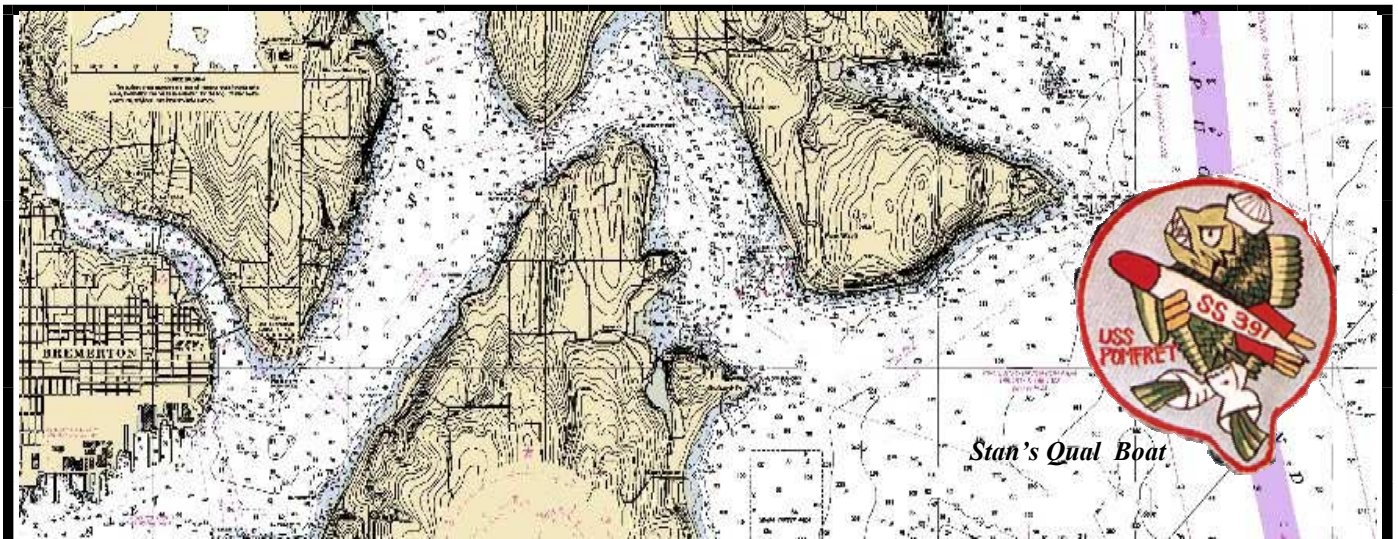




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CAPTAIN STAN MARKS, USN, Ret.

Stan served as CO—USS Medregal SS-480



The Ensign - 1954

I was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 13, 1931 to parents who were Northern Ireland immigrants. Dad fought in the British Army in WWI and was a German POW for many years during that war.

I graduated from high school and during my senior year joined the submarine reserve at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Our reserve submarine was the *USS Gato SS-212*. I then entered the New York State

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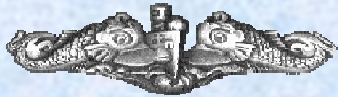
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USSVI Creed

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.
Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government.



That's our CREED above, but it's not who we are.
We are United States Submarine Sailors!
We were, and are, members of the elite fighting force of the United States Navy.
We are all QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES.
Included are submariners from the very early boats: S, R or earlier; WWII boats; post-war GUPPY boats and FBM and Fast Attack submariners.
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Vice Commander & Scholarship Chairman Comments



As the summer wanes, so do our base activities to some extent.

The October meeting will feature a speaker, one of our members, mustang retired Captain **Bobby Baker**.

In November we will likely be involved with Veterans Day (Sat, Nov 11th) activities at the Fairgrounds. And perhaps the parade in Auburn.

Also in November we have **Lane and Patty Judson**, parents of **Crystal Brame** (slain wife of Tacoma Police Chief **David Brame**), for a presentation on domestic violence at a Saturday Brunch (Nov 18th) social meeting with guests invited. More info will be provided via the **Gertrude Check** and the next issue of **Puget Soundings**.

Our COB, **Hank Hollis** has arranged the annual Christmas Dinner at the Elks Club on Saturday, December 16th at 1200.

For annual members, you are invited to pay your 2007 dues (\$20, National; \$10, Base, for a total of \$30) Send to Bremerton Base, PO Box 465, Silverdale, WA 98383 Indicate "2007 Dues" on memo line of your check. Treasurer **Dutch Kaiser** will also accept your dues.

We still need help in the officer and committee chairman ranks. Please consider volunteering.

The scholarship program is on track for next year and I suspect the number of scholarships will not decrease, although the e-board has not discussed or made a decision yet. The raffle tickets will go on sale after the first of the year.

I will miss the September meeting as I will be traveling to the annual convention in Little Rock, a drive-by of the South and an Eastern Europe river boat tour from Budapest to the Black Sea.



