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Lest We Forget Those Still On Patrol

NOVEMBER ETERNAL PATROLS

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Don't Forget!

Next meeting is Nov. 9 at the American Legion Post #62
11001 N. 99th Ave. at 1200 hours
Lunch provided at \$3 a head

Veterans Day Parade
Margaret T. Hance Park (Deck Park)
East-end Ramada at 0730 hours

Less We Forget . . .

"From the barnacle covered hulls of 52 lost submarines and from the unmarked graves in enemy soil, comes a voice that has been gone for over 55 years. I died suddenly inside a 300-foot steel fighting ship, along with 75 other submarine Sailors. I am the voice of the starboard controlman, we used to stand watches together. The boat was ripped apart by the terrific explosion of a depth charge, bomb or torpedo from an enemy ship or aircraft."

"Just forward in my watery grave is your shipmate, Buss. He was the throttleman in the after engine room, and in each compartment forward there are the bodies of your shipmates Seaman Jones, Ship's Cook Swanson, Lieutenant Byers and a roll call of names that, in the final tally, adds up to over 3,600 submariners."

"You know, we had a tough and dangerous job to do since we were taking the big war to the back door of our enemy and all the merchant ships they were guarding. My boat was out there doing what was expected of it but, unfortunately, we were at the right place at the wrong time. I was one of the 3,600 men who did not make it home. I missed out on all those nice things that I wanted to do, such as finish my education, get a good job, get married, raise a family and care for my aging parents. I gave my life, along with my shipmates, to make sure that you would have the opportunity to do all those things."

"As the eyes and spokesman for my shipmates and myself who were 'casualties of the war-overdue and presumed lost,' I note that as the years have been slipping by, the number of 'Tolling of the Bell for the lost boats' ceremonies has decreased and there are fewer shipmates attending these events. The fervor of patriotism does not appear to burn as brightly as before."

"I would appreciate if you, today's submarine Sailors, to whom I have passed the 'torch of victory' and heritage of our history, would take a few minutes to pay respect to my sacrifice. I appreciate your sacrifices and wanted to know how I feel. I am watching you with pride. The echo is growing fainter, but I still hear from some of you. God Bless you, Shipmate."

Veterans Day - Nov. 11, 2002

Sailing Orders



VETERANS DAY PARADE

Monday, November 11

0730 hours

If you remember the mess with last year's Veterans Day parade transportation to the parade start, you're really going to like this year's plans.

Arizona Sub Vets are again asked to join with APS-Palo Verde in the 2002 parade. All hands are to meet at the Margaret T. Hance Park (Deck Park) in the East Ramada. APS will provide coffee and donuts (and plenty this year!) along with pizza after.

APS is chartering a bus just for our combined group. No waiting in line and no wrong-place drop-off.

NOTICE: Four volunteers are needed to drive Pioneer Ford cars in the parade. Interested?

Contact Ben Acosta

(602) 935-7752

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 3

Deadline for Reservations

It was a great party last year. This year, it's going to be better than ever. Now is the time, ship-mates, to make plans for the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base 2002 CHRISTMAS PARTY.

When?

Dec. 14, 2002

Time?

18:00 cocktails 19:00 sit-down dinner

Menu?

Choice of: Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef with Baked Potato or Roasted Stuffed Chicken Breast with Mushroom Gravy and Rice Pilaf (includes tossed salad, vegetable, rolls, dessert and beverage).

The Price?

\$17.50 per person.

Make checks payable to:

Sub-Vets Inc. and send to:

Don Wannamaker

17827 Conestoga Drive

Sun City, AZ 85373

From the Wardroom

Let me start, shipmates, by saying it is great to be home after spending three months of RV'ing. During our travels Kay and I attended a reunion of the USS Gurnard (SS254/SSN662) association in Bremerton, Washington, the USSV national convention in Duluth, Minnesota and had the pleasure of visiting with friends and family. **Perch Base Secretary Ed Brooks** has copies of the minutes from the USSVI Annual Business Meeting available for your review at our meetings.

Many topics from the convention including the results of the national election were discussed during this past month's meeting. The one topic reported on, and also the one that has me ready to go ahead flank speed, is the vision and goals that have been set for the USSV Charitable Foundation.

