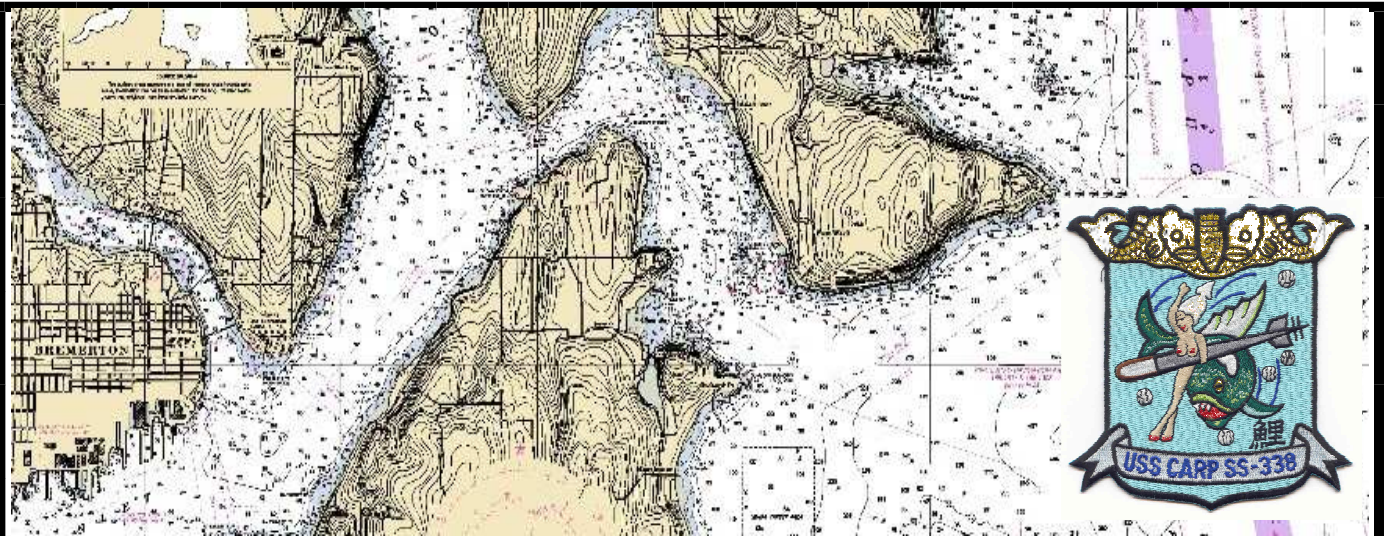




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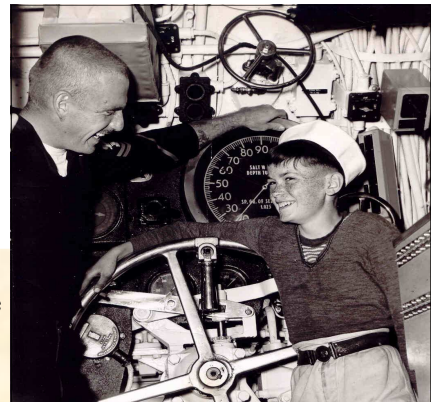
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## FTGC(SS) OLIVER M. "DAVE" DAVENPORT, USN, Ret.

*I first met Dave in 2004 at Belfair State Park. He noticed my subvets bumper sticker, stopped by the campsite, and introduced himself and Cathleen.. As it were, Dave and I had served in USS Abraham Lincoln SSBN-602 Blue, he in the early '60's, me in the late '70's. Dave is a regular at our monthly Base meetings and was inducted into the prestigious Holland Club in 2005. He recently relieved as the Base Holland Club Chairman. Dave is a great asset to Bremerton Base and we are lucky to have him. I might add that I last saw Dave while returning to Bremerton on a Seattle ferry. He was kick'n the crap out of a soda machine that was slow in giving up his drink. Don't make Dave mad! Ed.*

I hail from Bangor, ME, enlisted at age 17 and never looked back. It was an adventure and I was excited to be on my own for the first time. Everyone bitched about the Spanish rice and hot dogs served the first day at Great Lakes but I really liked the chow. At that moment I became a career sailor. As Battalion MAA, I fell right into the regimentation of military life. Boot camp was a dream for me.

In November 1948 I reported to *USS Thomas E. Fraser (DM24)*, at Charleston as a Fireman 2<sup>nd</sup> and began my 20 year sea tour. I was on watch in the forward boiler room when we sailed for Norfolk in **January** 1949 via **Cape Hatteras**. I immediately knew that being a snipe was not for me. A friend swapped rates and I became a



FT2(SS) Dave Davenport on visitor's Day aboard *USS Carp* while in Australia in August 1956. Dave is with 12-year-old John Allen of Surry Hills in the control room.

