



USSVI Thresher Base News



November 2009

September 2009 Minutes

The September meeting of Thresher Base was held at Newick's Restuarant, on September 19, 2009. 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 September and October.

A sound off of all those present was conducted. The minutes of the July 2009 meeting were read by Kevin Galeaz. The Treasurer's Report was read by Dennis O'Keeffe.

Balance as of 7/18/09:	\$4556.68
Deposits Received:	\$1503.78
Expenditures:	\$2072.81
Balance as of 9/19/09:	\$3987.65

Thresher Memorial Fund: \$1166.58

November 2009 Meeting - Kevin Galeaz spoke with Frank Reinhold regarding holding the November meeting at Flag Hill Winery in Lee. Frank is a Thresher Base member and manager of the winery. The winery will be under renovations, but he will still be able to accommodate our group. Two questions came up during the conversation: 1) Will the bar be open and 2) What will be served and how much to spend? Kevin told Frank to have the bar open and that he would bring up the food and cost at the meeting. Frank has indicated that a catered, sit down meal is the easiest option. At the meeting, a cost of \$20 was obtained after discussing how much people spend at Newick's (\$15) and that you probably would be very limited with this amount dealing with a caterer. The discussion regarding food focused on a

buffet with a chicken or pasta dish. People will need to make reservations in advance. Kevin will issue an invitation. Kevin will contact Frank to see what options are available for \$20. A motion was then made by Dennis O'Keeffe to have the base pick up an additional \$5 per person, if the \$20 is too limiting. This motion was carried. The date of the meeting will be November 21. Peter Joy suggested holding a raffle to help cover the extra costs.

New Business-

Bill Seward attended the National Reunion in San Diego. About 1500 Subvets attended and he had high praise for the Town and Country Inn. He relayed stories from the Holland Club breakfast and the main banquet. Bill commented that he enjoyed the dinner table conversation. The 2010 convention will be in Cincinnati and will be held in conjunction with the WWII convention.

Bill Tebo attended the National WWII Reunion. There were 162 WWII subvets and ~400-500 family members in attendance. It was held on an indian reservation with hotel and casino. Good convention and he only had 2 complaints: walking distances were great and no shuttles were available and he was not used to eating beef with every meal.

WWII Subvets will remain incorporated and will produce a calendar for 2010 and 2011. Polaris will be published 4 times a year, but it will no longer be a glossy magazine.

Due to MWR rule changes, there will now be a charge for the tents

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Boats Lost in September and October

- USS Grayling
- USS Pompono
- USS Cisco
- USS Flyer
- USS S5
- USS S51
- USS Salmon
- USS S44
- USS Dirado
- USS Wahoo
- USS Sea Wolf
- USS Garter
- USS Shark
- USS Tang
- USS Escalar
- USS O5

There is still time to sign up for lunch at the Flag Hill Winery on November 21. See page 2 for details!



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and chairs used for the Memorial Day Service at Albacore park.

John Carcioppolo, Groton Base, sent a request looking for help with their Day of Giving. They provide 6000 meals for sailors and the local community. A donation of \$25 will be made on behalf of the base.

Kevin Galeaz asked Carl Weber how long the Lobsterbakes had been held with the American Legion. Carl indicated that he presented Leroy with a plaque for all the work he has done for the organization. Leroy has cancer and Kevin wanted to make

sure that he received a plaque soon. Kevin thanked Carl for making these arrangements. Kevin will send a letter of appreciation to him and will continue to look for a group photo to donate to the Legion.

Dennis O'Keeffe reminded everyone that 2010 dues are due by January 1. The base dues are \$15 and National dues are \$20.

2010 Calendars are on sale for \$6.

Following a brief prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

2010 Dues Reminder

Thresher Base Dues and National Dues must be paid by January 1st. Base dues are \$15.00 and National Dues are \$20.00 a year for a total of \$35.00 if you are an annual member. Make your check payable to: USSVI-Thresher Base and send to the Base Treasurer 1 Eureka Ave. York, ME 03909. National Dues are paid to the Base Treasurer who will forward them to National.

USSVI Thresher Base

November Meeting and Luncheon

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Meeting @ 1200 followed by lunch (optional)

Flag Hill Winery, Lee, NH

Menu and Cost

Tossed salad with creamy Italian dressing, homemade meat lasagna, pumpkin pie cheese cake, coffee/tea

\$20 per person

(meatless lasagna available if requested)

Invitation List

U.S. SUBVETS WWII, Associates, Wives and Guests. USSVI SUBVETS, Wives and Guests.

Reservations

Reservations and payment are required by November 14.

Mail check (USSVI Thresher Base) with menu selection to:

Kevin Galeaz • 1465 Hooksett Road #239 • Hooksett, NH 03106

ThresherBase@comcast.net • 603.268.0420 (leave message)

Directions

Take Route 101 to Exit 7 Route 125.

