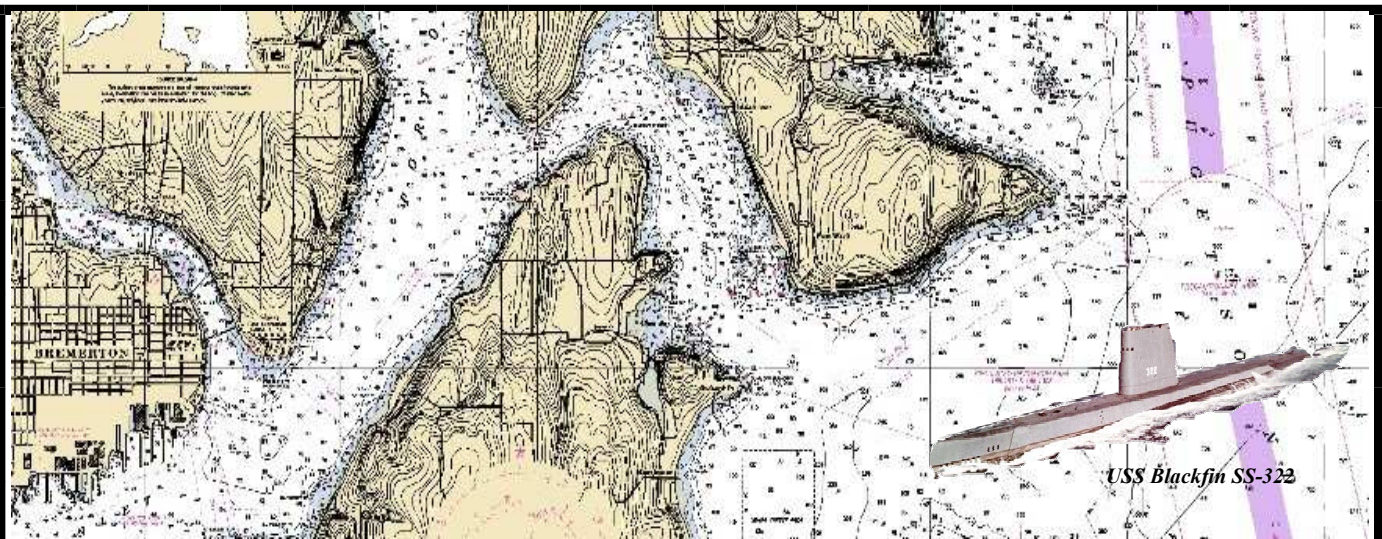




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STCM(SS) Dave Landerman, USN, Ret. *A Cold War Submariner — His Story.*

At the request of the editor, Dave graciously agreed to write and share his story. Dave, like many of you, still works full time, but he finds time to attend our monthly meetings and be counted. Now we just need him to explain the origin of his nickname "Hippie" Landerman to complete the story.



To paraphrase Steve Martin "I was born a poor non-qualified puke" in San Luis Obispo, CA in 1941. My family moved many times finally settling in Madera where I graduated from High School with the class of "59". I worked summers weeding, irrigating, picking cotton and cutting grapes. I also delivered furniture and bagged groceries. I was accepted at Coalinga Junior College but my summer jobs didn't provide the funds necessary for an academic career.

A buddy and I talked each other into joining the navy. We enlisted Sep 1959 when I was 17. I joined as a "kiddy cruiser" serving until age 21. I planned to save loads of money for a college education. My buddy was leaning toward a career. I didn't score high enough on the aptitude tests to get a guaranteed technical school but I enlisted anyway. My folks knew I was fascinated by submarines having done extensive research for a term paper. Their last request was that I not enter the submarine service. In boot camp I learned enough about test taking to qualify for an electronics school. The only technical training available without a long wait was Submarine Sonar. I volunteered, told my folks it was the only way I could get a school, and they accepted it.

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Our Creed:

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government.

IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 04 — 1200 E-Board Meets (FRA29)
- May 17 — 1900 Base Meeting (FRA29)
- May 21 — 0900 Armed Forces Day Parade, Bremerton
- May 27 — 1030 Tolling of the Boats, Subbase Bangor
- May 30 — Memorial Day-Subvet Flags at Ivy Green Cemetery
- Jun 01 — 1200 E-Board Meets (FRA29)
- Jun 14 — Return all Scholarship Raffle Tickets/Monies
- Jun 21 — 1900 Base Meeting (FRA29)
- Jun 28-Jul 4 — 1000-2200 Fire Works Stand (please volunteer)

Lt. 'Willie' Spoon's Friday 'Soup down' Schedule is on page 16.

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Psalms 107:23-24

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

Commander's Report



Shipmates;

This will be my last report to you, as Base Commander, since my term of office expires in July. I have very much enjoyed serving as your Base Commander and I wish to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude for all of you that have volunteered your time and participation in various Base activities. My special thanks to the Base officers and committee chairman's who have so ably supported me, BZ to all.

Once again I am asking for nominations for Bremerton Base Officers to be submitted to Fred Borgmann. Fred can be reached at the USSVI office at 337-2978.

This year I will be in the running for the District 9 Commanders post along with Tony Jilek of South Sound Base. Regardless of who wins I will still be the coordinator for the annual fireworks stand event to raise money for Bremerton Bases scholarship fund drive.

We will be selling fireworks again this year to support our scholarship fund drive for next year. So if you need fireworks, visit our stand at the Oyster Bay Shopping Center, 4207 Kitsap Way in Bremerton. Operating hours will be 10:00a.m – 10:00p.m, June 28th – July 4th. Volunteers are needed to set-up, operate, and take down the stand. A fireworks stand watch bill will be circulated at the May and June business meetings for sign-up. For those of you who cannot make the meetings but would like to be involved with the fireworks stand please contact me by E-mail at rwebster@web-o.net or call me at 360-307-9012.

Our LT. William "Willie" Spoon Memorial Scholarship Fund drive is off to a good start, but there are still ~2,000 raffle tickets still in the hands of the membership. All tickets sales should be returned to John Gardner, Scholarship Chairman, no later than June 14th to be eligible for the June 21st drawing. I urge you to sell or buy these tickets for a very worthy cause.

Once again our partner in scholarship fund raising, Jim Thompson (Navy Federal Credit Union) has come through with \$1,000.00 in donations, thank you Jim!

I would like to see Bremerton Base well represented this year with a show of colors in the **Armed Forces Day Parade** to be held in downtown Bremerton on May 21st. In addition Bremerton Base has been extended an invitation to be part of the **Memorial Day Observance** at Deterrent Park, Bangor on May 27th from 10:30am-11:00am so mark your calendars for these events.

The D9 conference this year in Post Falls, ID hosted by Farragut Base, was a great success and many thanks to Farragut Base Commander, Jim Dunn and Jerry Parker, Base Secretary for their efforts in putting the conference together and the warm hospitality.

Finally it is my sad duty to inform the membership that our Base Treasurer/Membership Chairman, Don Bassler, lost his wife, Carol, after a long illness on April 25th, 2005. Please show your support for Don and his family with cards and letters.

V/R, **Bob Webster**, Bremerton Base Commander

Treasurer and Membership Chairman Comments



Treasury: The base continues to roll up the dough for the annual scholarship fund which totals 14,329.61 which includes a generous \$1000 donation from the Navy Federal Credit Union.

