



USSVI Thresher Base News



July 2011

The 4th of July in Bath by Tom Young, Thresher Base Commander

On the 4th of July Thresher base shipmates were invited by the Maine base to march in the parade in Bath Maine. We had the following Thresher Base shipmates in the parade: Bob McAlpine, Peter Joy, Thresher Base Treasurer Dennis O'Keefe and myself. Peter drove his car, which he had decorated with Thresher base signs on each side, behind the Maine submarine float. In addition we rigged our large flag through his sunroof and it looked great. Dennis rode with him attending to the flag as well as periscope they had rigged up.

Bob and I walked the 2 or 3 miles in the parade. The crowds were amazing and applauded us along the complete route. There had to be well over 25,000 people.

The Maine SubVets had reserved a spot at a local restaurant on the river where we joined them after the parade for a nice lunch and social hour.



Thresher Base Officer Nominations

Interested in running for office? Nominations for base officers will be taken at the July meeting. You must be present at the the meeting to make a nomination.



Three Mast Flagpole for a Car with a Moon Roof!

by Peter Joy, Thresher Base Chaplin

With 1 1/2 inch pvc, 10 foot sections, whittled down to resemble:



Approximately 10 feet tall, Tip of mast would hold the Ensign flown on the constitution, Starboard mast for the U.S. Navy Flag, Mid-Mast for the USSVI Thresher Base Flag, Port mast for the Submarine Dolphin Flag. Set in a console modification frame to stabilize. AND, for the mid mast, an aft going 5 foot 1 in PVC to hold up the Thresher Base Flag, yeah, a sight to behold!

Well, it looked great on

paper. And now, I definitely hold the same thought that Orville and Wilber Wright had at their first attempt on a flying machine. "Looked great on paper, didn't it! Ohhhhhh shucks."

Well, some on scene, going forward from a well schemed Plan A, our illustrious Commander and his ever wittingly Treasurer, Plan B was initiated! After a third, well, almost, of duct tape, the Thresher Base flag was "strung out" and with Peter, (Base Chaplain) at the helm, and the trust worthy Treasurer on the Periscope, we successfully navigated the Bath Maine Heritage Day July 4th Parade route, following the Maine Base Submarine

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Memorial Day Ceremony at Albacore Park



1st Row: Former Thresher Base Commander Gary Hildreth; Thresher Base Chaplin Peter Joy; Portsmouth Mayor Tom Ferrini

2nd Row: Ceremony guests; Rear Admiral John Clarke Orzalli, Vice Commander Naval Systems Command; Thresher Base Senior Vice Commander Kevin Galeaz

3rd Row: USSVI Thresher Base member Bob McAlpine; Lori Arsenault, daughter of Tilmon Arsenault, USS Thresher

4th Row: Young Marines; WWII Subvets and USSVI Thresher Base members Bill Seaward and Carl Weber





Base News



May 2011 Minutes

The May meeting of Thresher Base was held at the Flag Hill Winery on May 21. 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 with 14 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were read.

Old Business - none

New Business -

- Next meeting will be Saturday, July

16. This will be the annual Lobster-bake and details will be forth coming.

- Memorial Day service is at 10 am on May 30. The following base members will be participating in the ceremony: Former Thresher Base Commander Gary Hildreth, master of ceremonies; Thresher Base Senior Vice Commander Kevin Galeaz, lost boats reader; Bob McAlpine, toller of the bell and Thresher Base Treasurer Dennis O'Keeffe, wreath layer. Base Commander Tom Young and Herm Stolzenburg will be available if necessary.
- Larry Oiler will be attending the

National Convention. Information was passed out.

- Larry Oiler and Herm Stolzenburg reported on their attendance at the diesel boat reunion of Squadron\6 in Norfolk.
- Thresher Base received \$500 from WWII Squalus Chapter for maintaining the memorials at Albacore Park.
- Voting for District Commander was held. The base unanimously voted to re-elect current District 1 Commander, Tom Shannon.
- Tom Young and Peter Joy will get in touch with Maine Base to discuss a joint September meeting.

Three Mast Flagpole

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Float, being ever mindful so as NOT to get caught up in the submarine's prop wash.

