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USSVI — Blueback Base Newsletter
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Inboard

The Creed of the USSVI is Not to Forget our Purpose.....

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

BASE MEETINGS...

Executive Board Will meet at OMSI
Turbine Hall lunch room
Tuesday 8 Nov 2005
1830
Blueback Base Meeting
Will meet at the
VFW Post #4248
7118 S.E. Fern—Portland
Thursday 10 Nov 2005
Starting about 1830
Potluck dinner



Change of Address?...

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Blueback Base Meeting

Oct,13,2005

1845-Chow Call

1915– Meeting called to order

Tolling of the Lost Boats

Invocation

Introductions

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

Base Commander Stafford:

USSVI wants any submarine history stories submitted by Oct. 15, 2005.

Keith Miller is looking for volunteers to help in a Blueback sponsored blood drive. Need at least 10 sign-ups to have 2 teams of 5 to help Red Cross.

Duties are to pass out cookies and orange juice after the blood donation plus assist people as needed.

Elections have nominees for all offices

Trustee: Fred Carneau

Treasurer: Scott Duncan

Secretary: Clair Pense

Ray Lough

2006 Picnic: Les Savage is working on reserving Champoeg for August, 2006

Massing of the Colors will be held at the National Guard Armory Oct. 30, 2005 at 1400.

Veteran's Day Parade in Albany on Nov.11,2005

Gary Webb is making a marketing plan for a challenge coin. It will be made of copper with designs on both sides. He will meet with OMSI to see if they would be interested customers. Gary will report back to the E-Board with a progress report.

Ken Meuser was presented his Holland Club certificate and patch.

Guest Speaker Tim McCrary spoke on his duty in Iraq. He was wounded while on patrol. He offered the view point that our troops are making a difference but it will be a long haul. Tim displayed the shrapnel piece that was taken out of his back.

Good of the Order: Collie Collins reminded the membership of the WWII SubVets meeting in Seaside on Oct 21-22.

Arlo Gatchel recently saw Rudy Valencia on the East coast and appears to be well after the hurricane Katrina. Rudy wished all a hearty HELLO!

R.G.Walker has invited all to the OMSI ceremonies christening a model of the sub-tender USS Canopus plus re-union of crew.

Speaker for November: Stu Taylor on his duty stations and observations during the Cold War.

50/50: won by Dick Hansen-\$24.00 (donated to General Fund).

2045: Benediction

Meeting adjourned.

Members in attendance: Bywater, Carneau, Collie Collins, Corbett, Darkes, Dolan, Duncan, Fong, Gatchel, Hansen, Hosford, LaPan, Lee, Lough, McCrary, Meuser, Miller, Nelson, Nolan, Patterson, Sanger, Savage, Stafford, Taylor, Thrall, Vick, Richard Walker, Webb, Hudson.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Lough

Blueback Base Secretary.

WWII SubVets Meeting

Meeting in Seaside Or Oct.22 (Sat) at 1100 at the American Legion. Lunch at noon for about \$7.00. Rendezvous at Royale Hotel/Motel for BS session and drinks. If staying at motel let them know you are a Sub-Vet and friends of Hank and Shirley Jensen

Lost Boats (November)

USS ALBACORE	SS-218	NOVEMBER 7, 1944
USS GROWLER	SS-215	NOVEMBER 8, 1944
USS SCAMP	SS-277	NOVEMBER 9, 1944
USS CORVINA	SS-226	NOVEMBER 16, 1943
USS SCULPIN	SS-191	NOVEMBER 19, 1943
USS CAPELIN	SS-289	NOVEMBER 23, 1943

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe."
- Jimmy Durante

Duties of Officers

The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The taking and keeping of the minutes of all Base meetings and Executive Board meetings.
2. Answer and keep a record of all Base correspondence.
3. Publication and distribution of all Base newsletter.
4. He shall keep the membership rolls in a manner prescribed by the Commander.
5. He shall draft "Calls of Meetings".
6. He shall assist and advise as the Commander sees fit.

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The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Accept and keep record of all monies.
2. Disburse such monies as may be necessary.
3. Keep complete and accurate financial reports.
4. He shall exhibit at all reasonable times his books and accounts to any member of the Executive Board upon application.
5. Assure the Tax Exempt status of the organization.
6. The Treasurer shall assure that all monies disbursed have the approval of the Commander and that all monies disbursed over fifty dollars (\$50.00) have the approval of the Executive Board.
7. Serves on the Executive Board.

