

FLOATING WIRE

Trout Base USSVI

Twin Falls Idaho

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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 there 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."*

NEXT MEETING: February 25th
Golden Corral 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd N.
Dinner 12:00 Meeting 13:00

MINUTES 28 January 2012

Meeting opened at 13:00 by Commander Chilcott with the Tolling of the Boats for January and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

The treasures report was approved as read, \$945.93

Old business: The American Submariner Boat sponsorship report was given. USS Boise and USS Nevada will receive the American Submariner.

New Business: Kaps for Kids program was discussed. Ed Linard will chair assisted by Dave Chilcott. The Twin Falls County Veterans Council was discussed. Trout Base adopted and approved participation in the council program. A History of Albert Pkookback CS1(SS) on the R-19 and some history of the Civil War was given by Albert's son.

Election of officers: CDR Dave Chilcott, V-CDR Ed Linard, Sec. Rick Rowe, Treas. Jim Brooks.
Income 50/50 \$28.00 Nat. Dues 20, Base Dues 30, SK 37.

Meeting closed at 13:50

Muster list: Dave Chilcott, Larry Rowe, Rick Rowe, Ed Linard, Connie Nice, Jim Brooks, Bob Jenkins, Visitors Jim Bryant (TM1) and wife of Elko, NV

SUBMARINE LOSSES IN FEBRUARY

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| USS SHARK SS 174 | 2/11/42 |
| USS AMBERJACK SS 219 | 2/16/43 |
| USS GRAYBACK SS 208 | 2/26/44 |
| USS TROUT SS 202 | 2/29/44 |
| USS BARBEL SS 316 | 2/04/45 |

Duane Valdene Christian (Twin Falls, Idaho)

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New Members

Bob Jenkins EMCM(SS) qualified on SARGO in 1963, lives in Hazelton.

John Bonnett CS2(SS) qualified on ANNAPOLIS in 1992, lives in Twin Falls.

We lost two members for non-payment of dues.

German submarine U-234 was a Type XB U-boat of the German *Kriegsmarine* during World War II. Her first and only mission into enemy territory consisted of the attempted delivery of uranium oxide and other German advanced weapons technology to the Empire of Japan. After learning of Germany's unconditional surrender, the submarine's crew surrendered to the United States on 14 May 1945.

When the U Boat was escorted into Portsmouth, New Hampshire and her secret cargo was uncovered, Robert Oppenheimer himself came on

board and removed the cases marked U-235, plus papers and drawings. The Uranium carried by U-234 was allegedly enough to make two atomic bombs, 1235 pounds of 77 percent pure uranium oxide, it was destined for the Japanese atomic bomb program. The U-235 (Uranium-235) was taken away to Los Alamos, forming part of the payload of the bomb that fell on Hiroshima. So, the uranium intended for the production of a Japanese Bomb arrived in due course, but in a way no person in Japan could have imagined in his wildest nightmares! When the U Boat arrived in Portsmouth, it was placed under immediate armed guard and soldiers were ordered to shoot any reporter who tried to get near. They knew all right what they were dealing with."



Russian Fishing Trawler.



How about that. A sonar dome and torpedo tubes.
 Yup, a peaceful fisherman.
 Nothing to see here.
 COLD WAR my ass.
 Believe nothing that you hear and only half of what you see.

Cumshaw Artist

I can remember the "Submarine Races." I remember the long walk from the sub piers to the Bushnell tied up on the far side. I was the only non-qual EM for awhile so I made the walk chasing down parts. I got pretty good at this. (Cumshaw Artist, I think that's how you spell it.)

I was on the Atule (SS-403). One of our air conditioning units "quit" and was beyond repair. I was told that there was another unit in the warehouse but it was for the Tirante (SS-420). (Sorry T-Spoon) It was a 125-ton unit. (hug for the times) The warehouseman would not issue it to us.

To make this story short I "borrow" a uniform from a new Ensign, a "cherry-picker", one engineman, two other electricians, and without any rank or name tag I walked into the warehouse and stated that we were from the Tirante and came for our A/C unit. (I was 19 and looked 15) The warehouseman ensured that I signed all the copies of this form and that form and many others before he would release the air conditioning unit. I told him his dedication to duty and to the Navy would not go unnoticed. If we could have run back to the boat we would have. We all worked until the "wee hours" and got underway for Gitmo that next day. The captain noticed that the boat was exceptionally cool and started to ask but just turned away. Oh yea, on the way back to the Atule, I found a new movie projector just sitting there. It kept saying "take me, take me". At 19 I hadn't heard that much, so I couldn't resist.....

Gary Walker EM2(SS)