When I assumed command of the Pacific Fleet in 31 December, 1941; our submarines were already operating against the enemy, the only units of the Fleet that could come to grips with the Japanese for months to come. It was to the Submarine Force that I looked to carry the load until our great industrial activity could produce the weapons we so sorely needed to carry the war to the enemy. It is to the everlasting honor and glory of our submarine personnel that they never failed us in our days of peril. –Chester W. Nimitz
A WORD FROM BASE COMMANDER GEORGE H ARNOLD

May 30, 2017

To The Topeka-Jefferson City Base Veterans

At one time or another, all of us made a voluntary commitment to serve and join the United States Military. The first of these two commitments came with many rules and regulations that were put in place to command our every action. The second commitment, after years of missing the camaraderie of our submarine brothers, was the desire to join the USSVI - Topeka-Jefferson City Base (TJC Base). This joining allowed us to be involved in its activities.

So, I am puzzled as to why it’s so difficult to get our members to commit to serving the TJC Base. There are many available positions for one to help out at Base functions as a participant, a volunteer, or even as a base officer. The TJC Base needs your help.

I believe we all want to help set the direction for our Base in the future, but some feel they do not have the time to participate. However, you and your significant other can help by just being at the meetings, parades, or our Tolling of the Boats. It is not necessary to be at every function. If you need a ride, let someone know. As a Base Commander, I can attest to the fact that it does take time away from the important activities with my family to perform the functions for the Base.

So, needless to say that one is busy is an understatement. But, let me make my thoughts very clear. My attending and volunteering is the most precious action I can do for my submarine veterans and families. Why is that? It is the Time I give that cannot be retrieved for I have only so much of it.

In summation, as a Topeka-Jefferson City Base member, we all need to step up and take an active role, be that as an Officer, Chairperson, or Member. It is not easy, but it’s not unique. Almost every organization I have been a part of over the past 40 years has had the need of their members taking an active role in their organization.

Will YOU Step Up??

George H. Arnold
Base Commander
Topeka-Jefferson City Base – USSVI
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From the Vice-Commander

Greetings Shipmates of TJC Base!

I will start with a bit if an introduction since I was Dinq and did not submit one for the last issue.

I joined the Navy right out of high school in Sept. 1980 and went to Boot Camp and BE&E school in Orlando, FL. From there it was Great Lakes for ET Class ’A’ school and then back to Orlando for Nuclear Power School. Prototype training was in upstate New York (Saratoga Springs area) and in April 1983 I reported to the Blue Crew of USS OHIO (SSBN-726) – my only boat.

I left the fleet in August 1986 to attend Georgia Tech on a NROTC scholarship. Too many details to cover here but the short version is that I did not complete the program and found myself in CIVLANT in late 1988. After working a few odd jobs I found a door opened for me by my Nuke training and I started working in Railroad Signaling and Train Control, where I still work today. (although now for a consulting firm.)

As far as USSVI, I considered joining when I was still on active duty (about 1985) but never pulled the trigger. My grandfather actually signed me up and paid my National and base (Sea Turtle Base in Corpus Christi, TX) dues in 1997 and that remained with me never actually attending a base meeting there until 2004. I transferred my primary base to TJC (with Granddad’s blessing) and in fairly short order found myself on the finance committee for the 2005 National Convention hosted by TJC Base. Following the convention, family commitments had me as simply a base member until I was asked to serve as Base Chaplain at a meeting in Jefferson City in 2007. I continued to serve as Chaplain until this year, when asked to consider Vice Commander.

So, now you are caught up on my history, I would like to spend a few words talking about OUR history! There are 3 museum submarines within 6-7 hours of driving time (or less) from Kansas City. USS BATFISH (SS-310) is in Muskogee, OK; USS MARLIN (SST-2) is at Freedom Park on the Missouri River in Omaha, NE and USS RAZORBACK (SS-394) is on the Arkansas River in North Little Rock, AR. All of these boats have stories to tell. Most of us know some of the stories, but I believe the most important part is to tell the general public about these submarines that are a day-trip or less away. As our creed says, I see one of my primary tasks as remembering the deeds and sacrifices of those who came before me. Many people in this area we call home simply do not know about these boats or about the US Submarine Service. Let’s all commit to do all that we can to help keep the stories and deeds alive whenever we can! As I see it, this is the best reason to be a member of USSVI and of TJC Base.

I look forward to serving you, the membership, to the best of my abilities over the next (approx.) 2 years! Green Board!

