

# Steel Valley Dolphins

February 2013



The official newsletter of the  
USS Requin Base of the USSVI  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

## 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."



Meetings held on the second Saturday of the month normally in Leetsdale at the VFW Post and quarterly meetings held around our membership area.

- **Make a difference, get to a meeting!**

----- Pride Runs Deep -----

Next Meeting will be at the VFW in Leetsdale, PA on 13 April 2013..

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## March

USS F-4 (SS 21)  
USS H-1 (SS 28)  
USS PERCH (SS 176)  
USS GRAMPUS (SS 207)  
USS TRITON (SS 201)  
USS TULLIBEE (SS 284)  
USS KETE (SS 369)  
USS TRIGGER (SS 237)  
USS SWORDFISH (SS 193)

March 25, 1915  
March 12, 1920  
March 3, 1942  
March 5, 1943  
March 15, 1943  
March 26, 1944  
March 20, 1945  
March 26, 1945  
January 12, 1945

## Sickbay

None at this time.



Shellabella's Dill Vinaigrette is available at \$4.50 for 8 ounce bottle or \$6.00 for 12 ounce bottle. Contact Jack Sutherin at 330-482-4175 or [jack.sutherin@comcast.net](mailto:jack.sutherin@comcast.net) and will deliver to next meeting.

**Candy Drive** is underway and full steam ahead: The first wave of candy orders were distributed at the November Meeting. Now the rest of the Shipmates should sound the surface alarm and put your order into Bernie for distribution at the next. A box of 36 candy bars cost us \$18.00 per box. The box is then sold to the individual member for \$36.00. The member sells the bars for \$1.00 each and he gets his original investment back. We earn \$18.00 per box for the base. Available are 36 individually wrapped pretzel sticks, 36 plain chocolate, 36 krispy, 36 almond, 36 peanut butter and 36 caramel. Each box contains only one flavor. Bernie is willing to mix boxes for you so the you can have 36 assorted bars but I have to have orders for five boxes of the assorted bars. Members ordering can swap around so that they have some of each. I can bring the bars to the meeting for distribution. The member must pay \$36.00 for the box upon receiving it. this insures us that we get the money to pay for the bars and the \$18.00 profit. They are not hard to sell because the bars contain the highest quality chocolate available. Signs can be made up to put on the boxes if they are delivered to a service club or another organization telling the bars are being sold for the Submarine Veterans. Any questions, feel free to contact Bernie at [guppy377@windstream.net](mailto:guppy377@windstream.net) This is a win win situation for the base. Through your efforts the base receives working capital and the buyers receive a delicious chocolate treat.

# Ensure Congress protects the military's unique compensation and health care package.

## The Facts on Military Personnel/Health Care Costs

**Assertions that personnel/health care costs are "exploding out of control" are off-base.**

- They're roughly a third of the Pentagon budget - the same as they've been for 30 years.

**Well-managed, fleet-heavy corporations spend an equal or a larger share.**

- Southwest Airlines: 31% • FedEx: 43% • UPS: 61%

**DoD's own documents prove military health care costs are NOT "eating 000 alive:"**

- In fact, DoD has used the health account as a cash cow to fund other needs.
- DoD diverted a \$700 million surplus in FY 2012 and a \$2.8 billion surplus over FYs 2010-12.
- An FY 2012 reprogramming request to the Hill acknowledged retiree costs went down 2.5 percent.
- Health care costs approach 10 percent of DoD's budget, versus 16 percent of all national spending.

**000 leaders should be held accountable for the REAL source of excess costs: failing to fix/consolidate redundant, counterproductive DoD health care systems.**

- There is no single authority over the three separate service health care systems and multiple contractors that compete for budget share in self-defeating ways.
- The last-century contract system undermines capacity for best practices.
- DoD accounting systems are broken and unauditable, wasting billions.
- Military facilities are 25-percent less costly - but 27-percent underutilized.
- Leaders and the services ignore 19 studies by the Government Accountability Office, Inspector General, and others since 1947, all showing consolidation of medical budget oversight and execution would save billions.

**The 000 health care system is built for readiness/service convenience, not for beneficiary needs.**

- Deploying/cutting medical professionals forces more beneficiaries into costly civilian care.
- Beneficiaries shouldn't be charged any share of readiness/inefficiency costs.

