 10 nations participating, the gliders moved outside the exercise area east of Sicily, Rixen said.

"We want to be careful in this first contribution," he said. "We don't want to have a glider hitting a submarine or vice versa."

The U.S. Navy has conducted similar exercises with gliders, said Tom Curtin, the research center's chief scientist.

In fact, the Navy is gradually acquiring more than 100 gliders and fielding them to operational units through the Naval Oceanographic Office, he said.

Eventually AUVs are likely to be fielded with the same capabilities as large submarines, Rixen said. Weapons could also be added to the AUVs, something that has already happened with unmanned aircraft, he said.

"These are some of the aspects that we are considering," he said. But he warned: "If these toys end up in bad hands that could play against us. Someone could potentially put [weapons] on them. That is something we need to be careful about."

Ohio-class Replacement Will Carry “Re-packaged and Re-hosted” Weapons System New ballistic missile submarines will have life-of-ship reactor core

By Ned Lundquist, Defense Media Network, America’s next generation of ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) achieved an important program milestone, known as “Milestone A,” which gives the program the green light to move forward with the Technology Development Phase of the Department of Defense life cycle management system.

The U.S. Navy’s Ohio Replacement Submarine program will be a class of 12 submarines to replace the 14 SSBNs in the current fleet. The Ohio-class originally included 18 SSBNs, known as “Trident” submarines because of their Trident missiles. Four of those – the first four of the class, including the lead ship, USS Ohio – were converted to cruise missile submarines, carrying conventional weapons instead of the Trident nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The Navy plans to begin construction of the first Ohio-class replacement in 2019, with the second hull beginning in 2022, and then building one per year beginning in 2024, each with a hull diameter of 43 feet and 16 missile tubes that are 87 inches in diameter.

Sources tell Defense Media Network that the price is estimated to be \$5 billion per ship. “The Navy is committed to ensuring that an affordable replacement ballistic missile submarine is designed, built, and delivered on time with the right capabilities to sustain the most survivable leg of our triad for many decades to come,” said Program Executive Officer for Submarines Rear Adm. Dave Johnson.

According to Alan Baribeau, a spokesman for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), the Navy projects that the average ship end cost (hulls 2-12, Navy inflation/deflation indices, excludes outfitting and post delivery will be

\$4.9 billion (base year 2010 dollars).

The fire control system and missiles for the new submarines will essentially be the same as on the Ohio SSBNs. “The Strategic Weapon System shipboard subsystems [Navigation & Fire Control] will be re-packaged and re-hosted on the new platform using the latest technology from the in-service Ohio-class fleet,” Baribeau says. “The initial outload of missiles for new construction Ohio replacement SSBNs will be taken from the mingled inventory pool of Trident II (D5) missiles deployed on the Ohio-class and Royal Navy’s Vanguard-class submarines.”

A life-of-ship core is being pursued for the Ohio replacement, so that the boats will not have to be taken out of service to be refueled. Modern naval nuclear propulsion plants have been designed for reduced acquisition cost, reduced total ownership and lifecycle costs, reduced manpower and maintenance requirements. “While the details of the reactor design are classified, advances in metallurgy, design and manufacturing have made life-of-ship reactors and components possible. While USS Nautilus had to be refueled after two years of operation, significant research and development efforts have given the USS Virginia a 30+ year life-of-ship core. A longer life core results in less time in the shipyard, more time to perform critical missions, and an overall reduction in number of ships required to execute the mission,” Baribeau says.

Baribeau says that the Ohio replacement must have improved stealth capabilities and performance to meet survivability requirements against projected threats for service through the 2080s. Further, they will fully leverage the Virginia-class’ design build methods, be designed to be built using modern modular construction techniques and maximize the use of open architecture, and incorporate a life of ship core that removes the need to refuel the ships.

The program achieved Milestone A on Jan. 10, 2011, following the endorsement of the Defense Acquisition Board, chaired by Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Dr. Ashton Carter, on Dec. 9, 2010, together which validates the program’s technology development strategy and allows entry into the technology development phase during which warfighting requirements will be refined to meet operational and affordability goals.

According to a Navy statement, the 2010 Nuclear Posture Review revalidated the recapitalization of the nation’s sea-based strategic deterrent. This study followed the May 2009 Final Report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States that recognized submarine-launched ballistic missiles as the most survivable, and therefore most capable, of the three strategic deterrence legs of the U.S. nuclear triad. The Ohio replacement will leverage the successful Virginia-class acquisition program and carry the Trident II (D5) Life Extension missile, the nation’s most accurate and reliable strategic missile system with 134 consecutive successful flight tests.

Design, prototyping, and technology development efforts for the Ohio replacement are intended to ensure sufficient technological maturity for lead ship procurement in 2019.

The Navy announced Thursday that the initial plans for the Navy’s next generation of ballistic-missile submarines were endorsed by the Defense Acquisition Board and achieved what is known as “Milestone A,” meaning the program can enter the technology development phase.