Till October...**Red**



Warshot

by Mike Hemming

"Captain, Nine minutes at 8 knots is up..."
 "Very well, bring her up to 55 feet."
 "Coming up to 55 feet from 150 feet, Aye."
 "Up scope."
 "Bearing should be 030, Captain."
 "Very well, slow to 1/3."
 "Answers 1/3."
 Slapping the handles down the Skipper does the quick crouching spin to check all around before stopping at 030.
 "Bearing Mark."
 "Zero three zero."
 "Range mark."
 "One four double 0."
 The low to the water dark hull sails on in the scope seemingly unknowing and uncaring to its impending doom.
 "Down scope."
 The Captain stares a thousand miles into the hydraulic oiled descending shaft, his mind locked onto the job at hand.
 "Set depth at one zero feet"
 "Flood tube four and open outer door."
 "Next observation will be a shooting observation."
 "Have the COB report to the Conn."
 "Coming up..."
 "COB will you hit the firing key on this one?"
 The COB with a strained look on his face, "Aye Skipper."
 The Captain with a kind of sad smile says, "It won't be the first now will it?"
 "No Skipper, but I hope it's the last like this."
 "Hmmmm, yeah."
 "Been a long time since we walked down the pier together to this boat as non quals, huh Chief?"
 "Yeah me an E2 and you an O1, I outranked you even then didn't I?"
 The Captain chuckles, which ease the strain on both their faces, "Yes, you always did outrank me in some ways. You took grumpy old chief lessons long before you were even an E5."
 Smiling for a second the COB says, "We have both come a long ways since those days, and now they are nearly at an end."
 "Captain, Time."
 "Yes, up scope"
 Again the awkward spin around the scope to stop with the submarine in the cross hairs.
 "Bearing Mark."
 "Zero two zero"
 "Range mark."
 "One One double 0"
 "Solution checks, Captain."
 "Very well, this will be for MOT, Shoot tube four."
 The COB's hand comes up quickly then pauses over the firing key and wavers there. In a stern voice that cracks ever so slightly the Captain says, "Shoot the fish!"

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Shipmates:

This note is to thank all who have participated in the fireworks stand setup, takedown, sales, stocking and night security efforts. Your support and spirit of volunteerism has made this year's fireworks sales the best yet. Although we did not have a complete sellout the gross sales exceeded last years by almost 12%. What this translates to after all expenses are met, is that our net profits from the sales will exceed last years. You can all take great satisfaction in knowing that your efforts have contributed greatly to the Lt. William "Willie" Spoon Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Fraternally yours,

Robert "Bob" Webster
 Bremerton Base Past Commander
 Western District 4 Commander

Treasurer & Membership Report

Net Worth as of 8/16/2006



Account	<i>Dutch</i>	Balance
ASSETS Bank Account—Checking		293.81
Savings		9,333.94
CD		15,000.00
CD		9,739.46
CD		16,374.62
CD		6,396.95
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts		57,138.78
MEMBERSHIP =	347	

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College of Forestry at Syracuse University. Upon graduation in 1953 I entered Navy OCS at Newport, Rhode Island. Upon being commissioned an Ensign in January 1954 I was given orders to the *USS Pomfret SS-391*, bypassing submarine school because SUBPAC “needed junior officers immediately.” Qualifying, to say the least, was unique — for the first six months or so — I stood watches in every department; Engine Rooms, Maneuvering Room, Torpedo Rooms, Radio Shack, and Navigator’s Assistant. The men were great to me and were it not for them I would have been in deep trouble!!

Finally, in Yokosuka in November 1955 I was qualified and had a great party at the Submarine Sanctuary. Following my tour on *Pomfret* I was ordered to the *USS Lapon SS-260* at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. We decommissioned the *Lapon* and trained a Greek crew then transferred *Lapon* to their Navy.

Following this I reported to the *USS Conger SS-477* for a two year tour diving in Long Island Sound to train submariners. From here I went to shore duty in Portland, Oregon as O-in-C of the reserve submarine — when I reported that was the *USS Pargo SS-264* but after a year *Pargo* was towed off for scrapping and was replaced by *USS Loggerhead SS-374*. During that tour I was also CO of the Reserve Training center when the Captain retired without relief. When the relief did show up, he unfortunately died six months later of a heart attack. It was unique duty. As a Lt. I was in charge of the Navy participation in the Rose Festival in 1960 and 1961.

A few of the senior reserve officers thought having their fitness reports written by a LT was not in their best interests. Upon complaining to Admiral Frank Watkins they were told the LT was doing a fine job and maybe it was time for them to retire.

The biggest event during this tour was my marriage to my wife, Moonyeen, in 1960 at the Sandpoint Chapel in Seattle.

