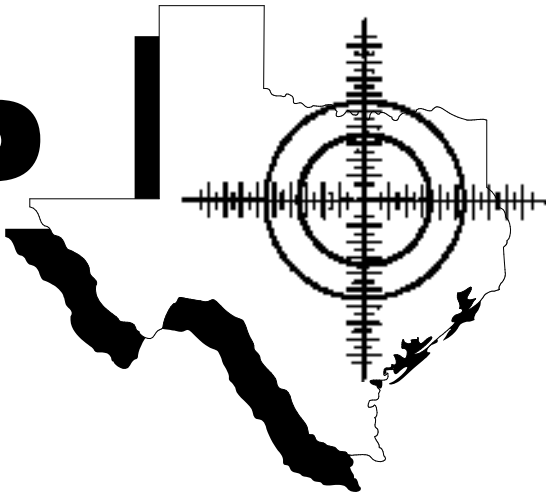


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United States Submarine Veterans, Inc Our Creed: *"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and it's Constitution."*



Shipmates,

I can't believe another Newsletter is coming out!! We had a very busy last few months!! The Girl Scout Cookie Fundraiser went well and we made some money for the base and our scholarship's. Thanks again to Wayne for setting up the days and making sure it went well. We went to Greet the Troops at DFW airport a couple of times and had a good (rewarding) time!! We are shooting for the last Saturday of each month to go out and Welcome our Troops.

We had our First Submarine Force Birthday Party on the 16th of April and had a good turnout for the first one!! About 50 people came out to join in the fun!! Thanks to Jeff Morris for the "Great" Guitar playing and Singing!! Denise did a Fantastic job setting up the hall and ordering the "Birthday Cake"!! We will post some pictures on the web site shortly. Only regret was that we did not get a group picture. We will remember to do that next year.

Gavin Wolff has taken over the Kaps for Kids program from me and soon he will have it up and running good. He was very excited to take on this program.

Our next meeting is our Joint Meeting at Joe Pool Lake Oasis Club on the 7th of May at 1200. Hope to see you out there!! Respectfully,

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**MAY 7TH MEETING  
AT THE OASIS**

Map and meeting information on back.

**Happy Birthday**

Birthdays for March		Birthdays for May	
5	David Schrieber	1	Frank Morgan
8	Joe Watson	3	Denise Miller
9	Donald Thieme	5	Bill Bozarth
19	Paul McAlister	6	Leonard Tunnell Jr
21	Thomas McCutcheon	6	Sam Williams
28	Jerry Larson	8	Gerald Bringle
29	George Bard	10	Michael Gick
		12	Daniel Ottinger
Birthdays for April		24	E.J. Plummer
5	James Kennedy	26	Glenn Baker
6	Mart Nurmet	26	Peter Filidoro
9	Bruce Richards		
27	Leonard Reneau		

## USSVI-Dallas Base April 2011 Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the USSVI-Dallas Base was called to order at Spring Creek Barbeque Restaurant in Addison, TX April 2, 2011 by Dallas Base Commander Stan Miller at 12:00 PM.

Present were the following members and guests:

Members: Ryan Barley, Jerry Bringle, Doug Burleson, Gerald Burnham, Charlie Cloud, Peter Filidoro, Doug Gallagher, Ron Jansen, Marv Koch, Jim Lucas, Andrew Massimino, Tom McCutcheon, George McDermott, Patrick McGregor, Stan Miller, Frank Morgan, Jeff Morris, Richard Muse, Mart Nurmet, Daniel Ottinger, Harry Owens, David Pearce, Mel Polen, Leonard Reneau, John Reynolds, Jo Lynn Standerfer, Wayne Standerfer, Kenneth Stone, Donald Thieme, Leonard Tunnell, Linda Tunnell, Donna Williams, Fred Williams and Gavin Wolff.

Guests: Bob Jewett, Thelma Burnham, Nell Cloud, Cathy Lucas, Jean McCutcheon, Gloria Morgan, Sue Morris and Dede Reneau.

A moment of silence was observed to remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Invocation was given by: Mel Polen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by: Marv Koch.

The Submariner's Creed was read by: Stan Miller.

Stan Miller then read the names of the Boats on Eternal Patrol for the month of April while Charlie Cloud tolled the bell.

**April Birthdays:** James Kennedy, Mart Nurmet, Leonard Reneau and Bruce Richards.

Marv Koch thanked the Base for the gift he and Mary received for their Grandson and announced that they will be moving back to Ohio.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Treasurer:** Charlie Cloud presented the Treasurer's report for March. The report was approved as presented.

**Membership:** Stan Miller announced he will continue to head up Membership due to Marv Koch moving. He reported that there are now 110 members and he has sent emails to 7 prospects.

