



USSVI Thresher Base News



September 2009

July 2009 Lobsterbake Minutes

The July meeting of Thresher Base was held at the Seabrook American Legion on July 18 2009. The meeting was called to order followed by a prayer and pledge of allegiance. The Tolling of the Bells was conducted for those boats lost in July and August.

A sound off of all those present was conducted. Tom Shannon, D1 Commander was in attendance. Robert McAlpine joined Thresher Base at today's meeting. The Treasurer's Report was read by Dennis O'Keeffe.



World War II Subvets - Bill Seaward, Carl Weber, Legs Legare, Dale Hill, Bill Tebo and Dave Dickey

Opening Balance	5579.20
Dues	+77.48
Pat Boyle	-100.00
Transfer/ Mem. Service	-1000.00
Closing Balance	4556.68

Holland Club - Larry Beekler was inducted into the Holland Club. Tom Shannon was on-hand to present Larry with his certificate.

Tom Shannon nominated Thresher Base for the USSVI Meritorious Award for the outstanding job on the USS Thresher Memorial Service.

Larry Oiler obtained a drawing of the AGSS 555 USS Dolphin and auctioned it off to raise funds for the USS Thresher Memorial Service. The drawing went to Jeanne Campana and Dennis O'Keeffe.

Following a brief prayer, the meeting was adjourned. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a fabulous meal of lobsters, steak and steamers.



Larry Beekler receives his Holland Club certificate from Tom Shannon, D1 Commander



Jeanne Campana and Dennis O'Keeffe won the AGSS 555 auction



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2009 Lobsterbake



Left to Right: Larry Beekler, Jack Gill, Larry Oiler, Tom Young, Bill Seaward, Tom Shannon, Dave Cahill, Gordon Wentzell, Carl Weber, George Albert, Legs Legare, Robert McAlpine, John Kothheimer, Harlan Brown, Dale Hill, Vince Mahany, Bill Tebo, Kevin Galeaz, Dennis O'Keeffe, Dave Dickey, Bob Flannery, Charlie Manes, and Herm Stolzenburg



Shirley and Tom Young



Astrid and Vince Manhany



Dennis O'Keeffe and Jeanne Campana, Charlie and Claire Manes, Bill Seaward and Jill Preston, Shirley Young, Mary and Bob Flannery



Leroy Souther, Sons of American Legion



Right: Tom and Nancy Shannon



Carl Weber and Harlan Brown

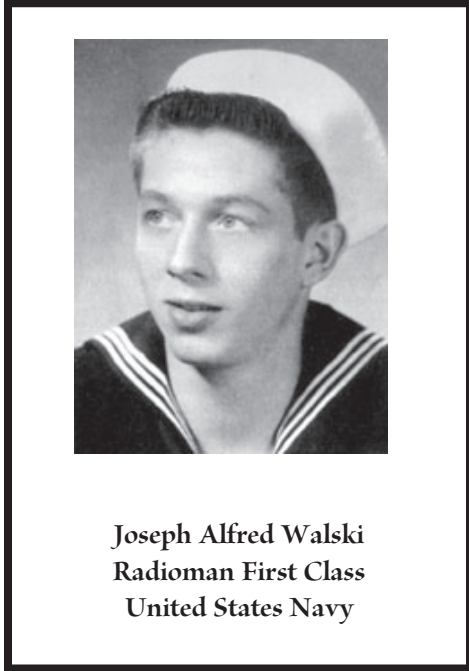


To Perpetuate the Memory



Joseph Alfred Walski was born on June 6, 1939, in Holyoke, Mass., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Walski. He was the second of three children.

An excellent student throughout his school years, he was graduated from high school in 1957, where he was a member of the athletic association and the Goodfellow's Club. Joseph was an avid swimmer and water skier, and owned his own speedboat while still in high school.



**Joseph Alfred Walski
Radioman First Class
United States Navy**

Joseph enlisted in the Navy on July 4, 1957, at Springfield, Mass., and received his basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. He then entered the Radioman School at Bainbridge, and successfully completed the course of instruction on April 25, 1958. Joseph then volunteered for submarine duty, and attended the Submarine School at New London, Conn.

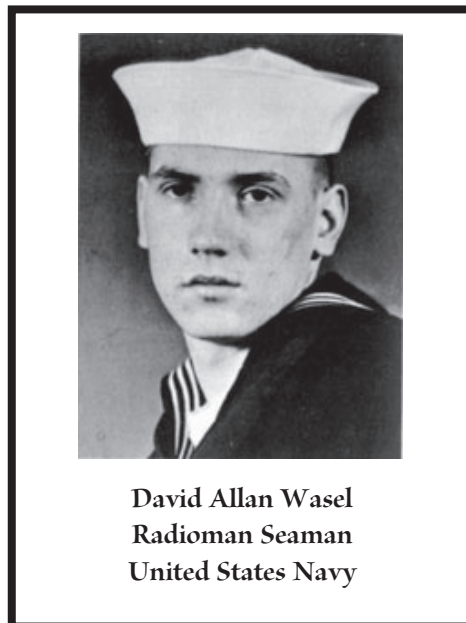
After graduating the basic enlisted course at the school he was assigned to the submarine U.S.S. Trigger (SS 564), where he became qualified, and later to the submarine U.S.S. Corporal (SS 346). On February 27, 1961, Joseph was assigned to the nuclear-powered submarine Thresher.

Joseph leaves his wife, Mrs. Carol D. Walski, and a son, Michael A.; his father, Mr. Joseph P. Walski of East Hampton, Mass.; and his mother, Mrs. Helen E. Krawczynski of West Springfield, Mass. He also is survived by two sisters, Alice and Nancy Walski; a half brother, Jefferey Krawczynski and a half sister, Susan Krawczynski.

David Allan Wasel was born on July 20, 1941, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasel of New Britain, Conn. He attended grade school in Putnam and was graduated from Washington Junior High and New Britain Senior High Schools.

After graduating from high school in June 1959, and prior to enlisting in the Navy, David was employed by the American Hardware Co.

During his school years he participated in many of the school's activities, including sports. He collected North American wild animal and bird figurines and enjoyed both hunting and fishing. David had built his own gun cabinet, and collected coins. Six of his uncles had served in the Armed



**David Allan Wasel
Radioman Seaman
United States Navy**

Forces during World War II.

David entered the Navy and received his basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. After completing his training he was selected to attend the Navy's Communications School at Bainbridge, Md. He successfully completed the Radioman's School and on March 1, 1963, he became a member of the crew of the nuclear-powered submarine U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593).

David is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wasel, and a brother, Robert; a nephew, Robert Jr., and two nieces, Catherine and Debra, all of New Britain, Conn.

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**Next Thresher Base Meeting
Saturday, September 18, 2009 @ 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 of

America and its Constitution."

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**
