



The Fast Cruise



US Submarine Veterans, Inc – Cincinnati Base

MEETING CHANGE FOR OCTOBER

Membership meeting will be on
October 31 @ 1:00 p.m.
in the poolroom of the VFW

OTHER THINGS GOING ON THIS FALL

Veterans Parade in Cheviot on
November 8 @ 2:00 p.m.

No November Meeting,
due to it is the Saturday after Thanksgiving

Christmas party Holland Club Induction on December 5 @ noon
Jim and Jacks on River Rd.

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

Bud F. Turner ex-MT2(SS)
U.S.S. Stonewall Jackson SSBN634

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USSVI Creed: *"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 of America and its Constitution."*

Member's Page

Happy Birthday

October

6 – Chuck Downton
10 – Mel Steward
17 – Connie Moore
22 – William Anderson
25 – Albert Ilgenfritz

November

4 – Kenneth Lehmkuhl
6 – Terry Diehl
14 – Al Bliss
16 – Bill Ritter
29 – Mark Golias

December

5 – Keith Littlepage
8 – Chris Opichka
29 – Wes Loerich
29 – Charles Rapp

The Fast Cruise

If you would like to submit an article or would like to place an ad in *The Fast Cruise* please contact the editor.

Cost for ads:

\$25/4 issues for a business card size ad. \$25/issue for 1/2 page \$50/issue for full page

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We are seeking ways to locate other former submariners in our area who might like to join us. If you know of someone in the Cincinnati area who used to serve in submarines (or still does!) please tell them about the USSVI and the Cincinnati Base. You can direct them to the Base website at www.cincysubvets.com for more information about the Base.



Base Schedule

Meetings

October 24

No November Meeting

December 5 - Christmas Party

Need a Ride

If you need a ride to the meeting or event contact either Dick Young or Roger Crombie. We will match you with someone in your area. Call enough ahead of time to allow us to make the arrangements.

Dick Young - 513-353-4992 Roger Crombie - 937-667-7479

The Cincinnati Base of the USSVI meets at the

This is Paul Vail VFW Post 4369 located at 3318 E. Sharon Road in Sharonville (Cincinnati), OH.

Unless otherwise noted, our meetings will be on the 4th Saturday of each month beginning at 1:00PM.

If you are involved on a committee for the 2010 Convention, we are now meeting on the second Wednesday each month.

We need you to make these meetings to have a successful USSVI Convention

Commander's Corner

Fellow Submariners,

As the newly elected Base Commander I would like to follow in the footsteps of the officers who have come before me and continue our Cincinnati Base tradition of pride as we begin a new chapter in our base's history. I am very grateful to all of my current officers and will rely on their support and experience as I gain experience of my own as Base Commander.

First of all we are about to embark on a major task, as the host, of bringing our World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Cold War, and all of the Submarine Veterans together in 2010 for the National Convention. This has been (and still is) a long journey for all of the Committee members and with Roger Crombie's leadership I feel we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Even though our Convention Team is small and effective we still could use more manpower from the base membership to help put on a fantastic show for all of the country to see. I would like for our fellow sub vets to leave the 2010 Convention in Cincinnati and say: "wow, how can we top this!" We are close to finalizing most of the activities, which include (but not limited to) a golf outing, riverboat dinner cruise, poolside barbeque, Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum excursion, topped off with the convention banquet on Saturday Evening (along with numerous boat reunions, luncheons, breakfasts, tours, and committee meetings). We surely could use extra bodies to help pull all of this together, and I'm sure as time draws near that we will be posting a list of available positions as to where we would need the help.

Secondly one of my goals is to bring our membership up and over the one hundred mark from where we are now, which is seventy-eight. I will try my best to get the word out over as many communication venues as possible to let the Tristate area know that we are here and that we are available to all of our fellow sub vets. If anyone has any ideas as to how we can increase our membership, please feel free to contact me. If we all work together as a team we can accomplish great things.

Thirdly (if that is a word?) I would like to get back to our roots. I want to get involved and revitalize our associations with the local Boy Scouts, Sea Cadets, and other affiliations that we had established in the past. To me, this is a strong commitment to our future.

Last but not least, I want to instill a sense of pride and brotherhood. We all have shared a life of defending our country in a way that only we can comprehend. When we get together each month and share all of our sea stories it always brings a smile to my face as I recall events that had taken place in my life while serving in the silent service. This brotherhood is why we have come together and I don't want to lose that, I want to accomplish many things while in office but I also want to keep it fun and make it something that we all will look forward into doing month to month.

Respectfully,

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Seven (more) things I learn being on Boats

- *Every coner could have been a nuke.*
- *Shift work is the only way to make nukes happy.*
- *Nukes hate shift work.*
- *How many nukes have had to reenlist during shiftwork?*
- *I am not the lone ranger so an EB red tape mask is not part of my watch uniform.*
- *"Repel borders" is not an effective way to ward off NRRO.*
- *The M-div stare is the most powerful force known to man*

WHY IS THE CHIEF'S QUARTERS "THE GOAT LOCKER?"

