



# USSVI Thresher Base News



January 2011

## WWII SubVet & Thresher Base Charter Member Daniel MacIsaac Departs For Final Patrol

Daniel Ralph MacIsaac, 88 years old, of Kittery, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, surrounded by his loving family in Kittery. Daniel was born in Cambridge, Mass., on Aug. 8, 1922; the son of the late Berney A. and Helen C. (McKinnon) Mac Isaac. Daniel attended schools in both Cambridge, Mass., and Pleasant Bay, Nova Scotia. In 1939 he enlisted in the United States Navy, proudly serving his country for over 20 years as an electrical technician. Upon retiring from the military, Daniel worked for Electric Boat, a division of General Electric, and as a Civil Servant at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Daniel greatly enjoyed the sea. He liked to go boating, and fishing, and he very much enjoyed being a Coast Guard Auxiliary relief lighthouse keeper from Boston Light, Boston, Mass., all along the coast up to the Goat Island, Kennebunk, Maine — with the Nubble Light as his favorite place to stay. He was a member of the Sub Vets of WWII. Daniel was an avid reader, enjoying the writings of Tom Clancy the most. Daniel also enjoyed competitive shooting, when he was in the Navy he was on the Navy Rifle & Pistol team at his numerous duty stations. After he retired from the Navy, he enjoyed skeet and trap shooting. Daniel was a good husband and proud father. He was a friend to many, and often came to the needs of others in trying times. He was a great story teller, and enjoyed playing pranks on family and friends, and could laugh at himself when pranked. Daniel was a true man of the greatest generation that ever lived, and will sorely be missed. Predeceasing Daniel in 1984 was his first wife, Marilla MacIsaac, of Hampton Falls, N.H.



Surviving is his loving wife of 25 years, Linda (Lord) MacIsaac of Kittery; four children, Gary MacIsaac and his wife Shirley of Virginia Beach, Va., Robert MacIsaac and his wife Roslyn of Slidell, La., Cynthia Bement and her husband Lee of Pitcher, N.Y., Susan Mac Isaac-Gallant and her husband Lance of Marathon, Fla.; grandchildren Christopher, Craig, Casey, Bonnie, Alexander, Danel and Jessica; great-grandchildren Chase, Chandler, Chelsea and Hailey, and great-grandson-to-be Malcolm. Also surviving is a sister-in-law Sandra Faucher and her husband Raymond; nephews Fred Faucher and his wife Crystal, and Rick Faucher and his wife Karen; and greatniece and greatnephews Brittany, Skyler and Dylan.

*Dan, like his WWII Submarine Veterans brethren, set the standard for service to their country, family and shipmates - a standard that inspires and guides those of us who live in their shadow.*

*Dan served in the Navy from 1940 through 1961, retiring as an FTC(SS). He qualified in 1941 aboard the USS Bonita (V-3) (SS-165). In total, Dan served aboard seven boats and one submarine tender, including the USS R2 (SS-79), USS Redfish (SS-395), USS Entemedor (SS-340), USS Besugo (SS-321), USS Manta (SS-299), USS Blenny (SS-324) and the USS Fulton, (AS-11).*

*Dan's record lists two shore duty stations, Naval Station Newport, RI, and Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, HI where he worked in the Torpedo Shop. Those who were fortunate enough to have know Dan will remember the positive and respectful way in which he treated others.*

*Sailor Rest Your Oar*



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## November 2010 Minutes

The November meeting of Thresher Base was held at Flag Hill Winery on Saturday, November 20. 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 silent prayer was said for those on eternal patrol.



A sound off of those present was conducted - There were 22 members and 18 spouses. Special guests included Command Masterchief Tom Mills and D1 Command Tom Shannon. Secretary's Report - Minutes from the September 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report -

Balance as of 9/18/10	\$3480.80
Deposits:	+\$325.58
Expenses:	-\$280.00
Balance as of 11/20/10	\$3526.38

Old Business -

- Traip Academy will remain open.

New Business -

- 6th grade students from McLaughlin Middle School, Manchester, NH, created thank you notes with M&M's

as a Veteran's Day activity and Robin Galeaz presented them to the members. A thank you note will be written and presented to the students.