Travel North on Route 125 for 4.2 miles to

Route 155. Travel East on Route 155 for .4

miles. Flag Hill Winery is on the right.





2009 USSVI Awards

Joe Negri Award

T. Michael Bircumshaw -Scamp Base

Ben Bastura Award

Gregory W. Stitz - Razorback Base

Robert Link Award

Stanley W. Mathis – Groton Base

Victor E. Paterno, Jr. – New Jersey South

Gilbert P. Shaddock – Snug Harbor Base

William Andrea – South Florida Base

Carl Schmidt – Razorback Base

Walton G. Eller –Cowtown Base

Charles H. Senior – La Pasadena Base

John W. Messersmith – Gudgeon Base

District Commander Awards:

Thomas Shannon -- Eastern Region North D 1

Dick Kanning -- Eastern Region South D1

Thomas Barnes --Central Region D 2

John Mansfield --Western Region D4

Meritorious Award:

Base - Chicago Base

Individual – Billy “D” Holloway - Razorback Base

Golden Anchor Award

Class One - Scamp Base

Class Two - Carolina Piedmont Base

USS Florida Base

Silver Anchor Award

Base—Carolina Piedmont Base

Individual- Wilbur “Red” Meyer - Hoosier

Base

Newsletter Of The Year Award

Class One:

First Place - The Hawaii Subvet, Bowfin Base

First Runner Up (Tie) - All Clear, Tarheel Base

First Runner Up (Tie) - Boat Note, Groton Base

Class Two:

First Place - The Conning Tower- Ozark-Runner Base

First Runner Up - Sea Poacher Base, Sea Poacher Base

Second Runner Up - The Trim Pump, Nebraska Base

Class Three:

First Place (Tie) - Slo Subvets, Slo Sub Vets

First Place (Tie) - South Sound Base Klaxon, Sound Base Base

First Runner Up - Greenboard, Western Lake Superior Base

Participation:

Dive Dive, South Florida Base

Leigh Valley Base News, Leigh Valley Base

Boat Sponsorship Program

Shipmates,

During the past couple years there have been some number of Sponsorships that have not been renewed, for one reason or another. I am listing them here and I apologize for the length of the list.

Possibly there is a destination or unit that you would care to sponsor and I invite you to do so. Thanks to the hard work of Bill Lee the BSP is doing better than ever before, even though there are less than 3% of our shipmates

participating. I want to heartily thank all of you who have stuck with this immensely valuable program. You are directly responsible for increases in our membership and for an expanded awareness to the public of our very existence. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Unfortunately the rising cost of “everything” including printing and postage requires that we step up in donation requests to \$30.00 per sponsorship (12 issues annually). This is the

first increase in the BSP since I assumed the responsibility for the American Submariner in 2005.

The address for the BSP is American Submariner POB 892616 Temecula, CA 92589-2616.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Michael Bircumshaw

SS-394 Razorback

USS Alabama (SSBN 731) Blue

USS Alabama (SSBN 731) Gold

USS Albany (SSN 753)

USS Albuquerque (SSN 706)

USS Annapolis (SSN 760)

USS Arizona Memorial

USS Asheville (SSN 758)

USS Boise SSN-764

USS Bremerton (SSN 698)

USS Buffalo (SSN 715)

USS Charlotte SSN-766

USS Cheyenne (SSN 773)

USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705)

USS Cod Submarine Memorial

USS Columbia (SSN 771)

USS Columbus (SSN 762)

USS Florida (SSGN 728) Gold

USS Greenville SSN-772

USS Hampton (SSN 767) SubSquad 11

USS Hartford (SSN 768)

USS Henry M Jackson SSBN-730 Gold

USS Houston (SSN 713)

USS Jefferson City (SSN 759)

USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23)

USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) Gold

USS Kentucky SSBN-737 Blue

USS Key West SSN-722

USS La Jolla (SSN 701)

USS Los Angeles (SSN 688)

USS Louisiana SSBN-743 (G)

USS Marlin SST-2

USS Maryland SSBN-738 Gold

USS Memphis (SSN 691)

USS Miami (SSN-755)

USS Michigan (SSGN 727) Gold

USS Montpelier (SSN 765)

USS Nebraska SSBN 739 Gold

USS Nevada (SSBN 733) Gold

USS Nevada SSBN-733 Blue

USS New Hampshire SSN-778

USS Newport News SSN-750

USS Ohio SSGN-726 Gold

USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723)

USS Olympia SSN-717

USS Pasadena SSN-752

USS Philadelphia (SSN 690)

USS Philadelphia (SSN 690)

USS San Francisco SSN-711

USS Santa Fe (SSN 763)

USS Santa Fe SSN-763

USS Scranton SSN-756

USS Tucson (SSN 770)

USS Virginia (SSN 774)

