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Shipmates,

We have closed out another very good year for the Dallas Base. Over the last 12 months we have co-hosted a successful USSVI National Convention, participated in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade, hosted a "Jerry Bringle Awards Ceremony" to honor the "Junior Sailor of the Year" from the USS Dallas SSN 700, collected and shipped 61 boxes of some needed items to our troops overseas, added 22 new members to our base roster and rounded out the year with a very enjoyable Christmas Party. Like was stated in the first sentence "another very good year".

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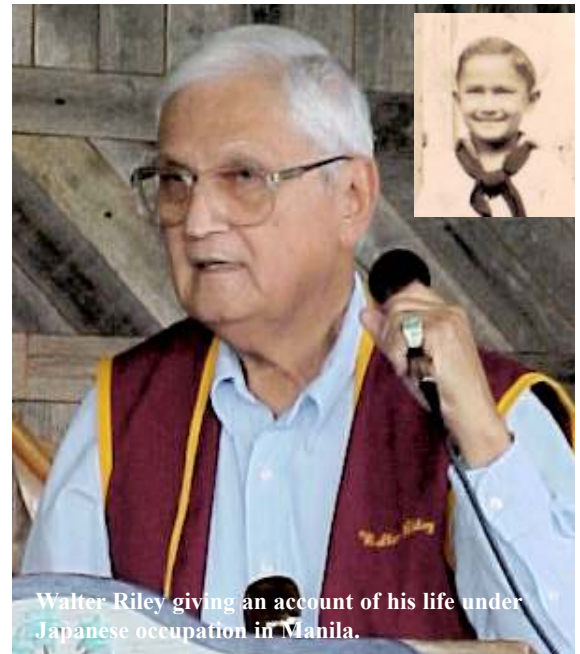
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The Girl Scout Cookie Distribution which is the major fund raiser for our base is scheduled for February 20th, 21st and 23rd. The details can be found later in this newsletter. If you haven't signed up to help, please consider doing so. This activity generates the bulk of our annual operating funds.

The attendance for our monthly meetings has also improved, so if you have been a little slack at showing up for meetings mark your calendar and join us. You will most certainly enjoy the fellowship.

Look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Wayne Standerfer
972 298-8139
Dallas Base Commander



Walter Riley giving an account of his life under Japanese occupation in Manila.

WALTER RILEY'S STORY
(our November speaker)

At our November meeting at the Oasis, WWII POW **Walter Riley** spoke about being a young boy on Manila when the Japanese took control of the island. Here is his story:

"My father, Henry D. Riley, was born in Coaling, AL in 1881. My grandfather worked in the coal mines in Bibb County. My father didn't want to work in the mines, so he joined the Navy. When his enlistment was ending, his ship had been operating in the Philippines, and he got an offer to work at the US Navy Base in

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Olongapo, PI, which he accepted.

My mother, Yurie Hori, was born in Kure Japan in 1895. A story I remember my father telling went something like this: He was invited to dinner at the home of a married co-worker. As he approached the house, he saw the most beautiful woman he had ever seen, sitting at a window, brushing her long black hair, and he fell in love, and vowed to marry her. This woman was my mother, who was visiting her aunt.

Initially, my mother spoke little English, and my father little Japanese, but love prevailed and after some correspondence between the Philippines and Japan to get her parents' approval, they were married, first by a Shinto Priest, then later by a JP in 1913.

By the time I was born in 1932, my parents had moved to Cavite, an island in Manila Bay, and I had two older brothers and five sisters. I later had a younger sister, but she died before she was one.

About half of the island of Cavite was a US Navy Base that my father helped build, and the rest was part of the city of Cavite. We lived in a large two story house with a small paseo (park) that could be seen from our veranda. On the opposite side of the park were a road, seawall and Manila Bay.

Prior to WWII, Manila was a melting pot of many nationalities. It was called the "Pearl of the Orient". It was a major business center with air and sea access. Life was great until about the middle of 1941, when most of the children of the Americans working at Cavite Naval Base went back to the states, and the school I was going to closed.

We had passports made, but my father was very busy getting ready for the possible conflict with Japan. He said he couldn't leave, and my mother said we wouldn't leave without him so we stayed.

We were in school on Monday, December 8th when Pearl Harbor was bombed. I remember hearing a commotion and looking out the window and I saw an Army man on a motorcycle with a sidecar, stop in front of the school, run in and in a few minutes later he ran out with his son and they rode off. School was dismissed soon thereafter and we never went back to Bordner.

When our father got home from work he said Cavite would be bombed and plans were underway to move us out in the country immediately. Several other families went too.

After we moved, my father, brother, brother-in-law, one sister and others would drive to Cavite to work, which included moving critical supplies from Cavite to Corregidor and

Olongapo ASAP. We saw Japanese bombers flying on their way to bomb Manila and Clark Field. The anti-aircraft could not reach them.

On December 10th, Cavite was bombed. We worried until everyone returned. They were bruised, shaken, but none seriously injured. However, a man standing next to my father was killed. My dad kept going back until whatever equipment could be used was moved. He never talked about what happened.