All participating Submarine Sailors mustered at the SAME tavern, no less, where upon we patiently awaited for our individual "war Lords" (wives), to come join us. BUTTTT, as PARCHED as we were, from either marching, riding the float, or steering the mechanized machines for the length of the parade route, we had to rest the weary and dry throats, that bottled water can not do, well, as well as COLD BEER. One beer each, is all we had as we awaited our brides' arrival, just so happens, the one beer each drill was repeated 3 or 4 times to make a perfect presentation as to the tradition of Submarine Enlisted 'gentlemanly' appearance.

T'wuz a fun time had by all in attendance!!!!

GO THRESHER BASE!



Peter E. Randall photograph

Albacore Park 25th Anniversary

Saturday, August 20, 2011

9:30 to 5:00

Free Admission All Day

Opening Ceremony at 11:00

Trivia Contest aboard the Albacore

Toy Submarine "Test Tank"

Question and Answers with former crew

Book signings

Cake and Refreshments



Retiree Checklist - What Survivors Should Know



This checklist, from USSVI, is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future. This information is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools to lessen trauma to your loved ones.

_ Create a military file that includes a copy of retirement orders, separation papers, DD Form 214, medical records, and any other pertinent military paperwork. Include the location and telephone number of the nearest military installation.

_ Create a military retired pay file that includes the following contact information:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

U S Military Retirement Pay
Post Office Box 7130

London , KY 40742-7130
(800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955/(800) 269-5170 (for issues regarding deceased members)

Navy Personnel Command
(N135C)

Retired Activities Branch
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6220

Also include:

_ The number of any pending VA claim and the address of the local VA office

_ A list of deductions currently being made from retired pay or VA benefits.

_ The name, relationship and address of the person you have designated to any unpaid retired pay at the time of death. This designation is located on the back of your Retiree Account Statement)

_ Create an annuities file. It should include information about the Survivor

Benefit Plan (SBP), Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RC-SBP) or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), or any applicable Civil Service annuity, etc. Additional information regarding SBP, RCSBP and RSFPP annuity claims can be obtained from DFAS office at (800) 321-1080.

_ Create a personal document file that has copies of marriage certificates, divorce decrees, adoptions and naturalization papers.

_ Create an income tax file. Include copies of both of your state and federal income tax returns.

_ Create a property tax file. Include copies of tax bills, deeds and any other related documents.

_ Create an insurance policy file. Include life, property, accident, liability and hospitalization policies.

_ In a secure location, maintain a list of all bank accounts (joint or individual). Include the location of all deposit boxes, savings bonds, stocks, bonds and any securities owned.

_ In a secure location, maintain a list of all charge accounts and credit cards. Include account numbers and mailing addresses.

_ Maintain a list of all associations and organizations of which you are a member. Some of them could be helpful to your spouse.

_ Maintain a list of all friends and business associates who may be helpful. Include name, address and telephone number.

_ Discuss your plans/desires with respect to the type and location of your funeral service. You should decide about cremation, which

cemetery, ground burial, etc. If your spouse knows your desires, it will resolve some of the questions that might arise at a later date.

_ Visit a local funeral home and pre-arrange your services. Many states allow you to pre-pay for services.

_ Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning the Mortuary Affairs Division at (866) 787-0081.

_ Once your decisions have been made have a will drawn up outlining all your wishes and store it in a secure location with your other paperwork.

Who should be notified in the event of my death?

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955
2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits) - (800) 772-1213
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable) - (800) 827-1000
4. Office of Personnel and Management (if applicable) - (724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group you have membership with such as MOOA, FRA, NCOA, VFW, AL, TREA, USSVI NATIONAL when a shipmate goes on Eternal Patrol. Provide Name, Base and date of death and obituary if available.
6. Any previous employer that provides pension or benefits.



Eternal Patrol



WWII SubVet and Thresher Base member John W. Czajkowski Sr.

On Tuesday, June 28, 2011, John William "Ski" Czajkowski Sr. passed away in Exeter, NH. He was born in Kearny, NJ on August 30, 1920 to Stanley and Bernice (Olszewska) Czajkowski, the middle child of five. He was raised and attended schools in Kearny.

At the age of 17, Ski joined the US Navy and served as Chief of the Boat on a number of submarines. He was a proud veteran of three wars (WW II, Korea and Vietnam). He pursued his Navy career for 30 years and John served on the following boats: USS Haddock (SS-231), USS Tang (SS/AGSS-563), USS Lapon (SS-260). Upon leaving the service he worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until his retirement.

