



USSVI Thresher Base News



September 2010

July 2010 Minutes

The July meeting of Thresher Base was held at the American Legion Hall in Seabrook, NH on July 17. 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 July and August. A silent prayer was said for those on eternal patrol.

A sound off of those present was conducted - There were 95 people present for this year's lobsterbake. Gary Hildreth introduced guests Tom Shannon, D1 Commander, who reminded everyone about elections and John Carcioppolo, Groton Base. Special acknowledgement was given to those Thresher family members in attendance: Jill and Lori Arsenault, Mike Dinola, Sherey Abrams, Carol Norton, Paul Piva and Arlene Lelos. There was a standing ovation for John Taylor, WWII Pearl Harbor Survivor.



Recognition of all spouses was made. Secretary's Report - Minutes from

the May 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report -
\$4455.45 opening balance
\$3490.19 current balance
\$3229.19 Memorial Service balance
special acknowledgement of \$300 donation from Vermont WWII base for memorial service and also a donation from Kurt Hoffman in memory of subvet James Rankin.

Old Business - none

New Business -

- Base elections to be held at September meeting. Candidates are:
Commander - Tom Young
Sr. Vice Commander - Kevin Galeaz
Jr. Vice Commander - Dennis O'Keeffe

- Treasurer - Dennis O'Keeffe
- Secretary - Kevin Galeaz
- Chaplin - Peter Joy
- Mike Dinola, son of Michael Dinola, spoke about attempts to get approval for a national Thresher Memorial. Things have fallen through since the 9/11 tragedy and the support is not there due to other commitments



and issues. Due to concerns that artifacts owned by many people may start to disappear, he has been working on details to create a nautical museum on the seacoast. He has various meetings scheduled and will announce more details when they are available.

- John Carcioppolo speaks to the group about his qualifications to be USSVI Commander.



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Upcoming Events

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

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

Boats Lost in July and August

USS S-28 (SS-133)
USS Robalo (SS-273)
USS Grunion (SS-216)

USS Bullhead (SS-332)
USS Flier (SS-250)
USS S-39 (SS-144)
USS Harder (SS-257)
USS Cochino (SS-345)
USS Pompano (SS-181)



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July 2010 Minutes (continued from page 1)

- David Lazar, editor of the NH Troubadour, was recognized for his recent article on the USS Thresher. "The



Sacrifice At Sea" featured interviews with family members Lori Arsenault and Mike Dinola and former crew member John Riemenschneider.

- Sherely Abrams, wife of Fred Abrams, was formally recognized for her generous \$1000 donation to the Memorial Service fund.

She took the opportunity to read a statement to the group



about how much the Memorial Services have meant to her family over the years.

- Holland Club Induction was held to recognize Errol Chase and Irvin Searl to recognize their reaching 50 years as qualified submariners. Errol qualified in 1960 aboard the USS Cavalla.



Irvin qualified in 1952 aboard the USS Trout. Jack Hunter, a former crew-member of Irvin's was on hand to help with the presentation.



- Auction - Larry Oiler acted as the auctioneer as he auctioned off various pieces of Thresher memorabilia. Mrs. Sherely Abrams was the highest bidder for all the auction items:

Thresher challenge coin in box (\$55), Thresher magnet (\$45), and a ships wheel cribbage board with Thresher challenge coin (\$75).



All money raised is earmarked for the Memorial Service.

- Recognition of the Sons of the American Legion for the fantastic job they have done for the base over the past 16 years.

- The meeting was adjourned following a closing prayer.

- As soon as the meeting was adjourned, all subvets went inside for group photos. This was followed by a great lobster meal





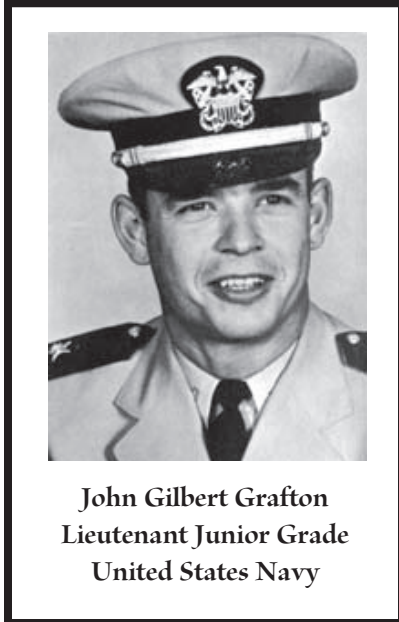
To Perpetuate the Memory



John Gilbert Grafton was born on August 13, 1937, in Fayetteville, West Virginia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Grafton of De-witt, N.Y.

Prior to entering the Naval Academy in 1957, John was graduated from Fayetteville High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society.

In June 1961, he was graduated from the Naval Academy



John Gilbert Grafton
Lieutenant Junior Grade
United States Navy

and commissioned ensign. He was then ordered to the Nuclear Power School at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California, for instruction. Upon completing this course in December 1961, John was selected for further training and received orders to the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho Falls, Idaho. While a student at the school, John received nuclear power operational training, until August 1962. He

was then transferred to the Submarine School, New London, Connecticut. Upon completion of his basic submarine training there, John was ordered in March 1963, to the submarine Thresher (SSN 593)

Lieutenant Junior Grade Grafton leaves, in addition to his parents, his grandfather, Mr. Gilbert Smith, to whom he was very close, and for whom he was named.

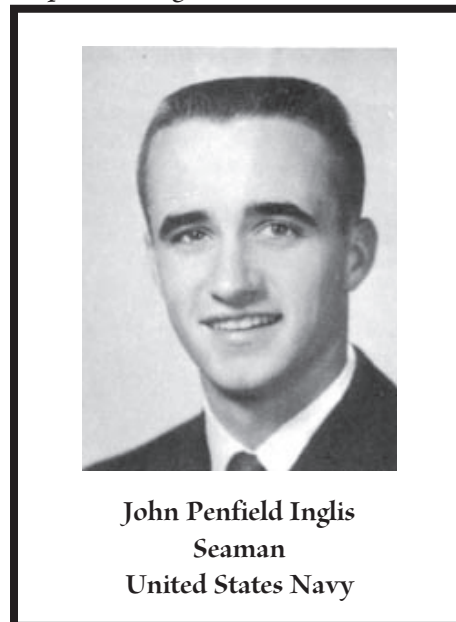
John Penfield Inglis was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on April 9, 1942, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Inglis.

John was active in Scouting prior to entering the naval service in 1960. He was a member of Explorer Post 60 of the Los Angeles Area Council. In 1959, he participated in a 125-mile canoe journey through Glen Canyon of the Colorado River, which was sponsored by the Explorer group. John became an Eagle Scout and was a winner of the Explorer Scout Silver Award.

While a student at Lynwood High School in Lynwood, Calif., he became associated with the local U.S. Naval Reserve Unit. After graduation in

1960, he enrolled in Compton College, Compton, Calif., and completed a specialized 2-year machinist's course.

John then requested active duty, and volunteered for the submarine service. Upon being accepted, he entered the U.S. Naval Submarine School at New London, Conn., successfully completing the course of instruction in October 1962.



John Penfield Inglis
Seaman
United States Navy

John received orders to his first submarine, U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593), after graduation.

John is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Inglis, and a sister, Roberta, all of Spokane, Wash.



Lobsterbake and Holland Club Induction





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THRESHER Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
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1465 Hooksett Road #239
Hooksett, NH 03106

Next Thresher Base Meeting
Saturday, September 18 @ 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 thresherbase@comcast.net.

USSVI Conventions

2011
Springfield, MO

2012
Norfolk, VA