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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"*



Base web page: www.ussvicb.org

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Base Meeting:

Thursday, January 11, 2007
 Social hour 1800, General Meeting 1900

Location:

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Minutes of the December 2006 meeting

Carl Chinn and Paul Viering, Masters of Ceremonies welcomed all Submarine Veterans, spouses and guests to the annual Sub Vets Christmas Party. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we tolled the boats for December.

As our guest(?) speaker, Dave "No Neck" Mueller entertained us with his normal wit and candor.

Numerous door prizes were awarded and Sue Peters won the depth charge drawing. The Sub Vets portion of the depth charge was given to Rodney McKanna.

The food was great, the camaraderie was better and a good time was had by all!

**** End of the minutes for December 2006 ****

"Don't tell mom I'm a submariner, she thinks I play piano in a whorehouse."



Beach	Coutu	Farr	Finch
Fletcher	Gleason	Hansen	Isaman
Kay	Kirk	Lester	Lucas
Mabie	Moore	Nuzum	Simokat
Stank	Tischler	Valdez	Welch

Membership and Dues Information:

We're up to **244** members! We are currently number 5 in base size, but we are only 8 fewer than number 3 and only 93 from number 2. We can do it! Keep on recruitin'!

If you haven't yet paid, when you read this newsletter your 2007 dues will be past due. If you are unsure of what you owe (regular national or base) please ask me! See me at the meeting, e-mail or call.

Dues are payable no later than January 1, 2007. The Dink List will be published 1 January and will be at the January meeting.

There are currently 84 members who still owe dues (local or local & national)! We dropped 8 members last year...let's not let that happen again!

Annual dues are \$20 for National and \$15 for Charleston Base.

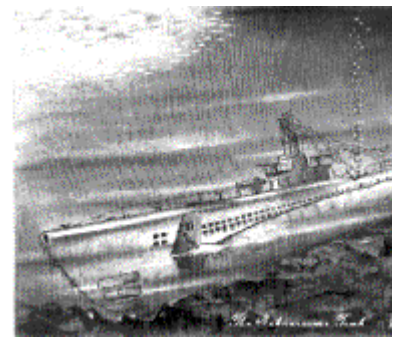
January Submarines Lost:

USS S 36	SS 141	Ja
USS S 26	SS 131	Ja
USS Argonaut	SS 166	Ja
USS Scorpion	SS 278	J
USS Swordfish	SS 193	Ja

The Final Patrol

Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphin chest is part of an outfit known as the be Make him welcome and take him by the han without a doubt he was the best in all the la So, heavenly Father add his name to the rol departed shipmates still on patrol.

Let them know that we who survive will their memories alive.



Some great websites that will allow you rather detailed information on our sub during WWII. Be prepared for a lot

If you have any changes to your membership info (address, phone, e-mail, etc.) you can now make those changes directly on-line in the Sub Vets national database. If you make changes, please let me know at chasbasemembernews@sc.rr.com or carlc@sc.rr.com or call 875-3098. This is so we can keep our local information current and accurate. If you want, I can make the changes for you...just let me know.

Membership Drive



Target: *New Members*

Started in November was a membership drive for 2007. We have the potential of becoming the second largest base in the country with just a little bit of work. It will be easy to be number 3 'cause we're only 8 behind them. Who knows, we might someday surpass Groton Base!

Here's the deal: Recruit as many new members as you can. The guy who recruits the most new members before 1 April 2007 will get 2 years Charleston Base membership dues paid. If that guy is already a Charleston Base Life member he will get \$30 cash. In case of a tie, there will be a random drawing for the winner. Make sure that you let me know when you recruit a new guy, if he joins you get credit and I can track the numbers.

Carl

From the Storekeeper

USSVI 2007 Calanders \$8.00 each

If you placed a special order, please pay for it and PICK IT UP!

Terminology Trivia

Dead Horse

When a Sailor pays off a debt to the command (advance pay, overpayments, etc...) they say they've paid off a Dead Horse. The saying comes from a tradition of British sailors. British seamen, apt to be ashore and unemployed for considerable periods of time between voyages, generally preferred to live in boarding houses near the piers while waiting for sailing ships to take on crews.

During these periods of unrestricted liberty, many ran out of money, so innkeepers carried them on credit until hired out for another voyage. When a seaman was booked on a ship, he was customarily advanced a month's wages, if needed, to pay off his boarding house debt. Then, while paying back the ship's master, he

that will feed the brain.

<http://www.ussubvetsofworldwarII.org/>

<http://www.rddesigns.com/ww2/ww2sir>

<http://maps.google.com/maps?>

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http://attrition.org/misc/ee/sunken_subs/

<http://www.csp.navy.mil/ww2boats.htm>

For those of you who are high speed int know about Google Earth, the follo allow you to search all the global loc submarines that were lost during WWI the particular sub will result in a detail of its history and its fate. Quite a education.

You can go to the following website firs

<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/showflat.ph>

Then scroll down and click:

"Still on Patrol - The WWII submarin text of Chief Sparky's posting towards t the next page, you can choose Google E Maps to get a global location of whe were lost. Each submarine is identifie with a sub silhouette. Place your mou the sub and click for the pop up window that particular sub.