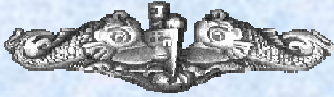
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## USSVI Creed

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.  
All Qualified in Submarines—from E2 to 4 Stars.  
Retired, short timer, or active duty - it makes no difference.  
If you are Qualified in Submarines we want you in United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

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## Vice Commander & Scholarship Chairman Comments



**Scholarship:** We grossed nearly \$7K through the annual raffle for the **Lt. William "Willie" Spoon Memorial Scholarship** program. Not quite as much as last year; lesser raffle ticket sales but greater direct donations. See page 12.

Eight young ladies and one gent earned the scholarships awards on June 21. See pages 11 and 13.

**Base Concerns:** Last month I turned 70 and today (22 June) I helped current WD4 Cdr, PBC and Fireworks Chairman **Bob Webster** unload our annual fireworks supplies with two other grandfathers. I don't know about them, but I know I should not be mule hauling this stuff. Bob also is still recovering from heart surgery and can't lift much. Bob will be seeking relief next year from this job. We are in need of some younger helpers. If no one wants to step up and lead, and/or help I will suggest to the E-board that we take a long look at this event and abandon it next year. We will lose net proceeds of 4 to 5K a year which would have a negative affect on the scholarship program, but would not kill it. I believe if something doesn't change, that we make the decision to quit NLT a 1 Jan 2007.

Base officers and committeemen generally volunteer in order to make life more enjoyable for members and the community. But like everything in life, it gets old and is generally referred to as work. However, a change in jobs helps. Base Secretary **Dick Litscher** has served in every position and still does. And I have never heard him complain, so I assume the change in jobs helps.

*Puget Soundings* editor **Tommy Robinson** would like to move on to other duties but the newsletter is a big load and he needs to be relieved so he can move forward. The newsletter is one job that produces a product that can be measured and Tommy has brought it to the top. One of you can do it too!

So please consider helping out.

*Red*





## The 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners' men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

**Carter Braxton** of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

**Thomas McKeam** was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his Reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of **Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.**

At the battle of Yorktown, **Thomas Nelson, Jr.**, noted that the British **General Cornwallis** had taken over the Nelson home for this headquarters. He quietly urged **General George Washington** to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

**Francis Lewis** had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died with a few months.

**John Hart** was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

**Remember---Freedom is never free!**

*Contributed by: Ron Bruck*

*Editor's note: I had the great pleasure of having dinner at the 2003 Reno convention with Ron and his father Nicholas Bruck and other crewmembers who served in USS Nautilus (SS-168) during WWII. It was their reunion. They invited me because I had qualified on the "new" Nautilus (SSN-571), which had been decommissioned in 1980. I was awed by their accounts and the lucid details they gave of sinking enemy ships; putting marines ashore; and rescuing nuns. These WWII submarine sailors are true heroes.*

## Treasurer & Membership Report

Savings	\$16,910
Checking	\$ 160
CD's	\$32,813
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,883</b>



*Dutch*

Members = 250

Major Expenses:

9 Bremerton Base Scholarships	\$9000
1 National Scholarship	\$1000
Scholarship Raffle Grand Prize	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>

*Would you buy a used car from this guy??? The Ed.*

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screaming Seaman. I enjoyed the rigorous duties of deck seamanship. The 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bos'n taught me well. I made Seaman 1<sup>st</sup>, became a boat coxswain and owned the world. My career path zigged when I stepped out of the after fan room, hat cocked, sleeves rolled up, in a pair of salty faded dungarees and bumped into the CMAA. At mast the CO gave me 100 hours of extra duty—the old rocks and shoals justice. A rather lazy, FT2 duty MAA, had me cleaning the main battery plot and eventually conducting systems tests. I quickly learned basic electrical, mechanics, computing mechanisms and electronics and the leading FT asked me to strike for FT. A year later I made FT3 and was transferred to the *USS Cotton (DD669)* in Newport.

FT "A" School followed in June 1952. I made FT2 and was assigned to the *USS Philippine Sea (CVA-47)*, in San Diego. I spent a year, a day, and a few hours on the *Philippine Sea* and right after our WestPac I applied for Sub School and reported to New London in January 1955.

After Sub School, I went to Submarine Det, Mare Island FFT to *USS Carp (SS-338)* out of Pearl Harbor. *Carp* was blessed with an outstanding crew, like most boats of this period. The skipper, **J.B. Griegs III**, a WWII combat officer had sailed with **Richard O'Kane** on *Wahoo*. The wardroom was a mix of USNA men and LDO's and the COB, a WWII LTjg who reverted to GMC(SS), was a brilliant submariner with exceptional leadership skills. The goat locker had some smart young Chiefs and some WWII TOJO Chiefs. The rest of the crew was exceptional to the man and with their leadership I qualified in less than six months. This started my submarine life and remained with me throughout my entire career. Every day I think of the *Carp* and crew. It was a family and will last to my death. I shipped over, attended FCS, MK105, MK106, and MK101A, training at Great Lakes and made FTG1(SS). I was on *Carp* for three years, made two West-Pac's and a yard overhaul. I received orders in WestPac to *USS Tang (SS563)* and transferred in March 1958 at Subic Bay.

