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Base Meeting:

BOD: September 6, 1800
 Membership: Cancelled Hurricane
 Florence

Location:

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Submarines Lost During the Month of September

USS S-5 (SS 110)	Sep 1, 1920 – Practice Dive	No loss of life
USS POMPANO (SS 181)	Sep 1, 1943 – 7th War Patrol	Lost with all hands - 77 souls
USS GRAYLING (SS 209)	Sep 9, 1943 – 8th War Patrol	Lost with all hands – 76 souls
USS S-51 (SS 162)	Sep 25, 1925 –Collision off Block Island	Lost with 33 souls; 3 survivors
USS CISCO (SS 290)	Sep 28, 1943 – 1st War Patrol	Lost with all hands – 76 soul

Five Boats and 262 Men Lost

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Upcoming Charleston Base Events

Kap(SS)4Kid(SS)	Tuesday, Oct 2	1000	McCloud Hospital, Florence, SC
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, Oct 4	1800	FRA Branch 268, Goose Creek
Base Meeting	Thursday, Oct 11	1800	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Victory House Visit	Tuesday, Oct 16	1000	Carpool from VFW Bellwright Rd.
NPS Class 1804 Graduation	Friday, Oct 26	0800	Carpool from NEX parking lot

Information on all these events are on the base website www.ussvicb.org/events/index.html

From the Editor

I had hoped to get this edition out early once the September meeting was cancelled but found I was unable to work on it while I was visiting with my granddaughter Becky and her family in Oklahoma City.

While we were visiting the Underground in downtown OKC on September 17, a system of tunnels that allow you to move between buildings downtown without having to cross the surface streets, we received word that our great granddaughter, Bobbie Jean Czanko had been born at Trident Hospital to my granddaughter Victoria.

Since we got back to Summerville on Sunday it has been somewhat hectic!

Here is a somewhat abbreviated newsletter.

From USSVI National

Normal message traffic from USSVI will be published each month in the newsletter. If the message is of immediate interest to the membership it will be sent out by the Base Secretary. Messages are arranged in the order received

SubVet News - #2018-063

Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 8/30/2018

We remember John McCain as a Naval Officer, a Vietnam Veteran and a POW, for those achievements alone he deserves our respect and the condolences of our membership. His Father and Grandfather were both highly regarded Submarine Admirals and out of respect for them I say Sailor rest your Oar on behalf of the USSVI membership.

John Markiewicz
National Commander

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Minutes_John_McCain_Rembered.doc

SubVet News - #2018-064

SUBJ: VETERAN INFORMATION FOR USSVI BASE MEMBERS

Remember: DCs: These messages are a benefit to USSVI members and not necessarily just those who retired from the Navy. Please direct to all base members and especially newsletter editors, Base Commanders, and web site managers. This is being sent to DCs and Eboard members only. DCs Must forward to their Bases please.

All veterans may be able to shop in commissaries and exchanges in the future, if Defense Department officials are successful in pushing their proposal. Officials have asked Congress to allow veterans who haven't already earned the shopping benefit as retirees, as well as civilian employees, to be able to shop in the stores, said Stephanie Barna, special assistant to the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. The proposal would include an additional user fee of between 1 percent and 5 percent for those non-core groups to be able to shop in the commissary, she said. "But we think they'd still be getting an incredible deal. It also helps, even if only slightly, to distinguish them from our core group," she said, speaking at a forum on Capitol Hill of the American Logistic Organization. It's unlikely the change will happen this year, she said, as members of Congress wait to see how things settle out with commissaries during the reform efforts.

VA Death benefits

1. Most Veterans with a discharge other than dishonorable are eligible to receive a headstone, marker or medallion, at no cost to the applicant.
2. A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces.
3. VA burial allowances are flat rate monetary benefits that are generally paid at the maximum amount authorized by law for an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. A VA regulation change in 2014 simplified the program to pay eligible survivors quickly and efficiently. Eligible surviving spouses of record are paid automatically upon notification of the Veteran's death, without the need to submit a claim. VA may grant additional benefits, including the plot or interment allowance and transportation allowance, if it receives a claim for these benefits.
4. Service-Connected Death • If the Veteran died on or after September 11, 2001, the

maximum service-connected burial allowance is \$2,000. • If the Veteran died before September 11, 2001, the maximum service-connected burial allowance is \$1,500. • If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, VA may reimburse some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased Veteran's remains.