In 1957, Ski married Mary Mulherin from Portsmouth, NH. Mary was the light and love of his life, and together they raised 7 children in Exeter, NH. Ski will be remembered as a man of deep integrity, enduring strength and fortitude, and great humor. Always true to himself, he exhibited kindness, humility, and honesty in all his relationships, earning love and respect from all who had the honor to know him. A dedicated parishioner of St. Michael's Church, he was above all a

devoted and loving, husband, father, and grandfather. Other passions included being on the open sea, fishing and hunting, and woodworking.

Ski will be deeply missed by his loving brood, including his wife, Mary, of Exeter, NH; children, Rosann Lampkin (and Tom) of Chico, CA, Wanda Wright (and Tom) of So. Portland, ME, Teresa Stokes (and Ed) of Wrentham, MA, John Czajkowski Jr., of Portland, ME, Joan Hart (and Bruce) of Durham, CA, Joseph Czajkowski (and Jennifer) of Lansdale, PA, and Jayne Conley (and Tom) of So. Portland, ME; adoring grandchildren, Malia Lampkin, Natalie, Jeff and Laura Stokes, Mikayla Czajkowski, Elena, Maddy and John Hart, Mackenzie, Jack and Camryn Czajkowski, and Matthew and Mary Conley; in-laws, Carol Czajkowski of Naples, FL and Jim Rea of Ft. Worth, TX.; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Ski was predeceased by his parents, his three brothers, Walter, Tony, and Tom, and a sister Tess Cassidy. A wake was held at Brewitt Funeral Home, Exeter, NH on July 1. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 2 at St. Michael's Church, Exeter, NH. Military Honors were held following the Mass at the Exeter Cemetery.

The family would like to extend thanks to the staff of Langdon Place of Exeter and Hospice for their loving care and kindness during his illness and final days. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ski's memory to the NH Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 5 Bedford Farms Dr., Suite 201, Bedford, NH 03110 or to SolAmor Hospice, 65 Lafayette Rd., No. Hamp-ton, NH 03862



WWII Subvet, Shipmate of Bill Seaward and long time LobsterFest attendee Eugene Guilbault

Eugene F. "Gene" Guilbault, of Avon, passed on June 25, 2011, at age 84. Gene served in the US Navy aboard the USS Tench SS-417, USS Shad SS-235, and USS Sea Poacher SS-406. After leaving the Navy, he worked for Boston Edison until his retirement. Gene was a member of WWII Subvets and where he served as the Massachusetts Bay State Secretary. He was also a member of VFW Post 8892.

He was the beloved husband of Lillian P. (West) Guilbault for 58 years, loving father of Priscilla Phelps (& Daniel) of Avon, Charles Guilbault (& Patty) of Halifax, Jean Marie Guilbault of Brockton, Gene F. Guilbault (& Sherry) of Bridgewater, Judy Guilbault of Avon and the late Robert Guilbault (& Donna) of West Bridgewater; dear grandfather of Charles, Michael, Brian, Matthew, Nicole & the late Heather Guilbault Kass; great-grandfather of Devon, Russell, Brady & Lily; brother of Wilfred Guilbault of Braintree & the late James Guilbault; he leaves nieces & nephews & friends. Funeral was held at Waitt Funeral Home and burial at Avon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Norfolk Center for Cancer & Hematology, 1073 Pleasant St. Brockton MA 02301.



Lost Boats



May and June

USS Lagarto (SS-371) was lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill 2 weeks later.

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined.

USS Squalus (SS-192) suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors using the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.

USS Stickleback (SS-415) was lost on May 30, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.

USS Herring (SS-233) was lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.

USS R-12 (SS-89) was lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.

USS Golet (SS-361) was lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.

USS Bonefish (SS-223) was lost on June 19, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.

USS S-27 (SS-132) was lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started list-

ing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.

USS O-9 (SS-70) was lost on June 20, 1941 with the loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.

USS Runner (SS-275) was lost between June 26 and July 4th with the loss of 78 men, probably due to a mine. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 3/19/11	\$4213.89
Deposits:	+\$0.70
Expenses:	-\$595.69
Balance as of 5/21/11	\$3618.90

Upcoming Events

- July 16 - 1200 - Meeting/Holland Club/Lobsterbake at American Legion, Seabrook, NH - Reservations required for lunch
- September - TBD - Joint meeting with Maine Base
- November 19 - 1200 - TBD



To Perpetuate the Memory



Leonard Hogentogler Hewitt was born on October 3, 1931, in Carlisle, Pa., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Downs E. Hewitt, II, of Washington, D.C.

