

# TORPEDO ALLEY



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## Newsletter of Charleston Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



### 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.ussvich.org](http://www.ussvich.org)  
National web page: [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org)

#### Base Meeting:

October 9, 2008  
Social hour 1800, General Meeting 1900

#### Location:

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 269, Low Country Home  
99 Wisteria Rd.  
Goose Creek, South Carolina. Phone 843-569-2962

#### Special Officers

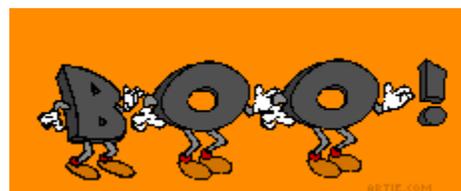
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Roving Reporter	Rick Wise	843-875-5559
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Alcohol & Gaming	Dave Mueller	843-553-2775
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#### Base Officers

		Phone Number
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Secretary	Rick Collins	843-851-3490
Treasurer	George Lisle	843-559-4242



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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## Minutes of the September 2008 meeting

Attendance for the September 11, 2008 meeting was 89

**Opening Ceremony:** Acting Base Commander called the meeting to order. A Quorum was present and the meeting was commenced at 1900.

**Introductions:** New people were introduced; Michael Karriker, Alvin Hanson, and Vincent Dustin. Welcome aboard.

**Secretary:** Secretary Rick Collins asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from last month. A motion was made and seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer:** George Lisle gave the treasurer's report.

**Storekeeper:** No report

**Chaplain:** September Report: Cards were sent as follows to:

**Gary Semler** as he recovers from back surgery.

**Jerry Farr** as he recovers from gall bladder surgery.

**Ben Heber** as he undergoes treatment for his cancer.

Ben Heber is at home while undergoing radiation and chemo treatments. His cancer is isolated to the area on his neck. He has lost about 35 pounds but is in good spirits.

**Curly Houck.** Curly is at home and taking medication but his cancer is inoperable.

**Avery Lord** as he undergoes chemo treatments.

**Barney Chaplin** as he continues to undergo chemo treatments.

Frank Evans as he underwent back surgery and as he recovers.

**George Wells** who is undergoing treatment for his lung cancer return.

**Larry Sims** while he was in the hospital for eye problems.

**Jerry Coutu** on the death of his wife, Myrtle, on 8 September.

**Donna Moore** on the death of her husband, John, who rode the GRANT Blue. He was not a member of SUBVETS.

**Clyde Peters.** Everything went well in Atlanta. They changed some of his medication and he is on the list to have the operation. He has to go back again in a month but they are going to do the operation probably by the first of the year.

Several follow-ups were made on those who've had surgery or illnesses in the last couple of months along with the base sending additional cards.

If you know of shipmates or spouses from other bases who are having a difficult time, had surgery, etc. and would like for USSVI Charleston Base to send them a card

**Sub Vets WWII:** 23 Oct. meeting at Ryan's, come on out and join. Lee Allison and Panama Jack went to the National WW2 convention in Louisville KY. They said that all the state commanders operate with help from USSVI.

**Scholarship:** No report

**Public Affairs:** No report

**Webmaster:** The web site has new information on it you need to take a look at it.

**Veteran's Affairs:** No report

**District Commander:** Jerry Stout was not present but sent a letter explaining some happenings at National. Jerry also sent a letter and award for Charleston Base. We have won the 2008 USSVI GOLDEN ANCHOR AWARD for Class III bases.

**Fleet Reserve:** No report

**Holland Club:** No report

**Membership:** Pay your dues. Rick Carlson will collect during this meeting.

**Little David:** No report

**Newsletter:** No report

**Alcohol & Gaming:** We have hats, Tee shirts, and license plates for "The After Battery" on sale.

**Chief of the Boat:** Hog roast coming up, do not bring cole slaw or baked beans, it is taken care of.

**Base Commander:** Not present and the acting base commander put all discussions on the election off until Base Commander, Vice Commander, and District Commander could be present.

**Nuclear Historian:** He gave a lovely and touching story about two TM's (Neck and Buddha) seeking a quality education.

**Old Business:** On 20 September we will be holding a Bell Tolling ceremony at Patriots Point for the Henry Clay reunion. All invited.

Christmas party coming up on 6 December, \$15 per person, member and wife, and \$20 per guest.

**New Business:** None

**Good Of The Order:** Still have a Holland Club ball cap that was lost at the Weapons Station. Depth Charge drawing \$298 to winner who donated \$100 back to scholarship fund. The winner was Harry Kirk.

The Acting Base Commander adjourned meeting at 2000.

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please send their name and address to the Chaplain via email or phone call.