Major income since March was from the raffle, 2005 submarine race, Iraqi Combat wounded donations, CD dividends and dues.

Major major expenses were the Puget Soundings printing and mailing, submarine race bills, deposit on cruise raffle cabin donation, Iraq CFH shipment and payment of national dues.

Below is a summary of the treasury, by category, as of April 27, 2005 and compared to that at the end of 2004.

	4-27-05	12-31-04
General Fund:	18,300	18,440
Scholarship Fund:	14,330	9,651
Base Life Membership Fund:	19,990	19,740
Total	\$52,620	\$47,831

Membership: Our numbers still continue to increase. We are at 287 including dual members.

However, we still have about 21 annual members that have not renewed. The roster will be purged by May 1.

At the April meeting, we had the second reading of a by-laws proposal amendment that will revert base life program dues to prior 2005 levels and give the e-board authority in setting annual dues. (Editor's note: See page 8)

Respectfully Submitted,

Don "Red" Bassler

Welcome Aboard USSVI-Bremerton Base



Stan Jewett, Guitarro, Parche, Nevada—recruited by **Dene Rogers**

Brad Green, Alaska, Archerfish, Grayling, Ohio, Pennsylvania—recruited by **Dene Rogers**.

Jeff Campbell, Alexander Hamilton.

James Matthews, Guardfish, Chicago, Henry M. Jackson, Alabama.

Brian Bofinger, Olympia, Minneapolis St Paul, Houston, Topeka, Ohio

Dave Hanley, Nevada, Alabama, Ohio, Nevada

Joe McInerney, Tennessee, Flying Fish, Maryland, West Virginia

Hope to see you at our meetings!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Bremerton Base
United States Submarine Veterans**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Home Phone () _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Spouse _____

Submarine Qualified U.S. Foreign

First SS Qualification Sub and date

Not Sub Qualified Sub Support Force

If non-US Navy SS, Sponsor _____

USN USNR Retired Non-career Military

Other Military _____

High Rank/Rate _____

Years of service: from _____ to _____

(ATTACH LIST OF OTHER SUBS SERVED ON)

I choose **BREMERTON** Chapter.

Advise me of the closest Chapter(s) (Bases)

Assign me to a local Chapter (Base)

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I subscribe to the creed and agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the USSVI.

Signature _____

ANNUAL DUES

Five Year: \$90.00 Three Year: \$55.00 One Year: \$20.00

LIFE DUES

76+ Years: \$100.00 66 to 75 Years: \$200.00

56 to 65 Years: \$300.00 46 to 55 Years: \$400.00

to 45 Years: \$500.00

BREMERTON BASE DUES

Annual: \$10.00 Life: Same as National

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I spent Jan/Feb 1960 in Sub School. They tried to drown me in the “Tower”, probed and analyzed my psyche and tested my pain threshold in the dentist chair. After Sub School I went to Basic Electricity/Electronics and Basic Sonar training in San Diego. I soon graduated and was assigned to the *USS Blackfin (SS-322)* home ported in Pearl Harbor.

I checked aboard this first of many “sinister looking black cylinders” in Sep 1960 after boarding a lovely Flying Tiger Airlines MAC charter to Japan for further transfer to *USS Blackfin (SS-322)* in Yokosuka. I arrived as the boat departed on an “Oceanographic Research Operation” (ORO) in Indian Country. I was left ashore with two other non-qualified waiters for two months. What a way for a small town boy to start a Westpac.

In the next four years we completed two Westpac’s including the Coral Sea Festival, two trips to the mainland, which included ten days in Seattle for the opening of the Worlds Fair, a weekend in Vancouver, Canada and then up the Columbia to Portland for the Rose Festival.

Don’t think that all we did was pull liberty, we spent plenty of time on weekly ops and four more ORO’s. After one of these “Ops” I was treated to something akin to the old British practice of the Press Gang. When returning after an extended op, us single crew members took duty the first day so the married troops could become reacquainted with their families. The next morning I headed for the barracks for a Hollywood shower, changed into civvies and headed to our favorite watering hole, Pete’s Place in Aiea. The XO’s messenger found me there and told me to return to the boat immediately. The leading Sonarman on *USS Tiru (SS-416)* was transferred unexpectedly. I had just been promoted to 2nd Class, I was single, and the XO said I was to report immediately. I spent the next two months conducting weekly ops and repairing gear on the weekends once we returned to port.

I returned to *Blackfin* and extended a year to make a 2nd Westpac. We left Pearl and headed west, running ahead of storms most of the way across. *USS Carbonero (SS-337)*, past due for overhaul, followed by a week and hit every storm we missed. When the Carbon-Burner pulled into Yokosuka big chunks of superstructure aft of the sail were missing and she had suffered several engineering casualties. We were primarily an electric rabbit for air and surface units in the area. Liberty was good. In Sasebo we organized the 40 yen Kamikaze Cab Racing Society and ran races at least daily.



Sasebo 1963—The 40 yen Kamikaze Cab Racing Society.

On more than one occasion we were directed to pick up *Carbonero’s* ops due to her deteriorating material condition. We even took her run to Brisbane for a glorious week followed by a couple more days in the little town of McKay.

After returning to Pearl I transferred to Fleet Sonar School, Key West, FL for training on the new AN/BQQ-1 Sonar suite installed on the new 594 class SSN. In addition to learning technology associated with a new system we experienced the thrill of two close call hurricanes. I completed the course, learned I had passed the test for STS1, and I was ordered to *USS Tullibee SSN-597* in New London. En route, I stayed with a classmate at his folks place in Hampton and we made a pilgrimage to Bells Tavern in Norfolk. It was quaint but I still like the Dolphin in Hawaii for atmosphere and ambiance.

I checked aboard *Tullibee* and was jokingly informed that with my pending promotion, I could end up as LPO. The entire Sonar Division had gone to ECM training. Seems they could have taught the instructor about his own gear. At lunch they had a couple of Schlitz burgers and didn’t go back. The XO wasn’t real pleased. Soon we were underway for a North Atlantic ORO. Being a unique platform and a big part of SUBDEVRU-2, *Tullibee* had many one-of-a-kind pieces of equipment like the SINS system. *Tullibee’s* destination was notorious for poor Loran reception so it was decided to tweak and peak the system for better navigation. It was rumored that cost of the groom for SINS and the AN/BQG-1 PUFFS system was about a quarter of a million dollars. The night before we left port SINS decided to get underway before the boat and started heading West. It finally settled down somewhere in the Midwest. PUFFS lasted about four days longer then it died too. At a scheduled stop in Faslane attempted repairs on SINS and PUFFS were not successful but liberty was great. Once underway, we proceeded north and spent the next 45+ days groping around with the single periscope smeared with grease. All things considered, the trip turned out to be a definite success.

Tullibee, never noted as being a speedster, was all ahead flank, making about 12.5 knots, running down hill with a tail wind, coming home. The core was so far gone that our Engineer worried when we slowed to send the obligatory Ops Complete message the Xenon curve would be so high it would poison the reactor and shut us down for days until it decayed enough to do a start up once again. Not being of the NUC persuasion I’m not sure I got that all right—but the Eng was a tad bit worried for awhile. Soon after returning to New London, *Tullibee* proceeded to Portsmouth NSY, Kittery, Maine for an extended refueling overhaul.