HOLLAND CLUB



Ken Meuser receiving his HOLLAND CLUB certificate from Blueback Base Commander Chris Stafford.

Fred was fixing the front door, and found that he needed a new hinge, so he sent his wife, Louise, to the hardware for a new one. At the hardware store

Louise saw a beautiful teapot on a top shelf while she was waiting for Henry the manager, to finish waiting on another customer.

When Henry was finished, Louise asked, "How much for that lovely teapot?"

Henry replied, "That's real silver, it's \$500."

"My goodness, that's a lot of money!" Louise exclaimed. She then proceeded to describe the hinge that Fred sent her to buy.

Henry went to the back to find it. From the back room he yelled, "Louise, you wanna screw for that hinge?"

Louise hollered back, "No, but I will forthe teapot".

Coming Events

Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade
8 December. Base meeting and Christmas party. Same as last year.

BLUEBACK DECKING

We have a six inch piece of the original deck for \$10, with a \$5 postage fee. The deck will be mailed USPS Priority Mail with tracking. A label is attached to the bottom that authenticates the 'source'....

Send coins to:
Bob Walters
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Guest Speaker: Tim McCrary



Cab Driver

A woman and her son were taking a cab in New York City. It was raining and all the hookers were standing under the awnings. "Mom," said the little boy, "what are all those women doing?" "They're waiting for their husbands to get off work," she replied. The cabbie turns around and says, "Geez lady, why don't you tell him the truth? They're hookers, boy! They have sex with men for money."

The little boy's eyes get wide and he says, "Is that true, mom?" His mother, glaring hard at the cabbie, answers in the affirmative. After a few minutes, the kid asks, "Mom, what happens to the babies those women have?" "Most of them become cab drivers," she said.

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U. S. Submarine Veterans Inc.

Christmas Party

The VFW Hall

7118 S.E. Fern Street

Portland, OR

Thursday December 8, 2005

No host Cocktails start at 1800 or 6 PM for some!!

Dinner at 1900



The Menu...

Country Chicken *Lightly spiced breast of chicken in a savory sauce*

Salmon Admiral *In a delectable dill sauce*

Rosemary Red Roasted Potatoes *With fresh herbs*

Seasonal Fresh Vegetables *Fresh green beans in a bacon onion dressing*

Caesar Salad *Tossed with fresh Parmesan and herbed croutons*

Pasta Primavera Salad *Rotini pasta and vegetables in a light vinaigrette*

Fruit Tray *Freshly sliced seasonal fruit*

Rolls & Butter

Dessert

Coffee & Hot Tea

*This is a catered buffet: (ergo, almost all you can eat..)
Dress code? How about slacks, shirt, and SubVet Vest?*

Now, the hard part. The cost is \$25 per person. Send your checks, made out to the Blueback Base to:

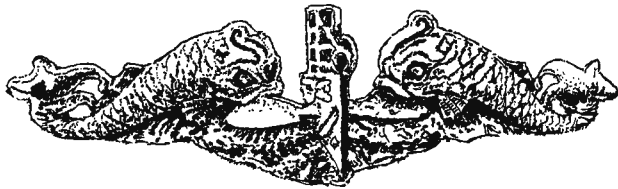
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We need the coins and head count by 18 November, 2005.

USSVI DUES		
ANNUAL	NATIONAL	BASE
1 YR	\$20.00	\$15.00
3 YR pre-pay	\$55.00	\$15.00 / Yr
5 YR pre-pay	\$90.00	\$15.00 / Yr
LIFE	NATIONAL	BASE
< Age 45	\$500.00	\$300.00
Ages 46-55 yrs	\$400.00	\$250.00
Ages 56-65 yrs	\$300.00	\$200.00
Ages 66-75 yrs	\$200.00	\$150.00
Ages 76 +	\$100.00	\$50.00



Sexual Relations

An elderly couple was sitting together, watching their favorite Saturday night tv program. During one of th commercial breaks, the husband asked his wife "Whatever happened to our sexual relations?" After a long thoughtful silence, the wife ,during the next commercial break, replied."You know,I really don't know. I don't even think we got a Christmas card from them this year."

There are three religious truths:

- a. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
- b. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
- c. Baptists do not recognize each other in the liquor store or at Hooters

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that one enjoys it?