Concerns told at the meeting:

Barney Chaplin is out of the hospital. He has a malignant tumor between the rib cage and spinal cord. The good news is that it can be treated.

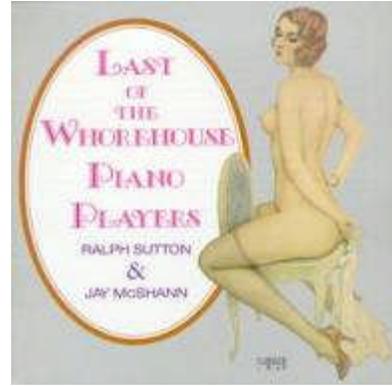
Curly Houck has terminal liver cancer and only has 4-6 months to live.

Ben Heber has cancer and will begin chemo and radiation treatments beginning Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**Vice Commander Report:** No report



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



Alfano	Alkire	Bailey, W	Barber
Bonow	Britton	Camp	Campbell, N
Esch	Forbes	Gnodle	Griggs
Harden	Hines	Holzel	Hostetter
Johnson, E	Lindberg	Lisle	Lookabill
Lord	Nathan	Palenchar	Peters
Robinson	Roup	Skorepa	Smith, W
Wilson, B	Yingling		

**October Submarines Lost:**

USS Wahoo	SS 238	October 11, 1943
USS Dorado	SS 248	October 12, 1943
USS Seawolf	SS 197	October 3, 1944
USS Escolar	SS 294	October 17, 1944
USS Darter	SS 227	October 24, 1944
USS Shark II	SS 314	October 24, 1944
USS Tang	SS 306	October 24, 1944
USS O-5	SS 66	October 11, 1923

**The Final Patrol**

*Lord, these departed shipmates with dolphins on their chest,*

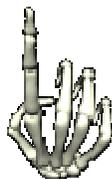
*Are a part of an outfit known as the very best. Make them welcome and take them by the hand, You'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land.*

*So, heavenly Father, add their names to the roll, Of our departed shipmates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive, Will always keep their memories alive.*

**OCTOBER HAPPENINGS!**

October 9 – Regular Monthly Meeting

October 18 – Hog Roast at The After Battery, starts 1300, \$5 each



**Navy IDs Sailor, Says He Was Pinned By Rudder Ram**

The Navy today identified Machinist Mate 3rd Class Michael A. Gentile, of Fairfield, Maine, as the sailor who was killed in "an apparent accident" Saturday

**Membership Dues**

2009 membership dues are payable on 1 October 2008. You can pay anytime. Let's make this easy and everyone pay on time or early!

If you're not sure what you owe, contact Carl Chinn at [carlc@sc.rr.com](mailto:carlc@sc.rr.com) or 875-3098.

There will be a list at the meetings starting in July.

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on board the ballistic missile submarine USS Nebraska as it operated near O'ahu.

The Naval Safety Center reported that Gentile died after becoming entangled and pinned in the rudder ram aboard the Nebraska during cleaning.

Gentile, 21, joined the Navy in July of 2005. He had been assigned to the Nebraska since Nov. 15, 2006. Gentile had previously served on USS Alaska.

Gentile was part of the "blue crew" on the Nebraska, which has two crews that take turns manning the submarine.

"Our sincerest condolences and prayers continue to go out to the family and friends of Petty Officer Gentile," the Navy said in a release. Memorial service plans are pending.

### **Investigation Ongoing In Death Of USS Nebraska Sailor**

(KITSAP SUN 23 SEP 08)

BANGOR - The Navy identified the sailor killed in an apparent accident aboard a Naval Base Kitsap Bangor-based submarine as Machinist Mate 3rd Class Michael A. Gentile of Fairfield, Maine.

Gentile, 21, died Saturday while the ballistic submarine USS Nebraska was conducting routine operations off of Oahu, Hawaii, according to Submarine Group Trident. The accident was originally reported by the Navy on Sunday night. Per Navy policy, the sailor's name wasn't released until 24 hours after next of kin had been notified.

Details of the incident are not available because an investigation is ongoing, according to the press release.

Gentile joined the Navy in July 2005. He had been assigned to the USS Nebraska's Blue Crew since Nov. 15, 2006. He had previously served on the USS Alaska, also based at Bangor.

The sub was beneath the surface at the time of the accident, said Submarine Group Trident spokesman Lt. Kyle Raines. Gentile was given emergency medical treatment on board the sub and was placed on a medical helicopter, but he died before reaching The Queen's Medical Center in Hawaii.

The submarine pulled into port in Pearl Harbor on Monday where an investigation began and crew members met with counselors.