I gladly volunteered for TAD sea assignments where ever needed. Dec 1965 saw me outbound on *USS Corporal (SS-346)* for 3 months. Another North Atlantic ORO pleasure cruise, this time in the dead of winter on a smoke boat—an interesting trip. En route we were scheduled for liberty in Portsmouth, England but the Electricians reported a large ground on the after battery well. They cleaned the well and inspected the bussing and battery jumpers but failed to clear it. Then a hand over hand inspection of the main power cable from the after well found some pins or tiny foreign metallic

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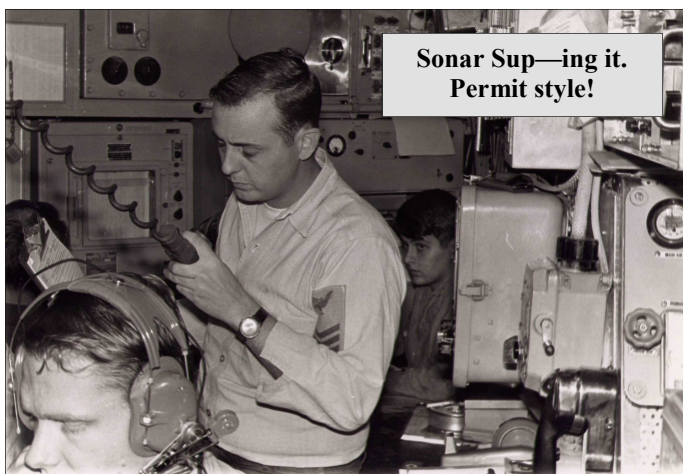
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objects imbedded in the cable. The proverbial "Stuff" hit the fan. We were expedited to Holy Loch for tender repair and to allow NIS to start a sabotage investigation. I never did hear the outcome of the investigation but us non-engineering types sure enjoyed the liberty. We had a rather uneventful underway and on station for the rest of the cruise.

Returning to *Tullibee* I qualified as the only non-khaki in port duty chief. This considerably improved my quality of life as a watch stander; 5 section duty vice 3 and no fire watches. Life was good and in mid 1967 I made a costly mistake and decided to get married. Aside from providing some extra cash, marriage did not improve anything and by Nov 1967 I had enough of the yard environment and was fed up with the East Coast Shallow Water Navy. In Jan 1968 I got out of the Navy and traveled across country to get back to California which was, at that time, still Gods country.

I returned to my home town intending to re-enlist for a factory school, the next generation AN/BQQ-2 Sonar. I only had to contact the Sonar detailer. He was a shipmate from *Tullibee* and was awaiting my call to cut orders before I re-enlisted. I explained all this to the recruiter and he assured me he would handle it. I worked in a bottling plant at United Vintners for ten days waiting for the recruiter to give me an enlistment date and my expected orders. Unfortunately he failed to identify me to the detailer by name so I ended up with orders to *USS Permit (SSN-594)* in San Diego and no factory training.

I reported to *Permit* at Ballast Point in Apr 1968. We commenced work ups for a ORO, the first of three in the next 14 months. This was the best of times and the worst of times. I was selected for Chief and also notified that *USS Scorpion (SSN-589)* was missing and presumed lost. This news hit three of us hard. A close friend and running mate on *Tullibee* had just gone to *Scorpion* and our leading Cook and leading Torpedoman had come from *Scorpion*. Once we returned to port we had a 30 day turn around before the second ORO.



Sonar Sup—ing it. Permit style!

Three of us were making Chief during this next underway. I planned to purchased work and dress Khakis, the Ballast Point uniform of the day. We were planning a Ballast

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National News

Search on for new *American Submariner* Editor

Jim Terrell, our Editor of the *American Submariner*, has resigned his position effective the end of this year. Jim has done admirable work as our National Editor for the last several years. We will miss him.

National Senior Vice Commander Jim Foote and I are conducting a search for a new National Editor. We are looking for volunteers to take on this large job. Jim had put together a team of members from his Base to edit copy and layout, assemble the mailing list and get the magazine to the printer and mailer.

If you or anyone in your Base are interested, please contact either me or Jim Foote. Jim Terrell has said that he will work closely with his relief to get him (them) up to speed.

Running HSN, Tom Conlon, National Commander

Participation Deadline for USSVI Book Extended

USSVI is working with Turner Publishing Company to publish a History & Pictorial Book on USSVI. Response has been great, and hundreds of you have already sent in your materials for inclusion, but we know that many of you need more time to compile your information. Therefore, the publisher has **extended the response deadline to 1 June**. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of and own a copy of our history. .

In addition to a detailed history of the first 40 years of USSVI, this commemorative book will include stories, photographs and personal biographies from you...our members. Your help is needed to tell the complete story of submarine veterans...our book will be incomplete without your contributions!

The book will be a large 9 x 12 inch "coffee-table" book with hundreds of pages, bound in a sturdy cover sporting the emblem of USSVI in gold—a perfect keepsake. Don't miss out on this opportunity to record your thumbprint in U.S. Navy History!

A detailed brochure is being mailed to all current USSVI members. Additional information is available at www.turnerpublishing.com. Books are available for purchase at the price of \$55.95, plus shipping. The number of books printed will be based upon the number of copies reserved in advance, so you must order this limited edition publication now to be assured of receiving a copy! All royalty proceeds will go to the USSVI treasury—this is a USSVI fund raiser. Please join me in support of our new book.

W. T. "Doc" McCance, National Historian

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Point to Ballast Point trip. This changed with a COMSUBPAC change of command. Our new boss rerouted us through Pearl on our way home. I had to take three uniforms; underway in Dungarees/Khakis, arrive Pearl in Whites, and back to San Diego in Dress Blues and uniform storage space was at a premium.

About a month after we got underway, a suitable period for eggs to get ripe, the Goat Locker took over the mess decks to initiate us three boot Chiefs who had the audacity to store uniforms and sleep in the chief's quarters. When eggs ripen, and are cracked into liquid, the bad ones either float or sink. Nobody could remember which so at least one of each was used for truth serum. That alone made for a long day. You may think that initiation at sea is easy but I'm here to tell you that's not true. The Chief's in *Permit* were particularly ingenious and took pride in this sort of thing. After three hours of fun we got cleaned up and were served lunch followed by a special dessert crafted especially for the newly minted Chief Torpedoman. We all got to partake in some of his sardine and Tabasco sauce pie. I have looked hard and far but never found the recipe for this culinary delight. This day overshadows the rest of that trip.

We stopped in Pearl and COMSUBPAC flew to San Diego. He returned to Pearl the day we got underway for San Diego. We had a high speed of advance and didn't waste time at PD for satellites. At the half way point we came up to gulp air, copy a sched, and catch nav data. Everything went well. The OOD ordered "Secure ventilating, Diving Officer bend her over, make your depth 300' all ahead full". We passed 150' and increasing speed past 10-12 knots when we heard a horrible squealing, wrenching noise in the sail. We slowed, went to PD, and found the snorkel mast half way down and twisted off its tracks. We couldn't run submerged so we started a high speed run on the surface. The weather was bad. We had a fairly good sea running, along with pitching and rolling. Round bottomed boats are meant for submerged running. No one got much sleep and in San Diego the crew left the boat like a herd of zombies. There were a bunch of upset wives when all hubbie wanted to do was go home and sleep in a bed that was not pitching and rolling.

