



USS Virginia Base Deep Water Gazette

Fourth Quarter 2015

The Little Base That can Does



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.

Base Commander

Greetings fellow undersea warriors and welcome to the eighth edition of our quarterly newsletter. I



offer John Mosticone my usual "Well Done" for volunteering to produce these newsletters, which are very much appreciated. We continue to add a new member every now and then and we're up to 54 members. Let's continue to do our best to recruit other submariners and also join your shipmates at meetings as often as you can. This is probably going to be a short column this time because Della and I will be attending the 25th Annual Reunion of the USS Forrester (CV-59) Association in Harrisburg, PA.

MARIE PADGETT PRESENTED WITH MEMORIAL CHALLENGE COIN

At our September 12th meeting I was honored to present a Memorial Challenge Coin to Marie Padgett, widow of our beloved WWII Sub Vet Sid Padgett. Sid completed three war patrols in the Pacific before



the war ended and he was a member of USS Virginia Base as well as Submarine Veterans of World War II. In addition to the coin, I gave Marie a two-page presentation folder with images of both sides of the coin and the text appearing on the coin. Jim Lencalis put this image of the certificate up on our big screen so everyone in attendance could see what Marie was receiving. Sid got underway for Eternal Patrol on Christmas Day, 2010 but Marie has been faithful to continue to attend our Base meetings and picnics. God bless you Marie!



*To Marie Padgett - September 12, 2015
To Honor the Memory of
Sharon-Claire (Sid) Padgett, RR, IL, ME (SK)*

Sid qualified on R-13 (SS-99) in 1944 and was a plank owner of the USS Hull (SS-380), serving on her from 1944 through 1947 and completing three war patrols in the Pacific before the end of the war



The Memorial Challenge Coin being presented to Marie today is inscribed on the front side with: "Recognition - Memory - Honor - Service Member Veterans - United States of America" and depicts an image of a six-folded US Flag being handed to a surviving relative by a military officer. The reverse side of the coin reads: "Honoring the passing of Sid Padgett for Service to a Great Nation - Once a US Flag is lifted from the casket, it is tilted down in front of the casket to block the view. The flag is then held up for everyone to see and taps it then played softly in the distance. This is referred to as, "Presenting the Colors". Tradition holds that at this time the fighting spirit of the veteran then enters the Flag. Once the Flag has been folded, both the Flag and the veteran are formally "Retired" forever".



In loving remembrance,

Ken McDermott
Kenneth R. McDermott
LTJG USN (Ret)
Commander, USS Virginia Base

USS VIRGINIA BASE RECEIVED FOUR AWARDS AT THE 2015 USSVI CONVENTION IN PITTSBURG, PA

The Base received two awards and two of our members received individual awards. These will all be presented at our **Annual Picnic on October 17th at Al & Mary Ann Ptasznik's home on Lake Anna** so be sure to attend so you can learn what they are and who received them! Visit our Base web site for directions & details.

MEETING SCHEDULE SOLIDIFIED

As I announced previously in an e-mail to all members our Base will now be meeting every second Saturday at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria year round (except for the fall picnic). Our private buffet begins at Noon and we dive the boat at 1330 and surface around 1430. In addition to the assorted pizzas and tossed salad we'll now feature a "Chef's Choice" for the entree'. The Chicken Alfredo at the September meeting was EXCELLENT!

NEW CHALLENGE COINS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE!

Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger and I finished the preliminary design work on the new Base Challenge Coins and gave final approval to designer Shelly Saxton on June 10th to proceed with the minting of the first 100 coins which were received August 3rd and made available for sale to members, family, friends, veterans and the general public. Everyone who has seen these unique, one of a kind coins, have complimented us on their quality. See Bob to purchase yours. Here's what they look like:



Get them while you can – they make great gifts and collectors will love them! We can order an additional 100 at a 10% discount. The \$12.00 sale price includes a 32% mark-up with all proceeds going to replenish our Base Treasury.

Greenboard/Straightboard and all the best!

Mac

LT, USN (Ret)

Boats Lost This Quarter



OCTOBER --

USS O-5 (SS-66) was lost on 11-Oct-1923 with the loss of 2 crew when it was sunk after collision with SS ABABGAREZ (United Fruit) off Panama Canal.

USS S-44 (SS-155) was lost on 7-Oct-1943 with the loss of 56 crew when it was sunk on 5th patrol off Paramushiru, Kuriles (Northern); One day out of Attu (2 men were taken prisoner, both survived the war).

