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**What's "Below Decks"
in the Midwatch**



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Lest We Forget Those Still On Patrol

NOVEMBER ETERNAL PATROLS

USS Albacore	SS218	Nov. 7, 1944	86 men
USS Growler	SS215	Nov. 8, 1944	85 men
USS Scamp	SS277	Nov. 9, 1944	84 men
USS Corvina	SS226	Nov. 16, 1943	82 men
USS Sculpin	SS191	Nov. 19, 1943	63 men
USS Capelin	SS289	Nov. 23, 1943	78 men

Veteran's Day Parade - Monday, Nov. 12

Less We Forget . . .

"From the barnacle covered hulls of 52 lost submarines and from the unmarked graves in enemy soil, comes a voice that has been gone for over 55 years. I died suddenly inside a 300-foot steel fighting ship, along with 75 other submarine Sailors. I am the voice of the starboard controlman, we used to stand watches together. The boat was ripped apart by the terrific explosion of a depth charge, bomb or torpedo from an enemy ship or aircraft."

"Just forward in my watery grave is your shipmate, Buss. He was the throttleman in the after engine room, and in each compartment forward there are the bodies of your shipmates Seaman Jones, Ship's Cook Swanson, Lieutenant Byers and a roll call of names that, in the final tally, adds up to over 3,600 submariners."

"You know, we had a tough and dangerous job to do since we were taking the big war to the back door of our enemy and all the merchant ships they were guarding. My boat was out there doing what was expected of it but, unfortunately, we were at the right place at the wrong time. I was one of the 3,600 men who did not make it home. I missed out on all those nice things that I wanted to do, such as finish my education, get a good job, get married, raise a family and care for my aging parents. I gave my life, along with my shipmates, to make sure that you would have the opportunity to do all those things."

"As the eyes and spokesman for my shipmates and myself who were 'casualties of the war-overdue and presumed lost,' I note that as the years have been slipping by, the number of 'Tolling of the Bell for the lost boats' ceremonies has decreased and there are fewer shipmates attending these events. The fervor of patriotism does not appear to burn as brightly as before."

"I would appreciate if you, today's submarine Sailors, to whom I have passed the 'torch of victory' and heritage of our history, would take a few minutes to pay respect to my sacrifice. I appreciate your sacrifices and wanted to know how I feel. I am watching you with pride. The echo is growing fainter, but I still hear from some of you. God Bless you, Shipmate."

Veterans Day - Nov. 11, 2007



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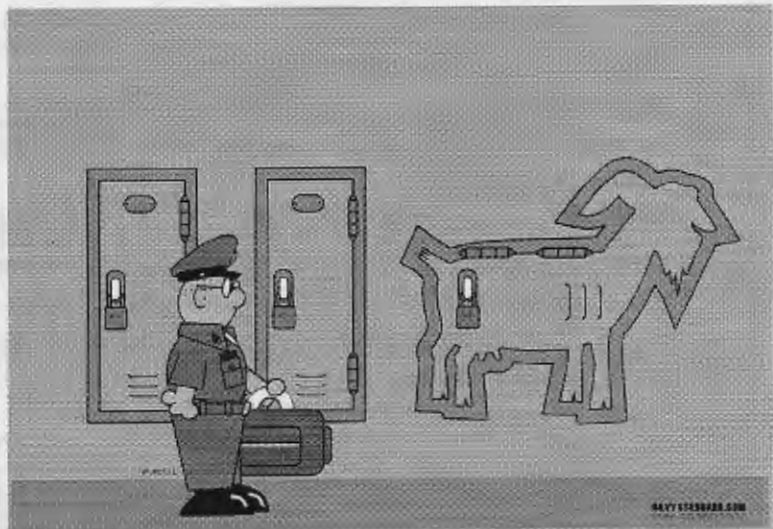
Sailing Orders



**Monday, November 12th
Veteran's Day Parade
VA Medical Center
7 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Next Meeting
Saturday, November 17, 2007
12 noon**

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Registration Form

**3rd Annual Southwest / Western Combined Regional Caucus
For US Submarine Veterans WWII and US Submarine Veterans Inc.
Hilton / Fairfield Hotel Albuquerque, NM 7 - 12 April 2008**

US Sub Vets WWII _____ US Sub Vets Inc. _____ Chapter _____ Base _____
 (If you belong to both, please check both)
 Name _____ Wife's Name _____
 Address _____ Other Attendees _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone (Home) _____ Cell _____
 Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____
 Organization Title _____
 Date you Qualified _____ Age of men over 90 _____
 Number of War Patrols _____ Number of Patrols after January 1947 _____
 Will you volunteer to help out with scheduled activities? Shipmates _____ Support Group _____
 Did you have command of a US Submarine _____ Salvage Ship _____ Tender _____

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Please register by 15 February 2008 to help us with the planning this Caucus.