In Jan 1969, just before the third ORO, I started divorce proceedings. I had four days to vacate Navy housing, clean it up, store household goods and be ready for a 60+ day underway. I managed with a lot of help from family and friends. After returning from the North Pacific, I was ordered to Instructor duty at Fleet Sonar School, Key West. I left *Permit* in Jun 1969 went to Instructor school at NTC San Diego, buried my father and proceeded to Key West where I checked aboard in Oct 1969.

I spent a year teaching a front load course of special technology for students entering the AN/BQQ-2 sonar course. The Submarine Sonar department was not happy with the Surface side who were responsible for the "A" school course that provided students to the advanced sonar courses. "A" school graduates were ill prepared for direct input to the advanced systems. After lengthy discussions with Chief of Naval Technical Training they decided to develop new curriculum to take "A" school from vacuum tubes to the beginning

of digits. It was a joint Surface/Submarine effort. I lead development of the 6 week digital phase of the course and was sent to Millington, TN, home of the Training Deviceman (TD) or Toy Doctor "B" school, for digital theory. I gained a well rounded background in digital theory. When I returned to Key West I had a team of three instructors and we put together the digital section of the new "A2" curriculum. We got the course ready, taught the pilot to validate the material, and it was approved. In Sep 1971 my Department Head offered a chance to be part of a Mobile Training Team attached to the Joint US Military Advisory Team, JUSMAT Turkey.

I accepted and had five days to get a passport and make travel arrangements. I was traveling in civilian clothes with diplomatic passport, waiting for my flight and trying to locate the Officer-in-Charge. It wasn't obvious who I was looking for. Remember when beards were ok? Soon a gent who also was looking at everyone asked if I was Chief Landerman. This was LCDR "Tex" Huddeburg, Squadron Weapons Officer from a tender in San Diego. After a whirlwind tour of airports; New York to London, to Paris, to Frankfurt and finally Istanbul. We were met by a JUSMAT Rep who took us to the Turkish Naval Base at Golcuk. I met the rest of our team, two I/C Torpedoman and a Chief Fire Control Tech. Our job was to ensure the Turkish Navy was trained to use the Mk 37 Mod 3 which they had just purchased through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) system.

For two weeks we toured facilities, met maintenance personnel and reviewed procedures. Then we boarded the boat, met the crew, checked out equipment, and reviewed tracking and firing procedures. Test firings were assigned to their newest boat, *TN Burak Reis S-335* (formerly *USS Sea Fox SS-402*). Most of the crew had participated in the transfer and overhaul that was part of the transition. Most spoke English and were professional in their jobs. Operations were interesting to say the least. I knew the evolutions but couldn't understand any of the orders passed. We operated near Istanbul and anchored off a small fishing village every night. The Turks operated only during daylight hours. Fishermen made some extra money running a water taxi for the liberty party. Liberty started at 1900+, expired at 0600, and we got underway at 0700. Just a couple of hours of sleep made for a long day. After two days of tracking exercises, we would return to Golchuk, analyze run tapes and do post exercise analysis and critiques. We would take a week off for the torpedo shop to turn the weapons around and then get ready for the next weeks exercise.

After 30 days we returned our vehicle to the Turks in Ankara. We decided to all go and make a courtesy call at JUSMAT headquarters. While in Ankara we met a female dance troop from Spain on tour in Turkey. We later ran into them in Istanbul on several weekend liberties. In Dec 1971, when the crew of *Burak Reis* was proficient in weapon employment and the shop personnel was qualified to work on weapons, we returned home. I returned to the podium and resumed teaching.

In 1973 I trained on the AN/BQQ-2 Sonar System and received orders to *USS Flasher SSN-613* in Pearl Harbor. STS1 (SS) Bill Stott, a fellow student, and I was returning to

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Flasher after training. We checked aboard the boat and Bill told me that I had made E-8. He had read my name in *Navy Times*. Two months later we were underway for Westpac. We spent maximum time in Indian Country and minimal time in liberty ports. We returned to Pearl Harbor and during one of our team trainer sessions at the "Blue Building" I got a call from the XO, at COMSUBPAC headquarters with our CO, CDR Roger Bacon. They needed a AN/BQR-2B Sonar Tech to assist with training of the crew of the Taiwanese submarine *Hai Pao SS-92* (formerly *USS Tusk SS-426*) in Taiwan.



I flew to Kaohsiung and met the OIC, LCDR Don Oshea. He had been the XO of *USS Tusk* and had stayed on as OIC/MTT. He accompanied the boat to it's homeport of Tsoying near Kaohsiung. Original members of the MTT were returning home. Us new guys, myself and EMC (SS) George Tweeter were to continue working with crew training. We stayed in Kaohsiung at Nancy's Harbor House Hotel or Nancy's Hai Won Fon Ding and commuted to Tsoying. Occasionally I was the only Gai Jin on board. When roused by the collision alarm at 0200 and I couldn't understand the language, the ole thump pump gets a bit excited and adrenaline flows. After three short months of this absolutely fabulous duty, I returned to Pearl and my job of Leading Sonarman.

Over the next year *Flasher* participated in fleet exercises, an ORSE, MK-48 Cert/Recert, a SUBROC launch, NTPI's, and a workup for another Westpac. We left Pearl, headed straight for Indian country, and after six extensions our 45 day operation became 85+. We were scrapping the bottom of the food barrel when we entered Guam. SSBNs were first in line at the grocery store. We were in for a 20+ day upkeep and then back on station for 60 days but we could only draw a 30 day stores load.

Fortunately COMSUBGRU 7 had a change of command and wanted us to participate. We cut short the upkeep, transited to Yokosuka, did the change of command and took on a full load of groceries. We managed a couple of liberty days and toured notable establishments like the Starlight. Some of our young ambassadors met several of the boat's crew that caused the excessive duration of our first deployment. These crewmen had been in port so long they were flat broke. Needless to say our youngsters were not sympathetic. The discussions that ensued got quite physical.

We headed back on station and started to replay our first patrol. This one only lasted 70+ days. But our schedule

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Subvets-Bremerton Base proudly support our youth

On Eternal Patrol

May

USS Lagarto
(SS-371)

USS Kete
(SS-369)



USS Scorpion
(SSN-589)

USS Perch
(SS-176)

June

USS O-9
(SS-70)

USS S-28
(SS-133)

USS R-12
(SS-89)

USS Golet
(SS-361)

USS S-27
(SS-132)

USS Herring
(SS-233)

USS Bonefish
(SS-211)

USS R-12 (SS-89)



In may 1943, *R-12* trained submariners out of Key West. Shortly afternoon on 12 June 1943, *R-12*, while underway on the surface, transiting to her operating area, came to her end.

While making preparations to dive for a torpedo practice approach, the Forward Battery compartment started to flood. The collision alarm was sounded and her CO, LCdr Shelby, who was on the bridge, immediately ordered all hatches shut and to blow all main ballast tanks. But those actions were too little and too late as the boat went down in only fifteen seconds.