*Tang* was a great experience, the first diesel fast attack submarine with all the latest technology for that time including an integrated FCS, MK101-Mod 3. It featured new compact peanut tube construction packaged in a submarine environment and it required around the clock maintenance. The Type 6B variable height periscope was a maintenance nightmare. On one PCO exercise the system had three failures on one approach in the Position Keeper and Angle Solver. In less than a three minutes I diagnosed and repaired the casualties and the approach officer got his qualification shot off with a hit. All the PCO's offered me a job when they received their command. That's what high failures do to your training. I was recommended for a commission but declined.

I entered the new FBM program in June 1959. Upon completion of FCS, MK112 factory training I was ask to remain three more months to be the Navy inspector for systems scheduled for *SSBN's 598, 599 and 600*. I had orders to the

*USS Roosevelt (SSBN-600)* but swapped with the FT assigned to *USS Abraham Lincoln (SSBN-602) Blue*. In December 1959 I arrived at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for *Lincoln's* pre-commissioning crew. I was the first and only *Lincoln* sailor there. Everyday I went to the building ways, watched and traced every pipe, duct, component, nut and bolt from the keel up. It was wonderful watching a submarine being built system by system. I also completed the FBM Weapon Systems Orientation and Special Technology course at Damn Neck and then returned to PNSY. The crews were arriving and some where old shipmates.

I met and married the love of my life, **Ruth Cathleen Long**, step daughter of the Blue Crew **TMC(SS) Crockett**. It was the smartest decision I have ever made in my life. I still feel the warm glow today that I had 46 years ago. A month later I was at Kollmorgen to study the infamous Type 6D periscope. Just what a newly married guy needed.

New construction was hard, 12 hour days, seven days a week but if you qualified on a major system you would get a day off. We finished construction, was commissioned and got underway. I was the first man qualified in *Lincoln*, made Chief, and completed three patrols. In December 1962 I was transferred to DEPCOMSUBLANT as the Force FTGC(SS).

What a great job, sub-pay, pro-pay, and a sea billet, to boot. I spent two years at DEPCOMSUBLANT under **RADM Red Ramage** and **RADM Lowrance**. It was a super experience, scheduling overhauls, modernization, and maintenance of Atlantic submarines. By interfacing with NAVSEA, Naval Laboratories and civilian contractors I was able to save thousands of scarce overhaul monies by developing testing and repair methods for the MK 4 TDC. The gear was aging and wearing out with no spare parts. I shipped over and attended the FCS MK113 training at Librascope General Precision at Glendale, CA.

Again, I was recommended for a commission by **Admiral Ramage**. I declined and said, "I would prefer to ride submarines as a Chief rather than be an Ensign on a cruiser." The highlight of this tour was my honor of piping **YNC(SS) Joe Marion** over the side at his retirement. Joe was one of three people who founded USSVI in 1964.

In December 1964 I reported to *USS George Bancroft (SSBN-643) Blue*, in new construction at EB. Again I was first to qualify on *Bancroft* and was selected as the COB. I made three patrols and retired from the Navy on 16 Oct 1967. This closed my career as an active duty submarine sailor



D.O.—*USS George Bancroft*. Petticoat cruise—1966. Dave and Cathleen on Diving Stand.

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At age 36, I took a position with Librascope General Precision as a Field Service Rep for submarine FCS and I was the On-site Rep at Mare Island for three years and then at Submarine Base Ballast Point for two more years.

In Nov 1972 I took a Field Service Tech Rep job at the Naval Underwater Systems Center, Newport and worked for a year before transferring to the Training Division (too much traveling---on the road 300 days the first year). As the NAVORD Manager for all submarine attack teachers and training systems, I was responsible for the configuration control, updating, installation of new systems and major alterations. I also attended FCS MK 116 Mod 1, AN/UYN-7 Navy computer diagnostic training and FCS 117 schools.

In Oct 1977 I was accepted by the CCS Department as the leading technician for design, construction and maintenance of the new software maintenance facility, the greatest challenge of my career. We pioneered the concept of digital switching, simulation/stimulation to provide an underwater environment for the SSN686, 687, and 688 class submarine and all previous and follow on CCS. We converted an empty warehouse into the software maintenance facility six months early with a cost savings of 5 million dollars. After construction, operation, scheduling and maintenance phases I became tired of baby setting a bunch of software design and maintenance weenies and started looking for a new position.

When the TRIDENT submarine concept appeared I applied at the TRIDENT Support Facility, Bangor, WA and worked as the NAVSEA On-site Rep for construction of the TRIDENT Refit Facility, Bangor, CCS maintenance shops. After construction I was the first Technical Director for the TRIDENT CCS Maintenance Activity, a small NAVSEA Det.

In March 1984 I accepted a position of Computer Systems Analyst at TRIDENT Refit Activity, Bangor and over the years held the positions of CCS Test Director, CCS Technical Director and my last position was as the Weapons Department Superintendent, the senior civilian in the Weapons Repair Department.

I totally retired on 3 January 1999, at Bangor, WA after 51 continuous years of military/civilian service in the submarine community.

Dave



Ruth Cathleen, our Parsons Jack Russell, Buddy, and I reside in Bremerton. We enjoy gardening, long walks, the theater, and RV'ing.