**"Military retirement costs are neither unaffordable nor spiraling out of control."**

- A top DaD personnel official asserted this at an October 2011 Armed Services Committee hearing.

**The 1986 retirement cut (a much more modest cut than recent proposals have envisioned) had to be repealed after it hurt retention and readiness.**

**MOAA's Position:** Military people and families aren't the problem. DoD structural and policy inefficiencies and persistent leadership oversight and accountability failures are the problems.

**Action 1 Recommended:** Sign, stamp, and mail the postcards on the back cover. (If you have a spouse in MOAA's member records, three more postcards are provided for him or her to sign and mail.)

I'm unable to capture the postcards so will present addresses and text below.

The honorable Bob Casey  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tim Murphy  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to urge you to be skeptical of claims that military personnel and health care costs are "rising out of control". In fact, they're still a third of the defense budget—the same as they've been for decades. And projected force cuts will reduce them further.

The unique military compensation and health care package is the core incentive to offset the

The unique and extraordinary demands and sacrifices of a multi-decade career in uniform.

Please ensure Congress doesn't retroactively devalue the very steep premiums of sacrifice current and retired servicemembers prepaid to earn it.

## **Soviet Nuclear Submarine Disasters Were Exposed Only Under Gorbachev**

**English.pravda.ru, March 15**

All information on nuclear submarines in the Soviet Union was strictly classified. For the first time the Soviet media reported the death of a nuclear submarine in 1986 under Gorbachev, when strategic nuclear submarine K-219 sank into the abyss of the Bermuda Triangle. The fact that in 1983 an atomic submarine K-429 sank off the coast of Kamchatka, killing 16 people, became public knowledge only in the mid-1990s.

This tragedy, in my opinion, to some extent was the result of the triumph of the Communist Party (CPSU). Many researchers are inclined to think that time is to blame in the tragedy of the K-429, the time when the threat of being excluded from the CPSU was the worst that could happen to any career.

Even senior submarine officers had no access to the information about the accident. Although they believe that if the details of the tragedy were duly reported to the personnel of the Navy allowing for a full analysis of the situation, it may have prevented the death of K-219 in 1986, "Komsomolets" in 1989, and even "Kursk" in 2000. Of course, it is impossible to compare the technical aspects of these disasters because of different equipment, different depths and different people. However, this story should be known, at least for the sake of a lesson.

In our time, a lot was written about this tragedy, including books by Admiral Nikolai Mormul "Underwater Disaster" and "The Case of Suvorov, K-429," and articles on the Internet. According to nearly all authors, this tragedy has not yet been given a fair estimate.

In the spring of 1983, nuclear submarine K-429 Project 670 returned from its autonomous navigation. Most of the crew went home, and the boat was sent for the planned maintenance repair. The crew of the Captain of the first rank Nikolai Suvorov was to meet the boat after the repairs to go to sea in the fall for training and testing of the torpedo firing responses.

Unexpectedly, the Command decided to conduct the training in the summer instead of the fall, and take the boat that did not undergo due repair to the sea for combat exercises. This was done to meet the plan of combat training.

One thing was not taken into account - the boat was still in the mode of transfer from one crew to another. The regular crew had to be assembled from different boats. The threats of admirals about taking away party memberships had their effect, and on June 23rd K-429 submarine had a crew from five different boats. The crew was finalized only three hours before going to sea, which is a violation of regulations. When 30 percent of the crew is replaced, the boat is considered non-operational. This is understandable, because sometimes under water it all depends on collective effort, the unity of the crew, the feeling of the other person's elbow. In this case, there was no three-day basic training; there was not even time to check the systems and mechanisms. But the admirals were not concerned. The submarine with a disjointed crew was sent to sea, relying on good luck. The luck was not there.

That day the division chief of staff, Captain of the first rank Alexei Gusev and the newly appointed commander, Captain of the first rank Nikolai Suvorov protested against going into the sea on unprepared boats. After the Admiral's threat to take away their party membership, the two wrote a report on the complete unpreparedness of the boat to sail. As it turned out, the reports were simply put aside. The Charter states that the orders, no matter how crazy they may be, must be followed. K-429 went to sea with a composite crew. They were 120 people on board instead of the usual 87. The people were herded just in case someone would have to be replaced at sea.

