

TOPEKA-JEFFERSON CITY BASE'S SCUTTLEBUTT



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."*

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DAVE REEVE	SECRETARY	JOHN MOORE	CHAPLAIN

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

George M Arnold, membership, wants to remind everyone that dues are due by Jan. 1, 2017. Please send your checks to Stan Putthoff. He will then send the National's dues to them. If you have any questions, email either George or Dave and we will try to answer your questions.



The base election is coming up. First, vote. Second, take an active role in running the TJC base. See my editorial.



*If you are able to access Face Book, take a look at the base page at **USSVI-TOPEKA JEFFERSON CITY BASE**. BC Krause has put up a short video of the commissioning of the float in Boonville and the exhibit at Raymore and the children. He did an outstanding job.*



A WORD FROM BASE COMMANDER DARYL KRAUSE

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Fellow submates, please accept my apologies for delaying Dave from sending out the newsletter. I have been trying to finalize some of the important details on Veterans Week in Branson this year and had hoped to be able to include it in the newsletter.

Unfortunately, because of the way Veterans week falls this year (Saturday November 5th through Friday November 11th) many things have had to be changed including Tolling of the Boats and Motel reservations. Both of which at this time have not been worked out.

Jay Everitt is currently setting up a new contract with the same Motel we used last year (dates 9th – 11th) which includes using the breakfast area in the afternoons for our Hospitality Room. Once that is confirmed the determination of the Tolling of the Boats for Thursday night at the Landing can be negotiated.

What is for certain is that we are signed up to participate in the Veterans parade on Friday November 11th in downtown Branson (details forthcoming).

With that being handled, the only thing I have left to discuss is that we are rapidly approaching the fall of 2016 and the end of parade season. Which also brings us to the point of Elections of Officers. I have appointed Past Commander Jim Armstrong as head of the nominating committee with members being Wendell Koerner and Ed Erwin. If you are interested in one of the officer positions, please contact them to get on the ballot. Our next meeting in Kansas City will be the start of the election process.

As I close in on the end of my term as your commander, I am officially informing the TJC Base that I will not seek a second term as commander. I would like to thank all of you that have supported me and the TJC Base. I believe over the last two years we have had a very successful run. I look forward to continuing the success to the finish line and supporting the new commander, as I have been supported, so his command will be as/more successful.

Daryl G Kraus Topeka – Jefferson City Base Commander subvetstjc@gmail.com

NOTE

We have four upcoming parades left in 2016: They are, Olathe, Sept. 10th, St. Joseph, Sept. 17th, Versailles, Oct. 1st and Branson, Nov. 11th.

The Oct. meeting is Oct. 8th, at the Kansas City Shrine. Details will be sent out.



VICE-COMMANDER, BILL FELLER

Well Lawdy!, Lawdy!, Lawdy! They have went and done it now. That's right the women have broken the barrier of the past 115 years of male dominated space. The first "Enlisted" female submariner was pinned just last week. Her name is CSC(SS/SW) Dominique Saavedra and she is stationed on the USS MICHIGAN (SSGN-727). Although she did most of her qualifications on the OHIO because Michigan is undergoing maintenance and refit to accommodate female berthing areas. I would like to congratulate Chief Saavedra on her accomplishment of submarine qualification. Well done to her and all who will follow in your footsteps. Even though female officers have been onboard submarines now for a few years, I thought I would take this moment and commemorate the first enlisted.

According to the Navy manpower types they are hoping to make the submarine service about 20% female. And they still have a long way to go. There are currently 43 officers in the pipeline and about 36 enlisted females in the submarine service. And with current submarine sailor population numbers that would put about 4,300 female submarine sailors in our community when they get to the 20% mark. These are interesting times we live in, and things they are a changing. So pretty soon these females will be coming home and I hope they are welcomed into USSVI with open arms as we need to start recruiting these ladies now to help keep our numbers up. And in the future we will see men as part of our USSVI auxiliary with our current wives now.

Also heads up TJC BASE, the MISSOURI (SSN-780) is going to be making a namesake visit in September. The current plan is to fly into Kansas City and start a whirlwind tour of the state going from Kansas City to St. Louis, Columbia, Jefferson City and Joplin. They plan to stop in Columbia and talk to the NROTC students there and attend the MIZZOU/Delaware State game and, then go to St. Louis and tour around and then to Jefferson City and then down to Joplin for a quick visit. Then back to Kansas City and back to the boat. So if you hear or see the crew make sure to say hello. One of the crew that is coming back is from the state of Missouri. The CO and his wife, the COB and his wife and a few of the sailors and I think one officer.

