

**“SIGNAL EJECTOR”**



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Commander's Podium and News from the Drum Shipyard

We had a good turn-out at the meeting, even though Al and Harv were in Biloxi. Stay tuned for Al's report on that. I want to thank everyone for coming. The coffee and donuts were a hit again. Thanks to Greg for helping out with the refreshment fund. We are in the process of getting new hats that will say Mobile Bay Base, and we discussed the up-coming WWII Sub Vet meeting in Mobile the 7<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> of April. There will be a ceremony at the Aircraft Pavilion on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 1100. Please put that on your calendar, and let's show them how much we appreciate what they did for us. We are also looking for any ideas that anyone has for activities that the Base can participate in or things that you would like to do at the meetings. We are open for all legal ideas.

We are still painting in the Forward Battery, "Officers Country." The overhead in the passage-way and four staterooms are complete. This demonstrates the advantage to being short. It is really hard painting when balled up in the top rack in the "Goat Locker." We are getting more paint on the boat than on ourselves, sometime even where it is supposed to go.

At the meeting I put out a request for volunteers to talk to the visitors. If you want to have fun and tell sea stories to a new crowd, come on down. Any day is open; afternoons are best. Don't worry; we won't put you to work, unless you prefer to do some work rather than talk with visitors. I am now in the winter fund raising mode. I have contacted National and am contacting all bases asking for help and support. Pat Householder is providing me help in putting the word out. There should be a letter to the editor appearing in one of the upcoming American Submariner. If any of you who are still working feel comfortable in asking your employer for a donation, explain that this is a tax deductible contribution. Refer them to the website at [www.drum228.org](http://www.drum228.org) so they can follow the progress and explain what we are doing and with the money they donate. We are doing fairly well, and it is still early in the year for continued topside restoration work. Be that as it may, we can use all the help we can get.

Ok, I turn the podium over to Al.

Tom Bowser  
Mobile Bay Base Commander

**Editor's Corner**

I am hoping to identify news releases and articles of interest to all members. This will allow me to keep us up to date on some of the changes that affect the Submarine Services around the world, and also allow me not to take the blame for editorial errors. I hope the articles are of interest, and I look forward to comments and ideas to improve the "Signal Ejector."

**The following articles may be of interest to the membership.**

This will give you an insight as to what is estimated to procure a new museum boat.

**Move Afoot to Bring USS Philadelphia to Delaware River Waterfront**

*By John Ostapkovich, KYW News Radio Philadelphia, February 3, 2010*

The nuclear submarine USS Philadelphia is ending its final deployment and will enter the long process of decommissioning later this year. There's a long-shot plan eventually to bring it to the place for which it was named.

Ron Kohl, CEO of the USS Philadelphia Foundation, has a big dream: to bring the submarine to the Delaware waterfront as the centerpiece of a Naval Heritage Museum.

In a couple weeks, he and other interested parties will be heading to Groton, CT -- where the Philadelphia will be moored -- to get the lie of the land for keeping the Philadelphia out of a scrap yard.

"One of the things we can do to bring the Philadelphia to the cradle of liberty and the birthplace of the US Navy is to raise funding, to show the Navy that we're taking donations to save the hull. The Navy will then put that submarine into a 'donation hold' status."

That status can last for years.

The fundraising goal: \$65 million for both boat and museum. Kohl admits this is a tough time to begin such an ambitious undertaking.

The following articles cover the Biloxi meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> better than I can.

#### **40 From Mississippi Crew Take Offices At EB**

*The Day, February 15, 2010*

Groton - The first 40 crew members for the Mississippi (SSN 782), the newest member of the Virginia class, have taken up office space at Electric Boat.

"Forming a new crew and establishing a ship's identity is an amazing process," said Cmdr. John McGrath, Mississippi's commanding officer.

According to McGrath, the submarine, at more than 50 percent complete, is on schedule. There is a small section of the boat at EB. Additional sections will arrive at EB in the coming months to be joined together.

Delivery to the Navy and commissioning are set for early 2012. The ship's sponsor is Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) Ship Programs.

McGrath plans to travel to Mississippi next month to meet with community members as momentum builds toward forming a commissioning committee.

#### **USS Mississippi is being constructed**

*ABC TV WLOX Biloxi, February 20, 2010*

It is the fifth Navy vessel that will represent the Magnolia State. 'Mississippi' is the name of the Navy's Virginia-class attack submarine.