Submarine threat heats up in the Mid

The Israeli navy's purchase in August of sophisticated attack submarines, which capable of firing nuclear-tipped cruise n can hit targets in Iran, highlights an eme dangerous submarine arms race in and a Middle East.

This naval armaments race, which revol Mediterranean and Indian Ocean, is plac pressure on U.S. undersea forces to mor developments in the region and contain inevitably will emerge.

The growing regional submarine force p different threat from the global open-oc force of the former Soviet Union in the '80s.

Centered principally in the Persian Gulf Red Sea, and Mediterranean, the Middle submarine threat is primarily a shallow-

worked for nothing but "salt horse" the first several weeks aboard.

Salt horse was the staple diet of early sailors and it wasn't exactly tasty cuisine. Consisting of a low quality beef that had been heavily salted, the salt horse was tough to chew and even harder to digest. When the debt had been repaid, the salt horse was said to be dead and it was a time for great celebration among the crew.

Usually, an effigy of a horse was constructed from odds and ends, set afire and then cast afloat to the cheers and hilarity of the ex-debtors.

Marooned

This old punishment for mutineers consisted of placing them on an island with musket, cutlass, and a breaker of water; and leaving them to their fate. It got its name from a certain Cimarron Indians who had been transplanted in the West Indies as cheap labor and, deserted by their Spanish masters, had been left to starve to death. The famous Captain Drake discovered them in a pitiable condition and gained the Indian's lasting gratitude by returning them to their far-off home.

Navy Conducts First Escape Exercise From Nuclear Sub

Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs KETCHIKAN, Alaska (NNS) -- Seven personnel practiced locking out from the attack submarine USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) and ascending to the surface wearing special suits that are designed to enable a free ascent from a stricken submarine Dec. 2 during ESCAPEX at the Navy's Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility in Ketchikan, Alaska.

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

The Navy's renewed interest in submarine escape comes as U.S. submarines operate more frequently now in shallow coastal waters, said Submarine Development Squadron (CSDS) 5 Commander Capt. Butch Howard, who oversaw the exercise.

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

The MK10 Submarine Escape Immersion Equipment, or

affair, which places a premium not only on submarine technology, but also on sophisticated digital signal processing to enable U.S. sonar systems to detect submarines quickly and sonically complicated littoral areas.

Israel is one of the region's chief players in warfare. In August Israeli military forces ordered for two more German-made Dolphin submarines.

These boats not only can fire nuclear-tipped missiles-based Israeli Popeye Turbo, but may have super-quiet air-independent propulsion (AIP) systems that render them as quiet as U.S. nuclear attack submarines.

Israeli nuclear-tipped submarine-launched missiles are believed to have ranges in excess of 100 miles. Most likely, moreover, Israeli submarines could launch nuclear missiles which as such they would be virtually immune to interdiction or retaliation.

Put simply, with submarines operating in the Mediterranean, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, or the Persian Gulf, there is not one target in Iran, Pakistan, the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa, or in the Middle East that is out of range of Israeli nuclear strike—not Tehran, not Daqqa, not Riyadh, not Cairo.

This, of course, is a central component of Israeli military strategy. With the emerging nuclear threat of Iran in mind, Israel has the ability to respond to a future Iranian nuclear attack on Israel covertly in a massive and devastating way. This capability would have to make even the hard-line regime in the region think twice before unleashing a nuclear attack.

The U.S. Navy, which has tasked itself with monitoring submarine traffic and developing capabilities throughout the world, has its work cut out in a volatile region that is rife with terrorism. The East submarine threat today will pale in comparison with what's in store for the future.

I pose this question simply out of curiosity: might it be before this capability to launch nuclear missiles covertly falls into the hands of Israel or worse, into the hands of powerful terrorist organizations like Hezbollah or al-Qaida? The submarines operating today in the Middle East waters are not always the rickety, obsolete maintained boats that one might expect.

Dolphins are some of the quietest and most advanced submarines in the world, and are not the

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

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

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

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

After Daoust, there were three tandem escapes. Los Angeles crew member Fire Control Technician 2nd Class (SS) Gary Halsey was one of the Sailors given the chance to participate in a tandem escape. While thrilled at the experience, Halsey also said it was reassuring to know that the escape system works.

"Not many people get to do things like this in their whole Navy career," said Halsey. "The SEIE worked great, which instilled confidence, not to mention being very comforting to all of us working on submarines."

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

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

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

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

submersibles in the region with air-independent propulsion.

India, for example, has what experts believe at least 12 to 15 submarines, some of them sophisticated. Moreover, India has six orders on order—at least three of which are expected to be completed by 2010.

India is acquiring six Franco-Spanish Scorpene-class diesel-electric submarines, with an option for six more. These boats will be built in India, and will be quiet vessels, some of them with AIP, which gives them the ability to operate submerged for as long as four to 18 days without surfacing or snorkeling.

Translated, that means AIP-equipped submarines like the Israeli Dolphin class are undetectable to the world's most advanced and sophisticated anti-submarine systems.