Editor's Follow-up

In addition to various active duty Navy awards, Dave also received two of the highest civilian awards—the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award which capped off his submarine service support career.



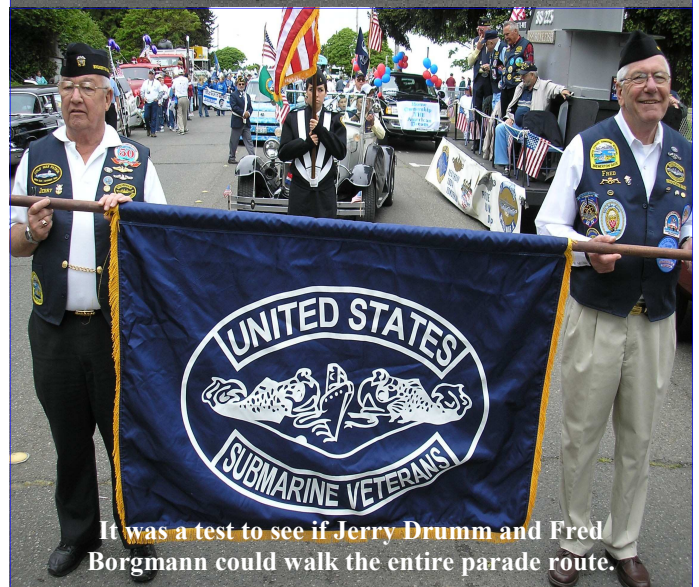
It's also a little known fact around Bremerton Base that well groomed Dave was dubbed "Dirty Dave" while on *Carp*, a nick name that followed him while actively serving in submarines. That story and some others, I'll call them *Carp Tales*, will be printed in future editions of *Puget Soundings*, only with Dave's permission, of course!!

# ARMED FORCES PARADE

About 16 Bremerton Base Subvets and the *Bonefish* float turned out to participate in the **Armed Forces Day Parade** in Bremerton—billed as the nation's largest and longest running.



The Bonefish Crew



It was a test to see if Jerry Drumm and Fred Borgmann could walk the entire parade route.

# On Eternal Patrol

## July

*WWII Lost Boats 1941—1945*

*USS Grunion  
(SS-216)*

*USS S 28  
(SS-133)*

*USS Robalo  
(SS-273)*

## August

*USS S 39  
(SS-144)*

*USS Pompano  
(SS-181)*

*USS Flier  
(SS-250)*

*USS Harder  
(SS-257)*

*USS Bullhead  
(SS-332)*



**USS POMPANO (SS 181)  
August 29, 1943 - 77 Men Lost**

USS Pompano (SS-181) launched Mare Island Navy Yard - March 11, 1937



After leaving Midway on 20 August 1943 to start her seventh war patrol, *POMPANO*, with Lt. Cdr. **W.M. Thomas** in command, was never heard from again. Her orders were to patrol off the east coast of Honshu from about 29 August to sunset of 27 September 1943, and then to return to Pearl Harbor for refit, stopping at Midway en route for fuel.

When no transmission was received from her, especially just prior to her expected arrival at Midway on 5 October, word was sent from Pearl to keep a sharp lookout for her. By 15 October, all hope was abandoned, and *POMPANO* was reported as presumed lost in enemy waters.

Japanese information available now shows no attack which could conceivably have been directed towards *POMPANO*. On 6 September *POMPANO* was informed by dispatch that the area to the north of her own was open. Since that area was considered more productive for sinkings than the one she was in, it is quite possible that she moved into it. Both the area between Honshu and Hokkaido, and the one east of northern Honshu are known to have been heavily mined by the enemy, with the greatest concentration of mines in the northern area. In view of the evidence given, it is considered probable that *POMPANO* met her end by an unreported attack.

In the six patrols completed before her loss, *POMPANO* sank ten enemy ships for a total of 42,000 tons, and damaged four, totaling 55,300 tons. *Source: CSP*

## Welcome Aboard USSVI-Bremerton Base



**Carl "Mike" Berg**, Associate Member recruited by his Dad, HC member **Bud Berg**.

**Jack Hamilton**, (*Piper, Irex*) recruited by HC member **Bill Hipp**.

## Bremerton Base Annual

The COB sez the fun begins at 1100, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Illahee State Park.

Newly re-elected Base officers will be sworn in and/or at around noon. A BBQ immediately follows. The Base furnishes sodas, burgers and dogs. You bring a dish to share and your drinks.



**All submarine veterans and their families are invited.**

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Come on out, kick back, tell a lie, eat a burger, and toss a horseshoe(?)

### ON THIS DAY:

- Jul 26, 1943---*USS Robalo* blows up off Palawan Island; all but four perish.
- Aug 17, 1942---*USS Nautilus & Argonaut* land Marine Raiders on Makin.
- Aug 23, 1943---*USS Grayling* supplies guerillas in Philippines, then lost with all hands.

## 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](http://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.**

A \$350 per person deposit will secure your cabin and is refundable until Sept 2006, Then insurance is available.

