



USSVI Thresher Base News



July 2010

May 2010 Minutes

The May meeting of Thresher Base was held at Flaghill Winery in Lee, NH on May 15. 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 May and June. A silent prayer was said for those on eternal patrol.

A sound off of those present was conducted - There were 14 veterans and 9 spouses.

Secretary's Report - Minutes from the March 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report -

open balance	\$4749.67
deposits	+\$85.72
payments	-\$380.00
end balance	\$4455.45
Service Fund	\$2847.12

Old Business -

• Larry Oiler has donated a shipswheel cribbage board that will be auctioned off at the Lobsterbake.

Memorial Service -

• Kevin Galeaz thanked everyone who helped out with the Thresher Memorial Service: Gary Hildreth, Larry Oiler, Bob McAlp-

ine, Robin Galeaz, Mary Flannery and Jeanne O'Keefe. He has received lots of positive feedback. Al Ford was an incredible speaker. The shipyard commander was well spoken. The Klier family was honored to be

asked to throw the wreath. Carol Norton, daughter of Fred Abrams, created a slideshow of the Memorial Service. She sent all of the photos on a second disk which will be uploaded to the webpage.

•Larry Oiler purchased a new wreath stand, so it would be lower than the podium.



•Jeanne O'Keefe suggested that the photo boards be moved into the the main area of the lobby away from the front the entrance. This will allow for easier movement at the front and allow for more viewing space.

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Upcoming Events

July 17 - 1200 - Meeting/Lobsterbake at American Legion in Seabrook, NH

September 18 - 1200 - Meeting/Luncheon at Newick's, Dover, NH

November 20 - 1200 - Meeting/Luncheon at Flaghill Winery, Lee, NH. Invitation and details to be sent out.



Boats Lost in May and June

USS Lagarto (SS-371)	USS Herring (SS-233)
USS Scorpion (SSN-589)	USS R-12 (SS-89)
USS Squalus (SS-192)	USS Golet (SS-361)
USS Stickleback (SS-415)	USS Bonefish (SS-223)
	USS S-27 (SS-132)
	USS O-9 (SS-70)
	USS Runner (SS-275)



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Meeting Minutes *continued from page 1*

• A number of donations for the Memorial Service fund have been received:

Sherely Abrams	\$1000
Al Ford	\$100
Don Scanlon	\$100

We will be looking for a second reader for next year's service.

New Business -

• Peter Joy discussed the new Veteran's Cemetery that is being built in springvale, Maine. It is due to be completed in August. He also provided information about the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial that is being built in Washington DC. Also, the Polk sail will be part of the Museum of Nuclear Science in Albuquerque, New

Mexico.

• Bob McAlpine went to the Groton

Anniversary Celebration.

It was well worth the money - sub school, USS Virginia and Providence. It is scheduled for May 5-7, 2011.

• Pease Greeters received permission to take old American flags and cut out the stars and package them with a quote to give to the troops, so they know that they are never forgotten. He brought one



for everyone at the meeting.

• Kevin Galeaz has been lobbied

hard to take political action on women on submarines. He reiterated that taking political sides was not part of the groups mission.

• Carl Weber fell and spent 5 days in the hospital.

• Thresher base member Ken Baker

passed away.

• Memorial Day ceremony at Albacore Park on May 31 at 1000.

• The meeting was adjourned following a closing prayer.

USSVI National Elections

USSVI National Elections are open now and closing on August 24th. Statements for the three candidates running for National Commander can be found in the current issue of American Submariner or at the following links:

Bircumshaw

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Elections_TMB-Candidate.pdf

Carcioppolo

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Elections_JC-Candidate.pdf

Schmidt

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Elections_CS-Candidate.pdf

The following voting options are available. Option 1 is the quickest.

1. Online at the USSVI National website. Select the following link to

login: <https://www.ussvi.org/Login.asp?page=Election>

2. Download, fill out and mail PDF ballot (2010_Ballot_doc.pdf) from the USSVI National website: <http://www.ussvi.org>

3. Fill out and mail the ballot that will be included in the next issue of **American Submariner** magazine.

It is critical that the voter put their name legibly on the ballot, because that is the only way he can validate the legitimacy of the submitted ballot. If a legible name does not appear, or if the submitted name does not appear in our member tracking system as a regular (SS) member, the ballot must be discarded.

Thresher Base Officer Nominations and Election

The Base Constitution and Bylaws requires elected Officers (Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer) be nominated at the July meeting and elections held during the September meeting (members must be present to vote).

So in keeping with these bylaws, we will be accepting nominations for these 5 positions at the July meeting. If you are interested in running for office and you are not attending the July meeting, notify a current officer or a base member who is attending the meeting, so your nomination can be made.



