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Commander's Corner



I received the above card from a young lady at this year's Memorial Day ceremony at the State Veterans Cemetery. She wrote on the inside, "Thank you for serving our country so bravely! Thank you for your service! God bless you! Olivia"

Olivia and her family, all 17 of them, were sitting in front of us at the ceremony, and I enjoyed watching the father teach the kids to stand and cover their heart during the posting of the colors and reciting the pledge of allegiance. We later found out that several of the kids were adopted from other countries and that this was an opportunity to teach them a lesson about patriotism and the sacrifices made for freedom.

After the ceremony was over Paul Honeck invited the family down to the USS Razorback for a tour, so after a brief ceremony at the USS Snook Memorial, Paul and Ray Wewers split the family into two groups and gave them a thorough tour of the boat.

I have been attending the annual Memorial Day ceremony for many years, and although attendance goes up and down each year depending on the weather, there never seems to be more than 4 or 5 base members in attendance. Each year the base purchases a small wreath to place in the reflecting pond to honor all US Submariners still on eternal patrol. The first part of the USSVI Creed states "TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS."

If you never attend any other events all year, I would recommend that the annual Memorial Day Ceremony be the one to attend.

On May 18, 19 and 20th we held the annual base campout and picnic at lake Dardanelle State Park. Thanks to Ray and Barbara Wewers for organizing everything. Thanks also to everyone who helped set up and take down the large canopy/tent and to Sam Cecil for smoking the meet (Beef and Pork) for the weekend.

2012 Base Picnic

We also held a Base meeting on Saturday after lunch, and it was decided that the annual bowling

weekend scheduled for June is rescheduled for July 28th at Heber Springs, and the next Base meeting will be on August 18th before the Travelers baseball game.

Greg Zonner has asked me to pass the word that workdays on the USS Razorback have been canceled for the summer. He also asked me to remind everyone that although we will not be scheduling official workdays, there is always plenty of work that needs to be done, and Jim Gates will maintain a wish list of projects that need to be accomplished, and that you are always welcome to stop down and work on the boat anytime. So if you find yourself in North Little Rock with a little extra time and nothing to do, come on down to the boat and pick a project or give tours, your help and efforts are always appreciated.



Greg Schwerman
Base Commander

Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of June

USS O-9 (SS-70) 20-Jun-1941. 34 men lost.
USS S-27 (SS-132) 19-Jun-1942. No loss of crew.
USS R-12 (SS-89) 12-Jun-1943. 6 survivors 42 crewmen lost (42).
USS Herring (SS-233) 1-Jun-1944. All hands lost (80).
USS Golet (SS-361) 14-Jun-1944. All hands lost (82).
USS Bonefish (SS-223) 18-Jun-1945. All hands lost (86).

USS BONEFISH (SS 223) June 18, 1945 – 86 Men Lost

In company with USS TUNNY (SS-282) and USS SKATE (SS-305), USS BONEFISH (SS-223), departed Guam on 28 May 1945 to conduct her eighth war patrol. This coordinated attack group under Cdr. G.W. Pierce in TUNNY, which was one of three groups then penetrating the Japan Sea, was ordered to transit Tsushima Strait on 5 June 1945, and to conduct offensive patrol in the Sea of Japan off the west central coast of Honshu. This area was further subdivided, with BONEFISH assigned to patrol the northern portion.

BONEFISH successfully transited Tsushima Strait, and made rendezvous with TUNNY on 16 June 1945, in position 36-40'N;135-24'E. BONEFISH reported she had sunk one large transport and one medium freighter to date. On the morning of 18 June, TUNNY and BONEFISH rendezvoused in the vicinity of 38-15'N;138-24'E. BONEFISH asked permission to conduct a submerged daylight patrol in Toyama Wan, in the mid part of western Honshu, and having received it, departed for Suzu Misaki. She was never seen or heard from again.

BONEFISH, in accordance with the operation order, was to rendezvous with the other eight submarines of the three groups, in 46-50'N;140E at sunset on 23 June 1945, in preparation for the transit on 24 June of La Perouse Strait. BONEFISH did not make this rendezvous, and after the other eight vessels had successfully transited La Perouse Strait, TUNNY on 25 and 26 June waited off the entrance to the Strait and unsuccessfully tried to contact BONEFISH.

