



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.

SOUTH FLORIDA BASE

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OUR 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 of America and its Constitution.*

South Florida Base meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 1100 hrs. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, October 12 at Snapper's Restaurant. Come join in the fun, have some great food, buy some neat "sub stuff" swap sea stories, and enjoy the camaraderie of "fellow bubbleheads". Snapper's is located at the south-east corner of Old Boynton Beach Blvd & Congress Ave., Boynton Beach

SEPTEMBER LOST BOATS

USS S-5 (SS-110)
USS GRAYLING (SS-209)
USS S-51 (SS-162)
USS CISCO (SS-290)

OCTOBER LOST BOATS

USS SEAWOLF (SS-197)
USS S-44 (SS-155)
USS Wahoo (SS-238)
USS DORADO (SS-248)
USS ESCOLAR (SS-294)
USS SHARK (SS-3'4)
USS DARTER (SS-227)
USS TANG (SS-306)
USS O-5 (SS-66)

Sailor, Rest your oars, we have the watch

September Birthdays

John Galasso, Steve Anton



October Birthdays

Paul Burnside, Everett Rosenblum, Richard Blonshine

BINNACLE LIST

Shipmates Alan Perry, Bob Mick, Leyon Sakey, Chuck Derderian

Please keep them and anyone we may have missed in your thoughts and prayers

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Boat of the month, USS CROAKER SS 246



(SS 246)



(SSK 246)

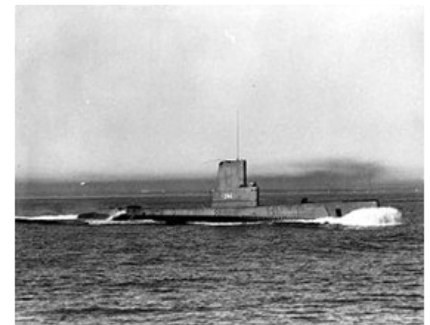


(AGSS 246) (IXSS 246)



Croaker (SS-246), underway, c. 1944-45.

Career	
Builder:	General Dynamics Electric Boat, Groton, Connecticut ^[1]
Laid down:	1 April 1943 ^[1]
Launched:	19 December 1943 ^[1]
Commissioned:	21 April 1944 ^[1]
Decommissioned:	15 June 1946 ^[1]
Recommissioned:	7 May 1951 ^[1]
Decommissioned:	18 March 1953 ^[1]
Recommissioned:	11 December 1953 ^[1]
Decommissioned:	2 April 1968 ^[1]
Struck:	20 December 1971 ^[1]
Fate:	Made into Museum ship at Groton, Connecticut on 27 June 1976, ^[2] then to Buffalo, New York. ^[1]



November Foxtrot Alpha Golf

USS CROAKER SS 246
Qual Boat of Shipmate Tony Romano

Each month, there will be a "Boat of the Month" featured, which will be one of South Florida Base's shipmates "Qual" Boat. Surprise! Yours may be next!

South Florida Base Members on ETERNAL PATROL

Bob Burdon, Bill Roney, Conrad Dietrich, Murray Parker, Gunther Hoffman, Bill Hayes, Bob MacNeil Paul Adams, John Burns, Jerry Canter, Al Hecker George Billadeau., Keith Reynolds

SCHEDULED EVENTS

2013 Sub Vets Gulf Coast Christmas Party, 12/12 - 12/15
Kings Bay WWII Memorial, 10/30 - 11/3



SEPTEMBER, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

September 14 meeting

Meeting called to order By Bill Andrea at 1110 hrs.

All rise

Reading of USSVI Creed

Invocation by Ken Lee

All hands, pledge to the American Flag, rt. Hand salute.

Tolling of Boats lost in September by Bill Bender

Member introductions

Members present: Bill Andrea, Mavae Andrea, John Clarke, Barbara Billadeau, Chris Bailey, Steve Laine, Doug MacArthur, LaMar McQuerry, Charlie Carter, Joe Marchi, Bill Bender, Ken Lee, Larry Harjehausen

Guests: Marge MacNeil

Secretary's Report read and accepted

Treasurer's Report read and accepted

Old Business: Regarding the torpedo, Larry Harjehausen said he would speak to some family members in the trucking industry to see if they could possibly arrange partial or all the way transportation for the torpedo.

New Business: A motion was made and passed to donate \$100.00 dollars to the Hawthorne Museum, who has been handling our torpedo. Ken Lee also said he would donate a hundred dollars to that donation. BZ, and thanks, Ken, for your generous contribution.