John T. Moore
Chaplain’s Note

My first note as the newly appointed TJC Base Chaplain, I would like to thank John Moore for the years that he was Chaplain, and thank him for stepping up for Vice Commander.

A couple of items I would like to discuss, concerning member’s health and departures to Eternal Patrol:

First, we recently had a member, John Starkey, who passed away, and we were not aware of it until the day of his funeral. I believe that this has happened before, and it is unfortunate, as we should have a Subvet presence at all funerals of our membership. To reduce the chances of this happening again, I plan on mailing the USSVI final instruction notification to each of our members, to be filed with the member’s final instructions. I will also print and mail the USSVI Eternal Patrol certificate to the member’s survivors. (Printed on photo paper)

Secondly, we aren’t getting any younger, we have a lot of members who are experiencing health problems. As our membership is spread across the Midwest, we may not be in close contact with each other. I would like to be informed if any of you are having problems that you would like to have prayers for, and if you would like to have the base informed. (If you wish the problem to remain confidential, that will be respected) I can be contacted at ednsue1975@yahoo.com or 573-230-7120.

Remember, we are a brotherhood, of all ratings and rates, all types of submarines, with experiences from WWII to the present-we have quite a crew with TJC!

I close with Psalms 133v1: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

Ed Irwin

TJC Base Chaplain
I broke this page up into 3 columns to make it look fancy-schmancy. I was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. I volunteered right after my senior year of high school, and waited 9 months for the nuke school to line up correctly. (I had signed up to be a cook but they threw the enlistment bonus at me!) I went to A school and Power School in Goose Creek, SC. Prototype was up in NY state. Just so we understand the time gap here, the only basic training facility left is in Great Lakes. The only nuke schools left are in SC and NY State.

Right before I was supposed to graduate, I got put on a training hold due to integrity violations with instructor training tests. I got orders to the USS Hartford (SSN768) out of Groton, CT. Due to the training hold, I missed the deployment they went on. At the very end of their deployment, they got into a collision with the USS New Orleans in the Straights of Hormuz. When I showed up, the tugs pulled us over to Electric Boat. We spent the next 20 months in the shipyard. The engineering department blamed the rest of the boat for almost killing them (almost rolled 90° to stbd side), so needless to say, the atmosphere there was a bit tense. Eventually, the guys leftover from that deployment ended up transferring to their shore duty or out of the military. The entire chain of command was cycled through at least a couple times while I was there. All of the workup that we did to get out of the shipyard went fine. We went out on sea trials, and then started going out regularly after that. By this time, I was already in for about 4 years. I was qualified everything, but
had never been out to sea before. This was how almost everybody on the boat, at the time, was. We figured it all out though, together, as a team. Hartford was scheduled to go on a deployment in 2012. We ended up going on a northern run. During some of the workups for the deployment, we had trained on operating under the ice. It seemed like there was a possibility of there being an opportunity for an ICEX part of the deployment. We transited across the Atlantic, and the first port we were supposed to pull into was one of the ports in France. A couple of the guys had been there before. They hyped it up pretty well...beautiful women, excellent seafood, smashed sandwiches, fresh baguettes everywhere, and just a generally nice place to visit. Fortunately for us, we got sent to go do a mission, so the port visit was cancelled. If I remember correctly, that was the first of 3 port visits that got cancelled because of that mission. It was like the movie Groundhogs Day with Bill Murray. We woke up and did the same exact thing every single day for almost 3 months. We were submerged for 84 days. What happens when you’re submerged for that long on a submarine?? That’s right, you start running out of food. All of the fresh fruits and vegetables were gone in the first couple weeks. Eggs and milk might have lasted a little longer than that. It got to the point where people were hurting themselves because so many cans were missing from the berthing areas decks. Anyway, the mission was a success! As awful as being under for that long was, we did it together, as a team. The first port we pulled into was Lisben, Portugal. Our Portuguese friends didn’t speak English a whole lot, but they were friendly. They also like their wine. Best thing about it? No liquor laws at all hardly. We had to have smashed gallons of sangria every day. That was one thing I realized while we were out there..there’s not really enough time to go do much. Between duty, maintenance, etc. there might be time to go do a couple things. The rest of the time gets filled with drinking because it’s cheap and easy to do..haha. It was time for a sweet vacation. The next month or so we went country hopping, sampling the various liquors and finely cooked meats. We stopped in Scotland, Norway, and England before we went to do the second half of the deployment. I made sure one of the guys in my division brought me a fresh bottle of Siracha and Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin’ Sauce with him when he met the boat out in Europe. We worked up towards the ORSE happening at the end of deployment. Everything went fine. We finished the other mission we were on, passed ORSE, and pulled back into Grotton. Hartford got it done together. I left the Navy 3 months later. The Hartford has since been awarded the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, went on an ICEX, got a Navy Unit Commendation, and they continue to do great things. The point of this article is that a few bumps in the path shouldn’t deter someone from doing great things. I believe that there are opportunities out there that will continue to change and improve the USSVI and Topeka-Jefferson City Base. Small improvements over a long period of time have the same effect as large improvements all at once. All it takes is a group of willing individuals to make it happen. TJC Base will continue to do great things, and I will see to that the best I can. Thanks for reading. –Charles
MEETING MINUTES, JEFF CITY, JUNE 10th, 2017