The six men on the bridge, including the CO, were the only ones rescued while **forty-two** others, including two Brazilian naval officers, on board to observe the torpedo firing exercise, **were lost**. Luckily, eighteen other crew members had stayed in that day and were on liberty at the time the boat went down for the last time.

A Board of Inquiry concluded that the cause of the *R-12*'s loss was not clear but was probably due to the flooding of the submarine through a forward torpedo tube, that is because of an accidental opening of both the inner and outer doors of a torpedo tube at the same time. This could never be confirmed as the R-boat sank in six hundred feet of water, too deep for salvaging, or even investigation, in those days.

"Sailors, Rest Your Oars!"

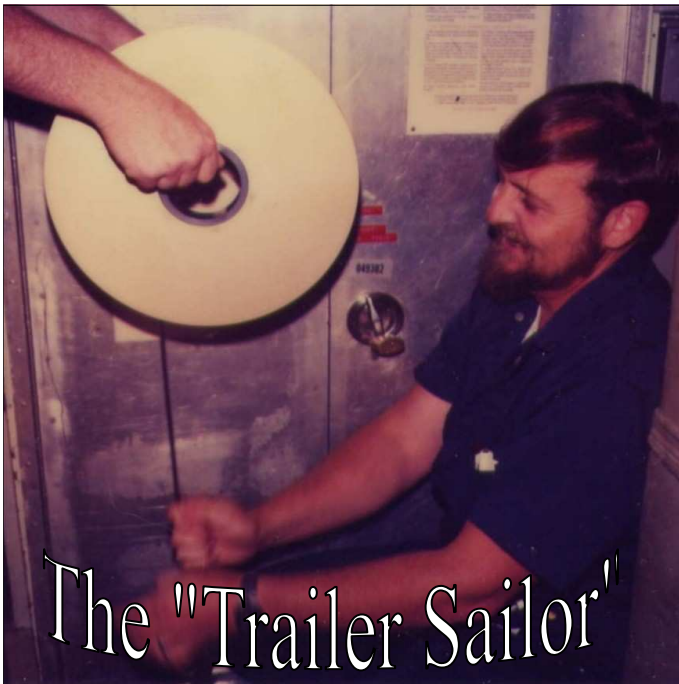
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was changed for the better. Instead of returning to Guam we were going to Singapore. We provided P-3 target services en route. The second aircraft reported a small boat in distress. We proceeded to the area, surfaced and found a fishing boat with engine problems and a 12 Vietnamese refugees on board. One of our diesel mechanics determined their engine was beyond repair. The Captain contacted COMSUBGRU-7 for guidance while we took the folks on board. They had no water for a day and no food for three. Our trip to Singapore was terminated and we were rerouted to Hong Kong to drop the Vietnamese off in a refuge camp. They were among the last "Boat People" accepted and not sent back to Vietnam. We managed a few days of unscheduled liberty before steaming to Guam for a needed upkeep then returned to Pearl.

Back in Pearl we prepared for a change of homeport to Vallejo, CA for a refueling overhaul in Mare Island NSY. There I met Marie who would become my wife, and I attended a factory school for a new auxiliary sonar system in Newport, RI. I got back shortly after the boat had been transferred to San Diego. About two months later I took over as COB and we started preparations for my final Westpac. We spent a lot of time in unfriendly waters playing with unfriendly folks. We returned to San Diego and local ops for awhile and Marie and I got married in Oct 1977. We left San Diego two days after our wedding for a honeymoon and by 1800 the XO recalled me. Marie and I turned around and headed back to San Diego. Within a week *Flasher* was underway and operated until the day before Christmas. I requested a transfer to Submarine Development Group One, Special Projects and was accepted. I reported to SUBDEV-GRUDET ONE, Det. MI in October of 1978.



The "Trailer Sailor"

I checked into the Det at Mare Island was assigned to Component 3 and became a "Trailer Sailor". As such, I re-

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Bremerton Base By-laws Amendment Proposal

ARTICLE II. DUES

Section 1. The annual dues will be established by the Board of Directors (E-Board). ~~The dues will be at least Ten dollars (\$10) plus the obligation to National and not more than twice the National obligation.~~

Section 2. Dues are due and payable on January 1st each year and remain effective until December 31st of the same year.

Section 3. Members whose dues are in arrears on April 1st of a current year will be dropped from the roster.

Section 4. Bremerton Base Life Membership eligibility ~~and dues~~ shall coincide with the current National Life Membership eligibility requirements. ~~and dues structure.~~ The Base Life Membership dues structure shall be as follows:

Age	Rate	Age	Rate
<45	\$250	55-65	\$100
45-55	\$150	65+	\$ 50

Section 5. Holland Club members are exempt from any Bremerton Base dues.

Submitted by Donald D. Bassler, Life Member in Good Standing

First reading: March 15, 2005

Second Reading: April 19, 2005

Third Reading: May 17, 2005 (Please attend the Business Meeting)



Foxtrot Departing!

The Russian Submarine *Cobra* recently departed Pier 48 in Seattle for San Diego and the Maritime Museum there. The Island Tug and Barge Company took her under tow. Subvets Seattle Base worked long and hard to bring the Foxtrot up to snuff for public viewing and USSVI picked up many members from visitors. Several Bremerton Base members served as docents. You guys did a superb job! **BZ**

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qualified on *USS Parche SSN-683*, stood Inport Duty Chief, and Diving Officer. Each time *Parche* got underway the faithful of Component 3 were underway also. I won't go into details regarding *Parche* except to say it was the most interesting and rewarding tour of my 27½ years of Naval Service. I departed DEVGRU in Dec 1981 for a tour of shore duty at Submarine Group Nine, Bangor.



Commodore T.R. Fox, COMSUBGRU-9, presents the Meritorious Service Medal, awarded by *USS Parche*, to Dave as wife Marie looks on.

Marie and I arrived at Bangor in early Dec and bought our home in Port Orchard. I and another Sonarman checked into the Group in Jan 1982. No one knew what to do with two newly reported sonar types. We were given free reign in determining what our job descriptions should involve. So we tried to establish a Submarine Sonar Intelligence Center (SSIC) to handle mission related sonar training and pre deployment briefs, etc.. But we ran afoul of politics and turf wars between the tenant commands at Subase Bangor and our SSIC never happened. Then, to keep us out of further trouble we were assigned to run the Intel Shop, aided by an Intelligence Specialist (IS), and under careful guidance of a LCDR who taught Strategic Systems and Target Package stuff. I retired in Jun of 1986.

I was out of work for a little over a month while looking for a job. It was driving me crazy. In late Jul I was contacted by McLaughlin Research Corporation and hired as a Senior Technician/Program Analyst. I stayed there until they lost their government contract and then was hired by Vitro Corporation doing the same type of work. Since then I have changed employers three times when the company was bought up by someone larger. I am currently employed by BAE SYSTEMS providing Technical and Administrative support to Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport.