Raines says there was no indication that a mechanical problem or malfunction was involved, nor was anyone else injured.

The USS Nebraska is one of 14 Ohio-class submarines that can carry up to 24 Trident ballistic missiles.

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### **Hog Roast**

The Charleston Base annual hog roast will be held on October 18, starting at 1300. \$5.00 each, pay at the gate.

Cole Slaw and Baked Beans provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with all.



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### **Annual Christmas Party**



The Charleston Base Christmas Party will be on 6 December 2008. It will be held at the same location as the past 2 years; **Gatherings** in beautiful downtown Dorchester, SC.



Same rules as always...

**you must have a ticket to attend and THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR!**

Cocktails at 1700, Dinner at 1830

Dress is not prescribed, come comfortable, as you desire. Coat and tie, slacks and shirt, etc.

Tickets will be available at the September meeting. Last day to buy tickets is 13 November meeting. Buy early! Ticket price: \$15 per person for member and spouse/girlfriend. \$20 per person for all other guests.

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### **Charleston Base WWII member "On Eternal Patrol"**

Mr. Thomas E. Walsh, 86, died peacefully at the

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## Submarine On Show In Falmouth

At the heart of the Maritime Museum's Under the Sea exhibition, is the Drebbel, a replica of the very first submarine designed in the 1620s, which recently received a very special visit.

Henrietta van Kuffeler travelled all the way from The Hague in Holland to see the submarine and visit the Museum, accompanied by her stepson Christiaan, and his son Philip, who are descendents of the van Kuffeler's who closely assisted the inventor Cornelius Drebbel in his exploits.

The Drebbel is a marvel of what was then hugely advanced technology. A reconstruction was completed in 2001 for the BBC programme 'Building the Impossible' and closely followed the techniques, materials and methods originally developed by the Dutch inventor Drebbel. Our special guests bridged a nine generation gap of the marriage of Drebbel's two daughters to the van Kuffelers.

Christiaan van Kuffeler said: 'It is fascinating to see the actual working results of technological development at an embryonic stage, in the 17th century, which now forms the basis of the country's modern defence capabilities. The museum is to be congratulated on such an excellent educational display'.

The Drebbel is an amazing feat of engineering, made from wood, originally rowed by a crew of 12, using oars with folding leather blades. When submerged, the air was purified by salt peter, and the vessel remained under the surface of the Thames for two hours. Today's scaled down replica has only half an hours breathable air in the hull before carbon dioxide levels become dangerous. With no windows to see where they were going, the rowers navigated by means of a compass, and a large rudder for steering.

### *First Drebbel Submarine*

The first serious discussion of a "submarine" (a craft designed to be navigated underwater) appeared in 1578 from the pen of William Bourne, a British mathematician and writer on naval subjects. Bourne proposed a completely enclosed boat that could be submerged and rowed underwater. It consisted of a wooden frame covered with waterproof leather; it was to be submerged by reducing its volume by contracting the sides through the use of hand vises. Bourne did not actually construct his boat, and

residence of his daughter on Tuesday evening, Sept. 16, 2008, under the care of Hospice.

Thomas was the son of the late Edward G. Walsh and the late Marie A. Reed Walsh. He was born in Aliquippa, Pa. He graduated from the Steubenville Catholic Central High School in Steubenville, Ohio. He was raised in Weirton, W.Va., and served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Margaret Mary Donnelly in 1950. He worked for the Weirton Steel Company for 30 years. He and Margaret had lived in Myrtle Beach before moving to Aiken in 1995. He was a communicant of the St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. George Lewis Smith Council 3684 and Assembly 1074, as a submarine sailor on the USS Drum (SS-228).

Mr. Walsh is survived by his two daughters, Mary Michelle Westcott and Mary Diane Walsh-Pierpoint and her husband, John Pierpoint. He is also survived by a grandson, Patrick Walsh Westcott of Greenwood. Visitation will be at George Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 211 Park Ave. S.W., Aiken, today, Sept. 18, 2008, from 6 to 8 p.m. and the Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Aiken. Interment will follow in the Calvary Cemetery. Memorial Donations may be made to Faith Home Inc., P.O. Box 39, Greenwood, SC 29648 or the USS Drum Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 190756, Mobile AL 36619-0756.

Sailor, Rest Your Oar

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## Viet Nam

In late 2000, CdrAirGroup (CAG) Jim Stockdale, Room 7 Senior Ranking Officer (SRO), asked his old friend, By Fuller, to provide a list of the roommates of Room 7, Hanoi Hilton as of Christmas 1970. The roommates of this room were extraordinary, both at the time of incarceration, and then later in freedom. Here is the list.