Achieving Milestone A not only allows the development of technology to proceed but also formally recognizes the planning for the ballistic-missile submarine as an official Department of Defense program.

EB has been working on the design of the submarine, which will replace the current fleet of Ohio-class, or Trident, boats.

Go to the link for the rest of the story...<http://www.theday.com/article/20110205/BIZ02/302059960/-1/BIZ>

Navy Bids Farewell to Trailblazing USS Los Angeles

BREMERTON, Wash. (NNS) -- Feb. 4 marked the end of an era for the "Silent Service" as USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), the first of the world's largest class of nuclear-powered submarines, underwent her final decommissioning at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

Cmdr. Steven Harrison, Los Angeles' last commanding officer, was joined by Capt. Mark Whitney, commander of PSNS and IMF; and Capt. Dan Prince, chief of staff for Submarine Group 9; as the submarine's commissioning pennant was hauled down and the watch secured for the last time, ending Los Angeles' 34 years of service.

Visit the link for the story...

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=58422

Retired ID card replacement

Should you get a new military ID card at age 65 or not? We recommend yes. Technically, it's not required but it may save you some grief down the line.

ID cards for retired military members have an "indefinite" expiration date on the front of the card. On the back of the card is an expiration date for medical benefits that expires the month prior to you turning age 65. While your entitlement and access to medical benefits do not end after the expiration date, it could cause problems if you don't update your card.

We recently received an email from a member who told us of his trip to the base pharmacy. He still used his original retired ID card with an expired medical date on the back. His card was confiscated by the pharmacy. Turns out, his base hospital implemented a local policy to confiscate cards in an effort to get cards updated for those over 65 years old.

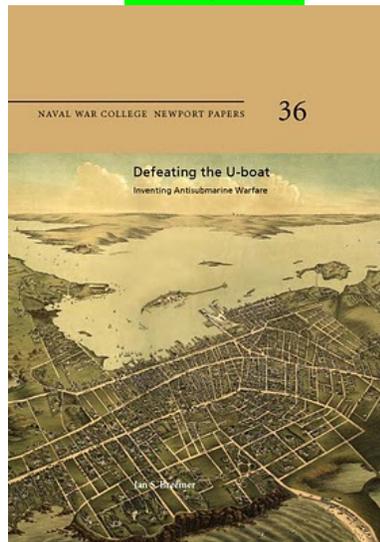
In this fast paced, ever changing world, military ID cards have undergone several updates over the years, photos get old, and some service providers won't understand the date on the back doesn't render the card expired.

People aren't ID card experts. An expired date means one thing to most: game over. Save yourself the potential grief and get a new card.

T Michael Bircumshaw
USSVI National Commander 2010-2012

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--Wear your Dolphins - you earned them!--

AIMMS NEWS



The Naval War College Press has just released a new manuscript as part of their Newport Papers series.

Titled "Defeating the U-boat: Inventing Antisubmarine Warfare" and written by Dr. Jan S. Breemer, a professor of National Security Decision Making at the Navy War College in Monterey, CA, this manuscript covers the British response to the German submarine threat during the First World War. Dr. Breemer also discusses how the history of events nearly 100 years ago holds implications for decision makers today.

"Defeating the U-boat: Inventing Antisubmarine Warfare" is available as a free download from the Naval War College Press [website](#). Copies may also be ordered through the Government Printing Office, or by signing up for the Newport Papers via the Naval

War College. The AIMM Library also has a copy for researchers to read.

Image courtesy of the Naval War College Press
Posted By Blogger to [Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum at North Little Rock](#)

1955 VISIT TO MAZATLAN

In the mid fifties I was aboard my first duty station, a diesel submarine, USS Bass (SSK2). I had been on it for just over a year. It was mid August 1955 and we had left Mare Island completing our overhaul heading back to Pearl Harbor by way of Mazatlan, Mexico. It was to be a week's visit. This was thanks to our new skipper, LCD McAdams (call sign "Black Jack"). He wanted to go places and do things, so here we are on our way to Mazatlan. We'll be the first American Capital ship to visit that port since WWII.

Upon our arrival, around noon, the Mayor of Mazatlan met the boat as we tied up. The skipper invited him down to the wardroom for coffee, cookies and conversation. About an hour later the Mayor departed and the skipper made an announcement on the 1MC. Among other notes of interest about Mazatlan, given to the skipper from the Mayor, the skipper, put out of bounds five houses of ill repute located about a mile down the pier and across a bridge. Liberty was granted to all who were not in the duty section and had their work completed.