The meeting place for this event was the famed Oscar’s Classic Diner. Wendell gave a history lesson on the place. To top it all off, the current owner, Kurt, came and gave the TJC Base a personal visit to show his appreciation for service to the country and for eating at his place! Sam Spayde won the 50/50! After a lunch of fried chicken and some variety of delicious roast, George called the members to attention.

George introduced the guest for the afternoon, WWII Airmen James Shipley and his wife, Mildred. James, who was raised and still currently resides in Tipton, MO, was only 18 when he volunteered to be part of what became the Tuskegee Airmen. Specifically, he was an aircraft mechanic in the 332nd Fighter Group, aka the “Redtails.” He told several of the stories of how the Tuskegee Airmen and the Redtails came to be. He has a book out called Together As One: Legacy of James Shipley WWII Tuskegee Airmen.

BC George called the meeting to order. The USSVI Creed was read. There was a moment of silence for those who have gone on to eternal patrol. Chaplain Ed and VC John performed the tolling of the boats for May and June. The pledge of allegiance was recited. That concluded all of the opening portion for the meeting.

BC George presented Richard (Dick) Kauffman with his Holland Club Award. Dick was there with his family. Secretary Charles reported on presenting Brent Moorman with his Holland Club Award earlier in the week. Brent said that he will treasure it.

To make everything official, BC George swore in the two remaining members, Stan Putthoff as the treasurer and Charles Hendon as the secretary. Submarine formality prevailed as BC George got through the swearing in portion. George also pointed out that there was a handout that included all of the contact information for all of the appointed leadership in the base.

Dave Reeve, formerly the secretary, is the new membership POC. Dave gave a membership report that identified there was one person that had signed up via the national website, but Dave had not been able to successfully reach out to that person. There is a formal write-up in the newsletter.

Chaplain Ed reported that there was a large disconnect in missing notification of members of the base passing away. Ed was going to look into getting instructions for family members to get ahold of the correct people so that we stay informed. Also, Ed mentioned that he would be contacting the base membership to get a status report of their health.

SK Wendell reported on some new patches, the wives vest that was left, and a new suncatcher. The special for the day was $1 calendars.

There were no updates for the Eagle Scout committee. Stan did say there were some ceremonies upcoming.

There was a motion for gas reimbursement. It was voted on to give the individual either an option to take a tax write-off or take $0.25/mile. It was voted to move, second, and all were in favor. Additionally, there was another motion for a base website. It was discussed that it would likely be modeled around www.vfwpost824ks.org This is a website that BC George’s
son had done. Motion to move was made, second, and all were in favor. Dave Reeve will be working with BC George’s son to get the website figured out.

There was one more motion that was brought up by BC George. This was in regards to putting out a newspaper obituary article when a TJC Base member passes away. The article would read “A country is in mourning, a veteran died today.” It was decided that we would look into doing something like this online on the remembrance page for the particular funeral home that the family would have set up.

2020 National Convention being hosted in Kansas City is still under consideration. The storage location of the float was discussed. Dick Kaufmann said it would be fine to store it on his property.

Sickness/Distress: Red Stubbs’ wife was in the hospital for diabetes.

Good of the Order: Dave to call Jim Armstrong to verify base membership intentions.

The motion to adjourn the TJC Base meeting was made, second, and approved. Everyone left from the diner to go home.

Parades and Other Stuff
(details will be sent out closer to the event)

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2017 Branson Event

Hotel: Honeysuckle Inn and Conference Center (Large Meeting Room)  
This is near from the Quality Inn where we stayed last year.

Location: 3598 Shepard of the Hills Expressway Branson, MO

Phone #: 417-335-2030.