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USS Albacore SS 218

Lost at sea, November 7, 1944

The Albacore distinguished herself by demonstrating an uncanny ability to prevail in encounters with huge Japanese Men-of-War.

Her record of enemy combatant ships destroyed was the best of any U.S.Submarine. Her crowning achievement was the destruction of the enemy's newest and largest aircraft carrier, Taiho.

In addition Albacore's dauntless crew were responsible for the sinking of at least one light cruiser, two destroyers, a sub-chaser, and two converted gun-boats.

During ten successful war patrols between August 1942 and October 1944, Albacore sank 13 enemy ships for a total of 74,000 tons and damaged five others.

She earned nine Battle Stars and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in action during four intense patrols.

On October 28,1944, Albacore left Midway Island on her eleventh patrol. She was bound for the dangerous waters off northeast Honshu, where four of her sister ships had already disappeared.

Ten days later, on 7 November, this new fleet submarine slipped beneath the surface of the mine-filled waters south of Hokkaido. Only moments later a Japanese patrol craft witnessed a sudden enormous underwater explosion.

This was the last dive for Albacore as thick oil,air bubbles and debris rose to the surface.

Albacore and her daring 86 man crew were never heard from again.

Albacore is the designated Lost Boat for the state of Oregon. Let us remember the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country.

BOOK REVIEW

It might not be a Tom Clancy novel, but Donald J. Kamuf's self-published "Tales of Da Bronx Submariner" gives you the perspective of submarine life from someone who lived it

. His apt description of the smell of a submarine, for instance, characterizes it as a strange mingling of cigarette smoke, diesel fuel, lubricating oil, solvents, sanitary tanks, baked goods "and strange smells coming from socks stuck to the deck in the berthing area." Anyone who's ever spent a few weeks underway has to understand what he means

They would let you understand that you had to qualify in a timely manner or else," he writes. "The 'or else' could be hiding your shoes, squeezing your toothpaste into your bunk bag, goosing you, or putting lapping compound (an abrasive mixture) in your Vaseline jar

Available on Amazon the Internet bookseller.

Venezuela plans to purchase two new submarines

The Venezuelan navy announced Wednesday its interest in purchasing three of the latest diesel-electric submarines in the world market which will eventually replace its two aging German-made Type 209 subs.

The purchase will have to be a government-to-government operation and the list of potential suppliers includes Germany, China, South Korea, France, Spain and Russia.

Navy Commander in Chief Vice Admiral Armando Laguna said that the German model has the inside track because "we're seeking to keep the same 209 sub line, and so we're thinking in the possibility of the new version", which is Type 212/214.

The operation under consideration begins "in 2007", following the Navy's "scheduled strategic development plan".

"We will purchase the best model, the one that offers the best transfer of technology and the best training conditions for our personnel" stressed V/Admiral Laguna.

The navy chief pointed out that the state of the art submarines will be "conventional" vessels, not nuclear-powered, but did not reveal if they included the "Air Independent Propulsion" system that allows some models to remain submerged for up to 30 days.

Besides the German Type 212/214, other models preferred by the Venezuelan Navy because of their technology include Russian Amur and Franco-Spanish Scorpene model, similar to those recently acquired by Chile.

Venezuela has two submarines on service, Type 209, which are currently undergoing a refurbishing process with the purpose of extending their life service another ten years.



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Jane's Defence Weekly warns

North Korean Missiles Could Reach US

The systems are based on the now decommissioned Soviet R-27 submarine-launched ballistic missile.

The report, published in the authoritative Jane's Defence Weekly, says the land-based system has an estimated range of 2,500km to 4,000km (1,500 miles to 2,500 miles) while the sea-based system is thought to be capable of hitting a target more than 2,500km away.

"These new land and sea-based systems appreciably expand the ballistic missile threat presented by the DPRK [North Korea]," the report said.

But a more significant part of the new developments appears to be the sea-based missile, as it could be transported almost anywhere in the world by submarine or ship.

Such a system "could finally provide [the North Korean] leadership with something that it has long sought to obtain — the ability to directly threaten the continental US," the report warns.

Ian Kemp, the news editor of Jane's Defence Weekly, said only five other countries have this capability: — the declared nuclear powers of the US, the UK, France, China and Russia.

He told BBC News Online that North Korea was "almost certainly" developing the missile with the intention of adding nuclear warheads.

