



USSVI Thresher Base News



January 2010

Flaghill Winery Luncheon

The November meeting of Thresher Base was held at the Flaghill Winery in Lee, NH on November 21, 2009. The meeting was called to order followed by a silent prayer and pledge of allegiance. The Tolling of the Bells was conducted for those boats lost in November and December.

A sound off of those present was conducted. Raffle tickets were sold for a glass dolphin - the raffle was won by Mary Flannery. Peter Joy told the group about his trip to Charleston and the Polk reunion. He brought a model of the Henley and passed it around for people to look at. Harlan Brown, USSVI Maine Base, talked to the group about using lending the bases submarine model to Thresher Base for

use in parades. He suggested have the two bases join together to walk and tow the model in parades and events, as well as the possible of having some joint events in the upcoming year.

The USS Thresher Memorial Service will be held at the Traip Academy, Kittery, Maine on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

Dennis O’Keeffe reminded the group that dues are due by January 1, 2010.

The formal meeting was adjourned so we could be treated to a fabulous lunch of lasagna and pumpkin cheesecake, followed by a tour of the distillery. Due to the success of this luncheon, we will be looking to make this an annual event.

Boats Lost in November and December

- USS Corvina
- USS Sculpin
- USS Albacore
- USS Growler
- US Scamp
- USS Sealion
- USS Capelin
- USS Carp
- S-4

Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of Sept 19, 2009: \$3987.65
 Deposits Received: \$25.67
 Expenditures: \$55.00
 Balance as of Nov. 21, 2009: \$3958.32

Note from the Treasurer

Dues where due on or before January 1st. Annual members dues are \$20.00 National and \$15.00 Base, total amount \$35.00. Holland Club and Life members dues are \$15.00 Base. Dues can be paid one year at a time or for longer terms if you wish. Please submit a check to:
 Thresher Base Treasurer
 1 Eureka Ave., York, ME 03909-1403



Mingling before the lunch at Flag Hill Winery



Bill Seaward and Dave Dickey



Tom Young, Gary Hildreth and Harlan Brown




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Flaghill Winery Luncheon and Distillery Tour



Left to right: Pauline & Peter Joy, Peter's daughter Christine Joy and her partner Bob Mischner



Left to Right: Jeanne Campana, John & Audrey Gill, Charles Manes, Dennis O'Keeffe (standing), Clair Manes, Theresa & Jack McNally, and Shirley Young



Left to right: Judy Brown, Stan Feinberg, Larry Oiler, Lillian Feinberg & Harlan Brown



Left to right: Bruce Hauschel, Dave Dickey, Bill Tebo, Larry Oiler (standing), Linda Seeder, Herm Herman H. Stolzenburg & Richard Seedner.



Left to right: Thresher Base Commander Gary & Nancy Hildreth, Bill Seward & Jill Preston, Mary & Bob Flannery



Frank W. Reinhold, President Flag Hill Winery and Thresher Base member, giving a private tour of his distillery.



Left to Right: Gary & Nancy Hildreth, Dennis O'keeffe, John and Audrey Gill, Peter Joy, Jeanne Campana, Bob & Mary Flannery.



To Perpetuate the Memory

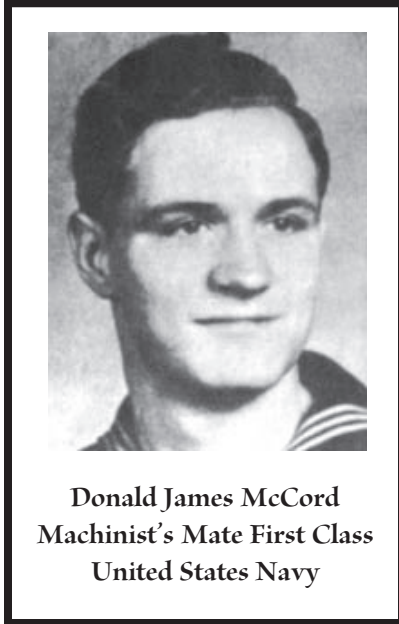


Donald James McCord was born on September 20, 1930, in Hammond, Ind., the son of Mrs. Edna Leona McCord and the late Howard McCord.

During his school years in Hammond and Morocco, Ind., Donald was a member of the basketball and track teams, and pursued his hobbies of hunting and fishing.

On November 7, 1947, Donald enlisted in the Navy, and underswent his recruit training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill. He volunteered for submarine duty and

was enrolled as a student in the U.S. Naval Submarine School at New London, Conn.