After supper, several of my shipmates and I went ashore. Once on the pier, someone suggested we "Cross Over The Bridge and visit those houses (at the time Rosemary Clooney had a #1 song out by that name). Since no one was assigned "Shore Patrol" we had no worry about being caught by any authority, so we sang the song all the way to the first house. Not wanting to be conspicuous, we decided to go in by the back door. Once inside we walked down a long hallway, toward music, which was coming from a ballroom. When we reached the ballroom, there were four of our six officers dancing with the

ladies. It was the Captain, the XO, the Engineer and the Navigator (if I remember correctly). The Skipper took one look at us, shrugged his shoulders (the reserve salute) and went on dancing. Great Skipper!

FOOT NOTE: At the time, Mazatlan had only one high-rise building, which was a hotel (still there today). On the top floor was a ballroom with dancing and a live band. That's where we all went to meet girls. I met this pretty 19 year old, blue eyed blond hair Mexican girl, Maria Theresa Herrada (we corresponded for two years). Her family was from the Basque Provence area of Spain, giving her the blue eyes and blond hair. I asked her for a date and she accepted. On that date, her aunt followed 20 paces behind us everywhere we went. That is the first and only time that I have ever been escorted on a date!
boB Sykes

I am a Submariner

By: John Chaffey

DIVE DIVE

I served on the Holland over a century ago.

I still serve to this day on the Trident, Los Angeles & Seawolf class boats and look forward to shipping on the Virginia, Texas, and Hawaii.

Places like Fremantle, Rota, LaMadd, Chinhae, Pattaya, Sasebo, and Subic stir my soul.

For I am a Submariner.

I rest in peace beneath many seas across this earth.

I was on the Barbel off Palawan, the Scorpion off the Azores and the Bonefish in the Sea of Japan. We gave them hell in the harbors at Wewak and Namkwan.

I am a Shellback, a Bluenose, a Plank Owner, a MCPO of the Navy, a CNO, and a President.
For I am a Submariner.

I heard Howard Gilmore's final order, "Take Her Down."

I heard the word passed, "Underway on Nuclear Power."

I have done every job asked of me, from Messcook to Torpedoman to Motormac to COB to Skipper.

I know "Snorkel Patty" and Admiral Rickover.

For I am a Submariner.

I have twin Dolphins tattooed on my chest and twin screws tattooed on my ass.

I know the difference between a Lady and a Hooker but treat both with equal respect.

I know Georgia Street and Magsaysay drive. And although the Horse & Cow keeps moving I will always find her.

I know the meaning of "Hot, Straight, and Normal."

For I am a Submariner.

I have stood tall and received the Medal of Honor and been thrown in the Brig for being Drunk & Disorderly.

I know the reverent tone of "Diesel Boats Forever" and the Gudgeon's "Find em, Chase em, Sink em."

I was on the Spearfish evacuating nurses from Corregidor and the Skate when she surfaced at the North Pole.

I have spent time in the Royal Hawaiian.

For I am a Submariner.

I have gone by names like Spritz, Cromwell, O'Kane, Ramage, Breault, "Mush" and Lockwood.

I have served on boats like the Nautilus, Thresher, Parche, Squalus, Wahoo and Halibut.

On December 7th I was onboard the Tautog at Pearl Harbor.

I was also on the Tusk in 49 and sacrificed myself for my shipmates on the Cochino.

For I am a Submariner.

I have stood watches in the cold of Holy Loch and the heat of the South Pacific.

I know what the "41 For Freedom" accomplished.

I was on the Sealion at Cavite in 41 and the Archerfish in Tokyo Bay in 45.

I have endured depth charges and POW camps.

I was on the Seafox when we lost five sailors to a Japanese ambush on Guam.

For I am a Submariner.

I tip beers over sea-stories with my shipmates at yearly conventions. We toll the bell and shed a tear for our buddies who are on eternal patrol.

Many pilots have been glad to see me, including a future president.

I have completed numerous highly classified missions during the Cold War.

Because "Freedom Is Not Free," be assured that I am out there at this very moment.

For I am a Submariner.

February Birthdays

Feb 4th – Paul Honeck

Feb 5th – Michael Meriweather

Feb 6th – John Archer

Feb 12th – Colin Stockdale

Feb 13th – Gil Houston

Feb 22nd – Dick Winchell

Feb 26th – Robert Walls

Feb 28th – T. Wesley Dodson

Feb 28th – Bruce Dart

Happy Birthday!

Treasures Report: Jan 2011

BEGINNING BAL.:	\$ 9307.98
DEPOSITS:	
Dues	150.00
Storekeeper	20.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$ 170.00
EXPENSES:	
Dues Paid to National	500.00
NSK Holland Club	86.31
Chaplin-Stamps/frame	17.27
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 603.58
ENDING BALANCE:	\$ 8874.40
CHARITYS	
Boat Maint Fund	\$ 1441.03
Base Charity Fund	\$ 474.00
USS Snook Memorial	\$ 1405.86
Regions Bank CD	\$ 5160.99
Interest	20.73
Ending Balance	\$ 5181.72
Cash on hand	50.00
TOTAL IN BASE FUNDS =	\$14,106.12

Base Treasurer

Bob Bowlin

**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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