Also to let you all know that the past 2 years have been fun and educational for me as your Vice Commander. But my current situation at my new job is going to preclude me from being an officer for the next go around. But I will continue to support the base and maintain the Holland Club. Time for some new blood to step up and take over the course our current officers have set for the base.

That's all for now, MOVIE CALL!

Bill Feller
Base Vice Commander



Meeting Minutes, August 13th, 2016, Olathe, Ks.

Prior to the meeting getting underway, our guest speaker Norman Holle talked about the benefits available to Veterans from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. And some of the benefits from VA hospitals, from hearing loss to PTSD classes. (He handed out a six page info. sheet. Anyone who would like to read the handout, I can scan them and send them as a PDF.

Following Mr. Holle, COB drew for the 50/50. It was won by Ed Irwin. Then Ruby Bork led everyone to the BBQ buffet. Sat. was Ruby's Birthday

Meeting was called to order at 13:45. John Moore gave the opening prayer, Wendell Koerner led the pledge of Allegiance, then COB and John Moore did the tolling for Aug. and Sept.

Prior to the reports BC Krause presented Dave Eberhart with his Holland Club certificate and card. Dave qualified on the USS Corporal SS-346 in 1966. Dave has been a member of TJC since 2000. (picture on page 11)

BC Krause then asked for the officer's reports:

Minutes are printed in the previous newsletter and on the web site. Motion made to forgo the reading of the minutes, and seconded.

Treasurer Stan Putthoff read the Fin. report for July (the report is printed on a later page) .

George M Arnold, Membership, reported that we have 97 members. One joined at the meeting. (pictures on page 11)

Nominating Committee: Jim Armstrong, committee chairman, spoke on the need for members to step up and become an officer for a term. In the upcoming election, which the members will be voting for four officers. Three are open. Ed Irwin and Wendell agreed to be on the committee.

Wendell Koerner, storekeeper, showed the large number of items he has on hand and will order anything a member wants. He also showed a white vest for the wives, which would be nice when they participated in the parades. He also showed the new trailer hitch plug. A few purchased the submarine service lic. plate holders, chrome or blue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wendell asked if the base had a maintenance fund for the trailers and float. Daryl said we didn't have a fund, but he thought we still had some funds left from the donations. He will look into it. (it may be raised next meeting to make a motion to set aside an amount for such a fund ?)

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BC Krause said we needed to have insurance against loss for the trailers and contents. Wendell made a motion and seconded by COB that we obtain insurance. (the secretary will contact insurers to find what we need at a reasonable cost.

Daryl then brought up the issue of the Branson Tolling. We are signed up to take part in the Veteran's Week parade on Friday. The Friday parade officially ends Veteran's Week. The question is do we want to do the tolling on Thursday, during Veterans Week or on the Saturday after Veterans Week ends. (a survey has been sent to all members asking which day they prefer). Please respond to the survey.

After John Moore reported that a change of command was made on the USS Topeka at its home port in Guam, the meeting was adjourned at 1500.



Norman Holle, guest speaker



Some of the members and wives who attended the meeting (we had 35 attending)



Dave Eberhart receiving Holland Club certificate.





Welcome New Members

Happy to report that we have two new member, Charles (Chuck) Hendon and Scott Rhein.

Chuck lives with his wife, Priscilla, in Belton, Mo. Chuck qualified aboard the USS Hartford, SSN-768 in 2010.

Scott Rhein retired after 23 years on subs.

We don't have their personal info. yet, will add that later.

July Financial Report, 2016

Total Funds	June 30, 2016	\$5436.68
	Receipts	0.00
	Disbursements	(307.27)
	Interest	<u>0.00</u>
Total Funds	July 31, 2016	\$ 5129.41
Funds consist of:		
	Share account	99.00
	Checking account	5030.41
	Cert. of Deposit	<u>0.00</u>
		5129.41

Reconciliation-Checking	
Bank Balance	5562.41
Outstanding checks	<u>532.00</u>
Checking account	5030.41

Stanley M Putthoff

Aug. 3, 2016

A man goes to a female dentist to have a tooth extracted. She pulls out a large syringe to give him an anesthesia shot.

"No way, no needles! I hate needles!" the man exclaims

So she starts to hook up the nitrous oxide tank, and the man says, "I can't do the gas thing either. Just the thought of having a mask on my face suffocates me!"

The dentist then asks the patient if he had any objections to taking a pill.

"No," he says, "I'm fine with pills."

So the lady dentist gives him two little blue pills and he swallows them.