After General MacArthur declared Manila an open city, someone found an apartment with several vacancies, and we all moved to Manila. One of the reasons we moved was because out in the country the men had to stand watch at night because of bands of Filipinos roaming/looting and then have to go to work the next day, after getting little sleep, and knowing they probably would be bombed.

When the Japanese entered Manila three soldiers came to the apartments. They seemed pleasantly surprised when my mother spoke to them in Japanese, but the officer suddenly got upset and looked like he wanted to hit my mother, but he didn't. Later we asked her why and she said he had asked her who she wanted to win the war, and she said the United States.

They took my father and brother-in-law to Santo Tomas, but said that the rest of us were Japanese and could not go. My mother argued, unsuccessfully, and as soon as the Japanese set up their government, she would take one of the kids and go tell the Japanese that we were Americans and should be in Santo Tomas.

During the time my father was in Santo Tomas, my mother was responsible for nine of us. We all helped but she didn't have my father around to help. My main jobs were babysitting my niece, who was just learning to walk, and caring for my dog. I also went with my mother to the grocery store, or to talks with the Japanese about getting us into STIC. She always seemed calm, relaxed and that helped the rest of us cope with a very scary situation.

She finally found the right person to talk to, they agreed and we became prisoners of war in Santo Tomas Interment Camp (STIC). In camp we were in different rooms but my father and I were in the same room, in the main building.

My father had already started to lose weight and my mother tried supplementing his diet with vegetables my brother-in-law grew, plus occasional purchases from vendors, but money soon ran out and the Japanese stopped allowing vendors. Initially life in STIC wasn't too bad for a young boy. We had a school with good teachers, plenty of space to run and play. As soon as the war turned in favor of the Allies, food got scarcer, tasted worse and rules got more plentiful and stricter. Activities were curtailed but we really didn't care, because we were hungry. I lost 30 pounds and my father lost almost a hundred pounds and could barely

walk. I brought his meals to him and helped him walk to and from the bathroom. My brother was allowed to move from the Education Building to help me take care of our dad. My father spent a lot of time in bed, but every evening he would sit outside our room and talk recipes with the older internees.

I remember the day that the American Military returned to Manila. We had been told that the Japanese were going to practice aerial dog fights and we should not be alarmed. My class was going to a classroom on the 4th floor of the main building and we had to walk out in the open, getting from the stairwell, we looked up to watch the planes when suddenly we noticed some planes that looked like they had broken wings. They also sounded different, and had white stars on their wings and body. As we watched, they started shooting down the Japanese planes. Our teacher rushed us back into the stairs and down inside the building. That was the end of school at STIC.

The only aircraft carrier I had ever seen was the USS Langley, which was very small, so I was sure that the Americans had landed on Luzon and had established airbases, and that it would only be a few days before we were liberated. How wrong I was! The planes came from bigger aircraft carriers, and troops had not yet landed on Luzon, and it would be several months before we saw American troops.

With school shut down, food almost nonexistent and more rules and harassment by the guards, life got very bad. My father would have died. Fortunately General MacArthur sent some troops from the 1st Calvary ahead of the main forces to rescue us.

Since the Army had not yet established any air fields, General MacArthur assigned a Marine Air Controller, Sgt. Robert (Bob) Holland, and some carrier aircraft to support the push to Manila. I didn't realize until meeting Bob in 2002 that we had worked for the same company, Texas Instruments in the late 50's.

Once the Cavalry had run the Japanese out of Santo Tomas, I thought all of Manila was free. I was wrong again.

A few days later it was announced that a movie would be shown on the outdoor screen in the front of the Main Building. I had carried three folding chairs with many steps to rest, so my parents would have good seats, and then the mortars started hitting the Main Building. One mortar hit the room next to mine, while I was in front of the building and I didn't know for some time how my father and brother were. Fortunately they were not injured.

A few days later I got dengue fever and almost died with a fever over 104°(0). I don't remember getting sick, or being moved to a hospital room in the Education Building. When I

woke up, I was weak, but felt OK.

There were eleven of us in our family, counting a brother-in-law and niece, and we all survived. My father never fully regained all his strength and retired from Civil Service when we arrived in the States. For all of us to have survived seems like a miracle. I give a lot of the credit to my mother. Because of her determination and bravery, we all lived to see the day when the US Forces returned to Manila. Had we stayed outside STIC, we would surely have been killed in the carnage that resulted from the Japanese not leaving Manila an open city, like General MacArthur had done.

I understand that the Japanese General, who was in command in Manila, declared it an open city, and then took his troops north into the mountains. The Admiral, who was left with a bunch of sailors but no ships (they had been sunk by carrier planes), decided to fight to the last man and razed Manila in the process.

The son of the owners of the apartment we had stayed at in Manila was bayoneted and left for dead. He somehow got to the front gate at STIC and told the guards he knew my brother, who came to the gate and identified him and took him to the hospital in the Education Building, where I was. We both survived.

When Gen. MacArthur visited Santo Tomas, I heard he visited my father who was slowly recovering. My father had helped initiate the General into the Shrine in Manila before the war. After the war, they were both given the 33rd Degree. My father was very proud of his association with the Masons. My father was also visited by several high ranking Naval Officers who wanted him to stay and clean out Manila Bay which was full of sunken Japanese ships. My mother said no, we were all going to the states."

