

THRESHER Base
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USSVI Thresher Base News



March 2011

January 2011 Minutes

The January meeting of Thresher Base was held at Newick's Restaurant in Dover on January 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 January and February. A silent prayer was said for those on eternal patrol.

A sound off of those present was conducted - There were 19 veterans and 12 spouses. Tom Shannon, D1 Commander and Mark Clark, Marblehead Base were in attendance along with

Secretary's Report - The minutes from the November 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report -

balance on 11/20/10	\$3526.38
deposits	+\$315.60
payments	-\$460.00
balance on 1/15/11	\$3381.98

Thank you letters were received from Groton Base, Maine Medical Center and NH Veterans Home for donations made to these facilities. Base dues are \$15 and National Dues are \$20.

Tom Shannon added the any person who has not paid their dues by January 31 will be removed from the USSVI database. There is no more 3 month grace period.

USS Thresher Memorial Service -

- Lori and Deb Arsenault will perform.
- Bob McAlpine has volunteered again to fun the slide show.
- Gary Hildreth will check on Traip Academy
- Gary Hildreth will be the Master of Ceremonies
- Vice Admiral Emory is the front runner to be the keynote speaker.

Old Business -

- Mail dues to Dennis O'Keeffe
- Holland Club - New member Al Page makes the 6th person eligible this year.
- Kevin Galeaz received email from Legs Legare thanking everyone for the card.
- Author John L. Busch will give his book presentation during lunch.
- Dan MacIssac's wake/funeral were attended by Gary Hildreth, Ed Storer, Dennis O'Keeffe and Peter Joy. It was a nice service. 50+ Coast Guard members were in attendance in full uniform.

New Business -

- Tom Young informed the group of a program USSVI has with the website goodsearch.com. National gets revenue every time a subvet uses the search engine.
- Ship Store has calendars and hats for sale



- T-shirts will be on display (for sale) at the Memorial Service in April.
- Rick Cecchetti told the group about an ROV program he is working on with middle school kids.
- Gary Hildreth shared a story about "Cup o Joe" on the History Channel.
- Kevin Galeaz has received an email asking for information on Luman Pickens, Charter Member, Thresher Base. Larry Oiler said the database had some information about him.
- Harlan Brown reminded the group of an exhibit at the Maine Maritime Museum. The exhibit titled "Cold Waters, Cold War" will run from February to August 2011.
- The family of Robert E. Johnson, Chief Torpedoman's Mate, lost aboard the USS Thresher, suffered a major house fire. All was lost. Gary Hildreth said an album is being put together along with the ceremonial scissors from the 2004 Johnson Hall Dedication that will be delivered to the family.
- The 50/50 Raffle was won by Dave Dickey and he donated the money to the 50th Memorial Service.

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Next Thresher Base Meeting
Saturday, March 19 @ 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



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Meeting Minutes
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- New officers were sworn in.
- Gary Hildreth was presented with a plaque for all of his service to the base.
- The meeting was adjourned to have lunch and hear a presentation from John Busch on his book *Steam Coffin*.



Tom Shannon swears in Dennis O'Keeffe (Jr Vice Commander, Treasurer), Tom Young (Base Commander), Kevin Galeaz (Senior Vice Commander, Secretary), Peter Joy (Chaplin)

Boats Lost in
January and February

- USS Scorpion (SS-278)
- USS Argonaut (SS-166)
- USS Swordfish (SS-193)
- USS S-36 (SS-141)
- USS S-26 (SS-131)
- USS Barbel (SS-316)
- USS Shark I (SS-174)
- USS Amberjack (SS-219)
- USS Grayback (SS-208)
- USS Trout (SS-202)



John Busch talks about his book the *Steam Coffin*.



Tom Shannon presents Gary Hildreth with a plaque thanking him for his service to the base.



United States Submarine
Veterans Thresher Base
cordially invites you
to the
48th Memorial Service for
USS Thresher
(SSN 593)

Saturday, April 9, 2011

1:00 p.m.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine



RSVP by April 1

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Please provide names of all attendees
to be included on the PNS Security
Access List



Guy Carrington Parsons, Jr., was born in New Rochelle, New York, on December 23, 1937, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Parsons of White Plains, New York.

He spent his early boyhood in White Plains and attended local schools there. While attending White Plains High School, Guy participated in sports, received letters in tennis and swimming, and was a



Guy Carrington Parsons, Jr.
Lieutenant Junior Grade
United States Navy

member of the honor society.

He entered the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, in June 1955, where he was a member of the varsity squash team, and where he received a letter in tennis. Graduating with the class of 1959, he received his ensign in the destroyer U.S. S. Waldron (DD 699). In September 1960, he volunteered for submarine duty and upon being ac-

cepted, he entered the Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut. Successfully completing the course of instruction, Guy was selected for advance training in nuclear power. In September 1961, he attended the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and in March 1962, he was assigned to the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593).

He is survived by his widow, the former Marjorie Cochran of White Plains, New York; a son, Guy C. Parsons, III; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Parsons also of White Plains.

Roscoe Cleveland Pennington was born on October 3, 1924, in Fort Worth, Tex., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pennington, now deceased. He spent his early boyhood in Fort Worth and attended local public schools there prior to entering the naval service in January 1943.

A veteran of 20 years service, Roscoe was assigned to submarine duty during World War II, and participated in six war patrols in the submarines U.S.S. Sea Dragon (SS 194), and U.S.S. Spikefish (SS 404). He also served in the U.S.S. Sea Dog (SS 401), U.S.S. Tilefish (SS 307), U.S.S. Cusk (SS 348), U.S.S. Chivo (SS 341) and U.S.S. Ronquil (SS 396), and saw service in the Pacific area during the Korean conflict.

In May 1960, Roscoe was assigned to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where he served as electrical division chief. With the introduction of nuclear power to the submarine force, Chief Pennington was one of the first to be selected to attend the various nuclear power schools, both military and civilian. In

June 1961, after completing nuclear power training, he was assigned as leading chief reactor technician in the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593), and in September of the same year he was sent to the David Taylor Model Basin in Washington, where he assisted in evaluating his ship's performance.

Because of his outstanding performance of duty as a submariner, and his knowledge of the submarine nuclear power program, Chief Pennington was selected to join a group to represent the submarine force in the form of a motivation team. The team toured the country to inform high school students of the opportunities available to them in the Navy's nuclear power program.

During his 20 years of service, Chief Pennington was awarded the Submarine Combat Pin, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, American Theater Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Navy Occupation Medal with Asia Clasp; and the Korean Service Medal.



Roscoe Cleveland Pennington
Chief Electrician's Mate
United States Navy

He was also entitled to wear the National Defense Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Chief Pennington is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris V. Graham Pennington of Charlotte, N.C., and a son, Gregory by a previous marriage.