Dave Landerman

"Take her down!" Howard Gilmore, Captain of *USS Growler*, badly wounded, ordering her down without him to save the boat.
Submitted by John Clear

In Memoriam



Master Chief Electronics Technician (SS) **Raymond R. "Pappy" Kuhn Sr.**, 88 years old, went on eternal patrol March 21st. Well known within the submarine force, he was believed to be the last active duty submariner authorized to wear the WWII Submarine Combat Pin. He joined the Navy in 1944 and served on the *USS Valley Forge* before submarine duty aboard *USS Cabezon*, *USS Caiman* and *Chivo*. He went to Nuclear Power School then served as COB on *USS Sargo*, *USS George Washington Carver*, *USS Dogfish*, and *USS Bergall*. He did a nine year 'twilight tour' as CMC at Submarine School and retired Oct 31, 1985 with 41 years service... wearing service dress blues, silver dolphins, and ten gold hash marks.

Master Chief Petty Officer (SS) **Alfred Bratlien**, 86, of Poulsbo died at home on April 5th. Although not a member of Bremerton Base, he remained a brother of the phin. He served in the Navy from 1940 to 1963 including 12 patrols aboard *USS Swordfish*.

Sailors, Rest Your Oars!

Submariner Gets \$100,000 Reenlistment Bonus

EMC(SS) Robert Cruanes, RC Division LCPO aboard *USS Bremerton (SSN 698)* reenlisted and will get \$100,000. In the Navy for 11 years, Cruanes said he would have reenlisted regardless of the amount. "My first bonus was \$12,000 and for my second I got \$60,000. That time we were in the (Arabian) Gulf so it was tax-free," said Cruanes.

Nuclear-trained Sailors with at least six years of service but no more than 10 can get as much as \$65,000. Sailors eligible for the Enlisted Supervisor Retention Pay can get up to \$100,000 if they meet the requirements. The Enlisted Supervisor Retention Pay program is designed to keep senior enlisted supervisors in critical jobs.

Source: www.csp.navy.mil

Submarine Sailors in the "After Life"

Gabriel came to the Lord and said, "I have to talk to you. We have some Sub Sailors up here who's causing problems. They're swinging on the pearly gates, my horn is missing, breakfast SOS is all over their robes, they're racing the chariots, and they're wearing dixie cups and piss cutters instead of their halos. They refuse to keep the ladder to heaven clean. There are beer cans all over the place. Some of them are walking around with just one wing."

The Lord said, "Sub Sailors are Submariners, Gabriel. Heaven is home to all my children. If you want to know about real problems, call the Devil."

The Devil answered the phone, "Hello? Hold on a minute."

The Devil returned to the phone, "O.K., I'm back. What can I do for you?"

Gabriel replied, "I just want to know what kind of problems you're having down there."

The Devil said, "Hold on again. I need to check on something."

After about 5 minutes the Devil returned to the phone and said, "I'm back. Now what was the question?"

Gabriel said, "What kind of problems are you having down there?"

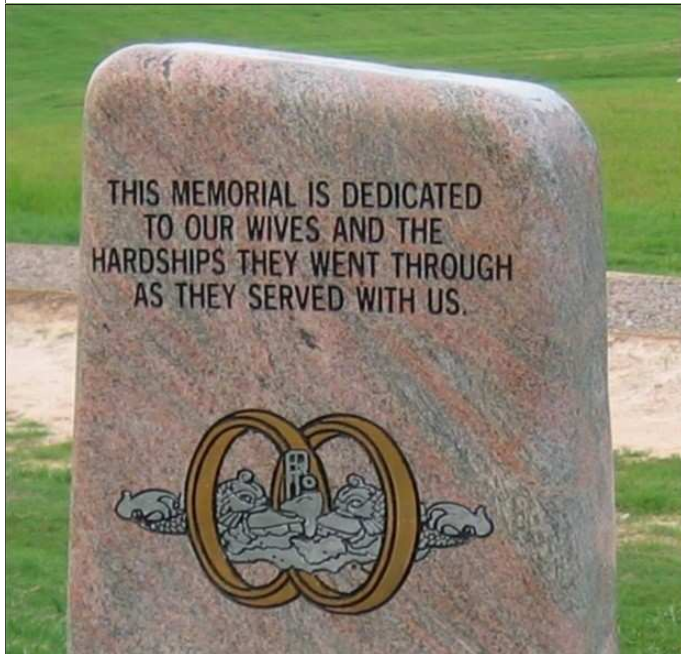
The Devil said, "Man, I don't believe this...Hold on."

This time the Devil was gone 15 minutes. He returned and said, "I'm sorry Gabriel, I can't talk right now. Those damn A-Gangers have put out my fire and are trying to install air conditioning."

Mother's Day - 8 May

On this Mother's Day it is fitting that we pause to celebrate our ladies. We likely all agree, there is no tougher job than that of a Submariner's wife.

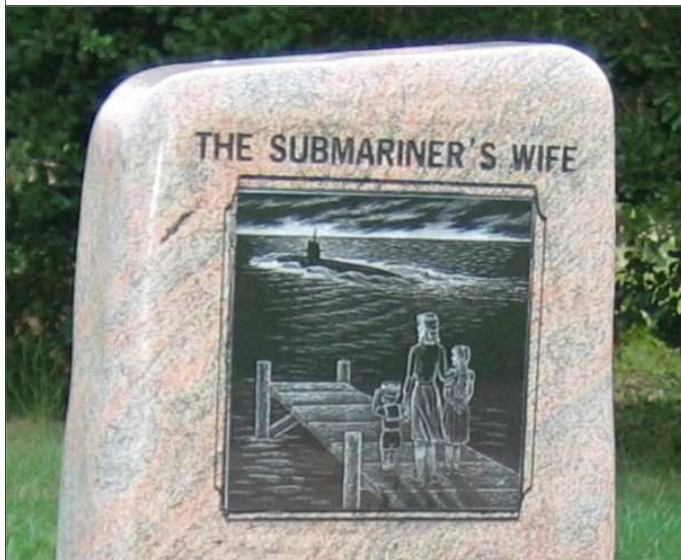
The W.J. Cheek Mississippi Rebel Chapter and USSVI-Tullibee Base have a memorial dedicated to Submarine Wives— who also served as they worried and waited for their loved ones to come home.



THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO OUR WIVES AND THE HARDSHIPS THEY WENT THROUGH AS THEY SERVED WITH US.



This is believed to be the only memorial dedicated to wives of submariners. It is located in the Veterans Memorial Park, Ocean Springs, MS. The stone, pink marble, is imported from India. It's beautiful. Subvet Al Hammond designed a wonderful tribute to our ladies.



THE SUBMARINER'S WIFE



As the family watches dad go to sea, mom comforts her children. The boy, reminiscent of JFK's young son, is rendering a left hand salute while the daughter has crossed fingers behind her back. *Bob Hayes, thank you, for the photos.*

Submarine Anniversary Run

April 9th—Submarine Base, Bangor



Submarine Anniversary Run - Subbase Bangor

The run, sponsored by Subvets-Bremerton Base, and organized by VCDR John Gardner was a huge success with about a 100 runners participating. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Lt. "Willie" Spoon Scholarship Fund. Nine \$1000 dollar scholarships were given last year to children/grandchildren of active duty and retired submariners.



VCDR John Gardner tallying race results



John Emery 5K



Steve Hisner 10K



Ian Christen 1 Mile

The overall winner in each race is in the photo montage.