CHAPLAIN'S BINNACLE LIST

Maurice Barksdale's wife Faye had a very serious aneurysm last week. She is hospitalized at Zale Lipshy in Dallas. Maurice sent a message last night saying Faye is progressing very well, but expects to be in the hospital for another two weeks.

She is in Room 316-ICU at:

Zale Lipshy Hospital
5323 Harry Hines Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75390



USSVI-Dallas Base January Minutes

The January meeting of the USSVI-Dallas Base was called to order at Spring Creek Barbeque Restaurant in Addison, TX January 3, 2009 by Dallas Base Commander Wayne Standerfer at 12:05PM.

Present were the following members and guests:

Members: Maurice Barksdale, Gerald Bringle, Charlie Cloud, Tim Davis, James Doonan, Peter Filidoro, Jim Fox, Ron Jansen, Marv Koch, James Lucas, Fred Maphis, Paul McAlister, Don McClane, Tom McCutcheon, George McDermott, Pat McGregor, Stan Miller, Frank Morgan, Daniel Ottinger, Mel Polen, Dennis Reese, Wayne Standerfer, Leonard Tunnell, Fred Williams.

Guests: Neil Cloud, Lynda Fox, John and Lisa Goodwin, Donna Lehr, Mary Koch, Connie McAlister, Patti McLane, Joan McCutcheon, Terry McGregor, Gloria Morgan, Jo Lynn Standerfer, Hayley McGregor and Nate Fremont.

Mel Polen gave the invocation.

Charlie Cloud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Standerfer read the Submariner's Creed. A moment of silence was observed to remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice.

Wayne Standerfer then read the names of the Boats on Eternal Patrol in January while Charlie Cloud tolled the bell.

2009 Officers:

Peter Filidoro was sworn in as the Base Secretary.

January Birthdays:

John Barber, Ken Ballard, Maurice Barksdale, Phil Burkett, Kirk Counard, Timothy Davis, James Doonan, Eddie Griffith, Shon Lambright, Mike Snyder.

Committee Reports:

- **Secretary:** Peter Filidoro read the minutes of the November meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Cloud presented the Treasurer's report for December. The report was approved as presented.
- **Membership:** Stan Miller reported that the Base now

has 100 members. The goal is to recruit 30 new members in 2009.

- **Storekeeper:** Mel Polen reported the inventory was brought under control last year and is now under \$1,300.
- **Scholarship:** Frank Morgan reported that very year a scholarship is provided in honor of one of our shipmates on eternal patrol. This year we have two departed shipmates. In the past several years the most candidates we've had for the Scholarship is one. Based on the number of inquires made regarding this years scholarship, its possible to have half a dozen applicants. A motion was made, seconded and approved, that this year the Base award two Scholarships of \$500 each. In honor of our two departed shipmates, both of who were World War II veterans, Chuck Schaub and Steve Mocio.

Old Business:

- **Annual Dues:** 21 members have not paid their annual dues.
- **Speakers:** The Base needs speakers, Ron Jansen has someone lined up for the March meeting and Marv Koch is working on someone for February.
- **Kap's for Kid's:** Wayne Standerfer has contacted Dallas Children's Hospital about the program and they have accepted. A request for a volunteer to head up the program was made, Dennis Reese volunteered.
- **Entertainment committee:** Due to preparations for the National Convention the Base did not hold many entertainment events, last year. The Base Commander requested a volunteer to head up an entertainment committee to plan some events including the annual Christmas Party. There were no volunteers.

New Business:

- **Girl Scout Cookie Distribution:** The dates available are Thursday February 19th through Monday the 23rd. The Base can choose how many and which days we want to work. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Base work Friday 2/20/09, Saturday 2/21/09 and Monday 2/23/09 and that the Base purchase supplies for a cold cut lunch.
- **Base Executive Board meeting** will meet on February 7th immediately following the Base meeting at Joe Pool Lake. Base members are entitled to attend and listen but, cannot participate. The E-board is comprised of the 4 Base officers, the immediate past Base Commander and appointees made by the Base Commander. Frank Morgan has been appointed as a member of the E-board.
- **Next meeting:** Will be the combined meeting with the Fort Worth Base and World War II veterans on February

7th at the Oasis Restaurant at Joe Pool Lake.

• **Meeting Time & Location:** The Base Commander as promised at the beginning of 2008, solicited opinions regarding the present Base meeting location and time. The opinion of the members present is that the present locations and times should remain as is.

• **Troop Packing Party:** Fred Maphis made a motion, which was seconded and approved to hold a Troop Packing Party at his house for SPC Grady Graham of the 96th Transportation Company in Iraq. Grady is the nephew of Base member Harry Owens. A date is to be determined by Fred.

Good of the Order:

• District 4, which the Dallas Base is part of will hold a 3 day conference in the Austin area in May or early June. All members are encouraged to attend.

• **Websites:** the Dallas Base website has a link to the National website POC page where the latest information regarding USSVI is posted. Members can and should update there personal information on the national website.