Please select the entrée you would like in items 6, 7 and 9.

	Activities	No.	Total
1	Registration Fee - \$12.00 (Nonrefundable)		
2	50 / 50 Raffle Tickets - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 (You do not have to be present to win the 50/50) Many outstanding prizes to be given out using these tickets		
3	SOS Breakfast \$15.00 per person		
4	Navy Bean Soup Lunch - \$12.00 per person		
5	Special Entertainment Night - Pending (Reservations and payment to be made at the Caucus Registration Desk)	?? ??	
6	Dime A Dance / Dinner \$38.00 per person. Stuffed Pork Chop or Salmon Croquettes		
7	Support Crew Luncheon (Wives, sons, daughters, widows) - \$18.00 per person Stuffed Tomato with Chicken or Club Sandwich		
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9	Submarine Birthday Dinner \$45.00 per person. Yankee Pot Roast or Mexican Plate		
	TOTALS		

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Agenda



7 April 2008 Monday		Real Early Bird Arrival
8 April 2008 Tuesday	0800 1700 2200	Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms Open Registration / Sales Area Closes Hospitality Room Closes
9 April 2008 Wednesday	0800 0930 1000 1100 1200 1300 1700 2200	Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms Open, SOS Breakfast Breakfast, Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms Close Getting Underway Briefing Presentation - How to build a Virginia Class Sub - Dick Brown Lunch - On your own Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms - Open Registration / Sales Area Closes Hospitality Room Closes
10 April 2008 Thursday	0800 0800 0900 1000 1100 1200 1700 1700 2200	Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms Open Arizona Wives Meeting California Wives Meeting US Submarine Veterans Support Group Meeting Support Group Social Support Group Luncheon Registration / Sales Area Closes Special Entertainment Night - Pending Hospitality Room Closes
11 April 2008 Friday	0800 0800 0900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1700 1700 1800 2200	Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms Open International Submarine Association Meeting - US Chapter Arizona Men's Meeting California Men's Meeting US Submarine Veterans - Southwest Region Directors Meeting Navy Bean Soup Luncheon Combined Men's Meeting Registration / Sales Area Closes Social Hour Dime-A-Dance Dinner with a live dance band Hospitality Room Closes
12 April 2008 Saturday	0800 0830 0900 1000 1130 1330 1430 1500 1545 1700 1800 1900 1930	Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms Open Load Buses for New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park Registration / Sales Area and Hospitality Rooms Closes Memorial Service Picnic Lunch as per seating schedule Guest Speaker Board buses to return to the hotel Hospitality Room Opens Hospitality Room Closes, bar stock auctioned Social Hour 108 th US Submarine Birthday Dinner Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony Guest Speaker, 50 / 50 Raffle Drawing, Closing Prayer

Albuquerque is a fantastic city to visit and enjoy. Detailed information will be provided when you check in at the Caucus registration desk.

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South on I-25	Exit: 227 – Comanche, Candelaria, Menaul	1. Continue parallel with I-25 South on Pan American Freeway 2. Take left onto Menaul 3. Turn right onto University Blvd.
West on I-40	Exit: 159 – University, 4 th Street	1. Turn right on to University
East on I-40	Exit: 159 – 4 th Street, 2 nd Street, University	1. Continue parallel with I-40 East on Frontage Road 2. Stay in your left lane 3. Turn left onto University Blvd.

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Eternal patrol services for submariner Scott W. Prothero were held at Tucson's St. Ritas in the Dessert Chapel on Friday, Oct. 19.

Scott was a member of Cactus Squadron of World War II submariners and also a member of the United States Submariners Inc. and had joined Perch Base in June 1998.

He was one of the first donors to the Project Model SSN 770, in Tucson and was always an enthusiastic member of all organizations. Rest Your Oars Submariner, you have earned the Eternal Patrol.

SUBVET. Father of EW rating, sails on Final Patrol

Submitted by Dwayne Newton

LCDR Killraine Newton of Virginia Beach, Va., sailed on his Final Patrol October 8th, 2007, at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Virginia Beach.

"Newt" lived by the phrase, "The Hell I Can't," and with charisma and plain bull-doggedness, charted an extraordinary course through many seas. Newt accomplished many firsts: making US Naval history retiring as a Lt. Commander, the highest rank ever achieved by a former wartime steward; becoming the 1st African-American to join real estate investment firm Goodman, Segar, Hogan, and becoming the first African-American to achieve the position of Director of Public Housing in his career with the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Newt did not like to let the grass grow beneath his feet.

Jake Kilraine Newton, Jr. was born November 8th, 1922, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, to Ethel and Jake Kilrain Newton, Sr., with traceable roots to Northern Neck to the 1780's. Newt graduated from A.T. Johnson High School in Westmoreland County, VA. Prior to World War II, he worked with the Civil Conservation Corps and as a Supply Clerk in the Yorktown, VA Naval Mine Depot.