Room 7 had the first organized church service to be held in the prisons of North Vietnam.

Permission was asked for by Stockdale, and twice denied by the Camp Commander. The room was warned not to do it. Room 7 decided to do it anyway.

They even had a choir. Their solemn service quickly caught the eye of the guards and authorities. Armed guards rushed into the room

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Cornelis Drebbel (or Cornelius van Drebbel), a Dutch inventor, is usually credited with building the first submarine.

Between 1620 and 1624 he successfully manoeuvred his craft at depths of from 12 to 15 feet (four to five meters) beneath the surface during repeated trials in the Thames River, in England. Van Drebbel's submarine was powered by oarsmen, the oars protruding through flexible leather seals. Snorkel air tubes were held above the surface by floats, thus permitting a submergence time of several hours.

Van Drebbel followed his first boat with two others. The later models were larger but they relied upon the same principles. It is reported that after repeated tests, King James I of England rode in one of his later models to demonstrate its safety. But even royal favour failed to arouse the interest of the British Navy. It was an age when the possibility of submarine warfare was still far in the future.

Drebbel's submarine resembled that proposed by Bourne in that its outer hull consisted of greased leather over a wooden frame; oars extended through the sides and, sealed with tight-fitting leather flaps, provided a means of propulsion both on the surface and underwater.

It is also said that Van Drebbel developed a chemical which purified the air and allowed the crew to stay submerged for extended periods.



Rumor has it that there is a new game being played at one of the tables at The After Battery.

to break up the "ominous" unauthorized meeting. Ringleaders, Risner, Coker and Rutledge were led out of the room with guards at each arm (they were headed for more Heartbreak Hotel, solitary confinement and lots of punishment). Bud Day was the one who then jumped up on his bed and started to sing "The National Anthem" and "God Bless America." The entire room burst into song. Then Rooms Six, Five, Four, Three, Two and One joined in succession. These songs of pride and defiance were loud enough to be heard outside the 15-foot walls of the Hanoi Hilton. As Robbie marched out the door, his back straightened with pride. He held his head high. Robbie later recalled his thoughts as his roommates burst out in song, "I felt like I was nine feet tall and could go bear hunting with a switch."

Thirty one years later, on November 16, 2001 a nine-foot tall bronze statue of Brigadier General Robinson Risner, USAF would be dedicated on the central plaza of the United States Air Force Academy. To Bud Day (principal speaker), Ross Perot (the sponsor of the project), and dozens of Robbie's Room-Seven roommates at the ceremony, it seemed more fitting to call the statue "life size." Photos: Dedication of B/ Gen Robbie Risner's Statue - USAFA 16-18 November 2001.

CAG, knowing what the VC reaction would be, was heard to remark something to the effect, "Well, I guess we just can't stand prosperity." Our camp, yet unnamed, from that moment on became known as "Camp Unity." The guards protested, but the songs continued. Shortly thereafter, Vietnamese troops entered each room in force. They had their hats secured with chinstraps in place, they had fixed bayonets, and they were mad! They quickly backed the POWs against the walls with a bayonet in each POW's stomach. The singing immediately ceased as the troops burst through the doors. The VC later claimed that they had put down a riot. It wasn't a real riot, but it was a lot of fun until the soldiers entered the room. Several roommates of Room 7 were jerked out the next day. The next day, Orson Swindle in Room 6 tapped the following message on the wall:

"Damn, you'd have to get in line to get in trouble in that crowd!!"

Thanks to By Fuller for the gut work of putting together this fact sheet. Paul Galanti and Mike McGrath assisted. This historical document is

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Like all good sailors who frequent the YMCA and the Christian Science Reading Room, some of those who attend the Wednesday Socials have taken up an old children's game of Jacks. So there is now competition with the Tiddlywinks and Pick-Up-Sticks players. Looks like Old Maid is hanging by a thread with all this new activity.

Special thanks goes to Richard Cleeve for re-introducing this exciting activity to our Wednesday socials!




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### NR-1 Inactivation Ceremony, Reunion November 21

The Inactivation Ceremony for Submarine NR-1 will be held in conjunction with a crew reunion on November 21, 2008, at Submarine Base, Groton, Conn.

Questions or contact information can be forwarded to EMC(SS) Roy Hoagland at [nr1reunion@nr1.navy.mil](mailto:nr1reunion@nr1.navy.mil)  
 You can also call Chief Hoagland at 860-271-6582 for more information.

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dedicated to a fearless leader, Vice Admiral Jim Stockdale, CAG.