His early schooling, through junior high school, was in the public schools of Carlisle, and Washington, D.C. He was graduated in 1950, from Carson Long Institute, a military school in New Bloomfield, Pa. Leonard had earned letters in varsity football, basketball, and baseball. He was elected to the school's house of representatives, and served as its



Leonard Hogentogler Hewitt
Chief Electrician's Mate
United States Navy

treasurer. He later attended Baldwin Wallace College, in Berea, Ohio, for a short time prior to enlisting in the Navy in January 1952.

After recruit training, and graduation from the Navy's Electrician's Mate School, Leonard served in the escort aircraft carrier U.S.S. Sicily (CVE 118), until he volunteered for submarine duty.

He attended and was graduated from the Submarine School at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn., on February 12, 1954. He was then assigned to his first submarine, the U.S.S. Tench (SS 417), in which he be-

came qualified as a submariner and was awarded his silver dolphins. He later served in the submarines U.S. Grampus (SS 523), U.S.S. Grouper (SS 214), and the nuclear-powered submarine, U.S.S. Skipjack (SSN 585). On February 27, 1961, Leonard was assigned to the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593).

During his naval service, Leonard had earned the Navy's Good Conduct medal, (three awards); Navy Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Occupation Medal with European Clasp, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and a letter of commendation from the commanding officer of the U.S.S. Thresher.

In addition to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Downs E. Hewitt of Washington, D.C.; Leonard is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bodil N. Newill; daughter, Kathleen; a son, Kirk; a brother, Downs E., and a sister, Mrs. Geraldine Shiflett.

Joseph Hartshorne Hoague was born on June 8, 1939, in Lynn, Mass. He attended local schools there and was active in athletics and student activities.

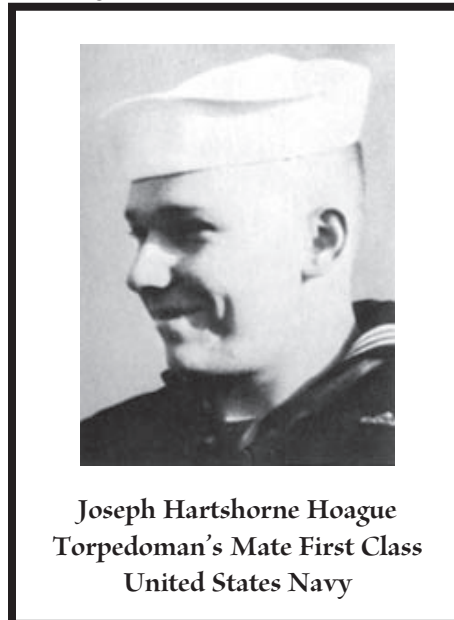
He earned a letter in football and was a member of the track team. He also belonged to the dramatic club, travel club, and Junior Red Cross organization, and was a member of the student council.

Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve submarine program in September 1957, and became a member of the Naval Reserve Submarine Division 1-11, Salem, Mass.

He requested active duty and entered the Submarine School at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn. He completed the course of instruction on September 1, 1958, and

was assigned to the U.S.S. Angler (SS 240). while serving in that command, Joseph became qualified as a submariner, and was awarded his silver dolphins on November 19, 1959.

Joseph served in the Angler until December 2, 1962, when he was assigned to the original commissioning crew of the nuclear-powered submarine U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593). He had earned the Navy's Good Conduct Medal, and a letter of commendation



Joseph Hartshorne Hoague
Torpedoman's Mate First Class
United States Navy

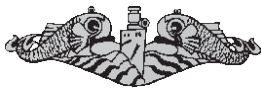
from the commanding officer of the Thresher, for his outstanding performance of duty, while in Thresher.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Judith Hoague; son, Joseph; and daughters, Jody and Jill of Lynn, Mass. He also leaves his step-mother, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hoague, and a

sister, Mrs. Joan Bishop.

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

Next Thresher Base Meeting
Saturday, July 16 @ 1200
American Legion Post #70 • 169 Walton Rd, • 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

2011

September 5 to 11
Springfield, MO

2012

September 2 to 9
Norfolk, VA

2013

August 25 to September 2
Rochester, MN