USS Wahoo (SS-238) was lost on 11-Oct-1943 with the loss of 79 crew when it was sunk in or near La Perouse Strait.

USS Dorado (SS-248) was lost on 12-Oct-1943 with the loss of 78 crew when it was sunk in Western Atlantic, possibly near Cuba

USS Escolar (SS-294) was lost on or after 17-Oct-1944 with the loss of 82 crew when it was sunk somewhere east of 33° 44N; 127° 33E; heading for 33° 44N; 124° 06E.

USS Shark (SS-314) was lost on 24-Oct-1944 with the loss of 90 crew when it was sunk in channel midway between Hainan and Bashi Channel; 20° 41N; 118° 27E.

USS Seawolf (SS-197) was lost on 3-Oct-1944 with the loss of 102 crew when it was sunk just north of Morotai, between PI and Indonesia, by USS Rowell; 02° 32 N; 129° 18E.

USS Tang (SS-306) was lost on 25-Oct-1944 with the loss of 83 crew when it was sunk in north end of Formosa Strait in vicinity of Turnabout Island. (Nine of the crew were taken prisoner and survived the war).

USS Darter (SS-227) was lost on 24-Oct-1944 when it became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan then was destroyed. All the crew were rescued by USS Dace.



NOVEMBER --

USS Corvina (SS-226) was lost on 16-Nov-1943 with the loss of 82 crew when it was sunk just south of Truk; (Attack at 151° 10E; 5° 50N)

USS Sculpin (SS-191) was lost on 19-Nov-1943 with the loss of 40 crew when it was sunk north of Groluk Island near Truk. (42 crew were taken prisoner, only 21 survived the war).

USS Growler (SS-215) was lost on 8-Nov-1944 with the loss of 84 crew when it was sunk in South China Sea.

USS Albacore (SS-218) was lost on 7-Nov-1944 with the loss of 86 crew when it was sunk near 41° 49N; 141° 11E in channel between Hokkaido and Honshu.

USS Scamp (SS-277) was lost on 16-Nov-1944 with the loss of 83 crew when it was sunk off Inubo Saki near Tokyo Bay.



DECEMBER --

USS F-1 [ex-CARP] (SS-20) was lost on 17-Dec-1917 with the loss of 19 crew when it was sunk after collision with USS F-3 off San Clemente.

USS S-4 (SS-109) was lost on 17-Dec-1927 with the loss of 34 crew when it was sunk after ramming by USCG Paulding.

USS Sealion (SS-195) was lost on 25-Dec-1941 when it was scuttled in Manila Bay after damage at Cavite

Sources: R, D, Ros, SFLM, WDR

USS Capelin (SS-289) was lost on or after 1-Dec-1943 with the loss of 76 crew when it was sunk off Celebes possibly off Kaoe Bay; Halmahera 1° 34N; 123° 07E or in Molukka Passage.

District Commander

Shipmates

Well, as of last Saturday the 12th, I assumed the elected position of SE DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER. I would like to thank Steve Bell, for all his assistance in the turnover process and hope I can match the foot print of performance he left as the outgoing commander.

The USSVI does have a history of my service in the Navy and USSVI. But if you'll bear with me, I will try to summarize it in a narrative that will hopefully give you a sense of me and what formed my life professionally and personally.

I was raised in Southern California, the San Fernando Valley to be precise, went to public school till the 8th grade then entered the Catholic School system, graduating from Crespi Carmelite High School, an all boys Catholic High in 1963. It had no female

teachers, just priests, brothers and layman. We were the first freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Our class name was the Animals. 82 of the 120 who started finished. So that you get a sense of what we strived to become like; our inspiration was Father Gilbert O'Carm, who came to us from a tour as Chaplain at Joliet State Prison, Illinois. He was also in the 3rd wave to hit the beaches of Okinawa as a military Chaplain during WWII. As football team members we would attend "Devil Pups" training for two weeks at Pendleton Marine Corp Base in the summer. So a military profession was not far from most of that first class.