In 1943, threatened with brig time for refusing the only Naval rate offered to African-Americans at the time, Newt was drafted into the Navy, "kicking and screaming," as a 3rd Class Steward's Mate. Volunteering for Submarine Service, he was assigned to the USS Sailfish (SS-192), sailing on Pacific war patrols with lifelong friends Adm. Bob Ward and Ray Bunt. Newt served 17 years in diesel boats and surface vessels: USS Sea Leopard (SS 483), USS Chopper (SS 342), USS Capitaine (SS 336), USS Volador (SS 490), USS Spinax (SSR 489) and USS Nereus (AS 17). In 1955, Newt cross-rated as an Electronics Tech, rapidly advancing from Chief Warrant Officer to LTJG, serving aboard USS Lookout (AGR 2) and USS Wright (CC 2). He retired from the Navy in 1971 as Director, ET "C" School, Electronic Warfare, Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA. Newt is known as the "Father" of the Electronic Warfare Technician rating (EW), and along with fellow subvet Anderson Royal, developed the Navy's EWT Training Program.

Post-Navy, Newt didn't "retire;" after his historic stint at Goodman, Segar, Hogan, in 1973, he joined the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. In various roles as Director, Park Place, Conservation and Rehab Program; Assistant to Director of NRHA, Director of Home Ownership Program, Director Public Housing Anti-Crime Program, Assistant Director of NRHA Maintenance Department, and Director, Public Housing and Social Services, Newt worked to raise the standards for thousands of public housing residents, retiring in January 1990.

Newton remained busy post-retirement with tennis, bowling, rose gardening, acting in small theater, speaking engagements, working with community groups (Framingham), and collecting antiques, particularly clocks and African-American history. He was a mentor to many, and a friend to all. He was a member of many organizations; notably the Submarine Veterans of World War II, Fleet Reserve Association Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men. Despite numerous commendations and awards, Newt rarely spoke of them, only saying that he's represented his old buddies, the Mess Attendants & Stewards of Unit K-West and B-East well, and that's reward enough.

From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Dear Friends and Shipmates,

I would like to thank Jim Denzien and Howard Doyle for there dedication and perseverance in getting the model of the USS Phoenix for our float for the 2007 Veteran.Day Parade, Monday November 12, 2007. It is that focus of not allowing a "NO" be an answer and charging forward to reach their goal!!! Well Done shipmates!

On Saturday November 17, 2007 we will be presenting Donald Phay, member of Scorpion Base SS278, Sioux Falls, SD his Holland Club Induction: Certificate, Membership Card and Patch. All of those current Holland Clubs members are encouraged to attend to support and honor this brother. Donald and his wife winter in Goodyear from there home Sioux Falls, SD. The commander of Scorpion Base SS278, Gerald I. Davey had asked me to present Donald with his Holland Club certificate and extend his congratulations.

We will be meeting at Margaret T. Haines Park, above the deck park tunnel between 7:30 am and 8:00 am. T-shirts will be provided by APS and you are encouraged to bring spouses, family and friends to ride on the two (2) stake trucks and two (2) Mustang Convertibles. Bring your vest and hat and see you Monday November 12.

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Veteran's Day Parade
VA Medical Center
7 a.m. - 12 noon**

Fraternally,

Stan Reinhold, Commander – Perch Base USSVI

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"The requirement's for membership in the Holland Club is determined by Section 5 of the USSVI Constitution. Basically a member must be qualified 50 or more years, and is either, a life member and a member in good standing for one year, or an annual member in good standing for 5 consecutive years."

Arizona Sub Vets — USSVI Perch Base is proud to present members, who are "Qualified 50 Years" as of 2007. All four are members in good standing for 2007 and were "Qualified in Submarines" in 1957. The members will be inducted at the next meeting.

The shipmates are:

James F. Clewett, James J. Cooper, Gerald Holloway and Robert A. Sungy.

James Clewett has asked Perch Base to represent him in this matter.



From the Desk Of the Sea Hag

Perch Base SubVettes

Ladies, don't forget to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade. Perch Base has the #3 position in the parade. There will be breakfast provided by APS at Margaret T. Hance Park. Meet us there between 7:30 and 8:15 am, have some breakfast and join us in acknowledging not only our husbands, but all veterans. It's a lot of fun!

We had a great meeting on the 20th. If you weren't there, you missed out. Come on, check us out – our membership is growing. Don't be left out! It's a great group and we want to see many members there. And the lunch was yummy!

I'll see you on the 17th!

Mary Denzien, President, Perch Base SubVettes

SUBVETTES MEETING MINUTES *October Meeting*

Present: Mary Denzien, President; Jane Reinhold, Treasurer, Linda Wall, Muriel Grieves, Sue Caraker, Sheila Galloway, Carolyn Newman, Secretary.