Donald James McCord
Machinist's Mate First Class
United States Navy

Donald was graduated on February 28, 1948, and assigned to the U.S.S. Runner (SS 476). In early 1949, he became qualified in submarines, and was awarded his silver dolphins. He subsequently saw service in the submarines U.S.S. Burrfish (SS 312), and U.S.S. Trumpetfish (SS 425), prior to being accepted for advanced training in nuclear power. He completed the year-long course of instruction at the

Nuclear Power Training Units at both

New London and Windsor Locks, Conn.

On April 16, 1962 Donald received orders to his first nuclear-powered submarine, U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593), and while a member of the crew he was presented a letter of commendation from the commanding officer for his outstanding performance of duty. Donald also earned the Navy's Good Conduct Medal for his excellent conduct.

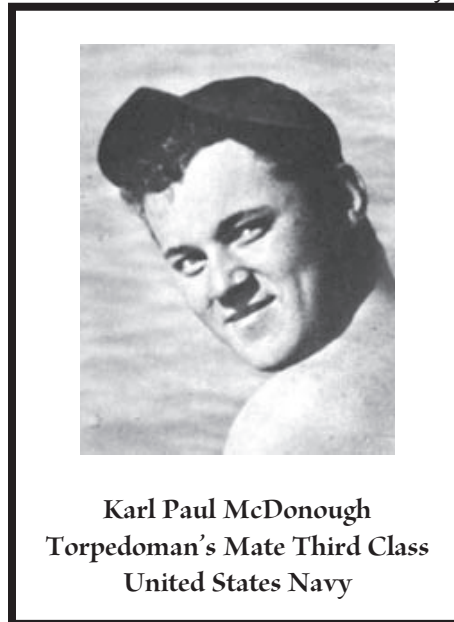
He is survived by his widow, the former Amy C. Murphy; three sons, Donald J., Jr., Michael T. and Scott A.; and his mother, Mrs. Edna Leona McCord Griffith.

Karl Paul McDonough was born on May 26, 1938, in Camden, N.J., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. McDonough. Prior to entering the Navy, Karl attended grammar school in Newtown, Pa., where he served as a member of the school's safety patrol of which he later became captain. He attended Richboro Junior High School and Council Rock High School and was active as a member of the gym team. In 1951, the family moved to Bristol, Pa., where he attended Delhaas High School. After high school, Karl worked with his father in the construction business.

Upon enlisting in the Navy on January 26, 1956, Karl received his basic training and was selected for further training as a torpedoman's mate. While a student at the Navy's torpedoman's Mate Class "A" School at Newport, R.I., he volunteered for submarine duty. He was accepted for training, and enrolled in the Submarine School at New London,

Conn. After graduating in June 1956, he was ordered to his first submarine, the U.S.S. Barracuda (SSK 1), where he became qualified as a submariner and was awarded his silver dolphins. He was also presented with a letter of commendation from the commanding officer of the Barracuda for his outstanding performance while a member of the crew. Karl also served in the U.S.S. Grenadier (SS 525), prior to becoming a member of the crew of the nuclear-powered submarine U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593), in February 1961.

Karl is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. McDonough of Titusville, N.J.; six brothers, Ronald, Robert, Paul, Jr.; Russell, Chris, and Craig; and a sister, Sharon.



Karl Paul McDonough
Torpedoman's Mate Third Class
United States Navy

THRESHER Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
c/o Kevin Galeaz
1465 Hooksett Road #239
Hooksett, NH 03106

Next Thresher Base Meeting
Saturday, January 16 @ 1200
Newick's Restaurant • 431 Dover Point Road • Dover, NH



USSVI Thresher Base

USSVI Thresher Base was chartered on 15 November 1989 in the memory of those 129 gallant men who at 9:17 AM on 10 April 1963 lost their lives in the performance of their duties aboard USS THRESHER (SSN 593).

Our mission is "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 Government."

The base newsletter, *Thresher Base News*, and base website, www.thresherbase.org, are used to inform the membership and community about meeting happenings and upcoming events. Any member who has information to share with the membership is encouraged to submit articles to the editor for publishing. Send submissions to Kevin Galeaz, Editor, 1465 Hooksett Road #239, Hooksett, NH 03106 or webmaster@thresherbase.org.

USSVI Conventions

2010
Cincinnati, OH-
Covington, KY

2011
Springfield, MO

2012
Norfolk, VA