Provisions were made in the operation order governing this patrol group for submarines in case of necessity to proceed to Russian waters to claim a 24-hour haven, or to submit to internment in extreme need, or for them to make their exit from the Japan Sea prior to or after 24 June. When all of these possibilities had been examined, and she had not been seen or heard from by 30 July 1945, BONEFISH was reported as presumed lost.

Japanese records of antisubmarine attacks mention an attack made on 18 June 1945, at 37-18'N;137-25'E in Toyama Wan. A great many depth charges were dropped, and wood chips and oil were observed. This undoubtedly was the attack which sank BONEFISH.

In total, this boat sank 31 enemy vessels, for a total tonnage of 158,500, and damaged 7, for 42,000 tons. She began her career as an active member of the Submarine Force with a patrol in the South China Sea in September and October 1943. She sank three freighters, two transports, a tanker and a schooner, and damaged a fourth freighter. On her second war patrol, conducted in the Celebes Sea and near Borneo, BONEFISH sank two freighters and an escort vessel, and damaged a minelayer. Again in the South China Sea on her third patrol, BONEFISH sank a very large tanker, a medium freighter and a schooner, and damaged a second large tanker. This boat went to the Celebes and Sulu Seas for her fourth patrol and sank two freighters, a transport and a tanker, while she damaged a sub chaser.

Postwar information also reveals that on 14 May 1944, while firing at the large tanker which she sank, BONEFISH hit and sank a Japanese destroyer.

This boat's fifth patrol was in the same area as her fourth, and she sank two small freighters, a large tanker and five miscellaneous small craft, while she damaged a second tanker. BONEFISH covered a South China Sea area in her sixth patrol, and sank two large tankers and a freighter during September and October 1944. She also damaged two medium freighters. Then, after a thorough overhaul and the installation of much new equipment in San Francisco, BONEFISH made her seventh patrol in the East China Sea. She had only one attack opportunity and did no damage. However, she took two Japanese prisoners from a downed enemy plane, and performed reconnaissance work on the southern end of Korea.

BONEFISH was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for the period of her first and third through sixth patrols.

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



Razorback Base News

Razorback Base Meeting Min's

May 19, 21012

The Razorback Base was called to order by base commander Greg Schwerman at 1300 hours at Lake Dardanelle State Park in Russellville AR. There were 31 people present. The Creed was read by Greg Schwerman. Carl Schmidt gave the invocation. Each person introduced themselves. No Tolling of the Boats.

The minutes of the March 24, 2012 meeting was read by Jane Farmer. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

The financial report was read by Greg Schwerman. The balance in checking account as of April 2012 was \$5723.19. Motion was made and seconded to accept report as read. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Chaplain Report/Binnacle List-Carl Schmidt gave greetings from David Boyer, who is still out of state. He asked members to let him know of sickness in base and he would send cards. Bob Bolin is still having breathing problems, and could use help in yard.

2. Membership-We have 205 active members at this time.

3. Storekeeper-Billy Hollaway had no report.

4. Memorials and Ceremonies-Paul Honeck announced Memorial Day Ceremonies will be Mon. May 28, 2012 at the AR. National Cemetery in Sherwood, AR at 10 a.m. Then Razorback base will go to Snook Memorial for short program, and eat out together afterwards.

5. Activities-Ray Wewers reported expenses for camp-out was \$186. He collected \$187. A motion was made and seconded to give Sam Cecil \$50 for preparing and cooking meat and beans. Motion passed.

A. Patriot Guard Riders party on boat Sun. May 27, 2012.

B. Bowling in July in Heber Springs. Details later.

C. Base meeting with pot luck and then Traveler Baseball on Aug. 18, 2012

D. Base meeting with Holland Club presentation in Sept.

Communication-none Old Business

1. Booster Club-Carl Schmidt sent a letter giving details of the Booster Club to be put in next Newsletter. The Booster Club will be from July to July.

2. Alan Malone had signs made for truck, and they were used in parade. He would like information on any activity that the base could set up a table to hand out flyers and cards about base. A motion was made and seconded to pay Paul Honeck \$100 for flyers and cards. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to form a committee of Greg Schwerman, Allen Malone, and Paul Honeck to design the flyers. Motion Passed.

3. Sheri Hollaway presented plans for landscaping at the Snook Memorial. The plan is to paint wall and plant varieties of grasses and flowers. A motion was made and seconded to use \$1000 from the Snook Memorial fund to implement this plan. Motion passed.