Pyongyang could also be intending to sell its new missiles to another country, although according to Jane's, there is no evidence that any attempt has been made so far.

Iran would appear the ideal customer, the Jane's report says, "given its requirement for a system capable of striking Israel from the security of its own territory."

Blueback Base Voting Ballot 2006-2007 Officers

Office of the Treasurer

Scott Duncan

Trustee

Fred Carneau

Office of the Secretary

Clair Pense

Ray Lough



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At \$2.59 a Gallon..

A guy comes into a coffee shop and places his order. He says, "I want 3 flat tires, a pair of headlights, and a pair of running boards."

The waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, goes to the kitchen, and says to the cook, "this guy out there just ordered 3 flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. Does he think this an auto parts store?"

"No", the cook says. "3 flat tires means 3 pancakes, a pair of headlights is 2 eggs sunny side up, and running boards is 2 slices crisp bacon."

"Oh," says the waitress.

The waitress thinks about this and then she spoons up a bowl of beans and gives it to the guy. The guy says, "What are the beans for?"

The waitress replies, "I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might want to gas up."

Only Wardroom Talk

CO to Navigator: "Hey dips**t, pay attention! Ships have been running aground here since Noah was a f***ing deck seaman."

(same) CO to Supply Officer: "So, lemme guess-the reason it's taking so long to get these parts to get here is that they're made of iron ore mined on the dark side of a mountain in Tora-Bora region, by virgin Afghan college graduates, right?"

(same) CO to Supply Officer at breakfast on the day the disbursing audit kicked off: "You know, I had a really BAD dream last night, it involved you and me in prison with a large man named 'Leroy'."

(same) CO to XO after seeing the schedule for the next day: "What the hell is this? You've turned my life into a series of f***ing unproductive meetings!"

(same) CO as he sat down to yet another meeting in a series: "This damn thing had better be over faster than sex with your old lady after you get home from (a six month) deployment."

(same) CO to Communications Officer, after being told the reason the command circuit was down was not the ship's fault: "COMMO, you'd better get the damn thing working, and soon, or I'm gonna jam the f***ing space shuttle up your ass and you're going up there to fix the satellite yourself. You got me?"

(same) CO to Navigator: "Debrief??!! You want a debrief? I'll give you a debrief! You suck! You f***ing suck!!!"

OPS commenting to XO on the assignment of a new division officer to his department: "I don't need DIVOs, I need useful people."

Chaplain to XO after announcing the ship would be working through the weekend: "XO, you're a f***ing a**hole!"

XO to OPS: "I just think up the crazy ideas, it's your job to make 'em work!"

Unidentified Ensign to XO, on trying to schedule ship's drills: "I have no opinion on that, sir. I'm but a urinal cake in the pissing contest between OPS and the Chief Engineer."

Ensign answering the phone at 0230: "Is this something I really need to get out of bed for, or is this just more of OPS's bulls**t?"

OPS to nobody in particular: "Leadership is a bunch of guys doing exactly as I say."

XO to Weapons Officer: "I'm busy. I don't have time to chew your ass right now. Leave it in my in-box and I'll get to it later."

New Ensign, during a visit to Alexandria, Egypt: "You know what's so amazing about this place? It's all so foreign."

XO to CO, while launching a boat to send a couple officers over to the flagship for a conference: - "Well sir, I see that OPS and WEPS are on their way over..." - "Yeah, there they go: tweedledum and tweedledummer."

New Ensign to OPS, 3rd day after the ship has been underway: "So, when does this watchbill thingy start?"

Chief Engineer to Chief Boiler technician: - "Chief, I didn't know we had a magic genie!?!" - "Sir? What magic genie?" - "The one that's fixing the broken lube oil purifier down in #1 main machinery room, 'cause there sure as f*** ain't nobody else down there doing it!"

OPS to his entire department (at the top of his lungs): "YES! THE XO IS A F***ING MORON! BUT IT'S OUR JOB TO MAKE HIM LOOK SMART, AND WE'RE NOT DOING A VERY GOOD JOB!"

XO during an 'all officers' meeting: "Stop making me lie on your Fitness Reports! I want to know that I'm telling the truth when I put down on your evaluation that you're the greatest f***ing naval officer since Halsey!"

Ship's Bosun to Ensign, when asked what he was going to do after retirement: "I'm going to Wyoming and lick buffalo scrotums for a nickel a pop, just so's I can get my self respect back."