- Holland Club 2011 inductees are Dave Cahill, Norman Gilmore, Stephen Judy, Francis Nickerson, Joseph Palmer, and Roy Pierce.
- Albacore Park Executive Director is retiring in March. If anyone is interested in this full-time job see Bill Seaward.
- Peter Joy has sent out cards to Bob Bryant's family and to Legs

Legare.

- Let Peter Joy know if there are any base members on the Binacle List or who is homebound.
- Larry Oiler and Kevin Galeaz attended Bob Bryant's wake in Wolfeboro on November 14. The family was very appreciative.
- New officers will be installed at the January meeting at Newick's.
- John Laurence Busch, author of *Steam Coffin*, has requested to make a presentation at our January meeting.
- Closing prayer was conducted prior to the meeting being adjourned.
- Holland Club Ceremony - Mike Remington, Dan Nickelson, Ian Johnston, and William Nyland.

### Boats Lost in November and December

- USS Albacore (SS-218) - 11/7/1944
- USS Growler (SS-215) - 11/8/1944
- USS Scamp (SS-277) - 11/9/1944
- USS Corvina (SS-226) - 11/16/1943
- USS Sculpin (SS-191) - 11/19/1943
- USS Capelin (SS-289) - 12/2/1943
- USS Sealion (SS-195) - 12/10/1941
- USS F-1/Carp (SS-20) - 12/17/1917
- USS S-4 (SS-109) - 12/17/1927



## Calendar of Events

**January 15** - 1200 - Meeting/Luncheon at Newick's, Dover, NH

**March 19** - 1200 - Meeting/Luncheon at Newick's, Dover, NH

**April 9** - 1300 - USS Thresher Memorial Service, Traip Academy, Kittery, ME

**May 21** - TBD - Meeting/Luncheon

**May 30** - 1000 - Memorial Day Ceremony at Albacore Park, Portsmouth, NH

**July 16** - 1200 - Lobsterbake and Holland Club Induction at Seabrook American Legion

**September 17** - 1200 - Meeting/Luncheon at Newick's, Dover, NH

**November 19** - 1200 - Meeting/Luncheon at Flag Hill Winery, Lee, NH





# Flag Hill Winery Luncheon







# Holland Club Induction Ceremony



Tom Shannon presents Dan Nickelson with his Holland Club certificate.



Ian Johnston displays his Holland Club certificate which was presented to him by Tom Shannon.

New Holland Club member William Nyland speaks with Tom Shannon after receiving his certificate.



Mike Remmington shakes hands with Tom Shannon, D1 Commander, after being inducted into the Holland Club.



Holland Club members who attended the luncheon at Flag Hill Winery on November 20, 2010.



New Holland Club inductees - Mike Remmington, Dan Nickelson, Ian Johnston, and William Nyland

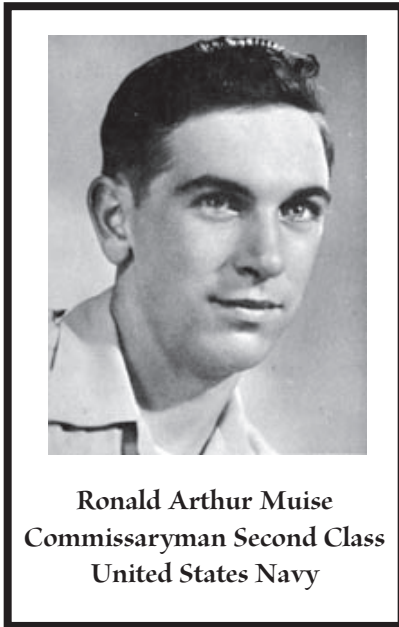


## To Perpetuate the Memory



Ronald Arthur Muise was born on March 10, 1932, in New York City, but he moved with his family to Mystic, Conn., at an early age. A descendant of first American settlers, there have been seafaring men on both sides of his family for several generations.