Mary opened the meeting at 12:45 with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Sue Caraker. The July 21st minutes were approved by Linda Wall and seconded by Jane Reinhold.

Old Business

Shirts, blue, and or white are for sale for \$20.00. Nancy is taking order. If you want one, e-mail Nancy with the order and the size.

Mary stated that the National dues are now paid. Jane has membership cards, but they are not correct. She handed out cards to members who were present.

Treasures report was given. Mary asked why the savings account was set up. Jane explained it was established when people paid for life members. She recommended the money be transferred from savings to the Kay Harnish Scholarship. Mary made the motion, Linda second.

Mary stated that the scholarship information will be put in the MidWatch. Jane made a motion that any money for Kay Harnish scholarship be placed into the savings account. Linda approved. Muriel second.

The afghan won by Katherine Darnell and the poncho won by JoAnne Norwood have not been picked up. Carolyn Newman will make the calls.

New Business

National Convention was discussed. Jane stated she was to get minutes of the meeting, but have not received any.

A picture of the mobile that will be raffled off was passed around.

Mary brought up the fact that the West did not have any officers in the national. We should get in touch with the bases to see if there is any interest, possibly Nancy Nelson from our base. In addition, she suggested we get in touch with national, locate addresses for all West Coast bases, and correspond. Carolyn is to get a list of presidents of all the different bases and their addresses.

A spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the scholarship was discussed and a date sometime after Jan 1, 2008 was decided.

Veterans Day Parade will be Nov. 12. Mary asked for a head count for who would be riding in the parade. Last year the women rode in an antique fire truck. APS provided breakfast, a T-shirt and after the parade, pizza, in the Margaret T. Hance Park.

Jane stated that there is no formal stationary for the SubVettes to use when asking for donations, etc. Mary suggested we ask the base commander for the use of theirs. She has the donated note card stationary.

The Christmas party will be held at the Goodyear location. The SubVettes provide the door prizes. Carolyn asked if the expense came from our funds. It does. Mary asked what was given out last year; also, the possibility of asking for donations from companies. Sheila Galloway will make a wine and cheese basket, Jane will check with her place of employment (the Wigwam) to see if they will donate a dinner for two at one of their restaurants.

Mary asked if there were any additional discussions. Jane said she was going to send out E-mail/letters regarding the renewal of membership by January 1, 2008. She will make up a form to be mailed back. Mary asked what happened when everyone became a life member Linda stated there would be no money coming in. Jane said we would have to have more fund raisers Mary recommended all of that money go to the SubVettes

Jane welcomed Sheila as our newest member!

For the Good of the Order

Birthdays were announced.

Mary asked for a motion to adjourn Linda made the motion Carolyn seconded

Carolyn Newman, Secretary

**CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION FOR THE
KAY E. HARNISH MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

To qualify for the Kay E. Harnish Scholarship, the applicant must be related, by blood, to a member of the Subvets/ SubVettes of the Arizona Perch Base.

The Subvet/SubVette must be a member in good standing, with all dues paid.

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted: one from a teacher; the other one from your church, employer or professional friend.

You must be registered as a full-time student to qualify for the funds.

All scholarships are provided as an award of \$1,000.00 with the check issued jointly in the name of the recipient and the college or institution you will be attending for the current year.

Students applying for scholarships must have the application process completed by February 1, 2008.

The SubVettes of Perch Base will notify your institution of the award with a copy of the check and the letter you will receive.

Along with your COMPLETED APPLICATION, you will need the following:

- An ESSAY ON PATRIOTISM not to exceed one (1) double-spaced typed page.
- A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE from the school (a copy is allowed).

(A scholarship application is on the following page)



**KAY E. HARNISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
SUBVETTES/SUBVETS OF PERCH BASE**

Part I APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____

3. Phone Number: _____
4. School Name, Address & Phone #: _____

5. School Contact Name: _____

Part II SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Submarines served on & years: _____

Part III EDUCATION

Name/Address of High School Attending/Graduated:	Dates Attended:	Graduation Date/Major	Full Time?
Name/Address of College(s)/ Accredited Institution(s) Attending	Dates Attended	Graduation Date/Major	Full Time

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

October Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the Airline Training Center of Arizona (ATCA), Goodyear, AZ at 1306 hours, 20 October 2007. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Vice Commander Bob Gilmore followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in October was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-six members and guests present. There were no new members at this meeting.

Minutes from the September 2007 regular meeting as published in the MidWatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of October 2007. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice Commander - Bob Gilmore had nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer - Jim Denzien had nothing additional to report.

Chief of the Boat - Jim Edwards was not present.

Chaplain - Howard Doyle was not present.