The Foundation is the 501(C)3 tax-except arm of our organization and where we can make donations for programs such as the "Meals for Sailors", USSV Library, "Scholarship" programs and many more. You will be hearing much more about the foundation and how you will be able to show your support at future meetings and also a personal plea from the base. (See the article on Page 8 of this newsletter.)

Past National Treasurer John Anderson has been appointed Treasurer of the foundation by National Commander John Peters and the National BODs. National Commander John Peters and members of the national BODs will be working this year to solicit donations from large corporations with a goal to get the foundation treasury to the point that it can support all the programs with the interest earned.

Some dates that need to be highlighted on your calendars for the coming months and year:

- ✓ November 11 Veterans Day parade in Phoenix. We are again teaming up with the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Veterans to display the flags of the commissioned submarines during this year's parade. Included will be coffee and donuts before the parade and soda and pizza at the conclusion. And, Palo Verde has assured us that we'll have our own dedicated transportation to the parade start.
- ✓ December 14 will be our annual Christmas/Hunaka party at Luke AFB NCO Club. 1800 cocktails, 1900 sit-down dinner. Cost is \$17.50 per person and reservations must be made by December 3rd with Don Wannamaker.

- ✓ April 7-10, 2003 will be the SVWWI Southwest Caucus and USSV District 8 meeting at the Ramada Express in Laughlin, Nevada and the USSV/SVWWII Joint National Convention in Reno, Nevada, September 2-5, 2003 at the Reno Hilton Hotel.

Shipmates this is going to an exciting year for all Sub Vets as there will be many activities almost in our back yard that we can attend and enjoy the fellowship of many.

In closing out this month's column, I would like to encourage all to become a little more involved with Perch Base. I'd like to see two volunteer's names for each leadership position on the ballot and members offering to fill some of the appointed positions. Sure, the pay is low but the rewards more than make up for that.

Fraternally,
Dave Harnish, Commander Perch Base



A SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION

From: Perch Base Commander, Dave Harnish

To: All Hands of Perch Base

Shipmates and Friends, the honor you bestowed upon me at the October meeting of our base was nothing short of being the highlight of my Naval Career and Post Naval Career. Never have I been so honored as to be left speechless, as when Past Commander of Perch Base, Frank "Rummy" Rumbaugh presented me with the one of a kind, Ed Brooks master piece. This award should rightly have gone to all of the Perch Base members that it is my privilege to work with on your Board of Directors, Past Commanders, Committee Chairs and just the base membership in general that are constantly stepping up to answer the call for help. You are a great bunch and it is my privilege and honor to be associated with Perch Base.

Fraternally,

Dave Harnish, Perch Base Commander

October Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans – Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62; Peoria, AZ at 1235 hours, 12 October 2002. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander, Dave Harnish.

The members were led in the pledge of allegiance; followed by the dedication, moment of silence for our departed shipmates, "tolling of the boats" and the invocation by Base Chaplain, Warner Howard Doyle.

There were 25 members and 2 guests attending the meeting, according to the sailing list. The guests included; Brandi Hershey and Ken Stephens (Blueback Base - Portland, OR). The members welcomed all the guest-members with a round of applause.

It was moved and the motion seconded that the minutes from the last meeting (August, 2002) be approved as published in the Base Newsletter; "The MidWatch". The motion carried by voice vote of the members present.

Treasurer (Robert May) reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of October, 2002. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Glenn Herold encouraged the members to review the offerings in the Ship's Store and help the Base by purchasing some of the Submarine Veteran related wares. He also indicated that Ed Brooks had donated a smaller version of the carved dolphins and the Ship's Store was selling them for \$50. Glenn also announced that the Ship's Store is in the process of acquiring a quantity of the "Old Navy Jack" for sale to the members.

Warner Howard Doyle, Base Chaplain invited the members to sign the card of condolence for Nancy and Jim Nelson to express the member's sympathy at the recent loss of Nancy's Mother.

Ramon Samson, Membership Chairman announced that there was one new member recruited during the month of September.

Ramon also expressed his appreciation for Chuck Emmett picking up responsibility for the Base Newsletter; "The Midwatch."

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Harnish reviewed events at the USSVI National Convention held during the month of September in Duluth, Minnesota. Dave reviewed the results of the national election and the slate of officers now representing the members.