Non-Service-Connected Death • If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2017, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot. • If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2016, but before October 1, 2017, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$749 for a plot. • If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2015, but before October 1, 2016, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot.

More than 130,000 veterans are receiving letters on how to apply for refunds of taxes they paid on disability severance pay dating back to 1991 — a minimum of \$1,750 per veteran.

While exact estimates were not available, because each veteran's payout varies, the government could be paying out a minimum of \$228 million in tax refunds, if all those eligible file claims.

The eligible veterans will have a year after the date of their letter from the Defense Department to file a claim for the refund, or three years after filing their tax return that reported the disability severance pay, whichever is later. Survivors of those who paid the taxes are also eligible for the refund, which would be paid to the estate of the veteran.

WASHINGTON — House lawmakers on Monday advanced plans to a new branch of Veterans Affairs operations focused on economic opportunity, a move that advocates say could better highlight employment and education programs at the department.

Veterans advocates have pushed for the new economic opportunity administration in recent months amid concerns that the benefits administration is too overwhelmed with disability compensation and pension claims to focus on education programs, post-military jobs efforts and a host of other resources.

The new agency would be stood up beside the department's three existing administrations — the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration and the National Cemetery Administration — and lead by an under secretary "charged with administering the many benefits available to veterans beyond disability claims and pensions."

SubVet News - #2018-066 : THRESHER MEMORIAL AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 9/7/2018

The required USS Thresher Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) Commemorative Monument proposal package has been reviewed for legislative compliance by the ANC Commemorative Monuments Working Group (CMWG).

The ANC CMWG members are currently in the process of evaluating the merits of our proposal. Major Shannon Way, ANC Strategic Planner, will present a slide on our proposal to the Remember and Explore Subcommittee on September 6th.

The full ANC Advisory Committee will meet this Friday, September 7th from 1030 to 1400. As part of that meeting the Remember and Explore Subcommittee will present the results of their meeting to the full ANC Advisory Committee, including a slide on our memorial proposal. During the final 15 minutes of the meeting there will be an opportunity for us to make a succinct three minute presentation on the history of Thresher, the men lost, and the impact SUBSAFE has had on our Submarine Force.

We have been allotted 10 seats out the 20 available for the public at the ANC Advisory Committee

meeting on September 7th.

Three USS Thresher ANC Memorial Foundation BOD's will be in attendance, RADM John Clarke Orzalli, Tom Wiley, brother of John Joseph Wiley, Lieutenant Junior Grade, USS Thresher and Kevin Galeaz. If you are available, please join with us to demonstrate your support in person. If you plan on attending, please let us know by emailing ThresherMemorial@gmail.com.

The meeting will be held in the ANC Visitors Center "Multi-purpose Conference Room"

Here is a link to the bios of the members of the ANC Advisory Committee who will deliberate and make a recommendation to the Secretary of the Army on our memorial proposal: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/.../Advisory-Commit.../Member>

SubVet News #2018-068: PATRIOT DAY FROM NC JOHN MARKIEWICZ Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 9/11/2018

The following was received from one of our District Commanders, I could not have said it better so I will simply post his message:

17 years ago today I had been residing and working as a contractor to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces at the King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Al-Jubail, KSA. Like me, each of us has an exact time/place memory which will forever be etched in our souls of the events that would unfold inside the next 24 hours.

On September 11, 2001 at 0846 (EST) was our current generation Pearl Harbor-equivalent. In that moment, life changed for everyone at home and abroad, ashore, at sea, and submerged wherever their duty calls. In my current industry, the USA PATRIOT Act was born of this event. And, life has changed in so many other ways. For those who did not return to their loved ones, make connecting flights, did not escape the hell of the World Trade Center, Pentagon, or an empty field in PA we owe them a prayer and moment of silence.