After two years of college at Cal State University Northridge CA, I enlisted in the Navy in 1969. I was a surfer, skin diver and spear fisherman and wanted to join the new Navy unit the SEALs, but they, at that time, did not take direct inputs-so the detailer told me. High GCT ARI scores ended up with my going into nuclear power and submarines. After recruit training San Diego May 1965, I attended MMA School Great Lakes, then went to a tender awaiting a Nuclear Power School date. Attended Nuclear Power School Mare Island 1965 and then Prototype at the National Reactor Testing Station Idaho Falls. Retained for staff instructor for two years. AC&R School, then to USS GUARDFISH SSN-612 going into overhaul at Ingalls S/Y Pascagoula MS. After return to Pearl Harbor in 1971, the boat went through workup for deployment to WestPac. During the workup I took the test for CPO, Officers Battery and the Warrant Officer program. During deployment in June of 1972 I was commissioned a warrant officer moving from breakfast in the crews mess to lunch in the wardroom. Qualified as Diving Officer of the Watch and after return to port in Guam was sent to Washington DC for the Rickover interview, where I was accepted and given orders back to the boats. Did two TAD Tours, on HADDOCK SSN-621 and TAUTOG SSN-639 to help the boats pass their ORSE Board inspections. Reported to USS

ASPRO SSN-648 where I became the A-Div Officer and took the boat for another overhaul tour for me in Pascagoula MS. Upon return to Pearl I was the Sonar/FC Officer for the return trip and workup for WestPac, but was transferred off before deployment to the USS TRINGA ASR-16 as Chief Engineer.

As TRINGA's chief engineer, we performed an 80% operational tempo, and deployed to the North Atlantic as the support and tow ship for the first TS SCI deployment of the NR-1. We did two TS Operations and one UNCLASS operation to take Bob "I found the Titanic" Ballard up to Iceland to look at thermal vents and tube worms. I decommissioned the TRINGA as XO, transferring to Portsmouth NSY Kittery ME. Spent five years a Senior Ship Superintendent for submarine overhauls, I had USS SAM RAYBURN, USS TECUMSEH, and USS TULLIBEE, with the TULLIBEE's refueling overhaul lasting for over three years.

Was then sent to Holy Loch to the USS HUNLEY AS-31 as the Production Officer, two years later was transferred to TTF Bangor as the Engineering Department Training Director. After nine months was selected for Command and transferred to San Diego and command of the USS SAN ONOFRE ARD-30. Next tour was as Squadron Engineer for Submarine Development Group One San Diego. After three years was ordered back to Washington DC to be the Submarine Directorate PERS 42, as Branch Head for LDO/WO detailing and major command placement officer. After 18 months was transferred to a highly classified billet on the CNO Staff, retiring in October 1993.

After retirement worked as a senior engineering analyst for Coleman Research Corporation supporting operations at the FERNALD Uranium Fuel processing plant in Cincinnati OH and its clean up and remediation as a superfund site. A year later was hired by Lockheed Martin to write

the Safety Analysis Report and develop the Configuration Management Program for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion uranium enrichment plant Paducah KY and support the plant's shift to regulatory oversight by the NRC and privatization. After 14 years at PGDP I finally retired and moved to Raleigh NC to be near children and grand children.

Qualifications and Industry Certifications

Submarine and Surface Warfare Officer
Diesel Engineer Marine
Supervision and Operation of Submarine and Surface Ship Nuclear Power Plants Command at Sea
Quality Assurance Officer and Government Inspector
Floating Drydock Dock Master (NAVSEA)
OTC for Manned and Un-manned Deep Submergence Operations
Configuration Management Professional CMII (Univ. of Arizona and Leeds Univ. GB)
Project Management Professional CMI
Six Sigma Green Belts

I've have been married for 45 years to the former April Cobb of Norwich CT, have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. My son, Jonathan went into the family business, enlisting in the Navy and following me into Submarines. He has served on KENTUCKY GOLD SSBN-626, and SCRANTON SSN-759. I have been involved in the community as; a Scout Master 7 years, Parish Council member, Parish Financial Committee member, Parish & School Development Chairman, Special Minister of the Eucharist to the Sick and Homebound, as well as helped build three Habitat for Humanity Homes, and in my spare time I manage a Little League team for two years whose record was 2 and 28. Today as a retiree, I golf three times a week, do wood working projects, hiking, will take up surf fishing again after 40 years, and of course I have the ever popular Honey-do List that just seems to get bigger to procrastinate on.

In 2009 I accepted a breakfast invitation from the TARHEEL BASE with the hopes of maybe meeting some old shipmates. I decided to join with that same anticipation-for the camaraderie. My involvement has moved from there when asked to be base treasurer and then vice commander and now district commander. With Steve's help and all of you, the rest of the district members, I hope I can help improve the organization while making it fun to be involved. I hope to meet many of you in the near future when I visit each base. GREEN BOARD, and may God bless and keep you all and your families.