**Storekeeper:** Mel Polen reported that metal license plate frames are now available.

**Scholarship:** Frank Morgan reported there are 7 applications out. Applications are due back by the end of April.

### Old Business:

**Kaps for Kids:** The visit scheduled for March had to be canceled and will be rescheduled for the end of April. Gavin Wolff has taken over the Kaps for Kids Committee from Stan Miller.

**1st Annual Dallas/Ft. Worth Submarine Service Birthday Party:** is scheduled for Saturday April 16th at the VFW on Howell Street in Arlington. So far 38 people have committed to attend the party. A final count is needed one week before the party. Anyone interested in attending should contact Stan Miller.

**New Business:** No New Business.

**Good of the Order:** Next meeting: Will be the combined Dallas and Cowtown Base meeting, at 12 noon, May 7, 2011 at the Oasis Restaurant on Joe Pool Lake.

**Guest Speaker:** Bob Jewett spoke about his time in the Marine Corps, training as a fighter pilot and flying mission in Viet Nam. He showed video clips made while flying ground support missions in Viet Nam.

50/50 Drawing: was won by Marv Koch for \$54.

Benediction: was given by Mel Polen.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM

Next meeting  
Saturday, 12 Noon, May 7, 2011 at  
Oasis Restaurant on Joe Pool Lake.  
Meeting will begin at noon.

Respectfully submitted by: Peter Filidoro, Base Secretary  
04/07/2011

## SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 2011

Per the new Dallas Base Commander's prediction: It's going to just keep getting better and better! I'm referring to the first annual Dallas area combined base US Submarine Force birthday party, of course.

The first of many to come event was held at the Arlington, Texas, VFW hall, Saturday, April 16. The official ceremonies included a tolling of all boats lost conducted by Stan Miller with "Doc", Mel Polen, ringing the bell.

A Colters BBQ buffet followed the short official presentation. The submarine birthday cake was carved up jointly by the oldest and youngest Submariner, Mel Polen and Gavin Wolff, in attendance. Later the crowd was entertained by our own Jeff Morris singing a small (the only clean ones?) selection of submarine related sea shanties. The remainder of the evening's

entertainment was masterfully provided by the Dallas Base Commander/Karaoke pro Stan Miller, who held forth with such exuberance that his voice began to fade before the party was over.

I noticed the VFW bartender was serving all the drinks in non breakable plastic cups. She assured me it is standard procedure and no one had previously warned her of the history of Submariners and bars. I suspect she was just being gracious.

To those who were not there, we expect to see you next year. If not, we will just have another really good time without you anyhow. It might even get so exciting next year there will be a serious need for plastic glasses! I'd venture to say that is much more likely than Stan's wish that the annual event evolve into a "dress up" high falut'en Ball. Been to a lot of Submarine events in my day and can pretty well predict the former is much more likely than the latter.



**At the base meeting on April 2, our speaker was Mr. Bob Jewett**, a former Marine fighter pilot. The following is a summary of his talk for the benefit of members who were not able to attend.

Bob was introduced to aviation by his dad, who would take him flying in small private aircraft as a boy. His dad would pretend to be tired and ask Bob to keep the plane flying straight and level while he "napped". In effect, his dad was teaching him to fly, and it was an interest that stayed with him. When he was older, Bob looked into flying in the military, and settled on the Marine Corps when they guaranteed him flight training. Like US Navy pilots, Marines trained at Pensacola, Florida and had to qualify for landings on aircraft carriers. For Bob, as for most Marine pilots, this would be the last time they would see a carrier, because Marine planes are usually land-based.

Bob was subsequently assigned to fly the McDonnell Douglas F4B Phantom, and trained further in that aircraft at Cherry Point, North Carolina and El Toro, California. Following this training, in August 1967 his squadron was sent to Vietnam, where they stayed until September 1968. The squadron was stationed at two locations during their tour: Chu Lai and later Danang.

The primary mission of Marine pilots was close air support to troops on the ground, utilizing rockets, napalm, cannon fire and bombs. Bob showed a short video which gave a cockpit view of using some of these weapons, especially rocket fire. The video even included a short sequence taken by a ground controller showing his plane dropping napalm.

The talk was followed by a lively question and answer session. One point that came up during that was that Bob and his squadron were occasionally tasked to look for enemy aircraft, but because they largely conducted these missions in South Vietnam, they never encountered any. This was a secondary mission for Marine pilots - it was a primary mission for the Navy and Air force fighters.

Following his Marine tour, Bob became a commercial pilot with Delta Airlines for 34 years, then spent 5 years flying corporate jets before finally retiring from aviation for good (except as a passenger).