On June 24th, 1983 the boat set out of the Krashennnikov Bay. In the Sarannaya Bay where the depth is about 50 meters, a decision was made to "weigh" the boat in the sea water to determine whether it could dive. The command "to dive" was not implemented in the compartments, vent flappers were not closed, and the ship's ventilation system was not blocked. The boat sank and quickly fell to the depth of about 35 meters. In the fourth compartment water gushed out. The central post Echo devices displayed zero mark, as though the boat has not sank. The devices were disabled at the factory because the boat was in repair. Reports on the flow of water through the ventilation system started coming from the compartments.



The submarine, taking 420 cubes of ice water in her gut, lay on the bottom. Only then the emergency alarm was activated. Commander Suvorov gave the order to blow the main ballast tanks. The operator, who was not familiar with the devices on the remote control, instead of closing ventilation valves, shut down Kingston valves. Instead of displacing the water from the tank, the air went straight out, and the body of the boat gradually filled with water. Soon all electrical equipment broke down, and the control room was disconnected and partially flooded. The crew managed to close the ventilation valves only next night. The boat was lying on the bottom at the depth of 45 meters. If the "weigh-in" was done not in the Sarannaya Bay but a little further out in the sea, where depths reach a mile, the boat would have simply been crushed.

The crew was not able to release the emergency buoy meant to give an acoustic and radio signals of distress. To prevent separation and loss, the buoy was firmly welded to the hull. This practice was widespread, at least, at the time. A loss of a buoy was a straight path to losing the party membership. Later it turned out that the submarine escape trunk designed for an emergency evacuation of the crew was also welded to the boat. At this point, the entire team of the fourth compartment (14 divers) was already dead.

Neither the headquarters of the fleet, nor the command knew of the emergency situation on K-429. Everyone on the shore was convinced that the submarine carried out combat exercises. When it became clear that help would not arrive, Captain Gusev made an executive decision to send two divers to the surface through the torpedo devices of the first compartment. They came to the surface using IDA-59 - rescue breathing apparatus and swam to the shore.

When a few hours later they were noticed from a passing border ship, they were mistaken for the enemy. Only after an hour of interrogation, the commander of the border ship reported to the headquarters of submariners asking whether they were missing a boat. This is how the command learned of the death of K-429.

Fortunately, of the 120 people on board only 16 were killed. The debate about who exactly was to blame for this tragedy is ongoing to this day. In 1983, the court simply appointed those guilty, namely, the commander Nikolai Suvorov and the crew mechanic Boris Likhovozov. Suvorov was sentenced to 10 years, Likhovozov - eight. They were taken into custody right in the barracks, where the court was held.

Chief of Staff of the flotilla Oleg Yerofeev later became the commander of the Northern Fleet. Under his leadership the nuclear submarine "Komsomolets" perished in 1989. How fair was the trial? Who else should have gone to prison? The controversy still continues to this day. Why was the exercise not delayed? There is only one answer to all questions - party membership.

Some officials in uniform tried to declare the survivors who escaped from the sunken submarine criminals. Particularly ardent was a captain of the first rank, secretary of the party committee, known for the fact that he has never set foot on the deck of a battleship.

The commander became the scapegoat. Suvorov spent three years in a penal colony in the Novgorod region. He was released under an amnesty in September of 1987 and passed away on September 26th, 1998 in St. Petersburg.

**Saving Money:** Getting it right the first time can save you thousands of dollars and months of frustration. If you're trying to sell your home right now, you face two big problems: Prices are at rock-bottom, and when you do find buyers, they can't find financing. As the National Association of Home Builders explains, more than three-quarters of homes sold between October and December "were affordable to families earning the national median income of \$64,200" – the lowest since the NAHB started keeping track two decades ago. But "overly restrictive lending conditions" are frustrating both buyers and sellers. Following are five mistakes (dumb moves) that could cost sellers cash, time, and even the sale:

**1. Using the wrong agent.** If you're going to pay 6 or 7 percent to real estate agents, get your money's worth. Ask friends and family for referrals, visit open houses and start building a list of possibilities. When you've narrowed down your list, make a list of questions to ask your candidates – things like, "How many homes have you sold in my neighborhood? How close to the asking price did they sell for? How long did it take? How exactly do you market homes in my price range?" Their answers will help narrow it down. The ideal candidate has a lot of local experience and knows what homes nearby go for, so they price correctly and get what you ask in a relatively short time. When you have your top three, invite them over for a walkthrough. Get their assessment of your home's value and get them to spell out their specific marketing plan: the number of ads, how many open houses they'll hold, and anything else they plan to do. Get it in writing – this is what you'll use later to hold their feet to the fire. For a much more detailed look at finding a reliable agent – and whether you even want one – check out 10 Questions to Ask Before You Hire a Real Estate Agent at <http://www.moneytalksnews.com/2010/08/02/10-questions-to-ask-before-you-hire-a-real-estate-agent/>

**2. Failing to stage.** Making your home look like it belongs in a parade of homes will make it sell faster. It's a technique known as staging. According to the International Association of Home Staging Professionals, 94 percent of professionally staged homes sell within a month. You can hire a pro, but even without one there's a lot you can do yourself. The goal is to make it look like a beautiful home, but not your home – more like a nice hotel. Functional, classy, but not cluttered. So pack up your personal stuff like you're moving – that's the idea, right? "Personal" is anything that says mine, not yours: family photos, knick knacks, stuff that suits your quirky tastes. If it's not essential and doesn't make things look nicer, put it in storage. (Don't stuff the closet, because buyers will probably want to peek in there.) Then clean and touch up everything: carpets, tile, furniture, beds, fixtures. Fix any minor defects like cracks and leaks, and if you're going to paint, go for off-white. Do your best to maintain that appearance for every potential buyer that comes knocking. If you have an agent, ask them what they think about the look. If not, ask people who are almost never there – fresh eyes are a big help. For more ideas and to see what a professionally staged home looks like, check out Home Staging and 7 More Ideas That Will Sell Your Home for More at <http://www.moneytalksnews.com/2011/07/22/the-value-of-staging-and-7-cheap-tips-to-sell-your-home-faster/>.

**3. Overpricing.** Don't pay attention to national housing prices or historical trends – the current local market is what matters, because prices can vary widely by area. You can use sites like <http://www.zillow.com/> and <http://www.trulia.com/> as a starting point, but you also need to scout out the competition. Act like a buyer and visit everything comparable currently for sale in your neighborhood. If your agent is good, they'll be familiar with the data on what homes are going for nearby. Overpricing to give yourself room to negotiate, or because you haven't accepted the loss in value that may be affecting your area, can backfire. Some people just won't consider a home unless it's realistically priced. They might think it's out of their league, or that you're unreasonable and impossible to work with. If nobody bites, you'll have to lower the price, and each time buyers see that happen, they're going to believe you're more desperate and they have more bargaining power.

**4. Locking yourself in with an unprepared buyer.** Don't accept any offer unless you know the buyer has been pre-approved for financing. Buyers' financing struggles become your problem if your house is off the market and you're stuck in contract limbo for weeks.

**5. Being around too much.** Standing around while potential buyers are looking through your home is a bad idea. You want them to imagine it as theirs – tough to do if you're hovering. If it's at all possible, leave home before they arrive.

[Source: MoneyTalksNews Brandon Ballenger article 28 Mar 2012 ++]

THE NAVY INTERRED THE REMAINS OF TWO UNKNOWN SAILORS FROM THE CIVIL WAR IRONCLAD USS MONITOR IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY MARCH 8TH. MONITOR WAS LOST IN A STORM OFF OF CAPE HATTARAS, NORTH CAROLINA DECEMBER 31ST 1862. IT WAS DISCOVERED IN 1974 AND WAS DESIGNATED THE NATION'S FIRST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY. THE REMAINS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE SUNKEN MONITOR DURING A 2002 EXPEDITION TO RECOVER THE TURRET FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY SHIP. MONITOR, THE UNION'S FIRST IRONCLAD VESSEL IS FAMOUS FOR ITS BATTLE WITH THE CONFEDERATE IRONCLAD CSS VIRGINIA IN THE BATTLE OF HAMPTON ROADS. EXTENSIVE EFFORTS WERE MADE BY THE JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND TO IDENTIFY THE SAILORS. POSSIBLE DESCENDANTS OF 30 FAMILY MEMBERS FROM 10 DIFFERENT FAMILIES IDENTIFIED BY JPAC WERE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY. THE REMAINS WERE TRANSFERRED FROM JPAC IN HAWAII TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MARCH 7TH FOR THE INTERMENT CEREMONY MARCH 8TH.