Dave Campbell

SE DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

Meeting Minutes

On 8/8/2015

- Meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
 - Chicken alfredo, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 14 members and 14 guests were present
- Becky Padgett won the 50/50 raffle and received \$41. The Base received \$39.
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott called the meeting to order with the traditional sounding of two blasts from the Diving Alarm and a hearty "DIVE, DIVE" from all those in attendance. Kenn offered a word of prayer.
- Opening ceremony was lead by Base Vice Commander Pete Fortier and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Reading of the USSVI Creed
 - Tolling of the Boats for July
 - 5 Boats were lost during the month of July with the loss of 262 crew members
- Birthdays for the Month of August.
 - Mickey loses.
- The Base presented a Memorial Challenge Coin to Marie Padgett in Memory of her husband Sid Padgett.
- Ladies were excused.
- Change of District Commander was discussed. Steve Bell stepped down and was replaced by Dave Campbell.
- Reminder - Input for the Deep Water Gazette is needed.
- Jim Lencalis reported on his trip to Alaska.

- Treasurer's Report was read and approved.
- National USSVI dues are increasing to \$25, effective 01/01/2016. Base dues are remaining the same, \$20.
- Secretary's Report was read and approved.
- The upcoming Field Day of the Past was discussed.
- Next months meeting will be held at the Base picnic at Al & Maryann's home on 10/17/2015
- Closing Benediction was given by Kenn McDermott.
- The meeting was adjourned.
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Respectfully
Bill Anderson
Base Secretary



TREASURERS REPORT

Balance as of 11 September:
\$2384.00

DEPOSITS:

Store keeper sales \$?

8=8 50/50 \$?

TOTAL: \$?

EXPENDITURES:

SS Challenge Coins \$ 495.97

TOTAL: \$ 495.97

PAYMENTS PENDING

No pending payments \$ 0.00

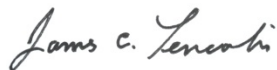
TOTAL: \$ 0.00

Increase for period: NA for this period
\$?

Decrease from NA for this period:
\$?

NOTE:

This report does not reflect money taken in or expended at August meeting. October report to reflect August money taken in or expended.



James C Lencalis

Treasurer

(Additional reports available upon request)

COB's Locker

"Field days will continue until moral improves"

Our Base COB position is presently open and we are

looking for an able body

submariner to fill the position. Please contact the Base Commander if you feel you have a few minutes to contribute at the meetings.



Chaplin's Corner

Submariner's Prayer

Eternal God, whose creative hand turned primeval seas into oceans wide, and whose omnipresent love can be as keenly felt beneath as above their undulating surface; descend with us now into the silent depths as our unfailing guide. We men of the silent service are grateful to be among the few ever to thrill with the excitement of a dive, and sheer ecstasy of each surfacing. May we never look upon these maneuvers as mere routine, for each is an experience fresh with challenge and no little danger. May we be ever alert to our individual duties realizing that so much depends on our doing our duty without error. May we remember the new member of our crew who is to make his first descent, and breathe a prayer that he shall be a good submariner. May we, who know what it is to follow a course, also know Him, who said "I am the way." May we, who gulp in hastily the first breaths of fresh air as it rushes down the hatchway following every dive, know also thy refreshing spirit. 16 16 May we who know the necessity for companionship feel our partnership with thee when the hatches are dogged and when we are rigged for diving. When all else of the surface world has been closed out, may we feel thee in every compartment, as near to us as throbbing engines, pinging sonar and the hissing of compressed air. And when, as aging submariners our souls have descended into the depths of eternity, may the final call to us be "Surface, surface, surface," in the name of Him who rides as the unseen crewman on every ship at sea. Amen.



Welcome Aboard
 Help us fill this space!

Base Eternal Patrol

Jack Winn (founding Commander)
 Sid Padgett (WWII sub vet)
 Bob Mitchell FTC (SS), USN (Ret)
 John C. Miller, RM2(SS)

Holland Club



Crew Birthdays this quarter



Welcome to the Holland Club

Holland Club Members

Pat Rodgers	1951 SS-482
Warren Rucker	1951 SS-523
"Doc" Smith	1956 SS-476
John Leonard	1957 SS-339
Mickey Martin	1957 SS-352
Bill Hiesley	1957 SS-403
Paul Benton	1958 SSR-269
Dick Brown	1959 SS-424
Ron Irons	1959 SS-394
Dave Kratch	1959 SS-405
Richard Moore	1960 SS-269
Thurman Register	1961 SS-523
Bill Wellner	1961 SS-422
Dick Kanning	1962 SS-240
Kenn McDermott	1962 SS-385
Bob Stolarz	1962 SS-395
Tom Chaffee	1963 SS-331
Bill Lewis	1963 SS-272
Ron Randolph	1963 SSBN-617
Al Ptasznik	1964 SSBN-610
Sanford Harvey	1964 SS-488
Doug Blaha	1964 SSN-584
Bob Kutzenberger	1964 SS-214
Bill Besley	1965 SS-423
Steve DuBosky	1965 SSBN-641