New Business-none

Good of the Order-Bob Christian announced the Viet Nam Memorial Wall would be at the Hot Springs airport May 23-29, 2012.

Next meeting Aug 18, 2012, pot-luck and baseball game.

Meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours.

Paul Honeck and Joe Mathis presented a memorial to those submariners from the Razorback base that have gone on Eternal Patrol. Thirty-three names were read and the bell tolled after each name. Paul then read a poem.

Recording Secretary
Jane Farmer

New Base Members

Razorback Base has two new members.

James Murphree from Russellville moved back from Florida. James qualified on the Chopper, SS-342, in 1960, and is a Holland Club member. James

rose through the ranks as a radioman becoming a CPO, serving on 5 different boats. James retired in 1976 as a CWO2.

Herb Wise lives in Bella Vista and joined us as a Dual Base member. His primary base is USS Snook. Herb qualified on the Lafayette, SSBN-616, in 1964. Herb also rose through the ranks as an ETR, serving on 4 different boats, and also becoming a CPO. Herb retired in 1982 as a Lieutenant Commander.

John C. Barr-Membership Chair

Razorbacks Base Activities 2012

June – No Base Meeting

Accomplished at Campout in May

July 28th – Bowling & Dinner in Heber Springs contact Al Malone for dinner reservations

O5retired@yahoo.com

Aug 18th – Base meeting, potluck and Travelers ball game

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

Sept 22nd – 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

Dear Central Region Shipmates,

My name is Carl Schmidt and I am asking for vote to become the next USSVI National Senior Vice Commander in 2012. As most of you know by now Jon Jaques is stepping down as NSVC.

You can read the qualifications of all the candidates in the American Submariner which you soon will be receiving in the mail. Voting will begin June 1, 2012. You will be voting for all the other National Officers in USSVI, plus changes proposed to the Constitution and By-Laws. Voting will be done using the internet, or you can mail your ballot to the Election Master.

Remember your vote is important to elect the next USSVI board members for 2012.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at bonnynclyde@classicnet.net or 501-843-7855 if you have questions.

Fraternally,
Carl Schmidt
National Chaplain USSVI
Past Central Region Director

USSVI Election Nominations

Thank you to the good men who stepped up to place themselves in Nomination for USSVI National and Region Officer positions.

Regardless of the election outcomes, these shipmates are all 'winners' in my book.

- * T. Michael Bircumshaw for Natl Cdr, unopposed.
- * William Andrea and Carl Schmidt for Senior Vice Cdr.
- * Al Singleman for Junior Vice Cdr, unopposed.
- * John Clear, Tom Conlon, Len Heiselt for Natl Secretary.
- * Richard McPherson and James Van Vranken for Natl Treasurer.
- * Michael Naughton for NE Region Director, unopposed.
- * Dick Kanning for SE Region Director, unopposed.
- * Ken Recoy and Wayne Standerfer for Central Region Director
- * John Mansfield and Robert Miller for Western Region Director

The candidate statements will appear in the next issue of American Submariner magazine.

USSVI National Election

Submitted by: Pat Householder

Shipmates, there has been various information shared by well-meaning but misinformed shipmates regarding the start date of the pending USSVI National Election.

The online ballot will appear at www.ussvi.org at the top of the buttons at the left side of that page when it becomes active.

It will become active when the National Commander is satisfied that the majority of the American Submariner Magazine issues have been received by the membership. This is because in order for you to

make an informed voting choice, you will need the magazine in your hands and open to the voting information. Those who wish to vote by paper ballot may do so as soon as they receive their magazines and have evaluated the Candidates and Proposed Amendments. Note the mailing instructions at the bottom of the ballot.

Regardless of voting method, please read and reflect on the proposed amendments and on the qualifications of the good men who have stepped up to run for the various positions that guide USSVI.

Your vote is your voice in the future operation of our organization of American Submariners.

Razorback Booster Club

Shipmates the USS Razorback base is starting a Booster club to raise money for restoration projects on the USS Razorback SS 394 and other special base projects.

To become a member of the base Booster Club a minimum donation of \$25.00 will make you a booster club member but larger donations will be appreciated. All booster club donors for (1) year, will have names published from July to July in the Hawgfish, the USS Razorback base newsletter. One month prior to July 2013 the base newsletter will publish it is time to renew the Booster club dues for another year.