"However having raised those remains, we brought them here to the national military cemetery founded during the same great conflict for which they gave, in president lincoln's words, their last full measure of devotion"

Following the chapel service, the remains were carried by caisson to the gravesite where they were interred with full military honors. Members of the public were on hand to witness the interment, as well as many civil war re-enactors who wished to pay their respects to the unknown sailors. The unknown sailors and 14 other crewmembers who perished when the monitor sank will be memorialized on a group marker in section 46 of the cemetery.

"Should you pay that last full measure of devotion. We are going to bring you home, and we are going to try to find the best, appropriate, dignified resting place. Even if it takes a century and a half."

From the defense media activity, i'm petty officer joshua sheppard.

# How to Make Civilians Understand Us

February 22, 2013, in [Civilians](#) by [Guest Bloggers](#)

They say “Thank you for your service.” They say “Thank you for your sacrifices.” They say “I could never do what you are doing.” Civilians are all too eager to express their gratitude and appreciation, but no one is willing to dig deeper and to learn more about *us* – military families.

But why do they do so little to improve their understanding of our way of life? Why do so few outside of the military know about military families?

Is it because less than one percent of the U.S. population currently meets the definition of being military personnel? Is it because anything military isn’t hip enough? Or is it simply because nobody cares about the military any more?

I believe so little is known about us simply because people don’t realize that our lives are so very different from their own. And if people are not aware of the existence of such differences, they can’t inquire and learn more about them.

For those with little or no personal exposure to the military, I believe that we need to foster awareness of our existence. And we need some sort of medium that helps diminish common misconceptions that currently exist and that are being reinforced by shows like *Army Wives*.

But will the civilian world listen? How will we get complete strangers to care about us? The answer: let’s try to start approaching and strengthening the bond to the non-military world via those we already share a connection with — our civilian families and friends.

Military families need support, no matter how strong we think we are; support, especially from our own non-military friends and extended families. We love them. We want them to be part of our lives. We want them to understand our way of life.

And that’s why we have to nourish this connection by helping them to learn more about us. That’s why we have to bring our way of life a bit closer to all our loved ones.

While we might not get a complete stranger to listen to us, let’s try to obtain an open ear from our very own families and friends within the civilian world. Let’s educate them about military life. Let’s educate them about *us* – military families.

And who knows; increased understanding among those we love might broaden and extend to an increased understanding among all those our military protects.

Read more: <http://spousebuzz.com/blog/2013/02/how-to-make-civilians-understand-the-military.html#ixzz2MBzGWUue> SpouseBUZZ.com

**IN Waters Deep By Eileen Mahoney**

**In ocean wastes no poppies blow,**

**No crosses stand in ordered row, Their young hearts sleep... beneath the wave... The spirited, the good, the brave,**

**But stars a constant vigil keep, For them who lie beneath the deep.**

**'Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer On certain spot and think. "He's there." But you can to the ocean go... See whitecaps marching row on row;**

**Know one for him will always ride... In and out... with every tide. And when your span of life is passed, He'll meet you at the "Captain's Mast."**



And they who mourn on distant shore For sailors who'll come home no more, Can dry their tears and pray for these Who rest beneath the heaving seas...

For stars that shine and winds that blow And whitecaps marching row on row.

And they can never lonely be For when they lived... they chose the sea.



Sitting Aaron ellis, Rick Elster, Jack Sutherin, Ed Youder

Second row Carl Stiger, Booky Bookwalter, Jeff Simon, Bill Greenlee, Joe Campisi, Capt Schmidt, Clllyde Porter., Phil Elias

Back Row Ron Goron, Robert Kurtz, Richard Beauregard, Base Commander Huey Dietrich.

#### **Requin Base Meeting Minutes**

March 9, 2013

Dawson, PA

**Base Commander Huey Dietrich** called the meeting to order.



**Attendees:** Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Richard Beauregard, Joe Campisi, Huey & Edie Dietrich, Phil Elias, Aaron & Sandy Ellis, Rick Elster, Bill & Donna Greenlee, Ron Goron, Robert & Caroline Kurtz, Clyde & Sharon Porter, Bob & Alex Schmidt, Jeff & Eileen Simon, Carl Stigers, Jack & Ginny Sutherin, Ed & Carolyn Yoder.