At one time, his father was a commercial fisherman; and some of Ronald's most enjoyable boyhood days were spent with his father fishing. For a hobby, he naturally turned to building boats and ship



**Ronald Arthur Muise**  
**Commissaryman Second Class**  
**United States Navy**

models of all types. His chief interest, however, was his work; and Ronald spent much of his free time improving his cooking skills.

Ronald completed elementary school in Mystic, and he attended high school in Groton, Conn. He was an average student who excelled in athletics, and he won several awards in track competition. He affiliated with the Naval Reserve while still in high school, and he enlisted

in the regular Navy in April 1950.

After completing recruit training, Ronald was assigned to the attack cargo

ship, U.S.S. Betelgeuse (AK 260). Several of his early duty assignments took him to Japan. His duty assignments included the Rodman Naval Station in the Panama Canal Zone, and a Navy construction battalion in the western Pacific.

Having volunteered for submarine duty, Ronald was graduated from Submarine School in June 1962. He was assigned to the Thresher on October 17, 1962.

During his service career, he was twice awarded the Navy's Good Conduct Medal; and he also received the National Defense Service medal for service in the Korean emergency.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Runnals Tierney, now living in Los Angeles, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Marilyn Muise Berman, of Sepulveda, Calif.

James Alton Musselwhite was born on December 9, 1933, in Fayetteville, N.C. He spent his early years there, attending Central Elementary School and Alexander Graham Junior High School. James was a good student, making better than average grades. He enjoyed sports and music, being a member of the school baseball team and a clarinetist in the Alexander Graham Band. James was also active in Scouting, and in later years became an enthusiastic bowler. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in his hometown.

While in high school, James joined the National Guard. He became so interested in service-training opportunities that he decided to make the service a career. He enlisted in the Navy in May 1957.

After completing his recruit training, he was assigned to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard (CVA 31). He then volunteered for submarine duty and was selected for training

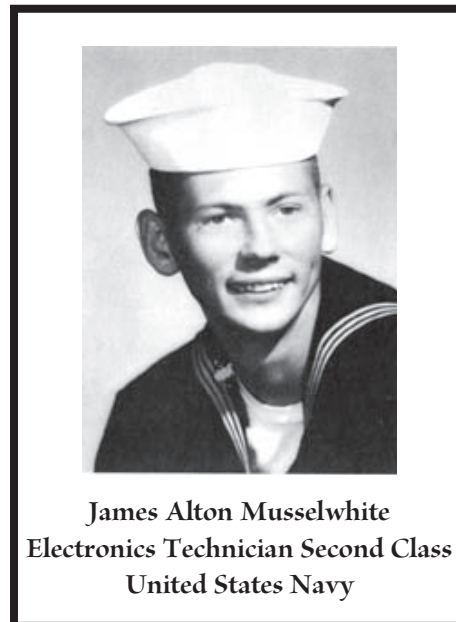
at the Navy's Submarine School at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn. He successfully completed the course of instruction in February 1960. He also completed a course of instruction in electronics and was assigned to his first submarine, the U.S.S. Chivo (SS 341) in April 1960. While serving in Chivo, James became qualified as a submariner and was awarded his silver dolphins.

He was selected for advance training in nuclear power, and in March 1962, he completed a year-long course of study. He was assigned to the nuclear-powered submarine U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593), in June 1962, and

completed further training in nuclear power in September of that year.

James had been awarded the Navy's Good Conduct Medal (two awards) during his naval service.

James is survived by his wife, Barbara L. Musselwhite of Ellersburg, Wash.; four children, Dennis Alton, Karen L., Sharon A., and Donald Allen, born on December 17, 1963. He also leaves his mother, Mrs.



**James Alton Musselwhite**  
**Electronics Technician Second Class**  
**United States Navy**

Margaret S. Helms of Fayetteville, N.C., and his father, Mr. Herman H. Musselwhite of Winston-Salem, N.C.



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*Next Thresher Base Meeting*  
*Saturday, January 15 @ 1200*  
*Newick's Restaurant • 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](http://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 [thresherbase@comcast.net](mailto:thresherbase@comcast.net).

### USSVI *Conventions*

**2011**  
**Springfield, MO**

**2012**  
**Norfolk, VA**