Saturday Commander John McGrath, the Officer in Charge of the Pre-Commissioning Unit Mississippi, stopped by the Biloxi Yacht Club to discuss the progress of the submarine's construction.

Once constructed, the Pre-Commissioning Unit USS Mississippi will be vital to National Security, possibly more than the average American will ever know.

McGrath said, "It carries out our six core missions for attack submarines including: anti submarine, anti surface warfare, long range strike, support of special forces operation, mind laying and intelligence surveillance."

The 377 foot attack submarine is the ninth of Virginia-class submarines. This class is a leap forward in technology compared to older ships.

"A lot of the ship's functions are automated compared to what you are accustomed to seeing on older classes of submarines. Things like depth control can be computer assisted," McGrath said.

Once the ship is completed a commissioning ceremony will be held.

McGrath said, "It's a significant event in the lifetime of a ship and a significant event for the U.S. Military bringing in a major warship in service."

Bill Hughsman said, "That vessel becomes sovereign U.S. territory anywhere on the face of the planet. When we raise that flag and send her to sea, she's sovereign U.S. territory."

A Commissioning Committee is currently being put together. This Committee will help decide on a appropriate place for the commissioning ceremony.

Commander McGrath said the nuclear powered USS Mississippi will be ready for the commissioning ceremony in 2012. He said right now there are 134 crew members that will be working on the ship. It will be red under the water line and black above. The ship will be able to travel up to 28 miles per hour.

#### **Attack submarine's construction on schedule**

Vessel will be nuclear-powered, use electronic periscopes

*By Erin Kourkounis, Mississippi Sun-Herald, February 20, 2010*

During a meeting with Gulf Coast submarine force veterans at the Biloxi Yacht Club Saturday, the officer in charge of Pre-Commissioning Unit Mississippi said the attack submarine's construction is on schedule as it nears its tentative commissioning date in spring 2012.

Commander John McGrath, who became officer in charge of PCU Mississippi's manning crew in December 2009, opened up the floor to questions after an update on the ship's progress.

The PCU Mississippi, which is 60-percent complete in its third year of construction in Groton, CT, is only the ninth Virginia-class attack submarine to be built

"The ship construction process is different every time," he said. "We're trying to standardize the process, but there's room for improvement."

One of the next steps in the ship's construction and commissioning process is to form a commissioning committee.

Bill Huesmann, director of ship commissionings, said once commissioned, the PCU Mississippi will be considered sovereign U.S. territory. The ship is being built in 10 sections at different locations.

The PCU Mississippi will include many of the fundamental concepts of submarines, but will also employ some new concepts, McGrath said. For example, it is in the first submarine class to use electronic, non-penetrating periscopes.

It will be nuclear powered. "It will operate 30 years without needing to refuel," McGrath said.

"The crew has two main duties — to run testing to ensure the ship meets specifications and to train themselves to operate the submarine safely at sea," McGrath said.

"The current 60-member crew will eventually grow to 130", he said.

George Boyle, the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. Regional Director, said although submarines are normally commissioned where they are built, he hopes the Mississippi will be commissioned on the Gulf Coast.

McGrath said, "The ship will initially be home-ported in Groton and then the Navy will determine where it goes."

He also said he is thrilled to see the amount of enthusiasm the Gulf Coast submarine force veterans have shown in making the commissioning memorable, as well as the hospitality he's been met within the Magnolia State.

"The submarine community is very small and not many people are familiar with what we do," McGrath said. "When we do get together, it's a strong brotherhood."

In addition to meeting with the veterans, McGrath attended various other meetings in the state, including one, last week with Gov. Haley Barbour and Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann.

The final article for this month covers a change to our traditional history.

### **US Navy Moves To Lift Ban On Women Serving In Submarines**

*By Ewen MacAskill, The Guardian (UK), February 24, 2010*

One of the last male bastions in the US military is about to fall. The navy this week moved to lift a ban on women serving on submarines.

The decision comes after more than a decade in which opponents argued it would be too difficult to have women crew members, citing lack of privacy on submarines, where living quarters are cramped and "hot-bunking" is commonplace. They raised concern about sexual tensions with crews stuck in a confined space often for months at a time. Others argued it would be too costly to provide separate showers, toilets and living quarters.

One of the opponents, Elaine Donnelly, who served on a presidential commission that looked into the issue in 1992, said today: "The passageways are such that it would be impossible to pass without touching. Such intimacy would see male submariners coming under pressure from their families to resign, a major problem in a service that has difficulty in retaining crews." she added.