Here's what the men of Room 7 accomplished: (D=deceased)

Roster of "Room 7" on 26 December, 1970 (Hanoi Hilton):

Name:	Shutdown rank	Days captive
1. Brady, Al	Cdr, USN	2236
2. Coker, George	Lt (jg), USN	2381
3. Coskey, Ken	Cdr,USN	1650
4. Craner, Bob (D)	Maj, USAF	1911
5. Crayton, Render	LCdr, USN	2562
6. Crow, Fred	LCol, USAF	2170
7. Crumpler, Carl	LCol,USAF	1713
8. Daniels, Vern	Cdr,USN	1966
9. Daughtrey, Norlan	Capt, USAF	2751
10. Day, Bud	Maj, USAF	2027
11. Denton, Jerry	Cdr, USN	2766
12. Doremus, Rob	LCdr,USN	2729
13. Dramesi, John	Capt, USAF	2163
14. Dunn, Howie (D)	Maj, USMC	2624
15. Fellowes, Jack	LCdr, USN	2381
16. Finlay, Jack	LCol, USAF	1781
17. Franke, Bill	Cdr,USN	2729
18. Fuller, By	Cdr, USN	2060
19. Gillespie, Chuck (D)	Cdr, USN	1968
20. Guarino, Larry	Maj, USAF	2801
21. Gutterson, Laird	Maj, USAF	1846
22. Hughes, Jim	Col,USAF	2130
23. James, Charlie	Cdr,USN	1761
24. Jenkins, Harry (D)	Cdr, USN	2648
25. Johnson, Sam	Maj, USAF	2494
26. Kasler, Jim	Maj,USAF	2400
27. Kirk, Tom	LCol, USAF	1964
28. Lamar, Jim	LCol, USAF	2474
29. Larson, Swede	LCol, USAF	2130
30. Lawrence, Bill	Cdr,USN	2076
31. Ligon, Vern (D)	LCol, USAF	1942
32. McCain, John	LCdr,USN	1966
33. McKnight, George	Maj, USAF	2655
34. Moore, Mel	Cdr,USN	2185
35. Mulligan, Jim	Cdr, USN	2521
36. Pollard, Ben	Maj, USAF	2120
37. Risner, Robbie	LCol, USAF	2706
38. Rivers, Wendy	LCdr, USN	2715
39. Rutledge, Howie (D)	Cdr, USN	2633
40. Schoeffel, Pete	Cdr, USN	1988
41. Shumaker, Bob	LCdr, USN	2923
42. Stockdale, Jim	Cdr, USN	2713
43. Stockman, Hervey	LCol,USAF	2093
44. Stratton, Dick	Cdr,USN	2250
45. Tanner, Nels	LCdr, USN	2338

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**The National Capital Region  
Submarine Force  
and the  
Naval Submarine League  
Cordially Invite You to Attend  
The 2008 Submarine Force  
Fall Cocktail Party**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2008  
1830-2130**

*(In conjunction with the Naval Submarine League Annual Symposium)*

**Hilton McLean Tysons Corner  
7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102  
Civilian Informal**

**Substantial Hors D'oeuvres / Live Music  
RSVP and payment due by October 15, 2008  
Tickets: \$35.00 per person**

**For More Information Contact:  
LCDR Travis Thorp (703-804-7833) or CDR Dave Soldow (703-614-9375)  
CAPT (ret) Mickey Garverick (703-256-0891) or Mrs. Kathy Hargett (703-256-0891)  
Email: [DCSubBall@hotmail.com](mailto:DCSubBall@hotmail.com) or [nsicordns@casel.net](mailto:nsicordns@casel.net)**

\*\*The Department of Navy shall not be responsible for accepting refusal or the attendance by DOD personnel in their personal capacities, as specified in 5 CFR 2633.204(a)(2). Widely Announced: October, the 2008 Submarine Force Fall Cocktail Party qualifies as a widely attended gathering. Prior to acceptance, DOD personnel must seek an agency approval determination from their supervisor or other approver.\*\*

**2008 Submarine Force Fall Cocktail Party**  
*Please Respond by Wednesday, October 15, 2008*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost is \$35.00 per person  
 Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ AC/VC \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Make Checks Payable to: **Submarine Drifters Ball**  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Return To: 2008 Submarine Force Cocktail Party  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box 15091  
 Arlington, VA 22215  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ - also drop box at Pentagon (5C459)  
 - or NC-1 (Pres Towers), Ste 4000  
 Number Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Tag(s) to Read (First and Last Name): \_\_\_\_\_

**Admiral Osborne Scholarship Fund**

How about helping out the scholarship fund? We are offering a Charleston Base Challenge Coin for sale. ALL proceeds go into the scholarship fund. Coins only cost \$7 each. Available for an additional \$1 is a protective plastic capsule. To get your coin(s) see Jim Yates, Julian Villegas or Carl Chinn. Make sure you have one for "when you get challenged"! Buy several for great gifts!