All cruise info is at [www.aaawa.com/submarine/index.htm](http://www.aaawa.com/submarine/index.htm).

Take a look, *then* contact our AAA Rep **Kim Boekenooen**, by email at [kimboekenooen@aaawin.com](mailto: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.

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

### IN MEMORIAM



Bremerton Base and Life member **QMC(SS) David L. Clark, USN, Ret.**, of Shelton, received his final orders and went on eternal patrol on May 5, 2006. Dave served on **Tirante, Scamp, Volador, Lapon, and Benjamin Franklin**. He was a **Scamp** plank owner. Services were held at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA.

*Reported by: Shipmate Lou Minor, Scamp Base*

**ETC(SS) Edwin H Queener, USN, Ret.**, 84, of Bainbridge Island, died May 15, 2006. Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the outbreak of World War II. He served on **Sunfish, Tinoso, Spinax,** and **John Marshall** before retiring in 1964.

*Although not a member of USSVI or USSV-WWII, Ed remained a brother of the "phin."*

***Sailors, Rest Your Oars!***

## USSVI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS IN BREMERTON

All USSVI and Bremerton Base members and their first mates were invited to join the National Board of Directors (BOD) for dinner on May 12<sup>th</sup> at FRA#29. Heather's **Homeport Café** served up an excellent Lasagna dinner complete with cheese cake. Those members in attendance had a great dinner and an opportunity to meet and talk with our national officers.



Between their mid-term meetings, the National BOD together with officers and members of Bremerton Base, toured the **ms Oosterdam** at pier 30 in Seattle. Our superb AAA tour guide and associate member, **Lisa Anciaux**, hustled us fore and aft and up and down on all nine decks. Us old, err, more mature sailors found the elevators very useful. Lisa answered a barrage of questions and hosted a delicious Alaska codfish luncheon on board.



The **ms Oosterdam** is scheduled to depart Seattle for a seven Alaska cruise in September 2007 with the USSVI convention on board.

**The ship is 2/3's booked.**

**Don't wait—Book your cabin, NOW!**



The Present

# National news

## USSVI Approved as a Veteran Service Agency

The Veterans Administration has approved the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. as an approved Veterans Service Organization.

The 2007 paperback publication they print will have us listed at the next publishing. The VA website already shows our organization online.

It can be seen at the VA website: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

When the VA website opens, go down the left side of the page till you see Partners, the next window will be Veterans Service Organizations - click on that entry and when the next window opens, click on Non Chartered Report. The list is alphabetical.

**John Dudas**

*USSVI National Chairman Veterans Affairs Committee*

### American Submariner

#### Note from USSVI National Commander

I have recently received several emails related to an article in the current issue of *American Submariner*. The emails are related to the article entitled "**President Bush Explains Social Security.**"

The writers of the emails believe that the article was "political" and "had no place in our national publication."

In my opinion, there was no political tone to the article, other than showing in a humorous way, how a politician can have a difficult time "thinking on his feet" in response to a question that he did not expect.

The writers also believe that the article is a "slur" on **President Bush**. I believe differently. Any politician can misspeak in an "off the cuff" situation. **President Bush** happens to be a very visible politician.

I subsequently contacted National Editor **Mike Bircumshaw** and National Senior Vice Commander **Jim Foote** and informed them that they have my full faith and confidence in the operation and content of our national publication.

In my opinion, Mike is doing an outstanding job as our Editor. I ask all members to support Mike, as I do.

*Running HSN, Tom Conlon, National Commander*

**Little Rock, AR USSVI**  
**2006 Convention**  
[www.razorbackbase.com/Convention.html](http://www.razorbackbase.com/Convention.html)

**Monday, Sept. 4, 2006—Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006**

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## Around the World & Under the Seas

### Fuel Cell Sub Sets World Record

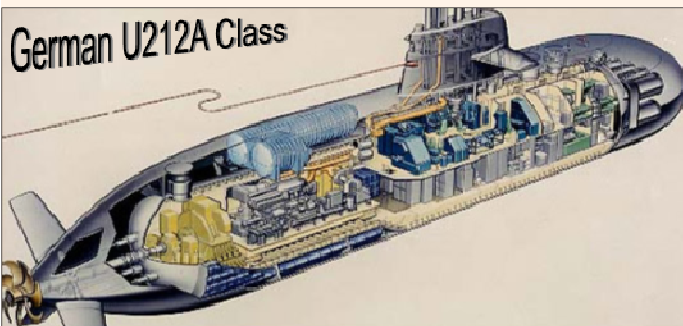
*Fuel Cell Works, 26 Apr 06*

One of Germany's crack new fuel-cell-powered submarines has set a world record with a two-week-long dive.

The trip by the U212A-Class sub with a crew of 27 from Eckernfoerde, Germany to Rota, Spain involved the longest period that any non-nuclear vessel had ever spend under water.

The German Navy did not say what the previous record had been. US and Russian nuclear submarines can stay under water for longer.

Germany, which has no nuclear weapons and no nuclear-powered ships, developed the high-tech hybrid-powered submarines to replace diesel-electric vessels that need to surface more often to obtain air for the engines.