Membership Chairman/Webmaster - Ramon Samson reported that he had the 2008 stickers for membership cards.

Newsletter Editor - Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

Ship's Storekeeper - Jim Nelson was not present.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore had nothing to report.

The Subvettes were not represented.

Old Business

Jim Denzien reported on the status of the new float. There has been no significant progress since last report. We want to use the model of the USS Phoenix (SSN702) that is located at the Phoenix Museum of History for the parade and to take measurements that will be used in making our float. We also plan on going to Tucson after the Veterans Day parade to talk to Tucson Base members about their float construction.

Membership in ISA/USA was again announced. If members desire to join, the life membership is inexpensive at the present time.

New Business

Arrangements for the upcoming Veterans Day parade were announced. We will be meeting at Margaret T. Hance Park between 0730 and 0815 on the morning of November 12th.

Base Commander Stan Reinhold reported that the recently completed USSVI cruise was great. There were 37 members and guests associated with Perch Base who attended.

The Christmas Awards Banquet will be held at ATCA on Saturday, December 22 from 1730-2130. Tickets will be \$20 per person.

All hands should start planning on the Southwest Caucus of Submarine Veterans WWII in Albuquerque next April.

Chuck Emmett would like to take a break from his position as Newsletter Editor. Anyone interested in assuming this position, please contact Chuck.

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Good of the Order

Layne Rumbaugh of the Subvettes has donated \$100 to provide cookies for the troops in Iraq.

The base will be giving challenge coins to all Perch survivors.

Dave Harnish and Jim Denzien attended the memorial service for shipmate Scott Prothero in the Tucson area.

The base will be purchasing 30 ball caps to support the Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) program.

Dave Harnish reported that USSVI scholarship applications are now online.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Rick Simmons. Rick donated the proceeds to the Base Treasury as a Booster.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

Bob Gilmore offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1340.

Jim Denzien, Base Secretary/Treasurer



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September Meeting Minutes

Members present at the October 20, 2007 meeting were: Jim Clewett, Steve Day, Frank Nagle, Doug Eddy, Phil Caster, Ken Shade, Dick Britton, John Allbritton, Dick Jarenski, Armand Deprens and Lou Reynolds. The meeting was called to order at 10:41 AM with an invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, reading of our creed, and tolling of the bell. Minutes for July were read and accepted.

There is \$5,534.18 in the Treasury. The Golf Committee is in talks with Bison Ranch for the 2008 Golf Tournament. The S.A.F.E. House has given us a framed thank you certificate.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the Christmas Party at the El Rancho in Snowflake on Saturday December 8th at 6 p.m. Ski has been posting notices for new members.

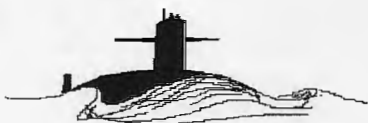
A motion was made, seconded and passed to renew the Boat Sponsor Program. We will sponsor American Submariner magazines for: Show Low Navy Recruiting Office, The USS Arizona Memorial, S.A.F.E. House, and the Show Low V. A. Clinic. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to give the American Legion Auxiliary a plaque in appreciation for allowing our monthly meeting at the hall.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold the October meeting at the Heber American Legion (the September meeting was cancelled due to the National Convention).

The nominations for Base Offices are:

- Commander = Steve Day
- Vice Commander = Dick Jarenski
- Treasurer = Frank Nagle
- Secretary = Buck Biddle
- Storekeeper = (none)

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold elections, the above slate was unanimously approved. The 50/50 drawing was won by Doug Eddy, the winnings were \$16. Lou Reynolds joined the White Mountain Base – welcome aboard! The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am with a closing prayer.



Commander's Corner

Shipmates,

First, I would like to thank you all for nominating and electing me to Base Commander. I will do my best to carry on the tradition of excellence that Jim (Clewett) has established.

The 2007 annual convention/cruise was a tremendous success. It established a new standard for USSVI conventions. I don't envy the bases that will sponsor the annual conventions from here on out. The food was great (and plentiful), beer was a little pricey but Bremerton Base teamed up with Budweiser (with permission from the cruise line) to give us \$2 drafts, which were very popular. I can't say enough about the job Bremerton Base and AAA did in putting on this cruise. Here is the link to the cruise web page: <http://up-scope.org/cruiseneews/>.

Base and USSVI dues are being collected, check out the deal for 5 year renewal for national. We only have 2 meetings to plan the Base Holiday party so come to the meetings or let me know if you have any ideas, preferences, or changes from last year's party.

The next meeting will be at the Heber American Legion on Saturday, October 20 11:00 am.