**Russia Successfully Test Fired The "Bulava"**

Barents Observer, September 19, 2008  
The Russian Navy yesterday successfully test fired a "Bulava-M" missile from a submarine in the Barents Sea. Navy officials now confirm that the missile next year will be installed at the country's first

46. Webb, Ron Capt, USAF 2093  
 47. Anderson, Gary (D) Lt (jg), USN 2151  
 Total days in captivity: 108,116  
 Man-years in captivity: 296.21  
 Here's a brief history of the 47 men:  
 5 Made Admiral rank: Stockdale O-9, Lawrence O-9, Shumaker O-8, Denton O-8, Fuller O-8)  
 1 Made General rank: Risner O-7  
 40 Others stayed in the military and attained the following ranks:  
 USMC - 1 Col-- Dunn  
 Navy - 1 Cdr-- Coker  
 AF - 1 LCol-- Daughtrey  
 AF - 19 Colonels-- Craner, Crow, Crumpler, Day, Dramesi, Finlay, Guarino, Gutterson, Hughes, Kasler, Johnson, Kirk, Lamar, Larson, Ligon, McKnight, Pollard, Stockman, & Webb  
 Navy - 18 Captains-- Brady, Coskey, Crayton, Daniels, Doremus, Fellowes, Franke, Gillespie, James, Jenkins, McCain, Moore, Mulligan, Rivers, Rutledge, Schoeffel, Stratton, & Tanner  
 2 became U.S. Congressmen: Johnson, Texas; McCain, Arizona  
 2 became U.S. Senators: Denton, Alabama; McCain, Arizona  
 1 was a Vice Presidential candidate: Stockdale  
 1 was a Presidential candidate: McCain  
 2 received the Medal of Honor: Stockdale, Day (Day resumed his career as a lawyer)  
 3 received the Navy Cross: Denton, Coker, Fuller  
 3 of the 4 POWs to receive this award were from this room: Red McDaniel was the 4th POW to receive the award.  
 4 made escapes. All were recaptured, all were tortured: Dramesi, Coker, McKnight, Day  
 2 were jet aces from the Korea War: Risner: 9 kills in F-86; Kasler: 6 kills in F-86  
 1 first pilot to fly over Russia in U-2 spy aircraft: Stockman  
 1 was shot down 4-15-1944 in Germany: Ligon - POW until April 1945; 26th mission in P-47  
 1 shot down 3 German planes during WW II flying British aircraft: Guarino - Flew 156 missions in Sicily, India, China and Indo-China.  
 1 flew 62 missions in Korea War: Johnson - Got credit for 1 kill, 1 damaged, 1 probable kill against Mig 15s.  
 7 received the Air Force Cross: Kasler--3 awards; Risner--2 awards; Dramesi: 2 awards, Day, Kirk, Guarino and McKnight each received one award  
 4 were Navy Test Pilots: Stockdale, Lawrence, Gillespie, & Franke

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fourth-generation submarine, the “Yuri Dolgorukii”. Meanwhile, Navy officials say that the “Yuri Dolgorukii”, a 955 “Borey” class vessel, is undergoing test sailing outside Severodvinsk, Arkhangelsk Oblast.

The launch made from the “Dmitrii Donskoy”, the Navy’s recently modernized Typhoon submarine, took place in the Barents Sea. The missile successfully hit its target at Kamchatka.

The successful launch allows me to say with big certainty that the complex will be applied in the Armed Forces, a high-ranking military official told RIA Novosti. However, more test launches will be necessary, also from the “Yuri Dolgorukii”, he adds.

The “Bulava” missile has previously undergone seven test launches, of which the last three have been unsuccessful. The missile’s application in the Armed Forces has several times been postponed.

The new “Yuri Dolgorukii” will together with the “Bulava-M” missile, be Russia’s state of the art military hardware. The vessel has an estimated price tag of 23 billion RUB (600 million EUR).

### **Russian Navy To Adopt New Bulava Ballistic Missile In 2009**

RIA Novosti, September 19, 2008

MOSCOW – Russia will adopt new Bulava-M submarine-based ballistic missiles for service with the Navy and commission the first Borey-class strategic nuclear submarine in 2009, a senior Navy official said on Friday.

The Navy on Thursday conducted a scheduled launch of the Bulava missile from the submerged Dmitry Donskoi, a Typhoon-class ballistic missile nuclear submarine, in northern Russia's White Sea, and the missile reached its target at the Kura testing grounds on the Kamchatka Peninsula, about 6,700 kilometers (4,200 miles) east of Moscow.