The U212A vessels have a hybrid propulsion system made up of an electric motor which is fed power from fuel cells that burn hydrogen. They must also keep air in their tanks, but need less than diesels do.

The vessel, the *U 32*, made the trip April 11-25 and had proved the capability of the propulsion system, naval spokesman said in Gluecksburg, northern Germany. The *U 32* is to protect the Straits of Gibraltar and Mediterranean as part of the war against terrorism.

The stealthy hybrid-powered vessels are almost noiseless and do not release any exhaust gases when under water.

*Source: Undersea Enterprise News Daily*

### Water vs. Beer — A Philosophy

WATER..... It has been scientifically proven that if we drink 1 liter of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli bacteria found in feces, in other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of Doo Doo.

However, we do not run that risk when drinking BEER (or rum, whiskey, wine or other liquors) because alcohol has to go through a distillation process of boiling, filtering and fermenting.

WATER = Doo Doo  
BEER = Health

Free yourself of Doo Doo, drink BEER!!! It is better to drink beer and talk Doo Doo than to drink water and be full of crap.

*USSVI Bremerton Subvets Bi-monthly Newsletter*

## Local Puget Sound Bytes

### 2 Seawolf Subs Will Be Based In Bremerton

(SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER 26 APR 06)

BREMERTON -- Two Seawolf-class attack submarines that are being transferred from the East Coast will be based in Bremerton rather than join a third on Hood Canal at Bangor, home to the larger Trident subs, **Rep. Norm Dicks** says.

As part of a military realignment, Dicks said in February that the *USS Seawolf* and *USS Connecticut* will move in the summer of 2007 from Groton, Conn., to Naval Base Kitsap, which includes Bangor and Bremerton.

At that time Navy officials had not decided whether to base the two subs in Bremerton or Bangor, said Dicks, D-Wash.

Source: *Undersea Enterprise News Daily*

## South Sound Base Hosts Tail Gate Party & Rainier's Game

Once again **South Sound Base** is hosting their annual "tail gate" party and Tacoma Rainier's game on Friday, August 18th. Fun starts at 1630.

**Jan "Bear" Stiffy** and his wife **Sharon** are planning the cookout/tail gate party again this year. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pop and beer will be on the menu. Cost per person is \$15.00. Bear needs a paid-up count of who will be attending not later than July 13th.

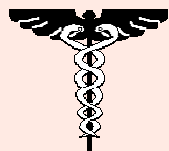


**Seattle** and **Bremerton Bases** are invited to attend, as always, and family members and guests are also welcome. Lets have another good turn out this year. Fireworks will follow the game.

If you plan to attend our annual event, please contact Bear at (email: [JStiffy@aeroembroidery.com](mailto:JStiffy@aeroembroidery.com)) or phone (Mon-Thu) at 360 895-3195 or me at 253 983-7987.

Hope to see you all at this event. Fraternaly,

**Gregory Lee**  
Commander, South Sound Base



## 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. He is walking rather stiffly with the aid of a cane.

Call **Chaplain Bill Hipp** if you know of any shipmates that are either sick or in distress.

## Around the Fleet

### USS Louisville Surges to Western Pacific

The nuclear-powered attack submarine *USS Louisville* (SSN 724) departed on a Western Pacific **surge** deployment from its homeport of Pearl Harbor May 2.

According to **Cmdr. David Kirk**, *Louisville*'s commanding officer, the crew remained focused and enthusiastic despite leaving after returning from a six-month deployment five months prior.

*Louisville* returned to its homeport of Pearl Harbor Nov. 16, 2005, following a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

This "surge" deployment is a part of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP), a program developed to change the way ships deploy and to provide the United States with a greater range of naval options, adding an element of flexibility to naval efficiency.

The idea behind FRP is to keep the Navy ready to **surge** and to vary the lengths of deployments, meaning the Navy will be ready to deploy whenever, wherever.

Source: *Undersea Enterprise News Daily*

## Submariners Earns Bronze Star

It is unusual for a submariner to wear the Bronze Star, fourth highest award, which is typically awarded for meritorious achievement in ground combat.



**LCDR Andrew Kimsey**, XO of *USS Maryland* (SSBN 738)(B), was recently awarded a Bronze Star for his actions in support of the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan. Much of the work he performed while in Afghanistan is highly sensitive. "It was a very unique assignment for a submariner," he said. "For quite some time, I was the only submariner in the country."

It's even more unusual when an enlisted submariner receives a Bronze Star. **ETCM(SS) Gaylord Humphries**, Commander Submarine Group 2's career counselor, was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq. He logged more than 10,000 miles in theater, all in extremely dangerous and hostile combat environments. During these missions, he served as gunner, driver, and tactical commander while working with his crew of Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Airmen.

Source: *Undersea Enterprise News Daily*

*Editor's note: As more sailors provide "boots-on-the-ground" in Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Army combat,*

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## Minutes of the meeting conducted 05/16/06

Vice Commander **Don Bassler** called the meeting to order at 1900.