The Pentagon said today the navy had approved a plan that would allow women to serve on submarines. The defence secretary, Robert Gates, wrote to Congress on Monday to say that he had set the change in motion. If Congress is opposed, it will have to pass legislation within 30 days. If it does not, the removal of the ban will come into immediate effect and training for service on subs can begin. Training normally takes more than a year.

The Navy has more than 50,000 women in the 330,500-strong service, but although they have been able to serve on warships since 1993 they have been banned from submarines,

including the 71 nuclear-powered vessels. The only remaining area in the Navy from which women will be barred is the Seals, its special operations combat team.

ABC News quoted the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, as saying he thought women on subs was "a great idea and the right thing to do".

Donnelly said her main objection was on health grounds: the poor air in submarines poses a serious risk to the embryos of pregnant women.

In Britain, women are not allowed to serve on Royal Navy submarines because of health concerns.

Those are all the articles for this month. I hope they were interesting and informative.  
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### SUBMARINES LOST DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

<b>USS F-4 (SS-23)</b>	<b>March 25, 1915</b>	<b>Lost with all crew, 21 men when she foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of depth control. She was raised in August 1915.</b>
<b>USS H-1 (SS-28) Seawolf</b>	<b>March 20, 1920</b>	<b>Lost after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. USS Vestal (AR-4) pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. 4 men were lost as they tried to swim to shore after the original grounding.</b>
<b>USS Perch (SS-176)</b>	<b>March 3, 1942</b>	<b>Lost near Java while on her 1<sup>st</sup> War Patrol. She survived 2 severe depth charge attacks in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men none were lost as the result of sinking. All were taken as POWs, with 53 surviving the war.</b>
<b>USS Grampus (SS-207)</b>	<b>March 5, 1943</b>	<b>Lost while on her 6<sup>th</sup> War Patrol in the Vella Gulf. She was sunk after engaging e Japanese Destroyers with the loss of 72 officers and men.</b>
<b>USS Triton (SS-201)</b>	<b>March 15, 1943</b>	<b>Sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with three Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the first US submarine to engage the enemy in December 1941, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer off of Wake Island. 74 men were lost when Triton sunk.</b>
<b>USS Tullibee (SS-284)</b>	<b>March 26, 1944</b>	<b>Lost while on her 4<sup>th</sup> War Patrol. She was a victim of a circular run of one of her own torpedoes. One lookout survived and became a POW. He survived the war. 79 officers and men from the crew were lost</b>
<b>USS Kete (SS-369)</b>	<b>March 20, 1945</b>	<b>Lost while on her 2<sup>nd</sup> War Patrol. Sunk near Okinawa by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost. 87 officers and men were lost.</b>
<b>USS Trigger (SS-237)</b>	<b>March 26, 1045</b>	<b>Lost while on her 12<sup>th</sup> War Patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in total sunk and tied for 8<sup>th</sup> in number of ships sunk. 91 officers and</b>

men were lost.

**U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II  
Florida State Meeting and  
Southern Regional Convention**

**Thursday April 8th thru Sunday April 11th 2010**

**Come join us to help celebrate the**

**One Hundred Tenth Anniversary of the Submarine Service  
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**Hotel Restaurant open for Breakfast & Evening Dinner – Breakfast Bar \$7.95**

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**(Hospitality Room includes Free Libations & Assorted Snacks)**

**Hosted by Alabama State, Submarine Veterans WWII**

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**Jim Hunnicutt, AlaFlo Chap Pres – [mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com](mailto:mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com)**

*Friday 09:30 AM – Florida State Men’s SubVets WWII Business Meeting*

*Friday 09:30 AM – Florida State Ladies’ SubVets WWII Business Meeting*

*Friday 11:00 AM - Men’s SoReg SubVets WWII Business Meeting followed by Luncheon @ Noon*

*Friday 11:00 AM – Ladies’ SoReg SubVets WWII Business Meeting followed by Luncheon @ Noon*