"The successful launch of the ballistic missile allows us to assert with certainty that both the Bulava missile and the Yury Dolgoruky submarine will be put into service in 2009," the official said.

The Bulava (SS-NX-30), developed by the Moscow Institute of Thermal Technology, is designed for deployment on Borey-class Project 955 nuclear-powered submarines.

The first submarine in the series, the Yury Dolgoruky, was built at the Sevmash plant in the northern Arkhangelsk Region and is currently undergoing sea trials.

The submarine has a length of 170 meters (580 feet), a body diameter of around 13 meters (42 feet), and a submerged speed of about 29 knots.

1 flew with the Thunderbirds: Johnson  
11 were USNA graduates: Brady '51, Denton '47, Fellowes '56, Fuller '51, Gillespie '51, Lawrence '51, McCain '58, Rivers '52, Schoeffel '54, Shumaker '56, & Stockdale '47

2 were Landing Signal Officers (LSOs):  
Stockdale, Tanner

1 escaped the B-52 community and got into combat flying the F-105G: Larson

1 has a daughter who is an astronaut, gone into space three times (789 hours): Lawrence - she is presently in training as a crewmember of the International Space Station.

1 was a Navy Air Wing Commander (CAG):  
Stockdale (COMAIRGRU 16)

1 commanded a Navy Carrier, USS America:  
Fuller – he later became Battle Group Commander CARGRU 4 Commander

10 were Squadron Commanders when shot down: Schoeffel (VA-83), Coskey (VA-85), Day (TBD), Denton (VA-75), Franke, Fuller (VA-76), Gillespie, Jenkins (VA-163), Lawrence (VF-143), Ligon (11th TRS) and Larson (469th TFS)

5 were Squadron Executive Officers: Daniels, Moore, Mulligan, Rutledge, & Brady - they were shot down before they could make Squadron Commander.

10 authored books:

- a. Day: *Return With Honor*
- b. Denton: *When Hell Was In Session*
- c. Dramesi: *Code of Honor*
- d. Guarino: *A POW's Story: 2801 Days in Hanoi* (Almost eight YEARS!)
- e. Johnson: *Captive Warriors: A Vietnam POW's Story*.
- f. McCain: *Faith of My Fathers*.
- g. Mulligan: *The Hanoi Commitment*.
- h. Risner: *The Passing of the Night*.
- i. Rutledge: *In the Presence of Mine Enemies*.
- j. Stockdale: 1 *Courage Under Fire*;  
2 *In Love and War*;  
3 *A Vietnam Experience*;  
4 *Thoughts of a Philosophical*

*Fighter Pilot*.

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Presidents/Commandants/Superintendents of institutions of higher learning:

Stockdale: President of the Citadel and President of the Naval War College

Lawrence: Superintendent of the USNA

Shumaker: Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School

Denton: Commandant of Armed Forces Staff

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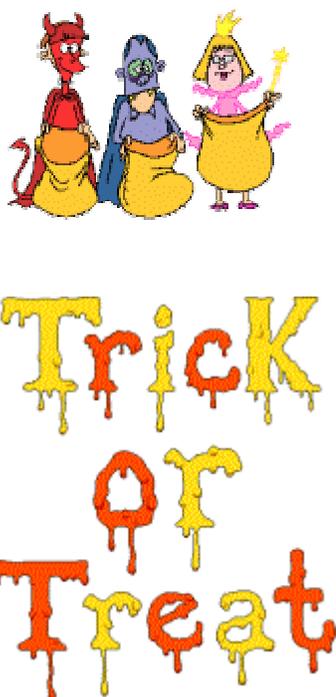
It will be equipped with 16 Bulava ballistic missiles, each carrying up to 10 nuclear warheads and having a range of 8,000 kilometers (5,000 miles).

Two other Borey-class nuclear submarines, the Alexander Nevsky and the Vladimir Monomakh, are currently under construction at the Sevmash plant.

Fourth-generation Borey-class nuclear-powered submarines armed with Bulava missiles will form the core of Russia's fleet of modern strategic submarines.

Russia plans to build at least seven \$890-million submarines of this class by 2015.

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### **Navy Shows Off Unmanned Submarine-Detecting Craft**

*The Remote-Controlled Boats Are Designed To Detect Quiet-Diesel Submarines. Officials Say The Vessels Will Be Useful In The Persian Gulf. They Are Expected To Be Deployed In 2011.*

SAN DIEGO – To the world it might be called a robot boat, but its proper name is the Unmanned Surface Vehicle, and the U.S. Navy expects it to be a major tool in countering what officials believe is a growing threat posed by quiet diesel-powered submarines owned by rogue nations.