AIP systems, furthermore, are not limited only to Israel. In coastal Central Asia, Iran has as many as six AIP-equipped submarines in its submarine fleet, experts believe.

Pakistan, meanwhile, operates a fleet of 12 submarines, four diesel-electric French Agosta-class submarines purchased in the 1970s, two Agosta-class diesel-electric submarines, and advanced French Agosta 90B-type quiet diesel-electric submarines that could be improved even further with AIP.

This certainly is not the end of the list of countries with at least some sort of AIP capability.

Iran reportedly has three submarines, and has a number of 1980s-vintage Russian diesel-electric boats, which are vulnerable to anti-submarine warfare equipment, have inexperienced crews, and are limited to operations in undefended waters.

Iran, however, also is reputed to possess advanced maritime mine capability, including non-free-floating, and remote-controlled mines, pressure, acoustic, magnetic, and rocket-actuated mines.

Egypt reportedly has four 1960s-vintage Russian/Chinese Romeo-class diesel-electric submarines, while Saudi Arabia reportedly has only mini-submarines, but is trying to acquire as many as eight full-size submarines from Europe. Put together, this is a formidable maritime force. In response, U.S. military officials are d

In addition to the team from CSDS 5, Los Angeles and SEAFAC, the ESCAPEX team was made up of members of numerous commands, including Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet, Naval Sea Systems Command and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 11.

For related news, visit the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/subpac/.

News From



There apparently is a rumor floating around that Don Heinle has left his credit card at *The After Battery* so that all of his shipmates can enjoy free adult beverages into perpetuity.

On behalf of the Charleston Base Christmas party committee a belated but hearty thank you goes to Roy Morrow and Mike Kay. They donated distilled and fermented adult beverages that were remainders from the Ethan Allen SSBN 608 reunion. Thanks guys!

Does anyone know where to buy the special shoes needed to fit this pair of feet? If so, please contact Gary Semler.

advanced anti-submarine and countermeasures for the U.S. Navy's future Littoral Combat Ship. "New ship takes lead in countermining and submarine warfare, M&AE August 2006" U.S. officials also are launching a research program called Tango Bravo to lead the design of a new submarine with the capabilities of the Virginia-class nuclear attack submarine, but at Virginia's size.

A program of the Navy and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Tango Bravo revolves around advanced submarine technologies in five areas:

propulsion not constrained by a centerline hull; externally stored and launched weapons; advanced versions of today's spherical sonar array; hull, mechanical, and electrical systems; and automation to reduce crew workload.

Programs such as Tango Bravo, to augment the Los Angeles-, Sea Wolf- and Virginia-class submarines, are coming none too soon to meet a growing submarine threat in a dangerous world.

Military & Aerospace Electronics October 2006
Author: John Keller

What sometimes happens when you're in a hurry...



If you picked up a shoe and its mate, let me know. Villegas knows. They may be his.

"These dolphins, once you pin them on, leave deep marks, right over your heart where the uniforms have been put away."

Bud F. Turner ex-MT2(SS)
U.S.S. Stonewall Jackson SSBN634 Gold, Plan 1



Alert! Warning! Alert! Warning!



“Help, Joan! I’m hooked and can’t get loose!!”

There has been a locally reported incident that may have a colossal impact on our retired/former submariner community. Please be assiduous, particularly late at night after attending Sub Vets functions.

The locally reported episode occurred a few weeks ago in North Charleston. Luckily, no one, most importantly the victim, was seriously or permanently injured.

Please be on the lookout for a “killer screen door”. This contraption may be part of a large horde of hooligan do-thugs intent on wreaking havoc on our elderly submariner population; most often revolving around an alcohol-related occurrence (ARO). Be very cautious in dealing with this type of entity, as it is known to be armed with a hook and a dangerous.

The assailant’s m.o. is to take hold of any part of a person’s clothing or anatomy. The particular favorite is grasping the belt in hook-like fashion. This clutching method is extremely difficult to escape from and should be avoided at all costs. The preferred victim is usually elderly with some type of gimped-up condition that makes him unusually vulnerable to attack, particularly after consumption of a whopping number of bottled adult beverages.

Be very wary when arriving home after ANY Sub Vets function following the consumption of an unusually large quantity of fermented liquid, however rare an occasion this may be.

If you should be unfortunate enough to be attacked, here are a few guidelines to follow:

1. Use the buddy system if at all possible so someone “will have your back”
2. If approached by one of these menaces, avoid contact at all costs!
3. Have a relative or friend ready at your door to unlock and open it so you will not have to fumble for your key
4. Avoid or limit the ingestion of large quantities of debilitating adult beverages. (It’s all fun until someone gets

If an attack cannot be avoided, the best method of escape is to remove the piece of clothing that has been wrongfully shanghaied. No matter how publicly embarrassing an adventure it may be, this definitely includes pants, jeans, or trousers as appropriate. Hopefully skivvies will not be involved. Afterwards, call your best friend so that you can

laugh your ass off!



Police artist's sketch of the probable perpetrator



Weapon of choice