He also reported on the progress for acquiring the USS Razorback from the Turkish Navy and bringing her to the Port of Little Rock, Arkansas where she will become a State Memorial to the Submarine Service.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Harnish addressed Don Wannamaker and read the text of the Charles A. Lockwood award for 2002. Don was cited for his exceptional efforts in producing, marketing and delivering the 2002 USSVI Calendar. The Charles A.

Lockwood Award is granted each year by the



USSVI and presented at the National Convention to members who distinguish themselves through service to the organization. Don received a resounding round of applause from the members.

Past Commander, Frank Rumbaugh asked for and was granted the floor. Frank proceeded to read a citation in appreciation for Dave Harnish's leadership as Base Commander. Dave was presented with a hand-carve profile representing the Chief of the Boat mounted on a ship's wheel (a symbol of the dedication associated with volunteer leadership). The membership had previously voted to present the award to Dave in appreciation for his exceptional leadership of the Perch Base. Dave also received a resounding round of applause from the members.

Warner Howard Doyle was asked to brief the members on progress toward participation in the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade to take place November 11th. He indicated that Perch Base and Arizona Public Service were registered, as a unit, to participate. Positions in the parade have been assigned and Sub Vets will in the same general position as in 2001. Vehicles will be furnished for some members and a Palo Verde contingent plus Perch Base members will again carry the ship's flags representing Submarines on duty in the fleet.

Don Wannamaker briefed the members on arrangements for the Base Christmas Party to be held at the Luke AFB NCO Club. The party is scheduled to begin at 1800 hours

(6:00 pm) on December 14th. This year will feature a sit-down dinner as compared to last year's buffet dinner. Members were encouraged to make reservations with the Don or Dave Harnish as early as possible to guarantee attendance. Space is always limited and attendance is based on first-come, first-served.

Dave Harnish also announced that the retire appreciation day is slated to take place at the Enlisted Club at Luke AFB on Saturday, October 26th. Information for retirees presented at these events is usually beneficial to military retirees and worth the effort to attend.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Roger Cousin addressed the members and requested agreement for the USS Phoenix (SSN 702) Society to borrow the Perch Base Float for a night viewing by potential supporters. The 702 Society is attempting to bring the USS Phoenix sail to the City of Phoenix. The members overwhelmingly agreed with that use of the parade float.

Kenny Wayne asked to be recognized and was given the floor. He brought the members up to date on the careers of his two daughters who both received educational support from the USSVI Scholarship Fund. One daughter is becoming a counselor working with Vietnam Veterans and the other intends to become a Marine Biologist.

Dave Harnish announced that shipmate Dale Martin was presented with his membership in the USSVI Holland Club at his home in Phoenix. Dale has been battling illness and hasn't been able to get to meetings lately.

Don Wannamaker announced that there were of surplus Mk 14 torpedoes available for monuments and special purposes. It was agreed by the members that he should try to obtain one for use by Perch Base.

Dave Harnish reviewed efforts by USSVI to build funds in the USSVI Charitable Foundation. Committees within the USSVI are pursuing major contributions from outside sources such as businesses and other benefactors. He encouraged members to get involved donating on an annual basis to the Charitable Foundation. With more than 10,000 members, a few dollars a year from each USSVI member would be significant.

Ed Brooks announced that the raffle, of the two hand-carved submariner's dolphins, at the USSVI National Convention produced \$600 for the USSVI Scholarship Fund. The funds will be donated in the name of Perch Base.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 raffle was conducted and Chuck Emmett was the winner. The winner's share of the proceeds was \$50.

(See ADJOURNMENT on page 7)

The Navy's Highest

WWII Submariner Awarded Navy Cross

(Reprint of an article by:

By Rowena J. Obrero, Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — If walls could talk, the Clean Sweep Bar and Skippers' Lounge in historic Lockwood Hall at Pearl Harbor would whisper secrets known only to those who had access to the inner world of submariners.

The Skippers' Lounge, its walls lined with photos of commanding officers of Pacific Fleet submarines and World War II submarine heroes, was a gathering spot where submariners exchanged war patrol stories, formulated strategies and plotted maneuvers.