I might remark that one of my Chiefs at the *Loggerhead* was Arnie Banzaf. He and the crew of 21

other Chief and one Second Class won the Nimitz trophy while managing the Submarine Reserve Unit for me while I was Training Center CO.

My next duty was on the *USS Bonefish SS-582*, from summer 1961 to 1962, during the Cuban missile crisis. I was Nav-Ops on *Bonefish*. When we arrived in Pearl Harbor, our new homeport, I received orders to the *USS Sandlance SS-381* as XO. We commissioned *Sandlance* and turned it over to, I think, the Brazilian Navy. I was then sent to the *USS Pomodon SS-486* as XO then left *Pomodon* to be Assistance OPS at SUBFLOT ONE in San Diego. After completing my tour at SUBFLOT ONE I went to Pearl Harbor and relieved as CO, *USS Medregal SS-480*. Oddly enough the gent I relieved was also a Forestry School graduate.

My tour on *Medregal* could not have been better, we overhauled at San Francisco Shipyard, completed refresher training and headed for Westpac. Aside from our tours at Yankee Station (no spec ops - we were too old!!) we also were sent to New Zealand for a joint exercise. Needless to say we had a super time. Then back to Japan via Hong Kong. I had been expected to go to the Armed Forces Staff College (I bought a lot of east coast winter clothes) but while sitting near the phone in the Sanctuary - the detailer called to tell me I was the next SUBPAC OPS Officer.



The Skipper’s initiation—crossing the equator on *USS Medregal* in en route to Auckland, New Zealand.

I relieved at SUBPAC in 1969 and left in 1971 for the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Following War College I went to OPNAV and for three years was the *Halibut* Project Officer.

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I traveled over 750,000 air miles during that tour.

Next I became the CO Naval Ordnance Engineering Facility (NOEF) at Bangor for a year. Upon decommissioning NOEF I spend a few months at TRITRAFAC until retiring in April 1977.



Stan married Moonyeen in December 1960 at the Sandpoint Chapel in Seattle. They have three children. Candy and her husband Peter Swan and Grandson Michael live in Tasmania, Australia. Robert and wife Judy have two children Alison and Desmond and live next to Stan and Moonyeen on Lakeness Road in Poulsbo, WA. Colin and wife Julie also live on Lakeness Road next to Robert.

I had a great career and thank all those men who helped and supported me.

Best Always, Stan Marks

Submarines are the capital ships of modern navies. And for survivability in war, in the words of submariners, there will be only two sorts of ships: submarines and targets.

By John Stackhouse, Australian Financial Review, 31 May 06

Carp Tails — Nicknames and how Acquired

In the article I sent you I noted the nick name **Baby Duck** for **Perry Bromley**! He acquired that handle while the *Carp* was in West Pac and docked in Yokosuka. It was around Xmas time and Perry had spent the night ashore and on returning to the boat ... an old lady was selling a basket of baby ducks. Perry, from the country in Idaho, responded by buying them and bringing them back to the boat. Dropping down into the after battery and heading back to Hogan's alley, the Doc said he could not bring them on board for sanitary reasons. His response was, he went into the head and filled the bowl with water, put ducks in the bowl, started singing ANCHORS AWAY, after a little swimming around he yelled DIVE DIVE opened the flapper and all dozen ducks went on eternal patrol in number two sanitary tank ... so that's the true story on **Baby Duck Bromely**.

Now for my nick name **Dirty Dave**, and to set the record straight, I was and still am a very neat well groomed sailor, so we will get on with the story In Yokokuska, at the White Hat Club, we all had sweets and mine, Satchiko, was very jealous of all my activities, (No butterfly). We were having a four day ships party at the Kanko Hotel and I brought a lovely from a little bar down the alley to the function...low and behold Satchiko shows and is madder than hell, grabs my money and Liberty card and threw them into the hibachi.

She screamed that I was not **Honest Dave**, old nick name, I was **Dirty Dave**! ... and that has stuck to me for fifty years. Not being very smart, I left with Satchiko and after arriving at her place and lying down she jumped on my chest with a knife about a foot long and said you SOB **Dirty Dave** I am going to kill you...I said go head, I don't want to go thru another hangover anyway. Just then Perry, and Scott Dog came rushing into the house demanding something to drink, Perry pee'd in the hibachi and Scott dog heaved all over the deck and left ... Satchiko came over to me, threw away the knife, kissed me and said, "After your friends, **Dirty Dave**, you are not so bad after all," and life went on. There is an other version to this nick name that I will tell you about at another time.