• The Base Commander read a letter of appreciation from the Groton Base for the \$500 donation to their Thanksgiving Dinner program.

• Dennis Reese made a presentation on selling Nuts as possible fundraiser for next holiday season.

50/50

Tim Davis won the 50/50 drawing for \$68.

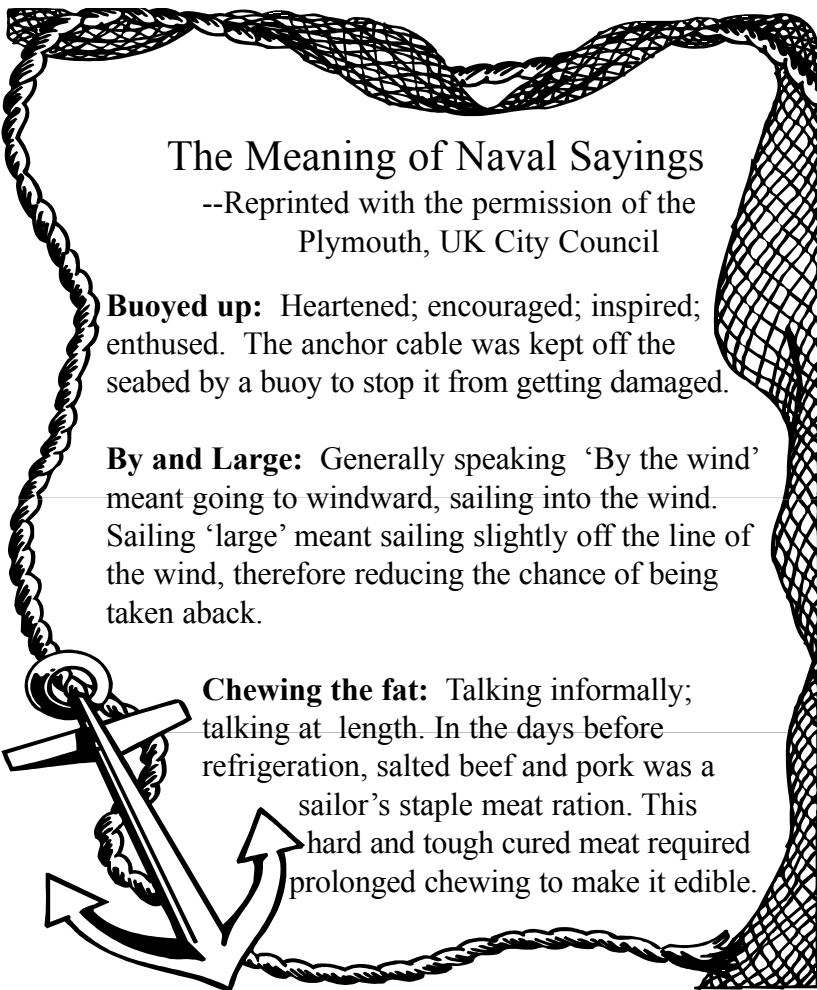
The Benediction was given by Mel Polen

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14PM

Next meeting

Saturday, February 7, 2009 at
Oasis Restaurant on Joe Pool Lake.
Meeting will begin at noon.

Respectfully submitted by:
Peter Filidoro, Secretary
01/07/09



The Meaning of Naval Sayings

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Buoyed up: Heartened; encouraged; inspired; enthused. The anchor cable was kept off the seabed by a buoy to stop it from getting damaged.

By and Large: Generally speaking 'By the wind' meant going to windward, sailing into the wind. Sailing 'large' meant sailing slightly off the line of the wind, therefore reducing the chance of being taken aback.

Chewing the fat: Talking informally; talking at length. In the days before refrigeration, salted beef and pork was a sailor's staple meat ration. This hard and tough cured meat required prolonged chewing to make it edible.

DALLAS BASE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 2008	
Income received	
\$92.00	50/50
\$655.00	Membership dues
\$125.00	2008 Base Donations
Expenditures	
\$415.00	National dues
\$27.76	Stores
\$2589.25	Meeting (Christmas Party)
\$19,852.93	Base Fund Balance as of Dec 31, 2008
Charlie Cloud (Treasurer)	

USSVI HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT

By Peter J. Koester

USSVI National Historian

Based in large part on research compiled by William T. 'Doc' McCance, Past National Historian.

Before the founding of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI), there existed the original U.S. submarine veterans association, the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II. Founded in July 1955, Sub Vets WWII membership was limited to submarine crews and relief crews who were on active duty from 01 December 1941 to 01 September 1945. Their goal was to perpetuate the memory of their shipmates who had served so ably during the war; that those lost on submarines, in the line of duty, would never be forgotten.

As Sub Vets WWII grew and expanded, so too did the development and deployment of submarines across the globe. Over time it became apparent to some members of Sub Vets WWII that there was a need for an organization that would include American submariners of all eras, gathered in memory of all submariners lost throughout American history. It was also recognized that limiting membership of Sub Vets WWII would mean a limited lifetime for the organization, as only a finite number of WWII submariners existed.