**Saturday 11:00 AM - Memorial Service next to DRUM (SS228) at Battleship Park**

**Saturday 1800 (6 PM) Banquet followed by Golden Oldie Dance Music**

*Banquet will have a Cash Bar starting at 5 P.M. followed by Dinner and Dancing*

**Mail Reservation Form to**

**Jim Hunnicutt - 11114 Little Creek Ln, Pensacola FL 32506-8261**

**Make check payable to SubVets**

**Reservations have to be in hand NLT March 25<sup>th</sup> to guarantee banquette seating**

*(No refunds for Banquet after April 1st, 2010)*

**Problems or Questions? Contact Jim Hunnicutt @ 1-850-457-3584 or [mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com](mailto:mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com)**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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<b>Number for Registration &amp; Hospitality Room:</b>	_____	x	<b>\$15.00</b>	\$	_____.
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<b>Number for Lady’s Luncheon:</b>	_____	x	<b>\$15.00</b>	\$	_____.
<b>Number for Banquet:</b>	_____	x	<b>\$30.00</b>	\$	_____.
<b>Saturday Night 50/50 Raffle (6 tickets for \$5)How Many:</b>	_____	x	<b>\$5.00</b>	\$	_____.
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**Proposed Plan of the Day**

**Florida State SubVets WWII Meeting and**

**Southern Regional SubVets WWII Convention**

**Thursday – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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**1200 – (Noon)                      Guest Start Arriving.  
   Hospitality Room Opens. Registration Desk Opens  
   Daily 50/50 to be drawn at 2200 (10 PM)  
2200 – (10:00 PM or later)      Hospitality Room Closes.**

**Friday – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**0800 – (8:00 AM or earlier)      Hospitality Room Opens.  
   Daily 50/50 to be drawn at 2200 (10 PM)  
0930 – (9:30 AM)                  Florida State Men’s SubVets WWII Business Meeting  
0930 – (9:30 AM)                  Florida State Ladies’ SubVets WWII Business Meeting  
1100 – (11:00 AM)                Men’s SoReg SubVets WWII Business Meeting  
   followed by Men’s Luncheon  
1100 – (11:00 AM)                Ladies’ SoReg SubVets WWII Business Meeting  
   followed by Ladies’ Luncheon  
2200 – (10 PM or later)      Hospitality Room Closes**

**Saturday – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**0800 – (8:00 AM or earlier)      Hospitality Room Opens  
   Big 50/50 to be drawn at Banquet  
1030 – (10:30 AM)                Hospitality Room Closes  
1100 – (11:00 AM)                Memorial Service at Battleship Park, Mobile  
   (Provide own transportation)  
1200 – (Noon, approx)          Hospitality Room Re-Opens.  
1545 – (3:34 PM)                Hospitality Room **‘LAST CALL!’**  
1700 - (5:00 PM)                No Host Bar opens in Banquet Room  
1800 - (6:00 PM)                Dinner Served  
??????                              Following Dinner – 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Submarine  
   Service  
   Draw Big 50/50 followed by Dancing to Golden      Oldies  
   Music  
??????                              Hospitality Room Re-Opens (After Banquet)**

**Sunday – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Everyone have a safe trip home**

**USSVI SE REGIONAL CONVENTION**

Panama City Beach, FL. April 25 thru 29  
 Will be held at "SLEEP INN & SUITES" hotel, 9201 Front Beach Rd.  
 Panama City Beach, FL. 32407 Phone # 850-249-2501  
 Suites, Handicap and adjoining rooms available  
 (Each in limited amount, first come, first serve)  
 Each at \$84.00 plus 11% tax.

Be sure to mention SUBVET SER convention

A block of 90 rooms is in effect with an overflow at the LaQuinta Inn.

Cutoff date will be March 25<sup>th</sup>. The first 125 Subvet member registrations will receive a meeting brief bag with logo. **Get your reservations in early.**

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Due to contracts, an additional \$5.00 will be added to Banquet after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please help us plan by sending in as early as possible.

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Sun. 25	Registration including hospitality Room (Under 21-registration free) Hospitality Room Free	\$25.00	_____ \$	_____
Mon. 26	Hospitality Room open Free time (choice of events on brochures)			
Tues. 27	Hospitality Room open 0800 Golf tournament 1000-1300 Luncheon- entertainment till Dinner on your own	\$????? \$10.00	_____ \$ _____ \$	_____
Wed. 28	Hospitality Room open (closed during Memorial) 1000 Memorial 10 minute break then Meeting 1800 Banquet	\$30.00	_____ \$	_____
Thur.29	0700-1000 Farewell breakfast at "Fleet Reserve" Grand 50/50 \$1.00 ea or 6 for Submarine model \$5.00 ea or 5 for \$20.00	\$7.00 \$5.00	_____ \$ _____ \$	_____
			Total	\$ _____