Thanks, Dirty Dave Davenport



On Eternal Patrol

September

USS Grayling
(SS-209)

WWII Lost Boats 1941—1945



USS Cisco
(SS-290)

October

USS S 44
(SS-155)

USS Wahoo
(SS-238)

USS Dorado
(SS-248)

USS Seawolf
(SS-197)

USS Escobar
(SS-294)

USS Darter
(SS-227)

USS Shark II
(SS-314)

USS Tang
(SS-306)

USS S-44 (SS 155) October 7, 1943 - 55 Men Lost

On 26 Sep 1943, SS-44 (Lt. Cmdr. F.E. Brown) departed Attu to begin her fifth war patrol in the Kuriles. She was not heard from again by the shore bases, but the story given here is taken from statements made by her two surviving crewmen, E.A. Duva, CTM, and W.F. Whitmore, RM3c. One day out of Attu, a plane which dropped several depth charges forced S-44 down. Then nothing was seen until 2030 on the night of 7 October, when radar contact was made on what was thought to be a small merchant ship. S-44 went in very close on the surface and started firing her deck gun, and immediately the destroyer they had underrated opened up with all guns.

The Captain ordered, "Taker her down!" The diving alarm was sounded, but the ship did not submerge, for reasons not made clear in the statements of the survivors. Meanwhile, the destroyer had scored a hit below the water line in the control room, one in the conning tower, and one in the forward battery. The order was given to abandon ship, and a pillowcase was waved from the forward room hatch, in the hope that the enemy would cease firing, but they did not. The destroyer scored several more hits.

About eight men got off the ship and into the water before she sank, but only two were picked up by the destroyer. They were taken to the island of Paramushiru for several days, and then to the Naval Interrogation Camp at Ofuna for a year. Finally, they were forced to work in the copper mines of Ashio until released by Allied Forces at the close of the war.

During her first four patrols, all conducted in the Soloman Islands area, S-44 sank three ships and damaged a fourth. Her first patrol was conducted off the east coast of New Britain, and on 12 May 1942 she sank a small freighter. While covering the area west and south of Florida Island on her second patrol, S-44 hit the heavy cruiser KAKO with four torpedoes and sank her. This sinking was particularly opportune as KAKO was one of the four Japanese heavy cruisers of the Cruiser Division Six, who at the very time were returning from the first battle of Savo Island. The night before in that battle they had sunk four Allied heavy cruisers without losing of themselves or suffering more than moderate damage. On her fourth patrol, off New Georgia, S-44 damaged a destroyer type vessel.

Source: Commander Submarine Force Pacific Fleet

Welcome Aboard USSVI-Bremerton Base



William E Hickman, *USS Wahoo*
(SS-565), *USS Flying Fish* (SSN-637).

David S Ainge, *USS Michigan*
(SSBN-727). Recruited by **Dick Litscher**.

Barry M Loonam, *USS Will Rogers* (SSBN-659), *USS Benjamin Franklin* (SSBN-640).

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The tough hard hand of the chief that doesn't match the pain in his eyes smashes down on the key.
"Tube four fired electrically," The chief reports sadly.
"Running time?"
"Fifty Five seconds, Captain."
"Very well."
"COB, I better not have missed."
"Yes Sir, sorry, but it's hard to sink your qual boat."
"Skipper, Sonar reports, Torpedo running hot straight and normal."
"Very well."
"Time?"
"5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Skipper, Plus 1, 2, 3,"
The Captain looks through the periscope his "Damn" to be rewarded with the violent geyser of sea foam under the engine room of the sub. Lifted high already broken in two by the Mark 16 torpedo's explosion she is doomed to the rest of forever on the sea floor.
"COB take a look. It's a better end that being scrapped." Looking, he sees the ends of the broken black hull disappear quickly into the deep blue sea.
"Yes she will rest with all her sisters now where she belongs, Skipper."
"She has served us well again."

Attributed to the sinking of the *USS Gavina* (SS-362) by *USS Cubera* (SS-347) with a Mark 16 torpedo off Cape Henry, VA., 11 Novemeber 1967. This article is dedicated to all those boats that gave the last final extra measure for us in weapons tests.

Get a Membership Application

To receive a membership application or answers to questions you may have regarding USSVI-Bremerton Base please contact any member listed on page 2 either by telephone or email. Applications and membership information is also available at www.ussvi.org.

2007 CONVENTION CRUISE NEWS

Bremerton Base and AAA Washington have teamed up to make the 2007 Convention Cruise a week to remember.



You do not have to be a USSVI member to participate—family and friends are invited.

Cruise info is at www.aaawa.com/submarine/index.htm.

Take a look, then contact our AAA Rep **Kim Boekenooen**, by email at kimboekenooen@aaawin.com or call toll free at 1-877-802-6894 and book your cabin.

See Bud Berg for a Cruise Raffle Ticket. A \$5 bill may win you a Veranda Cabin Suite. Drawing will be held in September at the USSVI Convention in Little Rock.

633 (of 900 cabins) have deposits. The ship is over 2/3's reserved.

IN MEMORIAM

Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth D. Hafner, USN, Ret.