At the 1961 National Convention of the Submarine Veterans of World War II, a proposal was made to open the organization to all submariners, all the better to 'perpetuate the memory of our departed shipmates.' The proposal was voted down. Then, following the loss of USS Thresher (SSN 593) in April 1963, the proposal was raised again at that year's Sub Vets WWII National Convention. Again the proposal was voted down, failing by only two votes.

After contacting past shipmates in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and especially Connecticut, confirming interest in an organization that would admit all submariners from all eras, a group of sixteen WWII submarine vets, lead by Dominic 'Joe' Negri, organized a meeting in Orange, NJ on 12 October 1963. Agreeing that an organization should exist that would perpetuate the memory of all departed U.S. submariners, these sixteen men developed the Creed and National By-Laws by which a new United States Submarine Veterans organization would abide. It was at that meeting that the organization that would become USSVI was born. Officers of the new organization were appointed to serve in an acting capacity until regular elections could be held in the summer of 1964. Robert Link was appointed President, Ken O. Walkington was appointed Vice-President, Joe Burges was appointed Secretary and Mike Drucker was appointed Treasurer. The new organization creed read as follows; "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."

On 24 May 1964, shipmates Joe Negri, Ken Walkington and Joe Marion met with New London attorney L. Patrick Grey III, Captain, USN (Ret.) to legally constitute the U.S. Submarine Veterans as a legal non-profit organization in the state of Connecticut, with a license to operate and conduct business in all 50 states. The organization was officially incorporated and chartered in New London, CT by signatories Joe Negri, Ken O. Walkington and Joe Marion. Additional charter members included Warren 'Ed' Gannon, Angelo LaPelosa, Robert Link, Thomas Rowan and Hugh Trimble. They elected former Sub Vets WWII National Commander Bob Link as the first National Commander of USSVI. Joe Negri was elected the first State Commander of Connecticut and Dick Higham was elected the first Base Commander of Connecticut Base #1, later to become known as Groton Base. The small organization would soon grow to include several hundred shipmates scattered throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The first United States Submarine Veterans, Inc National Convention was organized and held in Atlantic City, NJ from 18 June to 20 June 1964. Acting-President Robert Link hosted the delegates to the convention, representing nine eastern states, at the Traymore Hotel. The guest speaker of the first annual banquet was Commander Charles A. Carlisle, commanding officer of USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628). A new slate of National Officers was elected at the convention. These included Joe Negri as National Commander, Ken O. Walkington as National Vice-Commander, Joe Burges as National Secretary and Mike Drucker as National Treasurer as well as Joe Webb, Dick Higham and Joe Marion as National Directors.

Some of the most noteworthy decisions made at the 1964 National Convention included that membership in the organization would be open to all qualified submariners from 1900 to present and the establishment of the Holland Club to honor members qualified in submarines for 50 or more years.

The second annual USSVI National Convention was held from 13 August to 16 August 1965 at the Schrafft's Motel in New London, CT. Fourteen states were represented in the growing organization by 225 members in attendance that year. Deputy COMSUBLANT Rear Admiral David M. Tyree was the guest speaker, and special honor was given to Ring Bennett, who qualified in submarines in 1906. A National Convention is still held each year, hosted by a different Base and city each time.

Connecticut Base #1 started meetings immediately after the organization Creed and Bylaws were written in October 1963, initially using space in the Groton Knights of Columbus Hall. Attendance at these meetings averaged between 60 and 75

members. In 1966 the membership in Groton decided they needed their own building and a raffle was organized, selling 1000 tickets at \$10 each, with the top prize being a gold 1966 Cadillac donated by a local car dealership. This raised the money for the down payment on the former Ancient Order United Workman's Hall and (later) Groton Playhouse at 40 School Street in Groton, built in 1895. Due to the fact that USSVI had been incorporated in Connecticut and Groton Base owned their own clubhouse building, it was voted that the building be designated the official National Headquarters, a designation 40 School Street retained into the 1980's.

In May 1969 the magazine Submarine National Review was first published. The purpose of the magazine was to better establish communication and rapport between members across the country, with Ken Walkington and Tom Rowan serving as co-editors. The magazine continues publishing to present day, though in 1990 the name was changed to the American Submariner.

In 1983 a National Scholarship program was established, its goal to contribute to the educations of dependent sons and daughters of USSVI members.

National Life Membership was inaugurated by a vote at the 1984 National Business Meeting (held during the National Convention each year) in Groton, Connecticut. A year later, in 1985, Base Life Membership was voted in at Boston Base, National Life Membership being a required prerequisite.

As the membership of Sub Vets WWII dwindles, USSVI Bases around the country have started taking over the maintenance of the various submarine memorials around the country. In November 2002, Sub Vets WWII officially turned ownership of the National Submarine Memorial East in Groton, CT, which consists of the conning tower of the fleet boat USS Flasher (SS 249) and a Wall of Honor, to the City of Groton. On Memorial Day 2003, care and maintenance of the memorial was passed on to USSVI Groton Base.

In 2008, the National membership voted to alter the USSVI Creed, changing the last line to read as follows; "Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution." It was the first time in the 40+ year history of USSVI that the Creed had been altered.

