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Next Meeting:
Saturday September 28, 2019 at 11:30am
Burke Lakefront Airport
1501 North Marginal Rd, Cleveland OH 44114

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“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.”

LOST BOATS - August

USS Bullhead (SS-332) - Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3rd war patrol when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.

USS Flier (SS-250) - Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin (SS-272).

USS S-39 (SS-144) - Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island while on her 3rd war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.

USS Harder (SS-257) - Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6th war patrol. Harder had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.

USS Cochino (SS-345) - Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.

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Minutes of the August 24, 2019 COD Base Meeting

- The August Meeting was held on Saturday the 24th at the ODNR Grand River Target Range in Bristolville, Ohio. We got underway at 1200 with the Pledge of Allegiance led by 1st Vice Rich Ullom followed by a Prayer by 1st Vice Rich Ullom.
- There were 12 members, 1 Associate members, 0 wives, and 0 guests in attendance. Those in attendance were: Joshua Buterbaugh, Mike Mihalisin, Ray Burns, Tom Furmanek, Paul Anderson, Rich Ullom, Louis Hebben, Randy Harding, Kevin Walker, Brian Tomasch, Chris Yeager, and Jim Ramsey. Dawn Hebben represented the Associate members.
- Secretary Joshua Buterbaugh gave the Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the July 2019 meeting were published in the Underway. The Secretary asked those present if they had any additions or corrections to the minutes as published: Fritz Hemrich was omitted from the July Picnic attendance list, the Secretary asked for a motion to accept the Minutes. The Minutes were approved as published as moved by Chris Yeager, seconded by Brian Tomasch, and passed by voice vote.
- Treasurer Chris Yeager gave the Treasurers Report. (if you wish to the totals and distributions of the Treasurers Report contact Chris Yeager). A motion was made by Kevin Walker, seconded by Joshua Buterbaugh, and approved by voice vote.
- Rich Ullom gave the Membership report. Cod Base has a roster of 105 members.
- Tim has shirts and other items for sale. He is adding to his inventory. Stop by and check out the items at our next meeting. There are still extra shirts for sale, contact Rich Ullom at the next meeting.
- COB Bob Warrington and his wife Carol need prayers for their journey through cancer. Fritz Hemrich has finished his radiation treatments and is doing good. Chaplin Dave Dlugo had a biopsy which found liver spots and cancer with further diagnosis and treatment to be determined. Joseph Musarra had a heart operation in Virginia and is a few months from returning home. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Christmas Party is being planned for Sunday, December 8th in the afternoon, at Pinot's Palette in Olmsted Falls, across the tracks from Moosehead Hoof and Ladder. There is no cost for the venue as it is being donated to USSVI COD Base by owners Jayme Palker and Joshua Buterbaugh. There will be a cash bar available. If you have any catering suggestions, bring it up to the group. So far, Mission BBQ is being considered and Bill Synk has suggested Wright's Catering & BBQ from Columbia Station.
- Jim Ramsey was inducted into the Holland Club and presented with his plaque, Holland Club Hat, and Challenge Coin. He qualified in 1968 onboard USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN-634). He was unable to attend the picnic for the original presentation.

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- There have been many valid points brought up regarding our meeting locations at Burke Lakefront Airport and the USS COD. Meeting attendance is increasing, which is awesome. It has been decided for all meetings on-site at the COD will be held in the large Conference Room at Burke Lakefront Airport. It has room for at least thirty, a large table and enough chairs for everyone, and facilities down the hall. After the meetings, everyone is welcome to walk down to the COD.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The COD Base mailed a check for \$100 to the National Thresher Memorial for sponsoring two family members. The motion was made prior to the meeting by Paul McElhaney, seconded by Mike Mihalisin, and passed by email/message vote. Thank you to all who voted on short notice to allow us to be timely with our contribution.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE BASE:

- USS Ronquil will have their reunion in Cleveland in September 19th through 22nd with a ceremony onboard the COD on Friday September 20th. More details to follow.
- The Raffle Basket tickets sold at the Picnic raised \$385 towards our Toys for Tots shopping spree later this fall. The toys will be donated to Toys For Tots at the COD if we can get the Marines to come down again this year. Time to start reaching out and picking a date. It was a cold December day last year but the event had tremendous support. It also had an article in *American Submariner*.
- We tied up at 1230 following the reading of the Creed by 1st Vice Ullom and a Prayer by Commander Mihalisin. The crew participated in some target practice led by Rangemaster Jim Ramsey. Thanks for setting up the USSVI COD Day at the Range.