Taps sounded for Ken Hafner on July 26th. Ken was a true "Mustang" advancing from Seaman Recruit to Master Chief before becoming a Warrant Officer and LDO. His duty included 11 years on submarines. He and his wife Nancy owned the Pro Shop in Hi-Joy Bowl, Port Orchard for three years.

MCPO(SS) Ron Appleton, USN, Ret.

Ron Appleton, 75, of Poulsbo died August 7th. Ron retired from the Navy after serving 32 years. He was COB on *USS Benjamin Franklin*. He is survived by his wife, State Representative Sherry Appleton and other family members.

ETC(SS) Kenneth Kirkpatrick, USN, Ret.

Kenneth Kirkpatrick, 62, of Colby died recently of cancer. Ken was a plankowner on *USS Nathaniel Greene*. He also served on the *USS Amberjack*, *USS Sam Rayburn*, and *USS Von Steuben*.

Although not members of USSVI these sailors are still "brothers of the pin" and submariners to be remembered.

Fireworks Sales



Bob with winner of fireworks drawing

To quote "Dutch" Kaiser, who is never at a loss for words, and as a FTCS(SS) is always right on target, "Once again USSVI-Bremerton Base owes (Bob Webster) a great big THANK YOU, for all the work you did on the Fireworks sale. I don't know how you do it. Being there from 10am to 10pm and later on some occasions after having recent heart surgery is way beyond the call of duty. I trust that you will receive a great deal of satisfaction knowing that you have contributed greatly to our scholarship effort. THANKS AGAIN!!!!!"

The editor will simply sign this Dutch and the rest of us Subvets-Bremerton Base.



Nick Michael Dave Will

Here is a setup crew that us old timers really welcomed. We initially thought Dave had enlisted his Boy Scout Troupe to help but quickly found out they were his sons. The boys did great work handling fireworks and helping to set up the stand. Their price was right, too — pizza and soda! Hope to see you next year, guys, unless you are in the Navy by then???

We need a volunteer to run the fireworks stand next year!

USSVI National News

Local Scholarship Winners Announced

The USSVI Scholarship Committee proudly announced the winners for the next college year. There were 89 plus applicants. A total of 13 winners in the high school group and 12 in the college group were selected. Ten are previous winners.

The Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate the applicants as they made it very difficult to select winners. Bremerton Base winners and their national scholarships are:

Bremerton Base "Willie Spoon Memorial Scholarship" Award \$1250.00

Laura L. Dixon, Granddaughter of **James P. Smith Jr.**

Submarine Officers' Wives Club of Pearl Harbor, HI Scholarship Award \$1250.00

Carrie A. Syvertsen, Granddaughter of **Eugene T. Johnson.**

USSVI Scholarship Winners \$900.00

Janna A. Matthews, Daughter of **James A. Matthews.**

Amber C. McColl, Daughter of **Angus McColl.**

Paul Wm. Orstad

USSVI National Scholarship Chairman

USSVI History Book

To my regret the USSVI History Book is delayed a bit longer. I have reviewed the first proof copy and had a significant number of comments. I received the following from Turner Publishing Company 8/13/06. "The final proof should be to you very soon. Once that's back it will be about 3-4 weeks on printing/bindery. So the book should be released and shipped in October." I expect to see the final proof very soon and will turn it around in 24 hours so that the final product can be prepared to send out to those that have placed an order.

W.T. "Doc" McCance,
USSVI National Historian

Beer Budget...

She told me we couldn't afford beer anymore and I'd have to quit. Then I caught her spending \$65.00 on make-up, \$150 for a cut & color, \$30 for a manicure, \$40 for a pedicure, \$50 on vitamins, \$300 on clothes and \$600 for a gym membership.

I asked how come I had to give up stuff and not her. She said she needed it to look pretty for me.

I told her that was what the beer was for. I don't think she's coming back

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Around the World & Under the Seas

British nuclear submarines mark 300th patrol

The Clyde naval base at Faslane is about to celebrate the 300th patrol of a nuclear missile submarine since Britain deployed its first strategic deterrent in 1968.

When the next Vanguard-class boat slips away from its moorings to take station deep beneath the North Atlantic, it will mark 38 years of continuous duty.

Source: Undersea Enterprise New Daily

Russia's Sub Dolgoruky to enter Service in 2007

From Isria.com, 29 Jul 06

A new-generation multi-role submarine equipped with Bulava ballistic missile (a submarine-version of the Topol-M SS27) is to enter service in 2007. "The submarine is expected to join the Northern Fleet a little later than we would like it to be the case, but in the very near future," said **Adm. Vladimir Masorin**. Such new-generation submarines built at the Sevmash plant in the Northern Arkhangelsk Region are to constitute the core of the Russian fleet and nuclear defense policy.

Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily

Old Submarines Scrapped (Russia)

STRATFOR.com, July 13, 2006

Russia has scrapped 137 submarines under an international program aimed at the disposal of decommissioned nuclear submarines, RIA Novosti reported July 12. The **United States, Canada, Britain, Japan, Italy and Norway** are also participating in the program, which costs \$2 billion overall. Russia also announced that the disposal of 22 more nuclear submarines is under way, with 38 more to be scrapped in the future.

Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily

Russia may lease nuclear submarine to India

By Vladimir Radyuhin The Hindu, 1 Jul 06

The *Nerpa* nuclear submarine was launched at the Amur shipyard and will join Russia's Pacific Fleet in 2007 after undergoing sea trials, said Vice-Admiral Anatoly Shlemov. Earlier reports said the *Nerpa* submarine was to be leased for 10 years to India under a 2004 secret deal. Indian and Russian officials have denied the reports.

Nerpa is the Project 971 third-generation submarine (NATO code name Akula-II), the most advanced Russian nuclear attack submarine. The Russian Navy's Akula-II submarines are equipped with 28 nuclear-capable cruise missiles with a striking range of 3,000 km. The Indian version is expected to be armed with the 300-km Club nuclear-capable missiles.

Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily

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Local Puget Sound Bytes

USS Parche is the most highly decorated U.S. Navy vessel ever

By Elaine Helm, Kitsap Sun, 24 May 06

The tower from the top of the spy submarine *USS Parche* now sits in the center of the maritime park taking shape on Bremerton's downtown waterfront. A large crane moved the 60-ton tower, known as a sail, into place at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and First Street. The sail is 20 feet tall, 31.5 feet long and 30.5 feet wide at its widest point.



The sub, decommissioned in 2004 after 30 years of operations, is the most highly decorated U.S. Navy vessel ever. But because its missions as America's top espionage sub remain classified, many people have never heard of it. The rest of the sub is being recycled at PSNS.

Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily

Around the Fleet

Texas (SSN 775) Delivered to the Navy

By Team Submarine Public Affairs, NAVSEA Newswire, 23 Jun 06

Northrop Grumman Newport News (NGNN) delivered to the Navy the second Virginia Class attack submarine, *Texas* (SSN 775) to the Navy on June 20, 2006. *Texas* is the first Virginia Class submarine delivered by NGNN and marks the end of that company's 10-year submarine construction hiatus. NGNN and General Dynamics Electric Boat are partnered in building the Virginia Class, with each company building part of each ship, then transporting these hull sections (or modules) aboard barges to the shipyard performing that hull's final assembly.

Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily (Excerpt)

The Navy's newest Virginia Class Submarine, Hawaii (SSN 776), Christened

By Team Submarine Public Affairs, NAVSEA Newswire, 23 Jun 06

Hawaii's Governor, the Honorable **Linda Lingle**, christened the Navy's latest *Virginia* (SSN 774) Class submarine, *Hawaii* (SSN 776) on June 17, 2006. The practice of breaking a bottle across the bow of the ship began in Britain in the seventeenth century. The modern United States Navy tradition involves the ship's sponsor christening the submarine by breaking a bottle of champagne against the hull.

Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily (Excerpt)

Damaged Submarine to get a New Nose

Associated Press (Seattle Post Intelligencer), 26 Jun 06

Workers at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard are preparing to transplant the nose of a soon-to-be-retired submarine, the *USS Honolulu*, onto the *USS San Francisco*, which ran into an undersea mountain in 2005. A bow replacement on an operational hull is unique and has never been accomplished before. The operation is scheduled to begin in November and will take nearly two years to complete but is expected to save taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

Source Undersea Enterprise News Daily

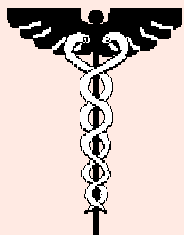
Continuing History Of Safe And Effective Nuclear Propulsion Vital, Official Says

By Geoff Fein, DEFENSE DAILY 9 JUN 06

While the effort to build safe and effective nuclear propulsion plants for ships has not changed since the days of **Adm. Hyman Rickover**, the Navy's nuclear propulsion program doesn't rest on its laurels.

If you look at the record, the result is 5,700 reactor years of safe operation, 135 million miles steamed, 60 years of dealing with this business. So the fundamental issue of safety has not changed. The way we achieve that hasn't changed from the time we built the *Nautilus* (SSN-571) all the way up to the Virginia-class (submarines) and CVN-21," said **Adm. Kirkland Donald**, Director of Navy Nuclear Propulsion.

Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily



Binnacle List

Please consider a call to these folks and keep them in your prayers.

Shipmate **Greg Fessler** recently had another surgery to fuse disc in his lower back.

WWII & HC member and Chaplain **Bill Hipp** is recovering from recent surgery to install a pace maker.

HC member **Don Pennington** recently under went surgery at to clear out his left Carotid Artery.

Shipmate **George Schafer** recently had knee replacement surgery.