Some bases already have a Booster club designated for special base projects.

Mail donations to:
John Barr Membership Chairman
9 Broadview Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207-5113



June 6th – Remember "D" Day
June 14th – Flag Day
June 17th – Father's Day

AIMM FACTS & EVENTS

AIMM at NLR- Secrets of the Captain's Safe

Recently, several AIMM staff members were working in the Forward Battery Compartment in the area of the Captain's Stateroom. During this work, they noticed that the safe in the Captain's Stateroom was closed and locked. They also noticed that the safes in other officer's staterooms were open.

After some discussions, it was determined that no one could remember the Captain's safe EVER being opened. The hinges were removed, and this is what was found:



In all, a total of 122 photographs, the Master Copy of the SORM (Standard Organization and Regulation Manual), the Emergency Destruction Bag from the Captain's Stateroom, and a number of other artifacts were found within the safe.

All of these artifacts date from the time when *Razorback* served in the Turkish Navy, or just before that time. All of these artifacts are being cataloged and preserved.

We will be posting more photos here, and on the AIMM website in the very near future.

Here is a close-up of the Captain's Emergency Destruction Bag:



Navy News

2 Navy Submarine Officers Charged In Fraud Probe

Associated Press, May 14, 2012

HARTFORD, Conn. — Two of the Navy's first female submarine officers have been charged with financial misconduct, a spokeswoman said Monday.

Navy Cmdr. Monica Rousselow, a spokeswoman for the submarine force, said the alleged fraud took place before the two Supply Corps officers reported to their vessels.

The two officers, whose names were not released, are accused of filing fraudulent travel claims involving about \$4,500 each, according to Rousselow, who is based in Norfolk, Va. The officers are charged with fraud and conduct unbecoming of a Naval officer under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. One of them also is charged with falsifying an official statement.

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The officers are among the first group of women assigned to U.S. submarines by the Navy, which reversed a ban on women serving aboard subs in 2010. They completed training at sites including the submarine school in Groton, Conn., before joining the undersea force.

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Navy Announces New Uniform Components, Regulations

Navy News/By Chief of Naval Personnel public affairs May 21, 2012

WASHINGTON -- NAVADMIN 164/12, released May 18, announced the chief of naval operations' (CNO) approval of a number of changes to uniforms and uniform wear policy.

"These uniform changes are the direct result of Sailor and leadership feedback," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy.

"Updating Navy uniforms is part of outfitting the 21st Century Sailor, ensuring our Sailors have practical uniforms they want and that represent our proud naval heritage while reflecting advances in clothing technology and design."

An improved design of the male E1-E6 Service Dress Blue (SDB) Uniform, incorporating a side zipper on the jumper and a hidden center zipper on the trousers, is approved. The uniform is scheduled to begin distribution in October 2015, at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, and Fleet availability is expected by October 2018. Specific details regarding fleet availability will be announced in a future NAVADMIN.

The E1-E6 men's and women's Service Dress White (SDW) jumper approved design improvements include incorporating a side zipper, front and rear yoke, Navy blue piping on the flap, and sleeve cuffs with Navy blue piping and button fasteners. Introduction of the new E1-E6 SDW will begin October 2015, at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Fleet roll out will begin by October 2018. Specific details regarding Fleet availability will be announced in a future NAVADMIN.

The contemporary design for Service Dress Khaki (SDK) is approved for optional wear. Detailed guidance on the occasion for wear and Fleet availability will be announced in a future NAVADMIN.

A number of changes to the Navy flight suit occasion and manner of wear are contained in the NAVADMIN, including changes to the approved colors for undershirts and aligning the manner of wear of the one-piece flight suit with the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type I.

Among the changes to NWU policy approved in the NAVADMIN is the option to wear a nametape on the left shoulder pocket flap of the NWU Type I Parka, beginning July, 17. These nametapes will be purchased at the Sailor's expense during the optional period. Nametapes will become mandatory Oct 1, 2013. Sailors will receive a clothing replacement allowance to help purchase one additional nametape for the parka.

Other changes to the NWU policy include the approval to wear as an optional item a nylon webbing rigger belt and NWU

pattern foul weather Gore-Tex trousers. The optional rigger belt will be a one and three-fourth inch wide, one-piece adjustable nylon webbing, metal or plastic buckle. Belts worn by E-1 through E-6 personnel will be black, while belts worn by E-7 and above will be tan/khaki.