Fraternally, Steve Day



Eternal Patrol November 9, 1944

Editors Note: *Less we forget, each month, one boat on eternal patrol will be highlighted in this newsletter. Sailors, rest your oars.*

The Final Patrol

Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphins on his chest
Is part of an outfit known as the best.
Make him welcome and take him by the hand.
You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.
So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll
Of our departed shipmates still on patrol
Let them know that we who survive
Will always keep their memories alive.



Photo # NH 88179 USS Scamp underway, circa 1943-1944



USS Scamp (SS-277), a Gato-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the scamp, a member of the Serranidae family.

Her keel was laid down on 6 March 1942 at the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 20 July 1942 sponsored by Miss Katherine Eugenia McKee, and commissioned on 18 September 1942 with Commander W.G. Ebert in command.

On 19 January 1943, after training out of New London, Connecticut, Scamp set course for Pearl Harbor, via the Panama Canal. She arrived in Hawaii on 13 February 1943 and commenced final training in the local operating area. Scamp began her first war patrol on 1 March 1943. She stopped at Midway Island on 5 March, debarked her passenger, Rear Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Jr. Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, fueled, and then, headed for the coast of Honshū.

Her first two attacks on the enemy were doomed to failure by the faulty magnetic detonators in her torpedoes. After the inactivating of the magnetic features on her remaining torpedoes, Scamp scored two hits, one on an unidentified target on the night of 20 March and the other damaged Manju Maru early the next morning. The submarine stopped at Midway Island again on 26 March and returned to Pearl Harbor on 7 April.

Scamp put to sea again on 19 April, bound for the Southwest Pacific. She took on fuel at Johnston Island then slipped between the Marshall Islands and the Gilbert Islands to reconnoiter Ocean Island and Nauru Island. This mission she completed on 27 April and 28 April and then shaped a course for the Bismarck Archipelago. She had to hold fire on each of her first three enemy contacts because they were hospital ships. However, on the afternoon of 28 May, she succeeded in pumping three torpedoes into the converted seaplane tender Kamikawa Maru. She evaded the enemy escorts and came up to periscope depth to observe the results. The enemy ship was down by the stern and loading men into boats. A

U.S.S. Scamp (SS-277) November 9, 1944 84 men lost

The **Gato-class submarine** was the state of the art in American design at the start of World War II. Using the previous Tambor-class submarine as a basis, Gatos incorporated improvements to increase their overall patrol and combat abilities. Modifications to the diesel engines and batteries increased patrol duration over Tambors, and internal alterations provided more amenities for the crew. The class is named after its lead ship, USS Gato (SS-212).

Displacement: 1,526 tons surf., 2,424 tons sub.
Length: 311ft 9 in, Beam: 27 ft 3 in, Draft: 15 ft 3 in
Test depth: 300ft., Speed: 20 knots surf., 9 knots sub.
Armament: 10 x 21 in torpedo tubes (6 forward, 4 aft, 24 torpedoes)
1 x 3/50 cal AA gun, 2 x .50 cal, and 2 x .30 cal machineguns
Crew: 80 - 85 officers and men
Powerplant: 4 x 1350 hp 16 cyl GM 278A diesels
(except SS228-239 and SS275-284 10 cyl Fairbanks-Morse 38D-1/8),
2 x 1370 hp GE electric motors
(except SS228-235 Elliott Motor or SS257-264 Allis-Chalmers),
two 126-cell Exide main storage batteries
(except SS261, 275-278, & 280 Gould)
Range: 11,800 nm at 10 knots surf., 100 nm at 3 knots sub.
Submerged Endurance: 48 hours

little after midnight, Scamp finished off her stricken adversary with two more well aimed torpedoes. She ended her second war patrol at Brisbane, Australia, on 4 June 1943.

From Brisbane, she departed on her third war patrol on 22 June 1943. She patrolled a scouting line off the Solomon Islands and north to the Bismarck Sea. She passed the Shortland Islands on 14 July and, on 27 July, encountered an enemy convoy. During her approach, a destroyer passed over her and dropped two depth charges some distance from her. Scamp continued her approach and loosed a spread of six torpedoes at a Japanese tanker. She scored a hit but had to dive in order to escape the escorts. When she surfaced, a little over an hour later, all enemy shipping was out of sight. Continuing her patrol into the Bismarck Islands, Scamp patrolled to the southeast of Steffen Strait, between New Ireland and New Hanover. At 17:54, still on 27 July, she sighted a submarine, which fired a torpedo at Scamp. Scamp went ahead full and levelled off at 220 feet (67 m), letting the torpedo pass above her. Less than ten minutes later, she returned to periscope depth to engage her adversary. At 1812, she launched four torpedoes and the Japanese boat erupted in a tremendous explosion. At the time, it was believed that the loser of that duel was the Japanese submarine I-24. Later analysis of Japanese records indicated that it was not; rather, it was I-168, which had previously sunk aircraft carrier Yorktown at the Battle of Midway. By 8 August, Scamp was back in Brisbane.