Jay Everitt has blocked 25 rooms which means you MUST reserve early. You can cancel without cost 48 hours before the event. The room rate is $75.00 per room, and includes a very nice breakfast. The Rate is good for three days prior and 3 days following the event. I have made the reservations for the night of November 9 and 10th.

1. If 20 or more people want a show at a reduced cost, let me know. I suggest the Brett Family, Show at the Dick Clark Theater. It will be a new show and is at 10:00 most days. For the evening of the 9th, my personal favorites are Clay Cooper, The Hughes Brothers, or Six. Reduced rates are available at all of them. The only qualifier is money up front and that will take some organization at the next two Meetings. Let me know at least three weeks before.

2. **Plan now, days fly by.** If you want to go to shows let the base Secretary know or at the August 12th. Meeting.

**Main Meal** on Nov. 10th: Jay will have it catered in the Hospitality Room at the Inn. I suggest at 1300 and I will publish a menu and collect names after you let me know what you want.

Jay Everitt  jayss349@hotmail.com

Charles Hendon  charles.hendon1@gmail.com  Secretary
# LOST BOATS FOR JUNE - JULY

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"There is a port of no return where ships may ride at anchor for a little space. And then some starless night the cable slips leaving only an eddy at the mooring place. Gulls veer no longer. Sailor, rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore”

Wendell presenting grave marker to Jim Wilde's son Mike in Camdenton, MO
Treasurer’s Report
Topeka-Jefferson City Base, USSVI
May 31, 2017

Total Funds April 30, 2017             $4,590.55
Petty Cash                              80.00
Receipts                                44.81
Disbursements                          (151.85)
Interest                                0.01
Total Funds May 31, 2017               $4,563.52

Funds Consist of:
Share Account                         $  302.07
Checking Account                      4,161.45
Petty Cash                            100.00
Total Funds                            $ 4,563.52

Reconciliation - Checking
Bank Balance                           $ 4,161.45
Outstanding Checks                    (171.62)
Checking Account                      $ 3,989.83

Stanley M. Putthoff
June 10, 2017

BIRTHDAYS!!

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“"The older you get, the better you get, unless you’re a banana. Old bananas are gross.” - The Internet
MEMBER NEWS

Dave Reeve

We signed up a new member at the April meeting. Byron Moorman, qualified on the USS Blackfin (SS322) in 1959. He also served aboard the USS Skipjack (SSN585) as a IC1(SS). He and his wife Connie live in Pleasant Hills, Mo.

I have the June roster updated, I hope. Due printer problems I will be unable to print copies to hand out. I can email a copy to whoever wants ones. Just let me know.

At the meeting in Jeff. City it was approved to pursue a base website since the USSVI will not be furnishing individual base sites when they finish the overhaul of their site. We need input from the members on what to include on the site, and how to fund it. And ideas or suggestions you might have will be welcome.

It’s also important to let the USSVI and one of the base officers know when a member goes on Eternal Patrol. Please cut out the instructions below and keep it with your papers. And let family members know that it is important for them to let us know.

Final Instructions Page * IMPORTANT *

Although we all wish it is not so, the Grim Reaper patiently awaits us all... and will not be denied... Please click the [USSVI MEMBERS] button, then select the [ETERNAL PATROL] button, then [NOTICES] and print out the note called "FINAL INSTRUCTIONS". Attach this note to your will or final instructions. It says "In the case of my death, please immediately notify the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., (USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978 and give the person on duty the information regarding my death, funeral, and burial arrangements, plus who they can contact for follow-up and support. Please ask them to contact my local chapter Base Commander with this information as well (they can look it up in their membership records). This information can also be E-Mailed to the National Office at USSVI@telebyte.net.

[Photo of Dave Reeve]
Recent News and Other Stuff

Collision Between USS Fitzgerald and Phillipine Cargo Ship
This may not have been a submarine, but once you read the article, that won’t matter. This happened on June 17th, 2017. The website address is below.

Navy Exchange Online Shopping Will Be Available for Veterans
If I remember correctly, the NEX did have decent access to newer electronics, and there’s always the NAVY logo apparel.
https://www.mynavyexchange.com/Veterans

Security Tip of the Day
This is one topic that is ever-changing to keep up with the ever-changing ways people try and illegally gain access to other people’s information.
https://www.sans.org/tip-of-the-day

Veteran Benefit Stuff
Just in case there’s something that you missed.
https://www.mo.gov/veterans/
https://kcva.ks.gov/veteran-services/state-benefits

Veteran Benefit Stuff
20th Virginia Class submarine keel laying

When You Think You’ve Seen Everything
No, really. The support for veterans are out there everywhere.