To the men and women who would go into harm's way to thwart terrorism and an ideology that would prefer we are not amongst the living we owe them an equal prayer and debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice. Perhaps it's time to take pause from the political wrangling across our Nation and simply be grateful we're alive to experience it all - it's wonderful beauty, majesty, and appreciate the flag of our great nation flying free. God Bless America, and thank you, Shipmates and your families, for your continued commitment, service, and dedication to the United States Submarine Veterans, and the Base you call home.

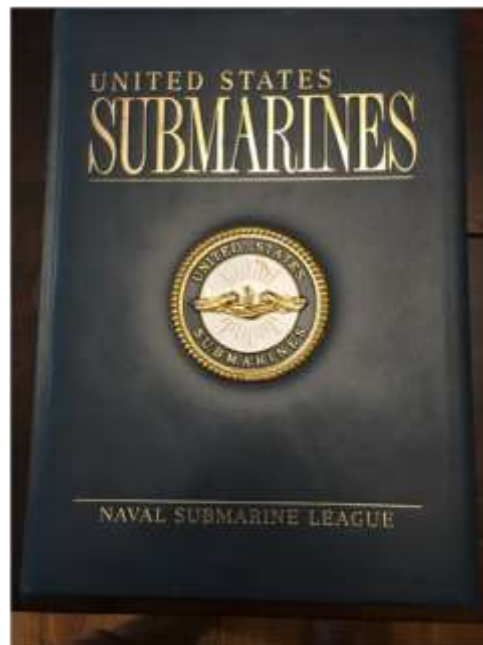
Pride Runs Deep!

Peter T. Juhos
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Commander, Western Region District 5
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Since there was no September Base Meeting because of Hurricane Florence there are no minutes.

The Scholarship Committee is raffling a book titled “United States Submarines” and was put out by the Naval Submarine League. This is a great book with super information. What makes this particular one unique is that it has been signed by Admiral James .B. Osborn and that he has made several hand written comments in the book. For those that do not know, Admiral Osborn was the first Commanding Officer of the USS George Washington, the Navy’s first ballistic missile submarine, and who our scholarship is named in memory of.

Make sure you buy your raffle tickets for a great piece of history and submarine memorabilia. Tickets cost \$1 each or six for \$5 and will be available at the meetings. Winning ticket will be drawn at the November 8th meeting.



Raffle to benefit Charleston Base

Admiral James B. Osborn Scholarship Fund

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Simply fill in your name & phone number and drop in the box

***Ticket cost: \$1 each or six(6) for \$5
Drawing November 8, 2018***

Horse and Cow

This was given to me by Mike Emerson.

The name Horse and Cow has a mythological pedigree. Neptune, god of the sea, is often portrayed as accompanied by a small horse and a small cow (bull). During World Wars I and II, merchant sailors, terrified of being sunk by submarines, tattooed a horse on one ankle, and a cow on the other, in hopes of ensuring a safe passage.

Dedicating this establishment to serving submarine sailors, he created an atmosphere that submarine sailors can call home. The wild antics of the crews of the "Silent Service" that visited the bar became notorious throughout the entire Submarine Service and the US Navy. He continued to run the "Cow" until 1997 when he retired to provide care for his wife, Jeanette Looby. He maintained a close relationship with the submarine community and became known as "the Godfather". The traditions and legacies he established are upheld and cherished. Every now and then some traditions are still carried out.

Today the Horse and Cow Pub and Grill has evolved into a family friendly restaurant with so much memorabilia that we have begun to catalogue them into the Horse and Cow Submarine Museum.

To all who knew Jimmy the Godfather— this is "From the Heart."

Navy pursues new stealthy heavyweight attack torpedo
Kris Osborn, Fox News, September 10

Navy weapons developers are seeking a high-tech, longer range and more lethal submarine-launched heavyweight Mk 48 that can better destroy enemy ships, submarines and small boats, service officials said.

The service has issued a solicitation to industry, asking for proposals and information related to pursuing new and upgraded Mk 48 torpedo control systems, guidance, sonar and navigational technology.

"The Mk 48 ADCAP (advanced capability) torpedo is a heavyweight acoustic-homing torpedo with sophisticated sonar, all-digital guidance and control systems, digital fusing systems and propulsion improvements," William Couch, Naval Sea Systems Command spokesman, told Warrior Maven earlier this year.