They are all up, out, and about albeit somewhat slower than normal but definitely on the road to recovery. Good to see you at the meetings and soup downs.

The USSVI-Bremerton Base annual picnic was held July 15th at Illahee State Park. About 40 members and their families and friends attended the event. The weather was cool but the grill was hot.

Picnic

Minutes of the meeting conducted 08/15/06.

CDR John Gardner called the meeting to order at 1900.

- Opening observances were conducted.
- Twenty six members and guests attended. Guests were *Dick Litscher, Secretary* **Sue Walters** and the **James Mathews** family. USSVI NSVC **Jim Foote** also attended.



The 2006/2007 Base Officer slate was sworn in at 12 noon. L to R are WR-D4 CDR Bob Webster, COB Hank Hollis, VCDR Red Bassler, CDR John Gardner, Secretary Dick Litscher, Treasurer Dutch Kaiser.



CDR **John Gardner** presented **Janna Mathews** with a *National Scholarship* check for \$900 and a letter from NSC **Paul Orstad**. Jana is also a two-time recipient of our local Lt. "Willie" Spoon Scholarship award.



As always, a big thank you to the COB Hank Hollis, Mary Berg, the three cooks, and all the ladies who brought those great side dishes. BZ

- **Sue Walters** was introduced as the evening speaker. She has worked in several areas of the Veterans Administration and has now become an advocate in assisting veterans filing claims for benefits. Her information was up-to-date, based on recent claims awarded to her clients. The main theme is to have all records at hand and to be ready to appeal and to continue to resubmit forms.
- The meeting resumed at 1940 hours.
- A letter from NC **Tom Conlon** was read urging the membership to vote. Also, a thank you card and photo from **Heather McColl**, a four-time scholarship winner.
- Treasurer **Dutch Kaiser** reports over \$56,000 in assets. The profits from the scholarship raffle amounted to \$3,321 and the earnings from the fireworks stand were at \$7,661.
- Membership Chairman **Dutch Kaiser** reported Base paid membership at 246.
- *PS* Editor **Tommy Robinson** said that inputs for the next newsletter are due NLT August 25th. He is still looking for a relief in order to do other duties.
- The Scholarship Committee is asking for volunteers to run the fireworks concession beginning next year. **Bob Webster** has had that duty for several years. His health issues and the duties of WR-D4 Commander also interfere.
- NOM **Fred Borgmann** reports a total of 11,610 members. The database is in a new format and will be available to the

membership soon.

- Webmaster **Don Smith** reports the computer is down and the website will resume when the problem(s) resolved.

Whaling Days



NSVC **Jim Foote** administered the oath of office to newly reelected WD-4 CDR **Bob Webster**



Parade

- COB **Hank Hollis** said the annual Holiday Party will be at the Bremerton Elks Lodge, Sat, Dec 16th. Cocktails are at 1200, with Holland Club induction about 1300 followed by lunch. Cost is \$33.00 per couple and \$16.50 per single with the Base putting in \$2.50 per person.
- Membership is reminded and encouraged to get their ballots into the Base Commander as soon as possible.
- VLCR **Don Smith** reported that the Veterans Legislative Coalition is preparing for the next session. He also reminds the membership that the state now has license plates for veterans of military services. The proceeds go to the State Veteran Affairs office.
- **Dutch Kaiser** sold out the first shipment of DVDs about the submarines' first 100 years. He plans to order more.
- The *Nautilus* reunion committee invites the USSVI to a spaghetti feed at the Horse & Cow Sep 28th. Committee member **Tommy Robinson** noted that many of our membership probably have served with or know shipmates who have served on *USS Nautilus*. The cost will be \$10.
- The meeting raffle winners:
 - **Elliott Abram** won the 50/50 (\$25) & donated \$20 to the scholarship fund.
 - **Joe Gavasso** won the hat (\$40).



CONGRATULATIONS!! U.S. Submarine Veterans [Bremerton Base] was selected as the **FIRST PLACE WINNER** — Veterans category.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

'The United States can only bridge the attack submarine shortfall by accelerating the production of Virginia-class submarines.'

Adm. Carlisle A.H. Trost; Vice Adm. N. Roland Thunman, and Vice Adm. Al Konetzni, in writing to the chairmen of the Senate and House appropriations committees.



The USSVI National Data Base

By Membership Chairman Gary "Dutch" Kaiser

Subvet **Tim VeArd** has spent a considerable amount of time designing and contributing to a new USSVI national data base that will allow members access. The new online data base is up and running. Tim has really put himself out on our behalf and deserves a hand salute. The editor

When the USSVI database was put online every members contact information (mailing address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.) was locked. When a members information is locked, then no other USSVI member who visits the National website can see this information. Thus, no member of any base (even your own) or a member of his submarine crew can ever see his information and, therefore can never contact him.