Sailors will be able to buy the NWU pattern foul weather Gore-Tex trousers for wear during inclement weather to and from home and work. Personally purchased trousers will not be worn to perform official or assigned duties. The trousers will be available for purchase at selected Navy Exchange Uniform Centers, on-line and 1-800 call centers beginning Oct. 1.

The NAVADMIN includes a list of additional commands authorized to wear the NWU Type III (Woodland) for daily and deployment and deployment training wear, as well as further guidance on approval authority for the wear of this uniform. Fleet Commanders (USFF and PACFLT) will now be the authorizing authority for wear of the NWU Type III for deployment and pre-deployment work up/training. When not in a deployment or pre-deployment training status, personnel will wear the NWU Type I or service uniform as appropriate.

In June 2013, an optional redesigned khaki maternity blouse with adjustable waist tabs and slightly shorter length will be available in regular and long sizes. The blouse will become a mandatory, as needed, item in 2015.

The NAVADMIN also approved several insignia and badge additions and changes including standardizing the design and reducing the number of Navy Security Forces Identification badges from eight to three badges: U.S. Navy Security Forces, U.S. Navy Corrections Specialist and U.S. Navy Master-at-Arms.

A Strategic Sealift Officer Warfare Insignia (SSOWI) for wear by officers who have successfully completed the qualification requirements will be available May

2013. The United States Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) identification badge is authorized to be worn by officers and enlisted assigned to USCYBERCOM beginning July 17.

Also beginning July 17, the Marine Corps Combatant Diver (MCD) breast insignia is authorized for wear on Navy uniforms by Sailors that successfully meet all qualification requirements stipulated in MILPERSMAN article 1220-101, (U.S. Marine Corps Marine Combatant Diver Breast Insignia and Designation).

Illustrations of the new uniform items and insignia, as well as instructions on how to submit uniform changes to the Uniform Board, can be found on the Navy Uniform Matters Office website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/pages/default2.aspx>

Fire Strikes Sub: Several Firefighters Hurt Battling Blaze Aboard Nuclear Vessel

Fosters.com, May 23, 2012

A fire that broke out aboard a nuclear-powered submarine at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Wednesday night injured six people.

The fire was still burning as of 11:45 p.m., but the "situation" was "improving," Shipyard Commander Bryant Fuller said in a brief statement before midnight.

Numerous area fire crews responded to the blaze on the USS Miami SSN 755 at the shipyard, located on an island in the small town of Kittery.

The fire was reported at approximately 5:41 p.m.

Six people were injured during the incident, according to Fuller. Three were either treated at the scene or transported to a local medical facility for further attention. Among them was a firefighter who suffered heat exhaustion.

Shipyard officials stressed the ongoing emergency at the facility does not pose a public safety concern.

Shipyard public affairs specialist Gary Hildreth said the fire was located in the forward compartment of the sub. The

shipyard says the sub's reactor wasn't operating at the time of Wednesday evening's fire and wasn't affected.

Employees were scheduled to return to work at the shipyard on Thursday morning.

Nonessential personnel were removed from the sub.

For many hours black smoke was billowing overhead, visible from surrounding areas.

The USS Miami has been at the shipyard for maintenance and upgrade work since its arrival in March. Its home station is Groton, Conn., where the U.S. Navy has a submarine base.

Fire apparatus from as far away as Logan International Airport in Boston was sent to the shipyard to help a battle the blaze.

Activity at the front gate dropped to a lull for a brief period between 8-9 p.m.

A half dozen fire engines then arrived between 9:10-9:30 p.m., as a plume of smoke continued to rise above the scene.

Responding were personnel from Kittery, York and Eliot, in Maine, and Portsmouth, Newcastle, Newington and Rye, N.H.

Kittery resident Michelle Mullaney, who lives in a building on the perimeter of the shipyard, said thick, brown smoke was emanating from the scene when she noticed the fire sometime after 6 p.m.

The acrid smell forced her to go indoors, she said.

"It just continued getting worse and worse, billowing more brown smoke," she said, "and I came back out about 8 p.m., I think, and the Kittery police were out here taking a picture of it, and the smoke had turned white, so in my mind, I was thinking they were extinguishing it."