After almost a month in port at Brisbane, the fleet submarine stood out on her fourth war patrol. She again patrolled off the Solomon Islands and into the Bismarck Sea. On 18 September, she attacked a three-ship convoy and crippled one of them. Another changed course and avoided her torpedoes. Scamp passed close under the stricken enemy, trying to evade her escorts and come under machine gun fire from her victim. She escaped the pursuit of the enemy destroyers but lost the undamaged quarry in a rain squall. Scamp returned to finish off the 8614 ton passenger-cargo ship Kansai Maru, which she succeeded in doing late that night.

On the morning of 21 September, Scamp happened upon a heavily guarded convoy and began to stalk it. After dark, she moved in for the kill and, after launching three torpedoes, heard two double explosions. Her second attack was foiled by a severe rain squall. However, Scamp hounded the convoy all through the day on 22 September and, at around 03:00 on 23 September, unleashed four torpedoes at the convoy. While still maneuvering to attack the convoy, she passed through the wreckage of Kansai Maru and came upon an empty boat containing the sunken ship's logs and other documents. These were taken on board and later turned over to intelligence. Scamp made one more attempt upon the convoy, but was driven off by planes and kept down by aerial bombs. On 24 September, she was ordered to terminate her patrol and she reentered Brisbane on 1 October.

She cleared port again on 22 October and began her fifth patrol with a mission in support of the Treasury Island invasion, 28 October to 30 October. From there, she moved to her patrol area, between Kavieng and Truk. On 4 November, she

launched three torpedoes at a passenger-cargo ship. One exploded prematurely, but one reached its mark. By the time of the explosion indicating success, Scamp was already in a dive evading a depth charge attacker. Six days later, she disabled the 6481 ton Tokyo Maru; then, after evading the escorts, fired three more torpedoes into the listing target. At about 21:00, the cripple was observed being towed away. It was later learned that Tokyo Maru sank before daybreak. On 12 November, she damaged light cruiser Agano, so severely that the enemy warship remained in repair at Truk until the American strike of 16 February and 17 February 1944. On 18 November, Scamp suffered minor shrapnel damage from two bombs dropped by an enemy float plane. Eight days later, she sailed back into Brisbane.

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On 16 December 1943, Scamp left Brisbane and headed back to the Bismarck Archipelago for her sixth war patrol. On the night of 6 January 1944, she missed a small tanker and was boxed in by the sound search of two Japanese destroyers. At 2323, she was able to surface and clear the area while

the convoy escorts hunted for her about 8,000 yards (7.3 km) astern. On 14 January, she slipped by two destroyers to launch six torpedoes at Nippon Maru. The 9,975 ton tanker sank as Scamp made her escape. Foiled in an attempt to return to the area, she headed south to act as plane guard north of Lyra Reef for B-24 bombers. On 6 February, she put into Milne Bay, New Guinea, for refit.

Scamp spent her seventh war patrol searching the shipping lanes between New Guinea, Palau, and Mindanao in the Philippines. She exited Milne Bay on 3 March 1944 and, after uneventful patrolling, put in at Langemak Bay, from 29 March to 31 March, for repairs to her torpedo data computer. Following her resumption of patrol, she battle surfaced on 4 April and set fire to a 200 ton trawler, but broke off the action when her deck gun failed.



Three days later, south of Davao Gulf, she encountered six cruisers escorted by destroyers and planes. She dived and the destroyers passed overhead without noticing her presence a scant 100 feet (30 m) below the surface. She returned to the surface at 1405 but was forced down by a plane. A little later, she tried to surface again but was attacked by a diving float plane. As she crash dived to escape the enemy plane, an aerial bomb exploded. All hands were knocked off their feet by the explosion and all power was lost. Scamp began to take an up angle and started to settle rapidly. At just below 300 feet (91 m), she began to hang on, then started up. The diving officer reported that the hydraulic controller had been jarred to "off" in the attack and that the hydraulic plant started closing all the main

vents as fire started filling the maneuvering and after torpedo rooms with a thick, toxic smoke.

Fortunately, the sub caught at 52 feet (16 m), the decision having been made to surface and slug it out with the deck gun if she could not be held below 50 feet (15 m). Scamp started down again, "see sawed" three times, and started down a third time before power was regained. Soon the submarine was making two thirds speed on each shaft and had levelled off at 150 feet (46 m). She released oil and air bubbles to appear to have sunk and then headed for the Admiralty Islands. At 21:03, she surfaced and, with a 17 degree list, made for Seeadler Harbor, Manus, where she arrived on 16 April 1944.