## COOKIE WORK PARTY 2011

After the now standard Wayne Standafer pleading and shaming, the usual suspects, and thank goodness, some new faces and younger blood mustered at the Plano warehouse for the annual Girl Scout cookie distribution details. And every old timer knows a full warehouse beats a royal flush of trailers. And I do mean royal FLUSH of the unpleasant kind!



I learned we are now considered the "senior" (I guess in more ways than one) organization involved in the annual event. Due to vast naval training and a natural ability to load stores old Submariners are evidently pretty damn hard to beat at stuffing the soccer mom vehicles.

Although it can't be called painless or effortless the cookie loading makes the Dallas Base a very handsome sum for a mere three days work. I've been involved with a lot of organizations over the years and I can't think of a better way to earn enough to give back to our communities in a meaningful way.



It may leave you dead a\_\_ed tired at the end of each day, but like all things Submariners undertake it is never boring or dull. I have to admit I do look forward to the cookie days every year. Not only for what we produce, but for the fun of working with a bunch of guys who know the meaning of a job well done and are more than willing to give until it hurts.

### CHAPLAIN'S BINNACLE LIST

**Jim Lucas and Neil Cloud** both had knee replacements.

**Ron Jansen** - Is fighting cancer.

Fred Williams is recovering from a broken rib and Donna is recovering from a broken arm.

Please keep these shipmates in your prayers.

(Anytime you know of a shipmate that is under the weather please let us know so we can add them to the Binnacle List.)



## LOST BOATS REPORT

### LOST BOATS FOR MARCH

USS Perch (SS 176)                      3 March 1942  
no immediate loss of life. 53 survived the war.

USS Grampus (SS 207)                5 March 1943  
72 officers and men

USS H-1 (SS 28)                        12 March 1920  
4 officers and men

USS Triton (SS 210)                  15 March 1943  
74 officers and men

USS Kete (SS 369) between 20 and 31 March 1945  
87 officers and men

USS F-4 [ex-SKATE] (SS 23) 21 March 1915  
19 officers and men lost

USS Tullibee (SS 284)                26 March 1944  
79 officers and men and one survivor

USS Trigger (SS 237) 28 March 1945  
91 officers and men

#### Lost Boat for March

USS Grampus (SS 207)                5 March 1943  
72 officers and men lost

Grampus under the command of LCDR J.R. Craig, was on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, probably as a result of engaging two Japanese Destroyers that had just passed through the nearby Blackett Strait.

### LOST BOATS FOR APRIL

USS Pickerel (SS 177)                3 April 1943  
74 officers and men

USS Snook (SS 279)                  8 April 1945  
88 officers and men

USS Thresher (SSN 593)            10 April 1963  
129 officers, men and shipyard workers from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

USS Grenadier (SS 210)            22 April 1943  
No immediate loss of life

#### Lost Boat for April

USS Grenadier (SS 210)            22 April 1943  
No immediate loss of life

USS Grenadier under the command of LCDR J.A. Fitzgerald, was on her 6th war patrol. Caught while stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, a bomb dropped by the plane exploded, severely damaging Grenadier. She eventually lodged in the bottom mud at 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting very serious fires and flooding throughout the boat. When she was able to regain the surface, she had no remaining propulsion, and was soon attacked by another enemy plane. While she successfully fought off the plane, mortally wounding the pilot, the arrival of additional enemy surface craft led LCDR Fitzgerald to the decision to abandon ship and sink the boat. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 57 survived the war.

### LOST BOATS FOR MAY

USS Gudgeon (SS 211)                12 May 1944  
80 officers and men

USS Lagarto (SS 371)                4 May 1945  
88 officers and men

USS Squalus (SS 192)                23 May 1939  
26 officers and men

USS Stickleback (SS 415)          30 May 1958  
No loss of life

#### Lost Boat for May

USS Squalus (SS 192)                23 May 1939  
26 officers and men lost

USS Squalus was lost when she flooded via the main induction piping and sank off Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Despite the loss, a substantial portion of her crew was rescued. Squalus herself was raised, overhauled and refitted, then re-commissioned as Sailfish. Under that name, she won one Presidential Unit Citation during World War II, and sank 45,000 tons of enemy shipping, including an escort carrier.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY**

**Sat, May 7th Dallas Base Meeting**  
The Oasis Restaurant  
5700 Lake Ridge Pkwy  
Grand Prairie, Texas  
817-640-7676

**Sat, May 21th Work weekend on**  
**thru 27th Cavalla in Galveston**

**June**

**Sat, June 4th Dallas Base Meeting**  
12 noon  
Spring Creek Barbeque  
2827 W Wheatland at I20  
Dallas, Texas 75237  
972-296-1211

**Sat, July 9th Dallas Base Meeting**  
12 noon  
2827 West Wheatland (at I 20)  
Dallas, TX 75237  
972-296-1211

**MAY 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**  
**817 640-7676**