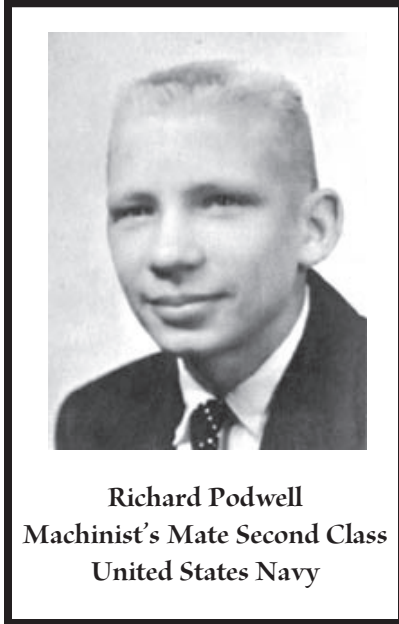
To Perpetuate the Memory



Richard Podwell was born on November 15, 1939, in Steubenville, Ohio, the son of Mrs. and Mrs. William F.

Podwell. During his school years in Ohio, Richard used much of his spare time by hunting, fishing, and pursuing his hobbies of collecting old silver dollars, and building various items.

He enlisted in the naval service on January 16, 1959, and received his basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Comple-



Richard Podwell
Machinist's Mate Second Class
United States Navy

ing his training, he was assigned to the amphibious force flagship, U.S.S. Mount McKinley (AGC 7). He volunteered

for submarine duty and entered the U.S. Naval Submarine School at New London, Conn. Successfully completing the course, Richard was selected for further training in nuclear power. He was graduated from the nuclear power training unit located at Idaho Falls, Idaho, on January 16, 1962, and assigned to his first submarine, U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593). He was awarded his silver dolphins, the

ensignia of the qualified submariner on May 7, 1962. He also received a letter of commendation for his outstanding performance during various ship trails in June 1962, from the commanding officer, and also earned the Navy's Good Conduct Medal.

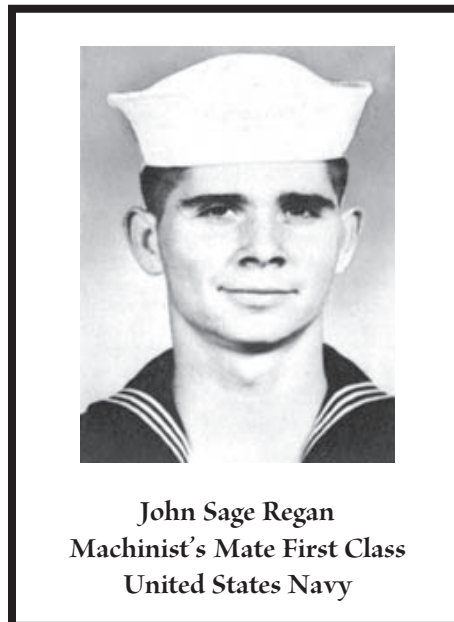
In addition to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Podwell of Toronto, Ohio, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Leslie D. Podwell of Salt Lake City, Utah.

John Sage Regan was born on January 19, 1939, in Waterbury, Conn. As a youth, he attended local schools in Waterbury. During his school years, John was active in sports, including bowling, fishing, and swimming.

He enlisted in the Navy on September 26, 1956, and received his basic training at the recruit training center at Bainbridge, MD. Completing his training, he was assigned to the tactical command ship U.S.S. Northampton (CLC 1). While serving in Northampton, John was advanced to machinist's mate second class on June 16, 1959. He volunteered for submarine duty, and upon being accepted, entered the U.S. Naval Submarine School, New London, Conn. He was selected for further training, in nuclear power, and attended the training fa-

cilities at New London and at Windsor Locks, Conn.

Successfully completing the course of instruction, he was assigned to his first submarine the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593). While serving in Thresher he was advanced to machinist's mate first class. He also earned the Navy's Good Conduct Medal, and a letter of commendation from the commanding officer of the Thresher.



John Sage Regan
Machinist's Mate First Class
United States Navy

John is survived by his widow, Mrs. Della M. Regan of Portsmouth, N.H.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Regan; a brother, Thomas B., of Naugatuch, Conn., and a sister, Mrs. Richard Boncal of Auburn, Ala.



USS Thresher Memorial Service





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

Next Thresher Base Meeting
Saturday, July 17 @ 1200

American Legion Post #70 • 169 Walton Rd, Seabrook, NH • Seabrook, 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 thresherbase@comcast.net.

USSVI Conventions

2010

**Cincinnati, OH-
Covington, KY**

2011

Springfield, MO

2012

Norfolk, VA