A brief history of the USS Miami was provided by the New London (Conn.) Day newspaper Wednesday night:

Commissioned at the Submarine Base New London on June 30, 1990, the USS Miami was launched at Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., in November 1988. About 1,200 people attended,

including guest speaker U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla.

The USS Miami, SSN 755, was the 26th Los-Angeles class submarine delivered by Electric Boat and the 44th ship of that class to be commissioned.

The 6,900-ton, 260-foot-long Miami carries an armament of Tomahawk cruise missiles and Harpoon anti-ship missiles.

It was first commanded by Cmdr. Thomas W. Mader, of Gales Ferry, with a crew of 120 and 13 officers.

It is the first submarine and the third U.S. Navy ship to bear the name Miami. The first ship was a side-wheel, double-ended wood gunboat launched at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in 1861. The second was a light cruiser launched in Philadelphia by Cramp Shipbuilding Co. in 1942. During World War II, the cruiser Miami served in the Pacific and helped support the Marianas campaign. Several members of the crew were in the audience June 30, 1990, for the submarine commissioning.

A crew member in September 1994 said the USS Miami was the Miami was the first submarine to go through the Suez Canal.



Submarine school begins turning out computer wizards

The Day, May 11

Groton - When a computer breaks, a novice can usually tinker with it to fix a basic problem.

But at some point, you need a professional, said Master Chief Petty Officer Travis Brummer. The submarine force has reached that point.

This week at the Naval Submarine School, 16 sailors began learning how to operate and maintain the state-of-the-art computer systems and networks on board submarines. They will be the first sailors formally trained and certified to do so.

"Now the submarine force will get much more effective, trained and certified information systems technicians," said Brummer, the command master chief at the

Center for Information Dominance at Corry Station, Fla.

The Navy created a new job, or rate, for submariners in December called Information Systems Technician Submarines and launched the 19-week Information Systems Technician "A" School at the submarine school as a learning site for the center to train sailors for the job.

Until now, a sailor in another job on a submarine volunteered to work on the computers.

But that put the sailor at a disadvantage when he had to take tests for his regular job because he spent so much time away from it, said Chief Kevin Dingman, the site director.

And, Dingman said, "Technology has grown to the point where you can't do it part-time anymore." There are dedicated information systems technicians on ships that have larger crews and more space.

Brummer and Dingman said they couldn't discuss the cyber warfare aspects of the training but did say submarines can better defend against security threats with these new information systems technicians on board.

The "A" School is followed by two other courses, for a total of 11 months of training. The Navy's goal is to eventually graduate 96 students annually. The size of the submarine crews is not expected to change, Brummer said.

On the second day of class, Seaman Caleb Allen, 28, who joined the Navy in December, said the instructor had already "gone over everything that makes a computer tick." The pace of the course, Allen said, is "insane."

Seaman Recruit Darius Sellers, 18, said working on computers had always been a hobby and that he was looking forward to turning his hobby into a career. He fixed the computer at his church in South Carolina and recorded the sermons, he said.

"I think it's important. You need someone who can fix all that stuff when things go wrong," Sellers said. "You need constant communications throughout the boat and with the rest of the fleet."

June Birthdays

June 4th – William Butler
 June 6th – Robert Denis
 June 7th – John Barr
 June 8th – Marv Blair
 June 8th – Ralph Slutts
 June 8th – John Hertzberg
 June 9th – Ron Hines
 June 12th – David Boyer
 June 13th – Murf Murphree
 June 15th – Terence Murphy
 June 17th – Sam Swires
 June 17th – Curtis Borud
 June 18th – Cal Moon
 June 20th – William Wiedeman
 June 20th – Bruce Schick
 June 20th – William Smith
 June 21st – Carl Schmidt
 June 23rd – Hal Butler
 June 30th – Jim Franks

Happy Birthday!

Treasurer's Report: May 2012

BEGINNING BAL.:	\$ 5723.19
DEPOSITS:	
Dues	15.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$ 15.00
EXPENSES:	
No Expenses	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 0.00
ENDING BALANCE:	\$ 5738.19
CHARITYS	
Boat Maint Fund	1066.03
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1066.03
Base Charity Fund	567.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 567.00
USS Snook Memorial	1405.86
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1405.86
Regions Bank CD	\$ 5202.48
Interest	0
Ending Balance	\$ 5202.48
Cash on hand	50.00
TOTAL IN BASE FUNDS =	\$14,029.56

**Base Commander
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**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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