Doc Smith	10/04
Al Corimer	10/09
Richard Moore	10/14
Matt Mathis	10/16
John Lamsens	10/19
Jimmy Bullock	10/22
Steve DuBosky	11/15
Mike Eggleston	11/15
Tina Anderson	11/24

Upcoming Events

10/17/15 Base Picnic/Meeting
 11/14/15 Base Meeting
 12/12/15 Base Meeting

Elected Officers:

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Ships Store



Be sure to visit our Ships Store at:

<http://ussvirginiabase.org/ship-s-store.html>

Base Bulletin Board

The uniformed military's top job changed hands as Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford assumed command as the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

As chairman, Dunford will serve as the principle military adviser to the president. Dunford recently left his post as commandant of the Marine Corps

and is also a former top commander of U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

During the change of command at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall near the Pentagon in Northern Virginia, Dunford made only brief remarks, saying he was "humbled by the opportunity" to serve the more than 2 million service members in today's force and vowing that his "focus will be to provide them with the leadership and support they deserve."

The 59-year-old Boston native also singled out "my mom and dad," who attended the change-of-command ceremony. Dunford attributed his professional success to the "result of my mother's discipline and exacting standards."

Defense Secretary Ash Carter spoke of an incident from Dunford's tenure as commander of the Corps' 5th Marine Regiment early in the Iraq War.

"Joe refused armor inserts in his flak-jacket until every Marine under his command was issued a pair," Carter said. "That story says more than any of us ever could about the character and leadership of this great man. Humble. Strong. Centered. Always faithful to his people and mission."

Dunford will be the 19th chairman of the Joint Chiefs as Army Gen. Martin Dempsey steps down after four years as chairman and retires after 41 years in the Army.

Dempsey served briefly as the Army chief of staff and in Iraq as a division commander, and later headed the effort to train the Iraqi army as leader of the Multi-National Security Transition Command from 2005 to 2007.

During his four-year tenure, Dempsey helped conclude the 2011 withdrawal from Iraq, wind down the combat mission in Afghanistan and formulate a military response to the rise of the Islamic State extremist group.

"Over the past four years, Marty's vision, wisdom and character have helped lead the greatest fighting force the world has ever known," President Obama said at the ceremony

Reading Locker



Our cap made it to a new place
Jim Lencalis wearing our base hat at the
Arctic Circle 2015!

Shenanigans... By I.M. Nosler

Anyone that has served on subs probably has at their disposal dozens of stories about funny things that transpired on the boats. Some were an attempt to overcome boredom, others were more of an effort to amuse and perplex crew members. And a few were destined to just confound those unintentionally exposed to them.

An old crew mate recently reminded me of just such a story about something that happened after our last deployment and before arriving home in the good old US of A and a refit. It had been a long deployment, and we were at last making the lengthy transit home to family and friends!

About half way there, we were advised that our boat could not arrive in port until after a specific date. At our current speed, we would arrive two days early, and this necessitated a plan that would delay our arrival until the appointed time. Rather than slow down to a crawl, or drive around in large circles, our skipper decided to have a contest to see who could best drive the ship and spell out the ship's name on the DRT (Dead Reckoning Tracer) in the Attack Center.

For you that have forgotten, the DRT was mostly used during torpedo firing exercises, and it had an illuminated bug that traced the course of the ship on a piece of paper placed over the glass top of the DRT. A dot would periodically be placed over the position of the bug, and over the passage of time, you would have a visual depiction of the track and course of the ship during that time.

Pretty simple, right? Just watch the bug and steer the boat to achieve a cursive representation of the ship's name on the DRT plot. Such hilarity ensued, and while some efforts were rather spectacular and creative, most bore the resemblance of a three year old trying to write for the first time! I remember thinking then that if the Russians (Or anyone else for that matter!) were tracking us (Which they probably were!), it had to drive them absolutely crazy trying to figure out what the hell we were up to! It was a fun exercise and it made the extra time pass rather quickly.

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<https://www.facebook.com/USSVCF>

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General Links:

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