From these beginnings has grown an organization that now includes more than 100 Bases (chapters) across the country with a membership of well over 13,000 members representing every state in the Union and still growing. The membership represents every era of American submarines; from pre-World War II through World War II veterans, post-war veterans, Cold War veterans, and submarine veterans who have fought during the current Global War against Terror.

NOVEMBER 24, 2008

To the members and wives of the Dallas and Fort Worth USSVI Bases:

The past few months have been difficult for Sue and I. We both knew that Jeffrey was taking a turn for the worse, but neither of us wanted to come to terms with the situation. As it turned out, he passed away very peacefully at home about 6:00 pm on October 31st. On November 8th we held a service that was a true celebration of his life that was very well attended.

During this time Sue and I had the unselfish support from family and friends, but no one gave us more support than you submariners and your wives. You were at the house for much needed comfort. You brought us food and flowers, and were there to help and steady us during the most desperate times. Many of you came to his service. And, if that wasn't enough, the Dallas Base, and many of you folks individually dug deep into your pockets and made very generous donations that we used towards his memorial service.

From the bottom of our hearts, Sue and I thank you for being there for us in our time of need. It's hard to find the right words, but you've shown us that no matter what has happened, good friends are forever.

Sue and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jeff and Sue

Welcome our new Dallas Base members that have joined since last newsletter. (November, December & January)

NAME	QUAL	BOAT
David Schrieber	LT	SSBN636 Nathanael Greene
Henry Owens	STS1(SS)	SSN 697 Indianapolis
James Doonan	EMC(SS)	SSBN609 Sam Houston
John Goodwin	LT	SSBN620 John Adams
James Callanan	ETM2(SS)	SS310 Batfish
James Smith	QM3(SS)	SSN650 Pargo

JERRY BRINGLE AWARD CEREMONY 2008

The 2008 Jerry Bringle award ceremony was held at the Spring Creek BBQ on Midway Road on, November, 7, 2008. Thirty eight members and guests were in attendance, including shipmate Jerry Bringle along with four crew members from the USS Dallas. The Dallas crew present were: Commanding Officer – CAPT Dave Roberts, Chief of the Boat – Master Chief Chuck Shoop, USS Dallas Sailor of the Year - Antavius Mitchell STS1 (SS), and USS Dallas Junior Sailor of the Year Award winner– SK3 (SS) Robert Cromwell.

Jerry was on key and provided all hands present with some interesting and entertaining insight into the "real" submarine service. And we all know, he spent more time in harms way

than the time many of us logged in our entire submarine "hitch". Which means he has a lot of insight! I look forward to every chance I get to associate with the finest both past and present.

It was nice to see a deployed submariner display at least a hint of a little grey around the temples. Very dignified looking COB. The Captain is an example of what a Submarine Commanding Officer should be, in addition to being very witty and interesting company. Both the Senior and Junior sailors of the year were certainly the best of the best.

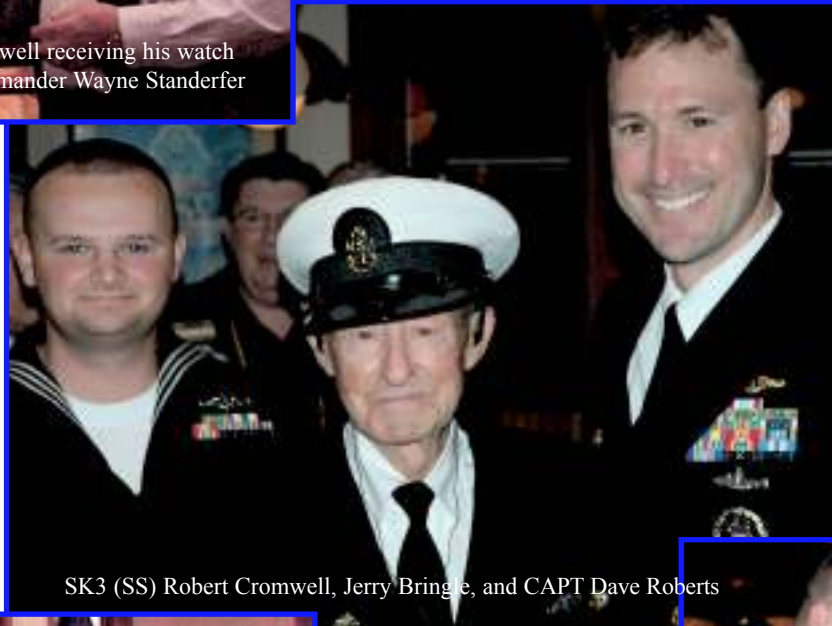


SK3 (SS) Robert Cromwell receiving his watch from Dallas Base Commander Wayne Standerfer

If you missed the award ceremony this year, you missed a good one. Try not to miss the future ones. It will be your loss, and we will obviously have a good time anyway!



Master Chief Chuck Shoop and Jerry Bringle



SK3 (SS) Robert Cromwell, Jerry Bringle, and CAPT Dave Roberts



l - r: Master Chief Chuck Shoop, Antavius Mitchell STS1, SK3 (SS) Robert Cromwell, Jerry Bringle, and Dallas Base Commander Wayne Standerfer



SK3 (SS) Robert Cromwell and Jerry Bringle

NEWS-07: USS Cavalla and Seawolf Park update
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 1/23/2009

Seawolf Park is the home of the USS Cavalla SSK-244 submarine and Destroyer Escort USS Stewart (DE-238) and was very hard hit by Hurricane Ike.