USS West Virginia (SSBN 736) Blue

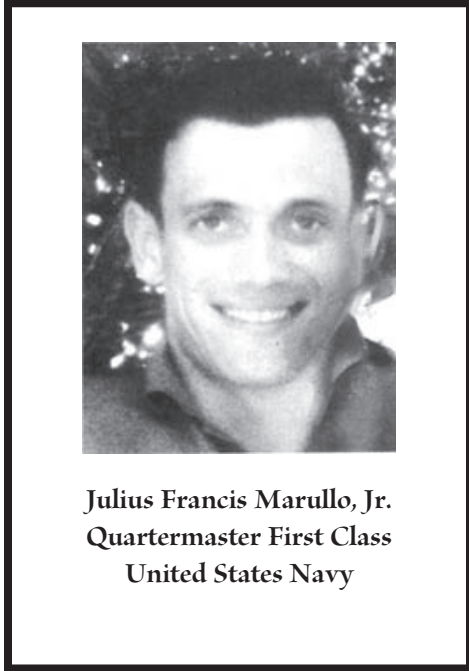
USS West Virginia (SSBN 736) Gold



To Perpetuate the Memory



Julius Francis Marullo, Jr., was born on September 26, 1933, in Galveston, Tex., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Marullo, Sr. He entered the Navy at Houston, Tex., on July 10, 1951, and received his recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Upon completing his training, Julius was assigned to the attack cargo ship U.S.S. Skagit (AKA 105), and participated in the Korean conflict as a member of her crew. He earned the



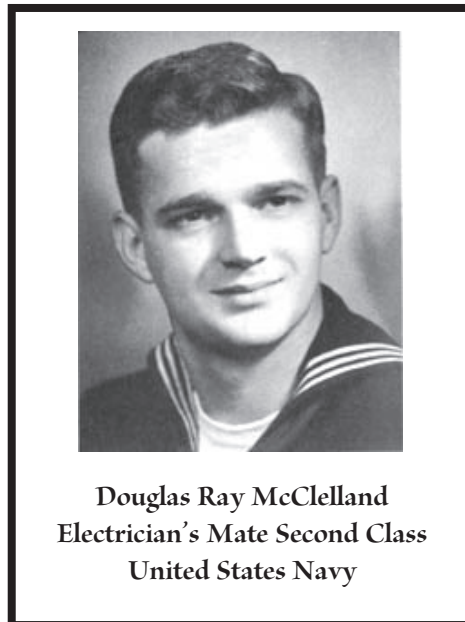
Korean Service, China Service, National Defense, and the United Nations Service Medals. He subsequently saw service in the landing ship dock, U.S.S. Colonial (LSD 18), the attack cargo ship Mathews (AKA 96), and the landing ship dock, U.S.S. Whitemarsh (LSD 8), prior to volunteering for submarine duty in early 1956. Julius was accepted for training and entered the U.S. Naval

Submarine School at New London, Conn. He was graduated on July 9, 1956, and was selected for training as a quartermaster. He completed a course of instruction at the submarine base on September 3, 1956, and was assigned to the U.S.S. Odax (SS 484), where he qualified on April 10, 1957, and was awarded the silver dolphins, mark of the submariner. During his service, Julius also earned the Navy's Good Conduct Medal.

On February 27, 1961, he was selected to be a member of the commissioning crew of the nuclear-powered submarine U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593).

He is survived by his widow, Deborah Marullo of New Castle, N.H.; two children, Marcye J., and Julius III, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Marullo of Galveston, Tex.

Douglas Ray McClelland, the only child of Charles Floyd and Juarita McClelland, was born on November 17, 1940, in Walnut, Kans. He received his early education in school in Wichita, attended Hamilton Junior High School, and was graduated from Southeast High School in 1959. He was always interested in the Navy, even as a small boy. He attempted to enlist prior to being graduated from high school, however, he remained in school. Upon graduating, Douglas enlisted on July 28, 1959, and received his basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. He was selected for training as an electrician, and attended the Navy's Electrician's Mate School at Great Lakes, Ill. While a student there he volunteered for submarine duty, was accepted, and



attended the U.S. Naval Submarine School, New London, Conn.

Douglas then underwent advanced training in nuclear power, and completed the source of instruction at

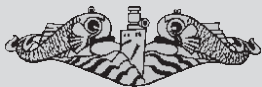
both the Nuclear Power Training Units in New London, Conn., and at Mare Island, Calif.

In October 1961, Douglas was assigned to the submarine U.S.S. Thresher in which he qualified as a submariner and received his silver dolphins. He also qualified as a nuclear power reactor operator. During his naval career, Douglas earned the Navy's Good Conduct Medal, and a letter of commendation from the commanding officer of the Thresher for his outstanding performance of duty as a member of the crew.

Douglas is survived by his widow, Margaret A. McClelland; a daughter, Rae Ann, born on June 3, 1963; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. McClelland of Wichita Kans.

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

**Next Thresher Base Meeting
Saturday, November 21 2009 @ 1200
Flag Hill Winery • Lee, 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**