In advance of the official roll-out today, reporters were allowed to see the boat on Thursday at Naval Base Point Loma before it took a trial run on San Diego Bay.

The goal is to greatly expand the Navy's ability to

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2 built their own airplanes: Jenkins: Long EZ; Shumaker: Glassair; Pollard is currently flying sail planes.

1 was the first active duty Naval Aviator to fly Mach II: Lawrence

1 was first Naval Aviator to land on an aircraft carrier in 0/0 fog with a newly developed Aircraft Carrier Landing System: Gillespie – Yes, it was an emergency low fuel state!

2 Naval Aviators were in the final selection groups (before shutdown) for the Mercury Astronaut Program: Lawrence, Shumaker  
Many of the members of Room 7 either served during wars prior to Vietnam, or who saw combat in theatres other than Vietnam.

WW II:

Vern Ligon: USA Air Corps, 25 missions, P-47 pilot, POW in Stalag Luft 1, 1944-45, escaped once, recaptured.

Larry Guarino: USA Air Corps, 156 missions in Sicily, India, China and Indo-China. Spitfires.

Hervey Stockman: USA Air Corps, 68 missions, P-51.

Jim Kasler: USA Air Corps, 7 missions as tail gunner, B-29.

Harry Jenkins and Gordon Larson were Navy V5 cadets and Fred Crow was an Army Air Corps aviation cadet when WW II ended.

Bud Day: Corporal, USMC, 30 months in south and central Pacific, April 1942-Nov 1945.

By Fuller and Carl Crumpler: Enlisted in US Navy summer of 1945, saw boot camp by the end of WW II.

Fred Crow and Al Brady: were Navy dependents at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Korea:

Robby Risner: USAF, 108 missions, F-86. Mig Ace with 9 kills.

Jim Kasler: USAF, 100 missions, F-86, Mig Ace with 6 kills.

Howie Rutledge: USN, 200 missions, F9F-2 as a Flying Midshipman.

Harry Jenkins: Served aboard USS Fred T. Berry (DD-141) off coast of Korea. Flying Midshipman.

Tom Kirk: Flew missions in Korea (we need more information from Tom).

Larry Guarino: USAF, Air Defense Alert missions.

Jim Lamar: USAF, 100 missions in F-80 and P-51.

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detect hostile submarines by sending the unmanned boats, equipped with sonar, to probe the nooks and crannies where subs might be hiding to ambush a Navy ship or a merchant vessel.

The boats will be controlled by sailors at a safe distance on a much larger ship.

The Navy wants to have 32 of the unmanned boats, each packed with the most-sophisticated electronic gear available.

The first of the two boats, developed and stuffed with sonar-detection gear, cost \$197 million.

In the future, the price is slated to drop to \$46 million per boat.

Each aluminum-hulled boat is 39 feet long, weighs 17,000 pounds and can carry up to 5,000 pounds of intelligence-gathering technology while traveling up to 35 knots in rough waters.

If all goes as planned, the first will be deployed in 2011, possibly to the Persian Gulf, where the Iranian navy says its submarines, lurking undetected, could close the Strait of Hormuz, through which tankers carrying much of the world's oil supply travel.

The boats are meant to be launched by the so-called Littoral Combat Ships, shallow-draft ships that can maneuver close to shore.

"With the way the world is now, with terrorists just sitting around looking for new ideas to attack us, it's very important we have a way to protect our sailors as they transit through the shallow waters," said Thomas Mulkeen, one of the contractors working on the project, whose motto is "Detect, deter, defeat."

San Diego will be the home port for six of the Littoral Combat Ships. The Space and Naval Warfare Command Systems Center, San Diego, has been a leader in developing the submarine detection technology for the unmanned boats.

"We're still in the early stages of the concept," said Capt. Mike Good, program manager.

Wendy Rivers: Served on a destroyer off the coast of Korea.

Laird Gutterson: USAF, flew 60 missions, P-51.

Verlyne Daniels: Flew AD-4 missions, March-August 1953.

Sam Johnson: USAF, flew 62 missions, F-86, 1 kill, 1 probable, 1 damaged against Mig 15s.

Bud Day: USAF, air defense missions, F-84s.

Bill Lawrence: (F2H-3) and By Fuller (F9F-5)

arrived off the coast of Korea in October 1953.

They were flying off the USS Oriskany. Too late the war was over!

Fred Crow: Had various commands stateside during the Korean War.

Carl Crumpler: Flew F-86s at George AFB. War was over too soon for him to participate.

