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NEWS-01: Base Parade Floats - Got one?
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 3/17/2012

Quite a few of our bases have parade floats. At least 50, at last count.

Below is a link to USSVI Photo albums, including pictures of many base floats.

If your base has a float and it is not pictured here, please email a photo to householderp@comcast.net and it will be added to the collection.

Please pass on the link to the USSVI Virtual Museum on Facebook and all the base floats (that we know of) and other sub albums as well to your base members.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/USSVI.Museum.online/photos>

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NEWS-02: Boat Reunion Notification in American Submariner
Submitted by: Gil Shaddock on 3/18/2012

"Ahoy Shipmates", the cut off date for getting your submarine reunion published in Volume 2012 Issue # 2 of the American Submariner is 7 April, 2012. If you have NOT previously sent me the information on your next boat reunion and would like to have it published in the American Submariner, send an E-mail to me at "gil@ssbn601.com", and give me as much of the following information that you have:

1. Hull number and/or name of your boat.
2. Name of your Association.
3. Contact person's name, title, street address, city, state, zip code, phone number, fax number, and

E-mail address.

- 4. Association website, if you have one.
- 5. "Start" and "End" dates of your reunion.
- 6. City and State where reunion will be held

Any reunions that I receive after the April 7th "cutoff" date will appear in Volume 2012 Issue # 3 of the American submariner.

Thanks,
Gil Shaddock
USSVI and Decklog Reunion Webmaster

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NEWS-03: Submariners relish opportunity, special bond
Submitted by: Office on 3/18/2012

It takes a special person to do this job...

Short Video about modern submariners...
<http://www.theday.com/article/20120318/MEDIA0101/120319661>

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NEWS-04: USS Missouri ready for Navy's new mission
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 3/18/2012

Aboard the USS Missouri - For the last decade, submarines have been gathering intelligence and patrolling the world's oceans to make sure the Navy's fleet could get where it needed to go, while the Army and Marines fought ground wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But military strategists believe the next battleground will be the sea. In the last year, the submarine force has ordered its sub commanders to aggressively ready their boats.

"We're returning to our roots," Lt. Cmdr. David Rogers, the executive officer on the Missouri, said. "We're going to sea and we're practicing for war."

Go to the link for the story...

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<http://www.theday.com/article/20120318/NWS09/303189940/1017>

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NEWS-05: William R Charette, HMCM(SS) and Medal of Honor recipient on eternal patrol
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 3/19/2012

William R. Charette, a member of Sea Poacher Base, departed on Eternal Patrol today, March 19, 2012.

William Charette was the 9th Submariner to receive the Medal of Honor, but he earned his Medal of Honor before he became a Submariner.

The other 8 recipients are: Henry Breault, John Cromwell, Sam Dealey, Eugene Fluckey, Howard Gilmore, Richard O’Kane, Lawson Ramage, and George Street.

On March 27, 1953, during a Chinese attack on Marine outpost Vegas, Charette faced a growing number of casualties exposed to hostile small-arms and mortar fire. When a grenade landed near him, he threw himself over his patient, absorbing the blast with his own body.

In another instance, he removed his battle vest and placed it on a patient. In addition, he tore parts of his uniform to dress battle wounds and later stood up in a trench, exposing himself to incoming rounds, to aid a wounded comrade. He sustained many painful wounds during the battle.

After the end of the war, Charette was still serving in Korea when he learned that he would receive the Medal of Honor. All five enlisted sailors to receive the medal for actions during the Korean War were hospital corpsmen serving with the Marines. Charette, the only one living of the five, received his Medal of Honor in Washington, D.C., from President Dwight D. Eisenhower on January 12, 1954.

In 1958, aboard USS Canberra, he had the honor of selecting the World War II remains that would be placed in the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

He eventually moved into the Submarine Force, becoming one of the first hospital corpsmen to serve on nuclear submarines. He qualified aboard USS Quillback in 1957, then served aboard USS Triton, USS Daniel Webster and USS Grayling.

After 26 years of service, he retired as a Master Chief Hospital Corpsman, HMCM(SS) in 1977.

(Thanks to Bill Andrea for reporting)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_R._Charette



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