Contributed By Art Randall(EP)

El Cid. The US Navy's Mascot

In early sailing years, livestock would travel on ships, providing the crew with fresh milk, meats and eggs, as well as serving as ships' mascots. A goat named El Cid (Spanish for "The Chief") was the USS New York's mascot.

When the crew attended the fourth Army-Navy football game in 1893, they took El Cid with them and... West Point lost.

Overjoyed by the win, El Cid was offered Annapolis Shore Duty as the Navy's official Mascot. Since El Cid had been quartered in the USS New York's "Goat Locker," and since El Cid means "The Chief," the name stuck and the "Chief's Quarters" became known forevermore as... "The Goat Locker!"

ETERNAL PATROL PREPARATIONS

Shipmates, while we hope your day and those of your shipmates is far off in the future, we must nevertheless prepare. Please copy this notice and place it with your will or important papers.

IMPORTANT

In the case of my death, please immediately notify the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., (USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978 and give the person on duty the information regarding my death, funeral, and burial arrangements, plus who they can contact for follow-up and support. This information can alternatively be E-Mailed to the National Office at office@ussvi.org.

Also, contact my local chapter's Base Commander with this information as well.

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Submarine History

1932

Japanese submarine designers moved out from under the shadow of the Germans, and, on their own, focused on three basic classes: the I-boats, most of them about the same size as the German U-cruisers; the RO coastal boats, about the same size as the German Type VII (see below) but not as capable; and the HA-series of midget submarines, in many variations.

The Japanese were more serious about submarine aircraft carriers than any other navy: they built their first, the 2,243 ton, 320-foot I-5, in 1932. It was equipped with one floatplane. In the next 12 years, they built 28 more, in ever-increasing sizes.

1935

March 16, German Chancellor Adolph Hitler renounced the Treaty of Versailles. A few weeks later, the first of a new series, U-1, entered service.

The German government approved the clandestine construction of sixteen new U-boats.

1935

Captain Doenitz defined his fundamental concepts for the next conflict: "Tonnage War" and "Wolf Pack." The first replicated World War I experience – sink ships faster than they could be replaced, for a long enough period, and you could strangle an island nation like Britain.

The second – teams of seven or eight boats, attacking on the surface, at night; submerge to escape; re-surface and speed ahead to get in position for the next night's attack. The 15-knot surface speed of the U-boats was almost twice that of an average convoy, and equal to that of most anti-submarine escorts.

As with World War I, Germany developed several classes of U-boat: typical were the coastal boats (Type II), long range boats (Type IX), and jack-of-all-trades boats (Type VII), which became the mainstay of the fleet: more than 700 completed – in six variations, A through F – by the end of the war. Typical displacement (surface) about 760 tons, length 220 feet, range 8,700 miles with a functional endurance of seven or eight weeks without refueling. Dive time: 20 seconds to a maximum safe depth of 650 feet.

1938

An experimental 140-foot, 213 ton Japanese HA boat topped 21 knots – submerged. The Japanese also developed the world's most effective torpedo: the "Long Lance." The MK95 submarine version had a 900 pound warhead, wakeless oxygen-fueled turbine, range five miles at 49 knots. Contemporary U. S. Navy torpedoes had half the warhead and half the range – when they were working.

1939

While on sea trials, the brand-new U. S. Navy SS-192 "Squalus" sank in 240 feet of water; an incompletely-closed valve caused flooding in the engine room. Twenty-six men were killed in the flooded section; there were thirty-three survivors. All were safely brought to the surface in four round-trips of the McCann submarine rescue chamber.

This is a no s....I was a Radioman stationed onboard the USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN 644 Blue) from 1975 to 1979. Every Saturday on alert was Field Day - if you weren't on watch you were cleaning somewhere. One Field Day early in my career, I pulled duty in the Crew Berthing Head. Three or four of us cleaned that baby good so we could climb back in the bunk and get some sleep before our watch. Our corpsman at the time, Big Doc, came through for inspection:

BD: "Well, Waldo, do you think you'll pass this inspection."

Me: "I'm fairly confident."

The place was spotless. I watched Big Doc as he poked around and knew I had him. He couldn't find anything wrong! The next thing he did still cracks me up to this day. He walked into one of the stalls...and with me watching him...took out a mechanical pencil. He carefully laid it flat on the toilet seat and started turning the end - slowly...out came a pubic hair onto the seat!

BD: "Waldo, what the hell is that?!"

Me: "YOU JUST PUT THAT THERE!!!"