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#### **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

**March 20 – Monthly meeting at the Aviation Pavilion, USS Alabama Battleship Veterans Memorial Park at 11:00AM .**

**March 27 – Tullibee Base, USSVI monthly meeting at the Biloxi Yacht Club 11:00AM.**

**April 8th - April 11<sup>th</sup> – United States Submarine Veterans of WW II, Florida State Meeting and Southern Regional Convention, *Holiday Inn Historic Downtown*, 1 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602**

**April 25 thru 29 - USSVI SE REGIONAL CONVENTION, held at “SLEEP INN & SUITES” Hotel, 9201 Front Beach Rd., Panama City Beach, FL. 32407**

## CALANDER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> ✓ <a href="#">USS Holland SS-1/Gold Country Base</a> ✓ <a href="#">Scholarship Applications Deadline</a>	2	<b>3</b> * <a href="#">Joe Watrous</a>	4	5	6
7	8	<b>9</b> * <a href="#">Edward Berger</a>	10	11	12	13
14	<b>15</b> ✓ <a href="#">American Submariner Deadline</a>	<b>16</b> * <a href="#">Flasher Besser</a>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	<b>26</b> * <a href="#">Tom Bowser</a>	27
28	29	30	<b>31</b> * <a href="#">Harry Brock</a> * <a href="#">Michael Goss</a>			

**NAVAL WEBSITES OF INTEREST:** If you are current or former Navy, these Web sites should interest you, particularly those of you who served at sea onboard ships:

- Cold War Medal [www.foxfall.com/cwm.htm#OBTAIN](http://www.foxfall.com/cwm.htm#OBTAIN)
- Decommissioned ships [www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/decoms.asp](http://www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/decoms.asp) - What happened to your ship?
- Destroyer Online [www.destroyersonline.com](http://www.destroyersonline.com) - Alphabetical listing of ships, their crews, and contact data.
- DOD Dictionary of Military Terms [www.dtic.mil/doctrine/dod\\_dictionary](http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/dod_dictionary)
- Homeports and the ships assigned list (current) [www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/homeport.asp](http://www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/homeport.asp)
- HullNumber.com [www.hullnumber.com](http://www.hullnumber.com) - Provides a means for shipmates of all ships to locate and keep in touch with one another.
- Military Funeral Honors [www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil/intro.html](http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil/intro.html) - History of Taps
- Military Records of World War II Veterans [www.ibiblio.org/hyperwar/USN/USN-ref.html](http://www.ibiblio.org/hyperwar/USN/USN-ref.html)
- National Association of Destroyer Veterans [www.destroyers.org/index.html](http://www.destroyers.org/index.html) - Alphabetical listing of all destroyer class ships, their crews, and individual's contact data.
- Naval Service Terms, Traditions and Customs [www.bluejacket.com/sea-service\\_tradition.htm](http://www.bluejacket.com/sea-service_tradition.htm)
- Naval Vessel Register [www.nvr.navy.mil](http://www.nvr.navy.mil) - Where your old ship is located now
- Navy Ships Alphabetical lists with their homeports.  
[www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/shipalpha.asp](http://www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/shipalpha.asp).
- The Official White Pages [www.whitepages.com](http://www.whitepages.com) - Locate people in U.S. by name, city, state and zip
- The Wall on the Web [www.vietvet.org//thewall/thewallm.htm](http://www.vietvet.org//thewall/thewallm.htm) 1
- Together-We-Served [www.navy.togetherweserved.com](http://www.navy.togetherweserved.com) - Lists 486,560 profiles and contact info for current/ former serving members of the USN.
- Traditions, Customs and Terminology of our Naval Heritage [www.history.navy.mil/nhc11.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/nhc11.htm)
- U.S. Navy Mortuary Affairs Burial at Sea Program  
[www.news.navy.mil/navydata/questions/burial.html](http://www.news.navy.mil/navydata/questions/burial.html)
- U.S. Navy ratings lists [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_United\\_States\\_Navy\\_ratings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_Navy_ratings)
- USNO Master Clock Time <http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/what.html>
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall <http://thewall-usa.com>
- Welcome to 411 Locate [www.411locate.com](http://www.411locate.com)

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**In addition to the above websites, the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s on line:**

**<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.**

**This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of their DD-214 for employment purposes. Military veterans and their next of kin of deceased former military members may now use this new online military personnel records system to request documents.**