"The 6ft high earth dam around the USS Stewart appears to be going well. It has been extended from the bow to near center and from near center to the stern. There is a gap that appears to be used for pumping down the water and possibly pulling out the boat from under the ship. The webcam doesn't show what is going on on the starboard side."

WEBCAM: <http://www.cavalla244.org/ParkWebcams.htm>

It's highly probable that the dam will be done soon and then the water pumped in to refloat the Stewart.

On the Cavalla, the two "tourist" hatches have rubber gaskets that saw better days 40 years ago, and apparently they leaked. The FTR wasn't too bad, but the ATR took the most damage. All the damaged tiles have been removed and the area cleaned up very well. The ships 480/120V transformer was flooded out, but Mike Pullen's company donated a new and larger transformer, so we have power throughout the boat. The bilges in the other compartments have been filling over the years from condensation. The bilges can't be pumped to the sewer system, due to the oil content. The bilges on the Cavalla have been pumped down and then they plan on power washing the lower levels and filling with water as high as possible.

After that the contractor come back out and put the bilges dry. We can't pump the bilges to the environment due to the oil. This requires the water/oil to be hauled to a treatment plant (cost money). After the bilges get flushed a few times, we can probably open them up for complete cleaning and restoration. The only problem is that those da\$%%#\$mn deck hatches have shrunk over the years and it takes a skinny and nimble person to get below the plates (anyone remember seeing someone by that description?)

The torpedo that was by the Cavalla's stern got washed under the boat and the boat came down on it, so that the tail assembly on the torpedo was bent about 30 degrees.

The Cavalla Historical Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization needs your support in the recovery effort. Your tax deductible donation may be sent to:

Cavalla Historical Foundation
 2504 Church Street
 Galveston, TX 77550



Fr: Patrick McGregor's son, Denise Miller, Patti McClane, Ivan Nicodemus and Charlie Cloud

The annual base Christmas party was held at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Arlington Texas this year. Many shipmates and guests were there. There was a cash bar to liven the conversation and make for jolly good spirits.

The food was well prepared and service was well done. Following the meal the customary drawing of numbers for the gift table selections was held. Seems there were quite a number of long tall gift bags containing various spirits and libations. Those tended to be big "exchange" targets. Dolphin themed items were still the most swapped, "swiped(?)". Everyone had a great time.



Birthdays for December	20	Kirk Counard
9	Walt Eller	28
10	Joel Battle III	30
10	Carl Byler	
10	Don McClane	Birthdays for February
16	John Goodwin	1
18	Charles Cloud	2
27	Tony Whitley	3
31	Francis Landrum	7
		8
Birthdays for January	9	Robert Keating
1	Eddie Griffith	9
1	Michael Snyder	11
5	Phil Burkett	11
7	Maurice Barksdale	21
8	Timothy Davis	22
13	James Doonan	24
14	Shon Lambright	27
		27
		28
		Fred Maphis

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DISTRIBUTION

When: Friday, February 20- Saturday, February 21 - Monday, February 23

This is the major fund raiser for our base and supplies the largest portion of our yearly base operating expenses. Last year we made \$3915.00 by working only three days. (Don't worry, you don't have to sell cookies, you only load them.)

In addition to funding the expenses to operate our base, this fund raiser enables us to support a scholarship and donate to some very worthwhile causes every year.

The annual Christmas party is one example of where some of this money goes. The \$20.00 per head that we charge is slightly less than half of what the meal actually cost. The base pays the balance out of our general fund. We know there are some base members that are not able to participate because of work or health conditions and this is understandable. But some of the others that don't have these limitations should seriously consider stepping up and helping. We are only asking for a couple of days of work per year which isn't much to support our base. Think about that....it only involves .27% (1 day) to .82% (3 days) of your time for the year.

If you have friends, relatives or even old enemies that might want to help, by all means invite them along. The dates, times and locations are listed below. Please look them over and call or e-mail me as to when you can help.

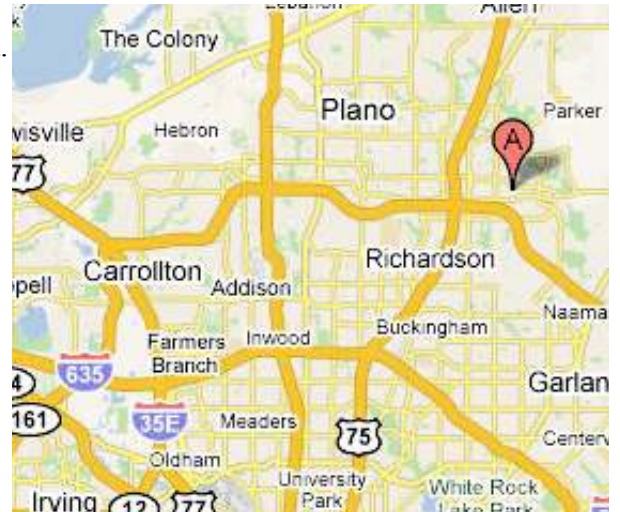
Each day will start at 7 am and wind up around 3 to 4 pm each afternoon.