If the information is unlocked it is only accessible to other USSVI members who enter their password to log on to the website. The USSVI database uses protection software to prevent an unauthorized access to members contact information, and is very secure, however privacy cannot be guaranteed. Members can lock and unlock their own information by visiting the National website. They can log in and make changes to their own profile. They can change their password and lock or unlock their information.

One of the reasons that we join the USSVI is to be able to locate and communicate with other members that we served with.

I plan to unlock all Bremerton Base members mailing address, phone number, e-mail address etc, on October 1, 2006. Members can re-lock this information if they desire by visiting <http://www.ussvi.us/home.asp> and following the directions provided to change their profile.

If members do not have access to the Internet, or are having problems re-locking their contact information, I can do it for them. Please contact me at 360 377 3696 (Leave a message) or email at gekaiser@comcast.net.

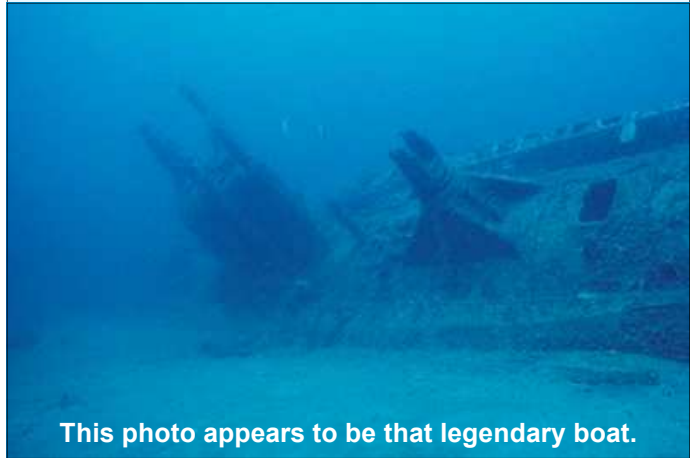
Regards,
Gary "Dutch" Kaiser
USSVI-Bremerton Base, Membership Chairman

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USS Wahoo believed Found!

August 16, 2006: A team of Russian divers have reported finding the American submarine *USS Wahoo* (SS-238). While searching the Sea of Japan for the World War II Russian submarine *L-19* divers accidentally discovered *Wahoo*. Lost with all hands in October 1943.

USS Wahoo was the pride of the U.S. Pacific submarine fleet. Under the command of **Dudley "Mush" Morton**, the *Wahoo* sunk 19 Japanese ships. According to Japanese records opened at the end of World War II, *Wahoo* was reported sunk in the La Perouse Strait. All 79 crewmen died.



This photo appears to be that legendary boat.

For the Russian's *L-19* was the last naval loss of World War II. Diving from the sailboat *Iskra*, the divers from the Far Eastern State Technological University combed the depths searching for *L-19* but discovered *Wahoo* instead. Information about this fantastic find is still incomplete. However the Russian's reported taking photographs of *Wahoo* during their dives.

This is the third confirmation during the last three months of finding three of our 52 boats lost in World War II. A private Seattle ocean survey company believes it has found the wreck of the *USS Grunion* which was lost in July 1942 near the Aleutian Islands and Navy divers confirmed the location of the *USS Lagarto* believed to have been sunk by a Japanese Minelayer 61 years ago in the Gulf of Thailand.

Source: Jack's "Bits & Pieces"

BREMERTON BASE MEMBERS IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Sep 13, 1200 — E-Board Meeting, FRA#29
Sep 19, 1900 — Base Meeting, FRA#29

*Oct 04, 1200 — E-Board Meeting, FRA#29
Oct 17, 1700 — Base Meeting, FRA#29 — Guest
Speaker—**Capt Bobby Baker, USN, Ret**

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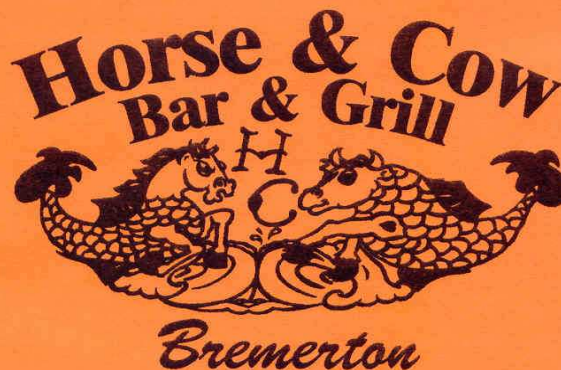
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Source: GAO Report letter





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Tommy Robinson—Member, Nautilus Reunion Planning Committee

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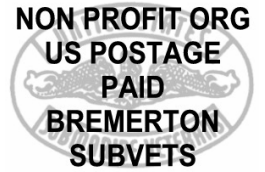
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Patsy & Nina

Carl

Ralph

Final Score: Rainiers 4 — Tuscon 3

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