"What are those?" he asks.

"Viagra," she calmly replies.

"I'll be damned," said the man, "I didn't know Viagra works as a pain killer."

"It doesn't," says the wise lady, "But it'll give you something to hold on to when I pull your tooth."



THE OLD PHILOSOPHER SEZ,

the source and the originator of these insightful observations is a mystery, but he likes them anyway. He especially likes the last three!

1. Be careful when you follow the masses, sometimes the "M" is silent.
2. Have you ever listened to someone for awhile and wondered "*who ties your shoelaces for you*".
3. When you really want to slap someone, do it and say "**MOSQUITO**".
4. I finally realized that people are prisoners of their phones. That's why it's called **Cell Phones**.
5. Handle every stressful situation like a dog. If you can't eat it or play with it, just pee on it and walk away.
6. There are seven days in the week and **someday** isn't one of them.
7. It's always better to keep your mouth shut and let others think you are stupid than to open it and let them know for sure.
8. Ignorance can be educated and crazy can be medicated. But there is no cure for stupid.
9. . Don't confuse my **personality** with my **attitude** -- My **personality** is who I am. My **attitude** depends on who your are.

BIRTHDAYS

OKAY... MAKE A WISH &
BLOW THEM OUT!



August-Sept.	
Bennie Cashman	8/2
Joseph Ruckman	8/3
Richard Mount	8/7
Bill Feller	8/8
Joe Ryan	8/8
Ed Robinson	8/14
Robert Emery	8/16
Warren Forrest	8/25
John Moore	9/2
Stephen Richey	9/2
Billy Courtney	9/3
Stan Putthoff	9/6
Gerald Liles	9/6
Terry Shaw	9/11
Sam Spayde	9/14
Donald Alcott	9/15
Thomas Ilgenfritz	9/16
John Cage	9/18
George H Arnold	9/21
John Wright	9/21
David Eberhardt	9/23
Chuck Hendon	9/23
Albert Muller	9/25
Scott Rhein	9/27

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Dave Reeve, editor

First Female Enlisted Sailor Gets Submarine-Qualified

A chief petty officer has become the first woman to earn the Navy's "silver dolphins," signaling an enlisted sailor qualified to serve aboard a submarine.

Chief culinary specialist Dominique Saavedra will deploy aboard the nuclear-powered [guided-missile submarine Michigan](#) in coming months, the first sub to deploy with a crew including enlisted female sailors.

According to an announcement from Submarine Group 9, out of Puget Sound, Washington, Saavedra received her pin at a ceremony Tuesday, marking a major milestone for female sailors.

The Michigan is undergoing a maintenance period at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard that will wrap up this summer. A spokesman for Submarine Group 9, Lt. Cmdr. Michael Smith, said a specific timeframe for deployment has not been made clear.

When the sub deploys, Smith said, approximately 20 percent of the enlisted crew will be female, or about 29 sailors: two chief petty officers and 27 crew members at the rank of petty officer first class and below.

The Navy began integrating women into submarine crews in 2010, beginning with female officers. In 2012, the first four female officers received their "gold dolphin" pins. To date, Smith said, more than 43 female officers have become sub-qualified.

VICE ADM. ROBERT BURKE SAYS CHANGES ARE COMING (SUCH AS THOSE CHANGES ABOVE)

GROTON, Conn. (NNS) -- Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP), Vice Adm. Robert Burke held two all-hands calls July 26 with members of the Groton submarine community to discuss widespread changes coming to the personnel field and answer questions from the Sailors at Naval Submarine Base New London.

Burke primarily spoke about the Sailor 2025 initiative, which currently contains 43 individual programs to modernize and improve the personnel process within the Navy, but he also addressed the blended retirement and fielded questions from the audience.

"This is an exciting time because, frankly, we're turning the whole personnel business upside down and really trying to change the way we do business," said Burke.

Burke explained that we are on the road to change, because of where we had been.

Burke put the size of the task in perspective by explaining that every year approximately 40,000 join the Navy and approximately 40,000 leave the Navy, while approximately 90,000 execute Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders.

Burke is looking at options to take Naval Personnel from the industrial age to the information age.

Sailor 2025 consists of three main courses of action:

1. A complete modernization of the personnel system
2. Changing how we train the bulk of Sailors going to the fleet
3. Enriching our Navy culture

A Nuclear-Powered U.S. Military Ice Base Will Resurface as the Arctic Melts

Camp Century was supposed to stay buried

For decades now, an abandoned, nuclear-powered U.S. military base has been buried under the ice in Greenland—along with hazardous waste including radioactive material. The military believed that Camp Century would stay entombed forever in ice and snow, but now, because of climate change, [Greenland is starting to melt](#).