**Base Commander Huey Dietrich:** Let us at this time, with a moment of silent prayer, remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice that we may gather here in Peace. We dedicate this meeting to our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our Shipmates on active duty in the service of the first line of defense of our Nation.

**Boats Lost:**

USS PERCH (SS 176)	March 3, 1942
USS GRAMPUS (SS 207)	March 5, 1943
USS H-1 (SS 28)	March 12, 1920
USS TRITON (SS 201)	March 15, 1943
USS KETE (SS 369)	March 20, 1945
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USS TRIGGER (SS 237)	March 26, 1945

We also honor our departed shipmate of the Requin Base lost in March, John Mills. Finally let us remember all the brave submariners who died performing their duties aboard submarines, some individually and some in groups, but where the submarine itself was not lost.

**Chaplain Carl Stigers** gave the Invocation.

**Chief Of The Boat Clyde Porter** led the Base in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members introduced themselves and the boats they qualified on.

**Base Secretary Jeff Simon** reported that Minutes of the February meeting were published in the SVD. With a correction to the history of the Requin, the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Lee Bookwalter** stated a report of the base assets, expenditures, and deposits is available for review. With no objections, the report was approved.

**Other Reports:**

Binnacle List includes Mike Allen and Bill Greenlee.

Base membership stands at 158.

Year to date Requin Base has participated in 4 Eagle Scout courts of honor. Upcoming ceremonies will occur on March 16 and April 7.

**Storekeeper Joe Campisi** is making improvements to the Base patch. New patches and coffee cups will then be ordered.

**Memorials and Ceremonies:**

Holland Club inductions at April 13 meeting

Memorial Day observance onboard USS Requin May 26

Sewickley Memorial Day Parade on May 27

Flag Ceremony in Boxwood PA on May 27

Brookville Community Day Parade on August 24

Veterans Day parade November 11, location to be determined

Pearl Harbor observance onboard USS Requin December 7

**Social Events:**

South West Veterans Home on June 12

Requin Reunion on August 16-18 at Station Square and other Pittsburgh locations

Navy Birthday Ball on October 11

Combined District Meetings in Gettysburg PA on October 5-6 has changed to East North Regional Meeting

**Old Business:**

Several members have volunteered to be speakers at the Northmont Men's Club.

A work party is needed to evaluate and fix the Nautilus berthing facilities in New Castle PA.

Work on the Nautilus float is expected to be completed by the end of April.

**New Business:**

Donations to support the South West Veterans Home visit have been received from Strode, Brenkus, Stigers, Teutec, Covey, E Dietrich, Elster, and Bittner.

Booster Club donations have been received from VFW Post 9199, R. Strode, Edgar Britt, Thomas Shannor, Carrick Brentwood Legion, Titusville Lions, Titusville Legion, Titusville VFW

A vote of the members present nominated Huey Dietrich for District Commander.

**For The Good Of The Order:**

Numerous letters to the base were read

**Shipmate Bill Greenlee** has a list of waterfalls in PA if any members are interested.

**Chaplain Carl Stigers** gave the Benediction and blessing of today's meal.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:** Leetsdale, PA VFW at 1230 hours on April 13, 2012.

## COMMANDERS CORNER:

Many thanks to shipmate Phil for showing the base a great time at his Restaurant, at our last meeting. We are so glad Phil re-opened and remodeled. We will be back.

We have been invited to be guest speakers for the Northmont Brotherhood Men's Club, in the North Hills section of Pittsburgh on either, April 30, May 7, 14 or 21. This will be the base's first attempt as guest speakers, for a men's club in five(5) years and hopefully, we will enlighten the gathering on submarine life and history.

We will induct Holland club inductees for 2013 at our April 13 meeting. These are Rick Elster, Larry Iden, James St. Clair and Jack Sutherin. In addition, shipmates Clair Bouts, Robert Kaufman and George Staas, who were installed last year, but will be honored as well. Our special guests who will make the presentations, are Captain Thomas Calabrese, Commander of the NROTC at Carnegie Mellon University and possibly, U.S. Congressman Keith Rothles, along with our Chairman (DBF) Bernie Sigler. Captain Kaufman has notified us that he will be in attendance. I am both humbled and honored to introduce the Captain to the Base Crew. Captain Kaufman was on board the USS Missouri, as a LT., and witnessed General McArthur signing the armistice, ending the WW2 war. It will be a special treat to have Captain Kaufman-Schmidt-Calabrese and Covey together-----WOW!!! Would reallyyyyyy be nice to see a few of you WW2 shipmates in attendance...