- Opening observances were conducted.
- There were 30 members present including first time attendee **Walt Prothero**. Guest **Barbara Rinehart** was introduced. **Lt. Rinehart** served on submarine tenders at Kings Bay and San Diego when she was a corpsman. She recently returned from duty in Kuwait.



*Dick Litscher, Secretary*



VCDR Don "Red" Bassler receiving U.S. Flag flown over U.S. Hospital in Iraq. LT Barbara Rinehart, USN said the gift was in appreciation for phone cards sent from Bremerton Base and FRA#29 to wounded veterans in the hospital.

To show appreciation for Bremerton Base being involved in sending telephone cards to the patients there, she presented us with a U.S. flag which flew over the hospital on 16 January.

- Minutes of the April 18 meeting were read and approved.
- We received word that life member, **David Clark**, passed away on 5 May. We received an invitation to participate in Memorial Day services at Bangor on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Shipmate **Dutch Kaiser** will toll the bell and Shipmate **Ed Ferris** will announce the boats lost.
- Treasurer/Membership Chairman **Dutch Kaiser** reports we have over \$57,000 in assets and paid members now total 250.
- *Puget Soundings* Editor **Tommy Robinson** is still looking for a relief. It is time that he be able to pursue other duties in our organization. **Tommy** and **Don Bassler** will assist anyone, anytime, who would take over the newsletter. The next deadline for articles and ideas is June 23.
- National Office Manager **Fred Borgmann** reports that he and Base volunteers are tracking 11,411 national members.
- 2007 National Convention Cruise coordinator **Bud Berg** announced there are currently 1175 people signed on. The USSVI National E-Board toured the ship in Seattle and were impressed with the facilities and personnel associated with the

cruise. Convention programs are in the design mode and sponsors are being asked to offer ads to defray expenses. There are a lot of raffle tickets to sell before September.

- Scholarship Chairman **Don Bassler** announced that we have over \$2,000 in raffle prizes. We have a lot of raffle tickets to sell. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at the Bangor NEX on Saturday, 3 June. There have been \$3,700 in ticket sales and \$2,080 in outright donations deposited for the 2007 scholarships. There have been 29 applications received to date for the 2006 scholarships.

• Western District 4 Commander **Bob Webster** is a nominee for that post for 2006-2007.

• Base Nominating Committee Chairman **Fred Borgmann** states that nominations are still open for all Base positions but Base Commander. All of the Base officers have volunteered to be nominated to run again for their same positions.

• Members are reminded to participate in the Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade. Muster at 0845 on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, space C-8.

• Fire Works Chairman **Bob Webster** is making up a roster of volunteer duties for this years' sales. See him to pick out a time you can work. Help is needed to set up the stand, man it during working hours, and tear down. We also need an RV or trailer near the stand for the security. There will be fireworks demonstrations in Tacoma in June. We are restricted to four attendees.

• COB **Hank Hollis** has reserved space at Illahee State Park for the annual Base Picnic, Saturday, July 15. Bring your own drinks and a dish to share. The Base provides hotdogs and hamburgers and condiments.

• Scholarship Night is at our next meeting, Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We may be called on to help provide refreshments.

• **Jan Stiffey** has new DBF T-shirts for sale. He also asks that anybody who has won a hat raffle but hasn't received the hat, to see him after the meeting.

• The meeting raffle winners are:

**Walt Prothero** won the 50/50 (\$33)

**Bud Berg** won the hat (\$20).

The meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours.

*Editor's note: Joe Gavasso reports that Walt Prothero, the new kid on the block, spent his 50/50 winnings on six 2007 convention cruise stateroom raffle tickets at \$5 a pop.*

***BZ Walt!** Perhaps future 50/50 winners will follow Walt's example.*

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**KISSED BY MOTHER CAREY:** This is another way of saying, "Once a sailor, always a sailor." It is an old superstition that all boys who go to sea were kissed in their infancy by the sailor-man's guardian angel Mata Cara (Mother Carey).

*Source: www.history.navy.mil*



L to R—Bremerton Base Commander John Gardner, LT “Willy” Spoon memorial scholarship recipients Caitlin Kramer, Janna Mathews, Meghan Granito, Rebecca Spaulding, Shayna Worthen, and Vice Commander & Scholarship Chairman Don “Red” Bassler

### Minutes of the meeting conducted 06/20/06.

Commander **John Gardner** called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

- Opening observances were conducted.
- There were over 40 members plus many guests and first time attendees at this meeting which was dedicated to the 2006 Lt “Willie” Spoon Scholarship winners.
- Bremerton Base nominated **Bob Webster** to run for Western District 4 Commander. He is the current District 9 Commander and is seeking the new district post.
- There were no new nominations for Bremerton Base office. A motion was made and seconded to have the Base Secretary cast a unanimous vote for all nominees running unopposed. All officers will remain in their positions for the 2006-2007 term.
- Vice Commander **Don Bassler** spoke of some of the Base history and the history of our scholarship program. He introduced **Bev Rodgers** who was instrumental in starting the raffle program along with other women involved with our Base Auxiliary. Bev gathered most of the raffle prizes from

local businesses and usually sold more raffle tickets than the rest of the Base membership combined. Bev was asked to pick this year’s \$500 raffle ticket winner. **Jessica Wilton** is the winner.