A lot of messy stuff threatens to be exposed as the ice disappears, including some 200,000 liters of diesel fuel, 240,000 liters of sewage and waste water, some toxic [polychlorinated biphenyls](#), or PCBs—and an unknown amount of radioactive coolant, left over from the site's nuclear generator, according to a new study, [published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*](#).

Camp Century was built in 1959, at the height of the Cold War, beneath the surface of the northwestern Greenland ice sheet. There, the United States studied deployment of nuclear missiles against Russia.

"It had up to 200 soldiers, called Iceworms, who lived in the ice," William Colgan, a climate and glacier scientist at Toronto's York University who is lead author on the new paper, told me. The base was positioned within the ice, not on top of it, so it wouldn't simply be buried by the relentless snow, he explained.

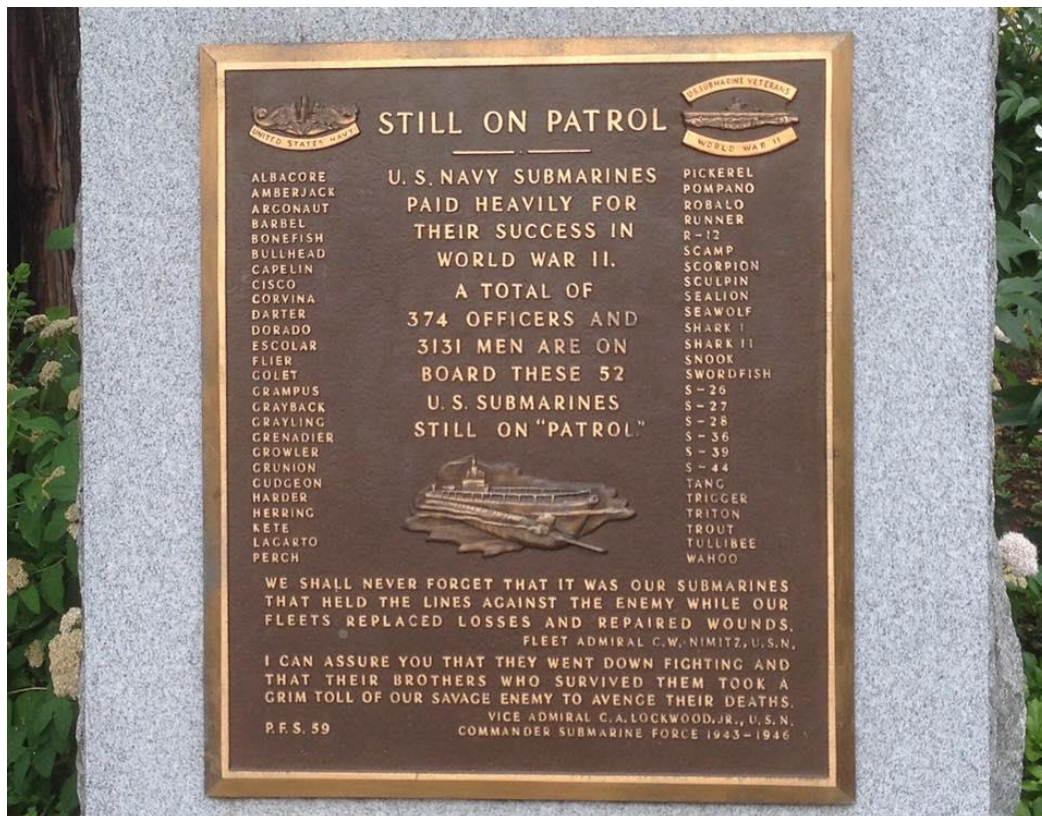
After it was decommissioned in 1967, the U.S. government abandoned pretty much all of the base's contents along with it, which wasn't an unusual practice. "It was reasonable to expect it to snow forever," Colgan explained, adding that Camp Century and other bases were legally established under a treaty between Denmark and the United States. "The agreement had an implicit assumption: that it would keep snowing," he said.

Given what we understand now [about climate change](#) and the Arctic, which is [warming more rapidly](#) than other parts of the world, "we have to say, these aren't tombs for eternity. Maybe in a century, they're going to start to melt out."



LOST BOATS FOR AUG. & SEPT.