Big Doc and his entourage got a good laugh as they walked out of the head. "How 'bout let's clean that up."

by Michael P. Walden, RM2(SS)



Cincinnati Base 2009 Christmas Luncheon

**Saturday
December 5, 2009
At Noon**

Holland Club Presentations will be made during the meeting

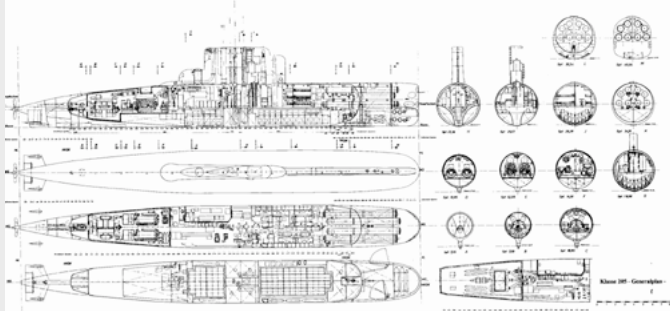
Jim and Jacks
3456 River Road
Lunch is \$14.00 per person –
Meal, Soft Drink, Gratuity included
Same menu as past years
Roast Beef, Ham, Veggies, Salad, Etc.
Dessert provided

RSVP Dick Young By November 15

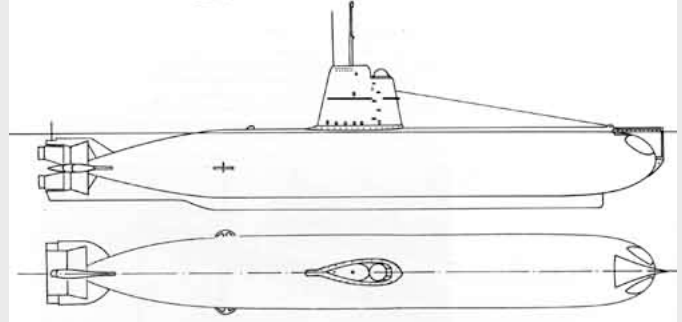
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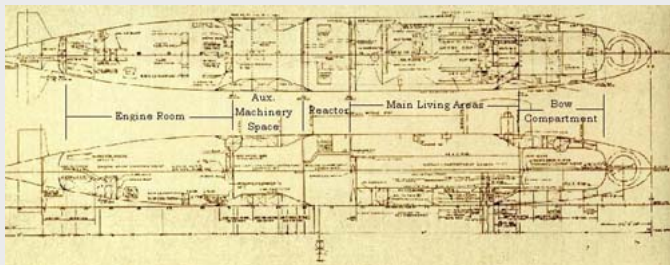
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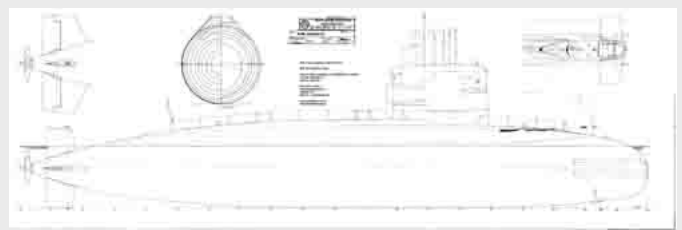
German type 205 submarine, 1962 (D)



Spanish Tiburon submarine, 1964. This boat was designed in 1952 with help from the WWII German submarine experts



USS Flasher, an American Thresher class boat (1966)



Dutch Zwaardvis class, 1966 (NL)
[[Nederlandse Vereniging voor Modelbouwers](#)]

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Submarines on Eternal Patrol

Spend a moment in silence for these departed shipmates.

October

USS Wahoo (SS-238) was lost on 11-Oct-1943
USS Dorado (SS-248) was lost on 12-Oct-1943
USS Escobar (SS-294) was lost on or after 17-Oct-1944
USS Shark (SS-314) was lost on 24-Oct-1944
USS Seawolf (SS-197) was lost on 3-Oct-1944
USS O-5 (SS-66) was lost on 11-Oct-1923
USS S-44 (SS-155) was lost on 7-Oct-1943
USS Tang (SS-306) was lost on 25-Oct-1944
USS Darter (SS-227) was lost on 24-Oct-1944

November

USS Corvina (SS-226) was lost on 16-Nov-1943
USS Growler (SS-215) was lost on 8-Nov-1944
USS Albacore (SS-218) was lost on 7-Nov-1944
USS Scamp (SS-277) was lost on 16-Nov-1944
USS Sculpin (SS-191) was lost on 19-Nov-1943

December

USS S-4 (SS-109) was lost on 17-Dec-1927
USS Capelin (SS-289) was lost on or after 1-Dec-1943
USS F-1 [ex-CARP] (SS-20) was lost on 17-Dec-1917
USS Sealion (SS-195) was lost on 25-Dec-1941