You may be a Submariner if... You have caused the evaluating psychiatrists to leave the boat ahead of schedule.

Here is Where You Find Out What Went On!

Minutes of the meeting conducted 03/15/05.

Bremerton Base Commander, **Bob Webster**, called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.

- Guest speakers FTCM(SS) **Stan Jewitt**, COB, *USS Nevada (SSBN733) (G)*, and MMCM(SS) **Brad Green**, COB, *USS Pennsylvania (SSBN735) (B)* were introduced. Senior Chief **Tom Metcalf** also was introduced.
- Opening observances were conducted.
- The guest speakers began a very informative and open discussion of operating in today's Navy. They were ably assisted by several other Senior and Master Chiefs in attendance. They were finally allowed to sit down after nearly an hour of answering our many and varied questions. They ended with a presentation to our Base of pictures and plaques of their respective ships.
- The meeting resumed at 2005 hours.
- Communications: **Fred Borgmann** is the Base Nominations Chairman and is accepting nominee names for office. Kitsap County Military Appreciation Day will be at the Mall on Sat., Mar. 26th.



Secretary
Dick Litscher



Little COB—FTCM(SS) Jewitt Big COB—MMCM(SS) Green

Volunteers are needed to man our booth from 1100 to 1700. The District IX Convention is Apr. 22 – 24 in Post Falls, Idaho and is being sponsored by Farragut Base. Motel openings are still available.

- Minutes of the Feb. 15th meeting were read and approved.
- Treasurer, **Don Bassler**, reports over \$50,000 in assets.
- Membership Chairman, **Don Bassler**, reports that we are currently at 281 members. We are in danger of losing about 25 of these members because they have not paid 2005 dues.
- *Puget Soundings* Editor, **Tommy Robinson**, read an excerpt from the latest edition concerning communications with HMCM(SS) **Craig Kelly** in Iraq who has been receiving our contributions of clothing articles for wounded veterans.
- Scholarship Chairman, **John Gardner**, claims that 3,000 tickets are still out and he is getting some monies in from them. We need more prize donations as we are currently at 23. The Submarine Birthday Run is scheduled for Bangor on Sat., Apr. 9th, and we need volunteers beginning about 0730. The Base will sell raffle tickets at the Bangor commissary on Sat., Apr. 2nd.

ETCM(SS) **Brian Bofinger** underscored the fact that we old Submariners and active duty folks need to support each other. He challenged Subvets to bring at least 10 members and attend the CPO Association meeting on April 12th.

More than 10 Subvets carpooled to Bangor for the CPOA meeting. It was informative, good conversation, and better beer. Master Chief **Bo** was overheard saying that he will bring 20 CPOS to our next meeting. *To be continued.....*

- **Fred Borgmann**, the National Office Manager, reports that we are tracking 11,689 members.
- Webmaster, **Don Mac**, hasn't heard any complaints and is not

aware of any glitches on the base webpage. He reminds us that the newsletter is available at our website.

- The Base Commander stated that a proposed 2007 logo consisting of a Holland America ship in the submarine periscope crosshairs is a legitimate entry. Other ideas are still being accepted.
- A proposed change to the Bremerton Base By-laws was read for the first time to the membership. ARTICLE II. DUES is the subject of change. Currently Section 1 states that our dues are at least \$10 plus the National dues but no more than twice the National dues. The proposed change will allow the E-Board to establish annual dues.

Section 4 currently sets Base Life Membership eligibility and dues to coincide with National. The proposed change will allow the Base to continue National eligibility requirements but set its own dues structure which basically reverts back to the same dues as in 2004.

- VLC Rep, **Don Mac**, gave a brief report on current legislative activity happening in Olympia.
- Submariner, **John Shook**, sent a \$100 check to Bremerton Base for our Iraq field hospital project. A motion was made and passed unanimously to pay for 2005 USSVI dues for **John Shook**. A total of \$135 has been collected to date. It was then moved and passed unanimously to add \$65 to this total from the Base Treasury to allow another shipment.
- Shipmate **Jan Stiffey** announced that he and the South Sound Base were again scheduling a night at the Tacoma Rainiers. It is tentatively scheduled for Jul. 29th while they are trying to find out the scheduled appearance of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

- Raffle winners were:
Senior Chief **Metcalf** won the 50/50 (\$26) .
Doug Smith won the hat (\$27).

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Minutes of the meeting conducted 04/19/05.

The Bremerton Base Commander, **Bob Webster**, call the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

- Guests **Don Jassek**, **Joe McInerney**, and **David Hanley** were introduced. **Charlie Deer** was visiting from Alaska. New member **Brian Bofinger** was present. The District IX Commander, **Ted Hunt**, was in attendance. There were 35 members present.
- Opening observances were conducted.
- Communications: The Nominating Committee Chairman, **Fred Borgmann**, announced the current nominees for the 2005-2006 offices were: **John Gardner**, Base Commander; **Don Bassler**, Base Vice Commander; **Dick Litscher**, Secretary; **Gary Kaiser**, Base Treasurer; and **Hank Hollis**, Chief-of-the-Boat. Members were reminded of the District IX Convention next weekend, April 22-24. The Armed Forces Day Parade is Sat, May 21 with Master Chief Bofinger towing the Bonefish float. Bremerton Base has been invited to attend and participate in the Bangor Memorial Day observances on Fri, May 27th, at Deterrent Park. The Base picnic will be at Illahee State Park on Sat, July 16th. Another scholarship raffle ticket sales will be conducted at Bangor NEX/Commissary on Sat, Apr 30th.
- Minutes of the Mar 15th meeting were read and approved.
- Treasurer, **Don Bassler**, reports assets of over \$51,000.
- Membership Chairman, **Don Bassler**, reports that we are currently at 284 members.
- *Puget Soundings* Editor, **Tommy Robinson**, announced the deadline for the next issue is Apr 26th.

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- Scholarship Chairman, **John Gardner**, reports that we received \$352 so far from proceeds from the Submarine Birthday Run. He has shirts for sale from that run that have our base logo on the front. We still need more prizes and increased ticket sales. Three scholarship applications have been received. **Don Bassler** announced that Navy Federal Credit Union manager, **Jim Thompson**, has submitted a check for \$1,000. It is suggested that one of our scholarships be named in honor of the credit union.
- The Holland Club coordinator, **Ed Foskett**, says that five or six Bremerton Base Members are eligible for Holland Club this year.
- National Office Manager, **Fred Borgmann**, reports that he is tracking 11,869 members in the national database. This is up approximately 1,000 from a year ago and there are approximately 1,000 members who have not renewed for 2005. He also announced that the corpsman that performed the appendectomy on *USS Seadragon* in 1942 passed away two days ago.
- **Bud Berg** reports that 350 staterooms have been sold on the 2007 National Convention cruise ship. He has a lot of raffle tickets to sell. He will be working the District IX conference this weekend.
- A proposed change to the Bremerton Base By-laws was read for the second time to the membership. ARTICLE II. DUES is the subject of change. Currently Section 1 states that our dues are at least \$10 plus the National dues but no more than twice the National dues. The proposed change will allow the E-Board to establish annual dues. Section 4 currently sets Base Life Membership eligibility and dues to coincide with National. The proposed change will allow the Base to continue National eligibility requirements but set its own dues structure which reverts back to the same dues as 2004.
- Shipmate **Jan Stiffey** is making plans for a night at the Rainier's on July 29th. This event is hosted by the South Sound Base for a cookout and beer for shipmates of the Bremerton Base and Seattle Base.