The Skippers' Lounge added another hero to its Wall of Honor Oct. 4, during a ceremony honoring retired U.S. Navy Capt. Charles W. Rush Jr., 83, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla. Rush was recently awarded the Navy Cross almost 60 years after his courageous efforts during World War II.



Retired Navy Capt. Charles W. Rush, Jr., 83, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla. and Rear Adm. John B. Padgett III, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, during opening remarks at the awards ceremony.

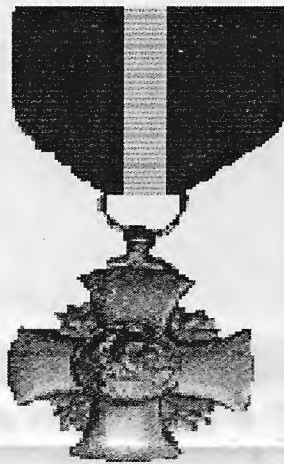
The Navy Cross is the Navy's third highest award and is awarded to a person who distinguishes himself by extraordinary heroism in the presence of great danger or great personal risk.

Rush, then a lieutenant, is credited with saving USS

Billfish (SS 286) and her crew amid depth charge attacks by the Japanese in November 1943. Rush was directly responsible for saving Billfish and directing damage-control efforts after the depth charge attack incapacitated the ship's captain and all officers senior to Rush. Keeping calm, Rush was able to sustain the submarine 170 feet below its test depth for 12 hours - with a ruptured aft pressure hull and while the submarine was riddled with major leaks through the stern tubes and various hull fittings.

After another officer relieved him, Rush discovered the helm was unmanned and that no action had been taken to counter the sustained attacks. He assumed command, found a helmsman and proceeded to direct evasive actions by innovative maneuvers that retraced their path under the submarine's oil slick left by an explosion near the fuel ballast tanks.

Rush eluded the enemy above and surfaced four hours later.



The Navy Cross

"I greatly appreciate you being here today. It means a great deal to me," said Rush during the ceremony that honored him as the latest Navy Cross recipient. "When the Billfish went through their long and difficult and trying experience, I came to understand some things. The crew of the Billfish made that submarine."

To commemorate Rush's accomplishments, a WWII photo of Rush was posted beside other notable submarine heroes such as Dick O'Kane, "Mush" Morton and Edward Beach, and his name was engraved on a Navy Cross bronze plaque located at Lockwood Hall. This is the first time this honor has been bestowed on someone other than a submarine commanding officer.

"It is important that today's young officers and the wonderful young men they lead on those submarines understand the strength, the humility and the courage of the men upon whose shoulders we stand," said. Rear Adm. John B. Padgett III, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, during opening remarks at the ceremony. "That legacy is profound. That legacy is what sustains us when times get tough today.

"The elements of courage that [Capt. Rush] demonstrated as a young officer many years ago are those same elements we try to instill in our officers and the men they lead on our ships today," he added.

Rush was nominated for the Navy Cross after efforts to obtain a Silver Star for another crewmember, the late Chief Electrician's Mate John D. Rendernick, revealed Rush's heroic actions. Deferring any credit from himself, Rush recognized three chief petty officers who took the lead in the crew and key members of the crew who assisted them in saving the ship.

"I am standing here now because of them," Rush said. "One of the chiefs came to me after it was all over and thanked me for saving the ship. I said, 'Chief, if it hadn't been for you, there would have been no ship to save.'"

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ADJOURNMENT

All outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

Base Chaplain, Warner Howard Doyle led the membership in the benediction and closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:25 hours.

Edgar T. Brooks - Base Secretary



Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation (USSV CF) News

USSVI has a Charitable Foundation where individuals and groups can donate tax deductible monies for submarine veteran related charitable causes. The Foundation has set new goals to make a greater impact on the submarine veteran communities. They intend to start by bring in more money and managing the funds more efficiently.

The goal of the Foundation is to support the USSVI's Purpose by providing funds for scholarship endowment, submarine libraries, submarine memorials, meals for needy submarine sailors and their families as well as other needs. The Foundation is a conduit for us, the submarine veteran community, to routinely make tax deductible contributions to preserve the memory and benefit those that served and are serving in the U.S. Submarine Service.