USS POMPANO	SS-181	8/1/43	77 LOST	USS HARDER	SS-257	8/24/44	79 LOST
USS BULLHEAD	SS-332	8/6/45	84 LOST	USS COCHINO	SS-345	8/26/49	NO LOSS
USS FLIER	SS-250	8/13/44	78 LOST	USS GRAYLING	SS-209	9/9/43	76 LOST
USS S-9	SS-144	8/16/42	NP LOSS	USS S-51	SS-162	9/25/25	32 LOST
USS GRUNION	SS-216	8/16/42	70 LOST	USS CISCO	SS-290	9/28/43	76 LOST



"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 only an eddy at the mooring place. Gulls veer no longer. Sailor, rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore"



A little editorializing

Dave Reeve, editor

The first item is the exhibit we did at the Raymore Bible School. The youngsters all seemed to enjoy the float and the stories from Hutch and COB. Those members present discussed the idea of doing a similar exhibit at area schools. A problem I see is the lack of participation by the members.

At present we have 34 members in the greater K.C. area. At Raymore we had Daryl, Cob and myself. (I wasn't much help with my leg problem). Then we had Hutch and Ila who came over from Boonville and Wendell who drove down from St. Joe. That was it. I hope if we are able to share our experiences with area students we will have a little more participation from area members. I do realize that some work and others have age & health problems. I am in the latter group. But if you are able, we need your participation in base functions.

UPCOMING BASE ELECTIONS

Here is an editorial I just happen to run across while looking up something else in back issues of the SCUTTLEBUTT.

Editorial by Joe Robinson, secretary & editor issue 1, 2010

At one time or another, all of us made a voluntary commitment to serve aboard submarines and join the United States Submarine Veterans. The first of these two commitments came with many rules and regulations that were put in place to command our every action. For many of us, the second commitment was made after years of missing the camaraderie of our shipmates and the desire to make a difference.

So, I am puzzled as to why is it so difficult to get our active members to commit to serving as a Base Officer or a member of the Honor Team. I believe we all want to help set the direction for our base in the future, but somehow feel that members believe they do not have the time to contribute by being a Base Officer or Honor Team Member. As a base officer for my second term, I can attest to the fact that it does take a little time to perform the functions of the Base Secretary.

When I took this position, the editor of the newsletter was handled by another member. Well, last year that changed and I became the editor as well as handling the other duties of the secretary. We also undertook a major re-write of the TJC Constitution and By-Laws. So, needless to say that I was kept somewhat busy last year and there is more ahead for this year. However, even in the most time consuming part of this last year, my duties never kept me from the important activities with my family. That being in part to the George Arnold who has graciously volunteered to take meeting notes at any meeting that I could not attend.

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As you can see from the 2010 editorial, getting members to step up and take an active role as an officer isn't easy. But it's not unique. Almost every organization I have been a part of over the past 50 years has this problem.

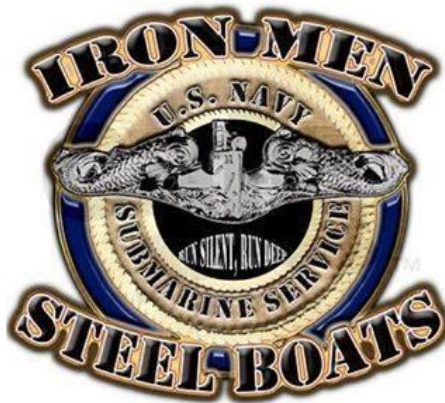
I hope when Jim Armstrong, as the past BC and who will be the nomination committee chairman, ask if you will accept the nomination (if you hadn't nominated yourself, one of your shipmates had nominated you because they felt you could do the job) you will say yes. Without your active participation in keeping TJC the viable organization it is now, it will cease to exist. I don't think any of us want that. If you aren't sure what a position does, ask the person holding that office now. Like me, they will tell you that it isn't hard, won't interfere with your family life and will be a rewarding experience.

We all owe a big Thank You to the seven sub vets who, in 1999, got together and formed what is now the TOPEKA-JEFFERSON CITY BASE of the USSVI. Those seven were: Richard Piezuch, George M Arnold, Fr. Aaron Peters, Brett Cortright, Chuck Werns, Charley Finlay and Bob Berry.

After seventeen years, the first four individuals listed above remain active members of the TOPEKA-JEFFERSON CITY BASE.

BOTTOM LINE: WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND HELP LEAD TJC

Dave Reeve, secretary & editor-----TOPEKA-JEFFERSON CITY BASE



Advice from an old Diesel Boat Sailor:

*"First you forget names, then you forget faces.
Then you forget to pull up your zipper,
It's worse when you forget to pull it down"*