...continued from previous page. Master Chief **Brian Bofinger**, President of PACNORWEST CPOA did return, albeit with fewer than 20 Chiefs as advertised...but those who came did so to support Subvets programs/projects. I agree with **Bo** that mutual support is good for all of us. The PACNORWEST CPOA meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1500 in the Khaki Lounge at Bangor. **Plan to attend!** **Ed**

- The PACNORWEST CPOA reports that the float will be ready for parades. A plaque will be mounted on the front of the sail and the klaxon battery will be charged and ready.
- Base Commander **Bob Webster** is looking for a World War II member to participate in the Bangor Memorial Day tolling of the Boats. **Jerry Peeling** has volunteered to represent the Cold War era and Master Chief **Bofinger** will represent the current sailors.
- 2007 National Cruise logo designs are still being sought. Get your ideas in to **Bud Berg** or the folks at AAA.
- Shipmate **Tommy Robinson** announced that HMCM(SS) **Kelly**, who he has been working with in Iraq has been transferred back stateside. The field hospital coordination will now be done by an Army officer. The Bremerton Base liaison will be **Bob Paulsen**.
- The raffle winners were:

Shane Foraker won the 50/50 (\$32) which he donated to the Scholarship Fund.

Dave Davenport won the Hat (\$29).

The meeting was adjourned at 1946 hours.

Dick Litscher

2007 Convention News



Here's our un-official logo for the **2007 USSVI National Convention** hosted by Subvets-Bremerton Base. Pretty good, huh?? Can any of you artists do better?? Let's have some competition. Entries are still being accepted. Submit your idea to **Bud Berg**, planning committee chairman. Any format.

We are getting underway **Sep 15, 2007** for a week that you won't forget. The *ms Oosterdam* is departing **Seattle for an Alaskan cruise** with the **2007 USSVI Convention** onboard. The ship has 900 cabins that can accommodate about 1800. About 300 have been booked. **Hurry up! Get aboard!**

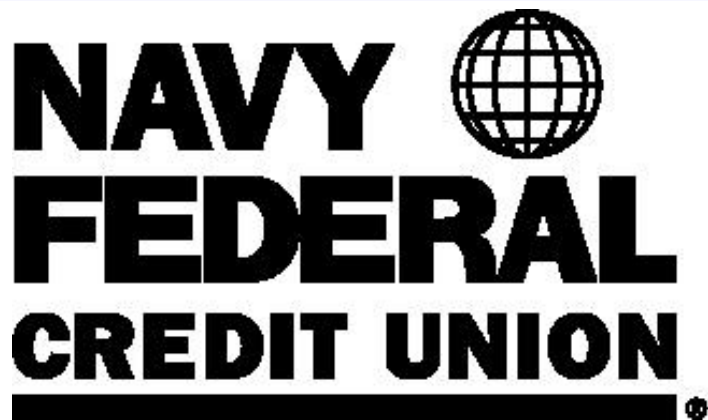
Cabins can be reserved by contacting **AAA Travel Agent Kim Boekenooen** at KimBoekenooen@aaawin.com or call toll free at 1-877 802-6894. A deposit of \$350 per person is required. This amount is **fully refundable** until final payment is due in Sep 2006 so there is **no risk**.

Please visit www.aaawa.com/submarine/index.htm for deck plans, pricing, itinerary, port information, photos, etc., before you call Kim.

Milestones to keep in mind:

- Sept 2006—Deposit refund period expires.
- Sept 2006—Reservations need to be paid in full. Insurance is available.
- Sept 15, 2007—Embark *ms Oosterdam* starting at 1200 in Seattle. Underway at 1600.
- Sept 22, 2007—Disembark *ms Oosterdam* in Seattle at 0800.

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Update - Wounded GI Project

First, a special "Thank You" to these folks who have donated (some more than once) to continue support for our wounded GI's in Field Hospitals in Iraq:

FRA29, Leo Sweeney, Hank Hollis, Thomas Bryson, Don Bassler, John Shook, Bob Paulsen, Ray Franks, Don Pennington, Pat Ryan, Lisa @ Wal-Mart Bremerton (gift certificate), Tommy Robinson, Dutch Kaiser, Lloyd Willette, Jerry Peeling. I hope I haven't overlooked anyone.

To date we have made three shipments of scrub bottoms/tops (one monthly) to HMCM(SS) Kelly in Baghdad. He receipts for boxes, distributes the items to American wounded in Field Hospitals—and he said 'Thanks.' As of April 13th we have spent \$749.34 on this cause, including shipping, and have collected \$575.00 from our base members and \$200 from FRA 29. A fourth shipment of hygiene products is scheduled to go end of April. We will send one box monthly as long as we have funds to purchase the needed items. Your donations goes for the goods we buy, box, and mail. There are **no admin costs.**

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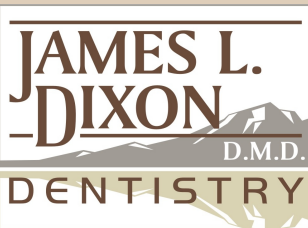


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—Tue, Jun 21st, *Guest Speaker is TBD*

Lt William "Willie" Spoon Official Friday Lunch Schedule



Friday 1145

- May 06 Mandarin, 2928 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale (next to Azteca)
- May 13 Tony's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, 4908 Kitsap Way, Bremerton
- May 20 Club House Grill & Cocktail Bar, 4215 SE Mile Hill Dr., Port Orchard
- May 27 Cloverleaf Pizza, 1240 Hollis St., Bremerton (off Wheaton Way next to K-mart)
- Jun 03 Bayview Street Grill & Bar, 1605 Bay St., Port Orchard
- Jun 10 Red Robin, 10455 Silverdale Way, Silverdale
- Jun 17 Narrows Landing, at Narrows Airport (just this side of the Narrows bridge)
- June 24 Azteca, 19045 SR 305, Poulsbo
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The Present



Military Appreciation Day at the Kitsap Mall. L-R, CDR Bob Webster, Shipmate Richard Maddy, VCDR John Gardner (coffee break??) and Treasurer Don Bassler.

Twenty Honored For Rescue Efforts

Twenty sailors and officers from the *USS San Francisco SSN711* received awards for their actions to "save shipmates and the submarine" after it hit a seamount near Guam on Jan. 8th. The sailors received their awards at a ceremony on Guam's Polaris Point. Awards included letters of commendation, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

The awards were presented three days after six fellow crewmembers were found guilty of hazarding a vessel and dereliction of duty. Punishments included reduction in rank and punitive letter of reprimand. *Source: www.estripes.com*

Binnacle List—Lost and Found

Robert "Snake" Greenawalt

John E. reports that he finally tracked the Snake down. He is now back at the Navy Home in the assisted care facility. (From the Biloxi Community Living Center) His phone number is 228-897-4200. He is in a 2 man room. Snake is doing ok, but it will be some time before he walks without some assistance.

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