- Vice Commander **Don Bassler** introduced the scholarship winners present and awarded them with letters and checks. He reported that there were 29 applicants this year. The remaining winners were announced and their letters and checks have been mailed to them.

Those present are **Megan Granito, Caitlin Kramer, Janna Matthews, Rebecca Spaulding, and Shayna Worthen.**

Those unable to attend are **Amber McColl, Casey Sevy, Jessica Sincich, and Allen Voelker.**

The meeting raffle winners are:

- George Pfost** won the 50/50 (\$30)
- Bill Hipp** won the hat (\$23).

The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hours.

*More on the scholarship recipients on Page 13*

### BREMERTON BASE MEMBERS IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jul 1-4, 1200 — Fireworks Sales
- Jul 05, 0800 — Teardown & Stow Fireworks Booth
- Jul 05, 1200 — E-Board Meeting, FRA#29
- Jul 15, 1100 — Annual Base Picnic, Illahee State Park
- Jul 29, 1000 — Whaling Days Parade, Silverdale
  
- Aug 02, 1200 — E-Board Meeting, FRA#29
- Aug 15, 1700 — Base Meeting, FRA#29
- Aug 18, 1630 — South Sound Base Tail Gate Party & Rainier’s Game

### Memorial Day Ceremony — NBK Bangor

A “tolling of the bell” ceremony was held under the pavilion just west of Deterrent Park on Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. **Commodore Derek Hesse**, Commander, Submarine Squadron 19 was the principal speaker. Bremerton Base submarine veterans were invited to participate in the ceremony. The list of lost submarines was read by **TMC(MSS) Ed Ferris**, USN, Ret., a WWII submarine veteran. FBM Cold War veteran **FTCS(SS) Gary “Dutch” Kaiser**, USN, Ret., tolled the bell for each lost boat. Many other members of USSVI-Bremerton Base observed the ceremony.

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## **Bremerton Subvets 2006 Lt. William “Willie” Spoon Memorial Scholarship Awards**

Nine outstanding students and children or grandchildren of local submarine veterans were rewarded the evening of Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch #29 facility, each with a \$1000 check from the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI) Bremerton Base through their annual Lt William “Willie” Spoon Memorial Scholarship program. All students were not present as four were out-of-town in college.

After the meeting opening proceedings, the scholarship presentation commenced. Presenting the awards for the Bremerton Subvets was Scholarship Chairman Don Bassler.



Caitlin Kramer Shayna Worthen Amber McColl Casey Sevy Allen Voelker Rebecca Spaulding Jessica Sincich Janna Mathews Meghan Granito

**Caitlin Kramer**, the daughter of Matthew & Christine Kramer, is a graduate of King's West School and is headed for the University of Pennsylvania in September to study linguistics. This is her first scholarship from the Bremerton Sub Vets.

**Shayna Worthen** will be receiving her second award this year. Shayna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Worthen of Silverdale. Shayna will be attending Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi next fall as a sophomore transfer student, majoring in bio-medical sciences. Her ultimate goal is to complete a master's in a Physician Assistant program.

**Amber McColl** is the daughter of Bremerton Base Life member Angus McColl and wife Sinah Denise. This is her first award and she will attend Cornell University and participate in their AFROTC program this fall. She plans to study linguistics and Russian.

**Casey Sevy** recently graduated from Harrisonville High, Harrisonville, MO. She will be attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth in the fall, where she will be a pre-medical student majoring in exercise science and with a major in Spanish. This is her first award. Her parents are Casey and Belinda Sevy.

**Allen Voelker** is currently a sophomore at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay majoring in biology with minors in chemistry, education and Spanish. He is the grandson of Bremerton Base Life member Norman Crawford and son of Mark and Tracy Voelker.

**Rebecca Spaulding** just graduated from North Mason High School and will be attending Washington State University in the fall with a major in Broadcast Communications. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Spaulding of Allyn.

**Jessica Sincich** is a Junior at the University of Alaska Anchorage, majoring in Journalism and Public Communications, with an emphasis in Public Relations. This is her third consecutive year receiving this scholarship. Her Dad, Bremerton Base member Mike Sincich, and wife Kim. She has also been on the Dean's and/or Chancellor's list every semester she has attended UAA.

**Janna Mathews** is currently attending Western Washington University in Bellingham, where she is majoring in business management. This is her second award. As an undergraduate, she is very active in school and community activities. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Mathews of Silverdale. James is a Bremerton Base member.

**Meghan Granito** recently completed her freshman year at Eastern Washington University in Cheney where she is enrolled in the Honors Program studying Business Administration and Marketing with an emphasis in Communications. Meghan is the daughter of Command Master Chief and Bremerton Base member Stephen Granito and his wife, Laura.

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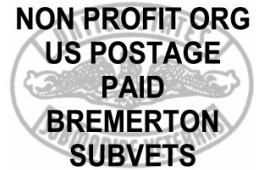
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