## FAIR WINDS SHIPMATES

### UPCOMING BASE ACTIVITIES

April 13 - Holland Club Induction	May 26 - Memorial Service (Requin)
May 27 - Flag Memorial - Boxwood, Pa.	May 27 - Sewickley Parade
June 12 - S.W. Veterans Home	JUNE 22 - Joint Meeting - Cod (Cleveland)
Aug 16-17-18 - Requin Reunion	Aug 24 - Brookville Parade
Oct 4-5-6 -Joint District Meeting-Gettysburg	Oct 11 - Navy Birthday Ball
Nov 11 - Veterans Day Parade	Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Day Service - Requin

### NEW MEMBER

Allen McGee qualified in 1961 on the USS SAILFISH SSN572. He left the navy in 1965 as a EN3(SS). Allen lives in Murrysville, Pa., and travels to Florida and Alaska, with his wife Karen. Please e-mail Allen and welcome him aboard - [ajm572@comcast.net](mailto:ajm572@comcast.net).

### Editors Comments

The Columbiana First United Methodist Church no longer will allow me the use of their copy machine to make hard copies of the Steel Valley Dolphins. I will have to have it copied commercially.

#### **Requin Base Executive Board Meeting Minutes** January 19, 2013

Voting Members Present: Huey Dietrich, Joe Campisi, Lee Bookwalter, Jeff Simon  
Non-Voting Members Present: None

Topics Discussed:

**Meeting Locations:** The practice of holding one meeting per quarter at a location other than Leetsdale will continue in 2013. The March meeting will be in Dawson PA. June meeting will be with the Cod Base in Cleveland. September and December meetings will away from Leetsdale.

**Projects:** Eagle Scout courts of honor, tour guides on Requin, loyalty pin program, Kap(ss)4Kid(ss) program, Eternal Patrol Scholarship donations, honor Holland Club inductees at April meeting, Memorial Day service Sunday May 26 onboard Requin, dedication of Flag Memorial in Boxwood, Pa on May 27, trip to Southwest Veterans Home on June 12, Requin Reunion in August, Navy Day Banquet, and Pearl Harbor Memorial in December.

**Advertising:** Veterans Day notice in local newspapers.

**Parades:** Carnegie on May 26 following memorial service onboard Requin and Veterans Day with location to be determined.

**Fund Raisers:** Candy sales, 40-40-20 raffle, Booster Club donations, small stores sales, and challenge coin sales will continue in 2013. Candy sales up to a total of \$1200 will support the Nautilus float. Excess candy sale proceeds and all other fundraising will support the Base general fund.

**Sponsorships:** The Base will continue to support the USS Ohio, USS West Virginia, USS Pittsburgh and USS Pennsylvania.

**Base Budget:** As required in the Requin Base By-Laws, the following budget for 2013 was approved by the Executive Board. All other significant expenditures will be brought to the membership at monthly meetings.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Boat Sponsorship	\$210.00
Website	\$25.00
Eagle Scouts	\$700.00
Scholarship (Eternal Patrol)	\$250.00
USS Requin Memorial Service	\$500.00
Holland Club pins	\$27.50
Guest Speakers (gifts)	\$100.00
Loyalty Pins	\$90.00
Veterans Day (newspaper add)	\$150.00
SVD & Office Expenses	\$1500.00
Holland Club Donation	<u>\$69.00</u>
Total	\$3621.50

**Veterans Home Project:** The Executive Board also approved the expenditure of \$2500.00 for the purchase of honorary hats, dolphins, and other awards to be given to each veteran. Members will be asked to donate \$10 per veteran to defray these expenses.

**Committee Co-Chairmen:** Holland Club (Bernie Sigler), Eagle Scouts (Carl Stigers), Audit (Rick Elster), Navy Ball (Rick Elster), Nautilus Float (Jeff Simon), Base Advertising (Jeff Simon).