Children of our own members have benefited from the Foundation's Scholarship Fund and many more will in the future. Each dollar given to the Foundation is like a seed when others match the contribution; the funds grow and allow good things to be accomplished.

Those interested should write their check to the USSV CF and send it to:

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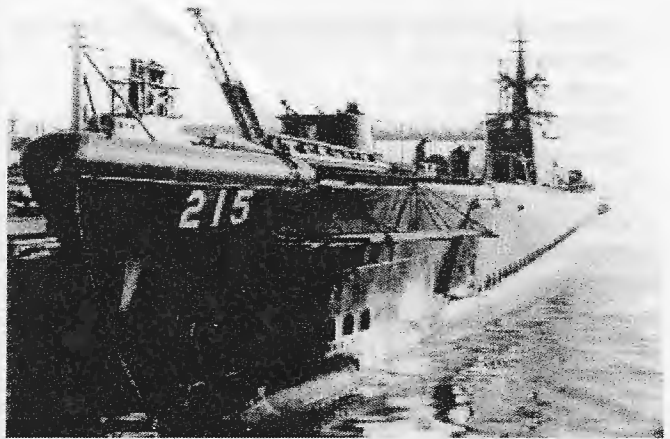
Your Foundation needs your committed support. Send your check today and then each year, celebrate the anniversary of earning your dolphins by sending a tax deductible check to the USSV Charitable Foundation. Give until it feels good!



Eternal Patrol November 8, 1944

Editors Note: *Less we forget, each month, one boat on eternal patrol will be highlighted in this newsletter. Sailors, rest your oars.*

U.S.S. Growler (SS-215)



Early in November 1944, GROWLER, HAKE and HARDHEAD were operating together west of the Philippines group as a coordinated search and attack group under command of Commander T.B. Oakley Jr., Commanding Officer, GROWLER.

The patrol was GROWLER's eleventh. On November 7th, GROWLER reported they had made temporary repairs to her SJ radar, which made it usable, but that she urgently needed spare parts for it. A future rendezvous was arranged with BREAM for the purpose of delivering the parts.

In the early morning hours of November 8th, GROWLER, made radar contact on an enemy target group, and reported it to HARDHEAD. Comdr. Oakley directed HARHEAD to track and attack from the convoy's port bow. Shortly thereafter, HARDHEAD made contact with both the target group and GROWLER.

After about an hour, HAKE heard two distant explosions of undetermined character. HARHEAD also heard an explosion, which sounded like a torpedo. At the same time, the targets zigged away from GROWLER. Shortly after, HARDHEAD heard three distant depth charges explode.

A little over an hour after these explosions, HARDHEAD attacked the target from the port bow, obtained three or four hits. HAKE reported seeing a tanker sink. HARDHEAD was subjected to a severe counterattack from

which it emerged undamaged, while HAKE was worked over thoroughly later in the morning.

All attempts to contact GROWLER after this attack were unsuccessful, and she was never seen or heard from again. The rendezvous with BREAM for the delivery of SJ spare parts was not accomplished. Since GROWLER had tracked targets by radar for at least an hour, it appears that her temporary SJ repairs must have been satisfactory.

Japanese records mention antisubmarine attacks at this time and place, so it is evident that depth charges were dropped in the vicinity of GROWLER. But in the absence of more conclusive evidence, the cause of her loss must be described as unknown.

The Japanese records also list a tanker sunk that night, which checks with HARDHEAD's torpedo hits. HARDHEAD was also heavily depth charged following her own attack and later that morning while HAKE was expertly worked over, presumably by the same escorts. This leads to the belief that if GROWLER was sunk by depth charging it was at the hands of a skillful antisubmarine group.

The explosion described by HARDHEAD as "possibly a torpedo" may have been a depth charge or a torpedo explosion. It is unlikely that a torpedo hit was made on the convoy at this time because if the tanker had been hit she probably would either have burst into flame, as she subsequently did when hit by HARDHEAD, or slowed down if hit in the engine room.

She did neither, nor was there any evidence that any of the three escorts were hit. However, since only three subsequent explosions were heard by HAKE, and a number of depth charges generally are dropped in an accurate or persistent antisubmarine attack, a number of possibilities exist as to GROWLER's end.