Details as what to bring and what to wear will be sent out later.

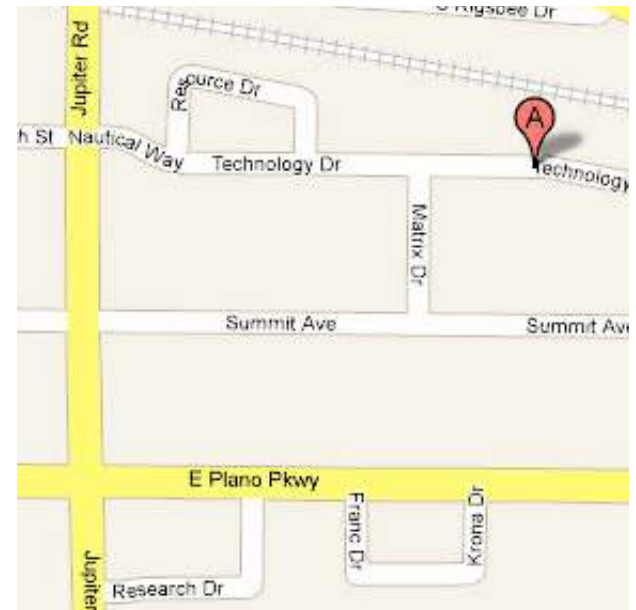
Call or contact me to volunteer or if you have any questions

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Location
All Three (3) Days will be at
3100 Technology, Plano, TX



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LOST BOATS REPORT

LOST BOATS FOR DECEMBER

USS Sealion (SS 195) December 10, 1941
5 officers and men

USS S-4 (SS 109) December 17, 1927
34 officers and men

Lost Boat of the Month December

USS F-1 (SS 20) December 17, 1917
19 officers and men lost

SS 20 sank after a collision with F-3 off San Clemente, California.

LOST BOATS FOR JANUARY

USS Argonaut (SS 166) 10 January 1943
105 officers and men

USS Swordfish (SS 193) 12 January 1945
83 officers and men

USS S-36 (SS 141) 20 January 1942
no loss of life

Lost Boat of the Month JANUARY

USS S-26 (SS 131) 24 January 1942
46 officers and men lost

SS 131 was lost in the Gulf of Panama. Under the command of LCDR E.C. Hawk, S-26 was starting on her second war patrol. Proceeding to station, she was rammed in the dark by the USS PC-460 on the starboard side of the torpedo room, sinking within a few seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout, who had been on the bridge, were the only survivors.

LOST BOATS FOR FEBRUARY

USS Shark (SS 174) on or about 1 February 1942
59 officers and men

USS Barbel (SS 316) 4 February 1945
81 officers and men

USS Grayback (SS 208) 27 February 1944
80 officers and men

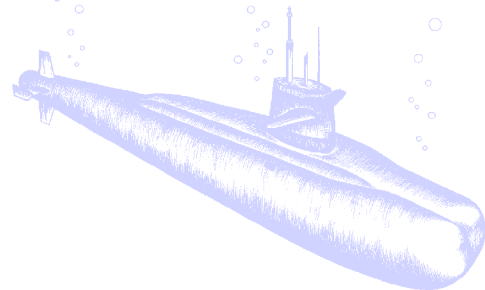
USS Trout (SS 202) 29 February 1944
79 officers and men

USS Scorpion (SS 278) on or about 1 February 1944
77 officers and men lost

Lost Boat of the Month February

USS Amberjack (SS 219) 16 February 1943
72 officers and men lost

SS 219 was lost off Rabaul. She was on her third war patrol and commanded by LCDR J.A. Bole. Amberjack appears to have been the US submarine attacked by a Japanese patrol plane on that date, followed up by a depth charge attack by a torpedo boat and subchaser which resulted in a large amount of oil and wreckage coming to the surface.



SUBMARINE TRIVIA

The first boat known to have been navigated under water was built in 1620 by a Dutchman, Cornelius Van Drebbel. Van Drebbel is said to have developed a chemical which would purify the air and allow the crew to stay submerged for extended periods.

Dallas Base Membership Report (January 2009)

Base Membership	102
Regular Annual Members	48
Associate Members	10
USSVI Life Members	30
Holland Club Members	14

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Sat, Feb 7 - USSVI Base Meeting
12 noon at Oasis

Feb 20, 21, 22 - Girl Scout Cookie
Distribution - 3100 Technology,
Plano, TX

March

Sat, March 7 - USSVI Base Meeting -
12 noon at Spring Creek BBQ
14941 Midway Rd
Addison, TX 75001
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April

Sat, April 4 - USSVI Base Meeting -
12 noon at Spring Creek BBQ
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FEBRUARY 7TH MEETING

This is a reminder that we will be having our quarterly meeting with the Fort Worth WWII SubVets at:

The Oasis Restaurant on Joe Pool Lake
5700 Lake Ridge Pkwy
Grand Prairie, Texas
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