She made emergency repairs at Manus, shifted to Milne Bay on 22 April and then moved on to Pearl Harbor for a thorough overhaul at the yard. Scamp set out on her eighth war patrol on 16 October. She fueled at Midway Island on 20 October, then set course for the Bonin Islands. On 9 November, she acknowledged a message changing her patrol area. She reported her position to be about 150 miles (280 km) north of the Bonin Islands with all 24 torpedoes aboard and 77,000 US gallons (290,000 L) of fuel remaining. On 14 November, she was ordered to take up the life guard station off Tokyo Bay in support of B-29 Superfortress bomber strikes, but failed to acknowledge the message. Scamp was never heard from again. From records available after the war, it appears that Scamp was sighted by Japanese planes and reported depth charged by a coast defense vessel to the south of Tokyo Bay on 11 November 1944. Scamp was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 28 April 1945.

Scamp (SS-277) earned seven battle stars for World War II service.



Submarines . . . of Today



Navy's First Escape Exercise from a Nuclear Submarine

(left) A sailor from the international submarine community in a SEIE participates in a submarine escape exercise during
by Petty Officer 1st Class (SW) Cynthia Clark, USN

Seven personnel practiced escaping from the attack submarine USS *Los Angeles* (SSN-688) and ascending to the surface wearing special suits designed to enable a free ascent from a stricken submarine. Escape Exercise (ESCAPEX) was held Dec. 2 at the U.S. Navy's Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility in Ketchikan, Alaska.

While several foreign navies practice the maneuver routinely, the U.S. Navy had not conducted it in more than three decades, and never from a nuclear-powered submarine.

The Navy's renewed interest in submarine escape comes as U.S. submarines operate more frequently now in shallow coastal waters, said Submarine Development Squadron (CSDS) FIVE commodore Capt. Butch Howard, who oversaw the exercise.

"Today, submarines spend a greater amount of time in the littorals or shallow water, which supports the overall concept of escaping from a possible distressed submarine," said Howard. "It's imperative our sub crews be familiar and comfortable with this operating procedure no matter how remote the potential for its use."

The MK 10 Submarine Escape Immersion Equipment, or SEIE, allows survivors to escape a disabled submarine at depths down to 600 feet, at a rate of eight or more men per hour. It is designed to enable a free ascent from the submarine and provide protection for the submariner upon reaching the surface until rescued. The assembly is comprised of a submarine escape and immersion suit, an inner thermal liner, and a gas inflated single seat life raft, all contained in an outer protective stowage compartment.

For the exercise, *Los Angeles* embarked six U.S. Navy divers, as well as a British diver from the Royal Navy. The submarine submerged to 130 feet, where each of the seven divers donned the SEIE suits, entered the escape trunk, and ascended.

Chief Petty Officer (DSW/SW) Sean Daoust, a submarine escape instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn., was the first to ascend. Daoust said he was honored to be the first to escape from a U.S. nuclear-powered submarine, and couldn't wait to return to his students with his firsthand knowledge.

"I teach this procedure on a daily basis," said Daoust. "I have a lot of confidence in the system. Now I can show them the data and the statistics so it will benefit them, because if you see one of your shipmates being blasted out of a submarine, it's the best way to assure them the system works."

After Daoust, there were three tandem escapes. *Los Angeles* crew member Petty Officer 2nd Class (SS) Gary Halsey was one of the Sailors given the chance to participate in a



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tandem escape. While thrilled at the experience, Halsey also said it was reassuring to know that the escape system works. "Not many people get to do things like this in their whole Navy career," said Halsey. "The SEIE worked great which instilled confidence, not to mention being very comforting to all of us working on submarines."

Submariners can have an added degree of confidence in knowing that the SEIE suits on U.S. submarines can save them in the unlikely event of a stranding.



USS Los Angeles (SSN-688) moored at the Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility Static Site in Ketchikan, Alaska as part of ESCAPEX 2006.

Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Cynthia Clark



Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Halsey emerges from the Northern Pacific as the first U.S. Navy Sailor to execute a tandem open ocean escape from a nuclear-powered submarine.

Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Cynthia Clark

Cmdr. Erik Burian, commanding officer of *Los Angeles*, attributed the exercise's success to his crew's tremendous skill and professionalism. He said he was grateful that the namesake of the *Los Angeles*-class was the boat selected to do the exercise.

"I think it's absolutely fitting the 'first and finest' pulled this off," said Burian. "It's just perfect."

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"As a result of ESCAPEX, we've confirmed the procedures and our SEIE suits work," he said. "The ship and the folks at SEAFAC [Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility] did a great job."

In addition to the team from CSDS FIVE, *Los Angeles* and SEAFAC, the ESCAPEX team was made up of members of numerous commands, including Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet, Naval Sea Systems Command, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit ELEVEN.

Petty Officer 1st Class (SW) Cynthia Clark, USN serves in the SUBPAC public affairs office in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.



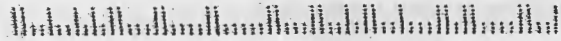
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