She could have been sunk as a result of a premature or circular run of her own torpedo, and the three depth charges heard by HAKE may have been only a token attack by the escort. Although there was a quarter moon, the night was somewhat misty, and she might have made the approach at radar depth. If so, she could have been rammed, thus making it unnecessary for the escort to drop many depth charges.

She could have been caught at either radar or periscope depth and the antisubmarine group, evidently a good one, might have verified the results of their attack immediately. An escort could have hit her with a torpedo and only dropped a few depth charges to insure a kill.

In any event, sinking by her own torpedoes is only a slight possibility. It is doubtful whether a report by the escorts of

this convoy would help to decide this question.

In the cases of TULLIBGEE and TANG, where survivor's statements leaves little doubt that destruction was by their own torpedoes, the Japanese ships which picked up survivors claimed to have sunk the submarine themselves.

GROWLER was the ship commanded by Cmdr. Howard W. Gilmore on her fourth patrol when, mortally wounded by machine gun fire after ramming a patrol vessel, he ordered the ship submerged while he lay on the bridge. The Commanding Officer, the assistant officer of the deck and a lookout were lost and Cmdr. Gilmore was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

During her first ten patrols, GROWLER sunk 17 ships for a total tonnage of 74,900 and damaged 7 ships, for 34,100 tons.

Her first patrol, in Aleutian waters, began in June 1942. On this, she sank one destroyer and severely damaged two. The one sunk was the ARARE, torpedoed while at anchor on July 5, 1942.

GROWLER's second patrol was off Formosa, where she sank a large tanker, two medium freighters, a transport and a sampan.

In her third patrol, this ship sighted eight vessels, but none could be closed for an attack. The area was near Truk.

GROWLER's fourth patrol was on the traffic lanes from Turk to Rabaul. She sank a freighter and a large gunboat, also damaging a second freighter. The fight with the gunboat was the incident, which cost the Commanding Officer and two others to lose their lives.

GROWLER's fifth patrol, in the Bismark Archipelago, provided only two attack opportunities; she sank a medium freighter and damaged a large one.

From mid-July to mid-September 1943 GROWLER made her sixth patrol in the same area as her fifth, but was unable to do any damage to the enemy, having only one opportunity to attack. She returned to this area for her seventh patrol, but this run was cut short by battery and generator difficulties, and no attacks were made.

In March and part of April 1944, GROWLER made her eighth patrol in the East China Sea area. In this patrol she sank a small patrol craft and damaged a medium freighter.

GROWLER covered the Marianas, the Eastern Philippines and the Luzon Strait areas on her ninth patrol, and was credited with sinking a large tanker and damaging a destroyer escort.

She patrolled the Luzon and Formosa Straits in her tenth war patrol. She sank a large tanker, a freighter, a destroyer, a coast defense vessel, and an unidentified escort type vessel. She also damaged two more freighters. The destroyer she sank was SHIKINAMI, sent to the bottom on September 12th, while the coast defense vessel was HIRATO, sunk the same day.



Veterans Day

Known But to God . . .

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving

universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day".



Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all Wars," November 11 might still be



called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1973, a law passed providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but none was found for several years. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed alongside the others.

To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, The 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.



A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

National Ceremonies Held at Arlington

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Every year the President of the United States urges All Americans to honor the commitment of our Veterans through appropriate public ceremonies.

Life Membership

WHAT: If you are a Life Member of USSVI, you are eligible to receive a Specialized Life Card customized to have a sub picture and Hull number of your Qualification



Boat, OR the boat you were COB on OR CO on... Your choice! We've got the photos of all the boats.

WHY: This is part of a fund raising project for the USSVI Charitable Foundation. You make a minimum \$ 50.00 tax deductible donation to the USSVCF and we'll send you a personalized Life Membership Card. You can even designate the particular fund you want your donation to benefit.

HOW: Call the National Office for details at 1-877-542-DIVE.



Underway Shots

Check out the action at last year's Veterans Day Parade. Come join up at the Deck Park (Margaret Hance Park) at 0730 hours. Coffee and donuts -- on APS.



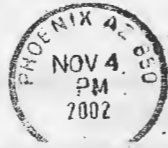
And, a free tée shirt. This is the logo on the back (only the flag is in color) with the USSVI on one sleeve and Palo Verde's on the other



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