Naturally, having a functional and more high-tech lethal torpedo affords the Navy an opportunity to hit enemies more effectively and at further standoff ranges and therefore better compete with more fully emerging undersea rivals such as Russia and China.

The Mk 48 heavyweight torpedo is used by all classes of U.S. Navy submarines as their anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare weapon, including the Virginia class and the future Columbia class, Couch added.

A Mk 48 torpedo is 21 inches in diameter and weighs 3,520 pounds; it can destroy targets at ranges out to five miles and travels at speeds greater than 28 knots. The weapon can operate at depths greater than 1,200 feet and fires a 650-pound high-explosive warhead, available Navy and Lockheed data states.

Navy efforts to pursue new torpedo technologies are happening alongside a concurrent effort to upgrade the existing arsenal.

For several years now, the Navy has been strengthening its developmental emphasis upon the Mk 48 as a way to address its aging arsenal. The service restarted production of the Mk 48 torpedo mod 7 in 2016.

An earlier version, the Mk 48 Mod 6, has been operational since 1997 – and the more recent Mod 7 has been in service since 2006.

Lockheed Martin has been working on upgrades to the Mk 48 torpedo Mod 6 and Mod 7 – which consist of adjustments to the guidance control box, broadband sonar acoustic receiver and amplifier components.

“The latest version of the Mk 48 ADCAP (advanced capability) is the mod 7 Common Broadband Advanced Sonar System. The Mk 48 ADCAP mod 7 CBASS torpedo is the result of a Joint Development Program with the Royal Australian Navy and achieved initial operational capability in 2006,” Couch said.

With Common Broadband Advanced Sonar System, or CBASS – electronics to go into the nose of the weapon as part of the guidance section, Lockheed and Navy developers explained.

CBASS technology provides streamlined targeting, quieter propulsion technologies and an ability to operate with improved effectiveness in both shallow and deep water. Also, the Mod 7 decreases vulnerability to enemy countermeasures and allows the torpedo to transmit and receive over a wider frequency band, Lockheed and Navy developers say.

The new technology also involves adjustments to the electronic circuitry to allow the torpedo to better operate in its undersea environment.

Modifications to the weapon have improved the acoustic receiver, replaced the guidance-and-control hardware with updated technology, increased memory, and improved processor throughput to handle the expanded software demands required to improve torpedo performance against evolving threats, according to Navy data on the weapon.

Improved propulsion, quieting technology, targeting systems and range enhancements naturally bring a substantial tactical advantage to Navy undersea combat operations. Attack submarines are often able to operate closer to enemy targets and coastline undetected, reaching areas typically inaccessible to deeper draft surface ships. Such an improvement would also, quite possibly, enable attack submarines to better support littoral surface platforms such as the flat-bottomed Littoral Combat Ships. Working in tandem with LCS anti-submarine and surface warfare systems, attack submarines with a more capable torpedo could better identify and attack enemy targets near coastal areas and shallow water enemy locations.

A Military Analysis Network report from the Federation of American Scientists further specifies that the torpedo uses a conventional, high-explosive warhead.

“The MK 48 is propelled by a piston engine with twin, contra-rotating propellers in a pump jet or shrouded configuration. The engine uses a liquid monopropellant fuel,” the FAS analysis states.

Submarine operators are able to initially guide the torpedo toward its target as it leaves the launch tube, using a thin wire designed to establish an electronic link between the submarine and torpedo, the information says.

“This helps the torpedo avoid decoys and jamming devices that might be deployed by the target. The wire is severed and the torpedo's high-powered active/passive sonar guides the torpedo during the final attack,” FAS writes.

Earlier this year, Lockheed Martin Sippican was awarded a new deal to work on guidance and control technology on front end of the torpedo, and SAIC was awarded the contract for the afterbody and propulsion section, Couch explained.

The Mk 48, which is a heavy weapon launched under the surface, is quite different than surface launched, lightweight Mk 54 torpedoes fired from helicopters, aircraft and surface ships.

The Navy's Mk 48 torpedo is also in service with Australia, Canada, Brazil and The Netherlands.

HUMOR





FOR SALE

Charleston Base members who have items they wish to sell may send me the information for inclusion in the newsletter. Items will run for three issues or until I'm notified by the person submitting the ad that it is no longer needed.

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