Ken Lee volunteered to approach Lockheed Martin to donate their shop work assistance on the torpedo and tank. He will need South Florida Base to define what is needed for those projects.

Bill Andrea brought up the subject of a By Laws change that would change our current criteria for establishing a quorum. Steve Laine moved to table the idea for consideration by the Base Officers at a later date. Motion passed.

Bill Bender announced that as he worked for the County Parks and Recreation, he noticed a need for a flagpole on Peanut Island, and the possibility of the Base donating a flagpole and plaque stating that South Florida Base donated the flag pole. It was tabled pending more information on requirements, cost, etc.

Larry Harjehausen announced that he had secured the picnic site at MacArthur Beach State Park again for next year on March 8th. BZ, Larry for all your help and work on this.

Steve Laine proposed that our Christmas/ Holiday

Party date be changed to December 7th from the 14th, at the Chalfont in Boca Raton this year, in order for any members that wanted to attend the Annual Gulf Coast Christmas Party in Panama City Beach. Motion made, seconded and approved. Chris Bailey volunteered his small projector to be used for video presentations at meetings. BZ Chris, Thanks.

50/50 won by LaMar McQuerry. Congratulations LaMar.

Closing Benediction by Ken Lee

Meeting adjourned at 1215 hrs

Respectfully submitted, Ken Lee, Acting Secretary

From the Base Commander

I have just returned from a northward jaunt that included Patriots Point in Charleston, South Carolina and the USS Clamagore. She is in woeful condition. The interior has been well maintained, but the exterior is showing the ravages of a saltwater environment.

Upcoming issues for the next meeting on Saturday, October 12th at Snappers are:

Nominations for Officers for the coming year.

Internal audit– need two members to review our books.

Participation in Veterans Day Parade.

Please give these some thought in advance.

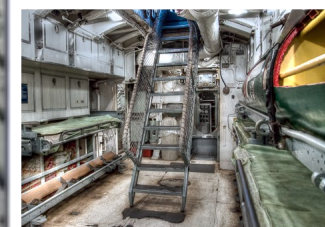
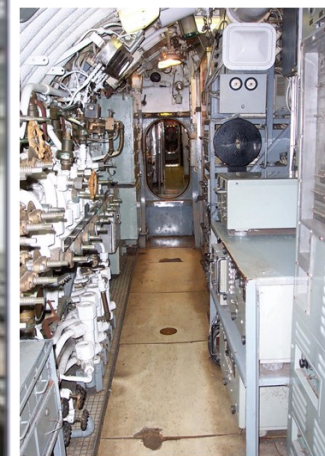
Robert Chambers, Base Commander



PRIDE RUNS DEEP



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PICTURE GALLERY



USS CLAMAGORE, SS 343
Patriots Point, Charleston, South Carolina



There is a port of no return, where ships may ride at anchor for a little space and then, some starless night, the cable slips, leaving an eddy at the mooring place.... Gulls, veer no longer. Sailor, rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore

SCUTTLEBUT & OTHER ASSORTED GOODIES



GET QUALIFIED!

Recruit a new member today

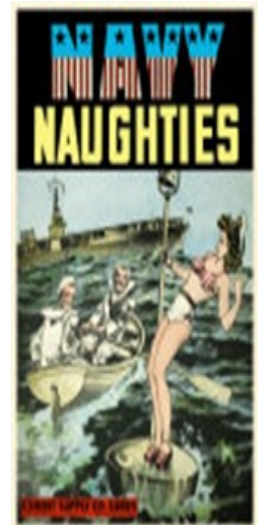


The meaning of life in thirteen words:

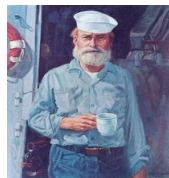
**Inside every older Sailor Is a younger Sailor
Wondering WHAT THE F*** Happened?**



I WANT YOU



Norman and the prostitute



Norman, an old retired sailor, puts on his old uniform and heads for the docks once more, for old times sake and some hot sex. He engages a lovely prostitute and takes her up to a room.

He's soon going at it as well as he can for a guy his age, but needing some reassurance, he asks, 'How am I doing?' The prostitute replies, 'Well Norman, ya old sailor, you're doing about three knots.' 'Three knots?' he asks. 'What's that supposed to mean?'

She says, 'You're knot hard, you're knot in, and you're knot getting your money back.'

When asked what I did to make life worthwhile in my lifetime....I can respond with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, "I served a career in the United States Navy."

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