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Commander's Corner

Happy Holidays

To quote a John Denver song, "The days they pass so quickly now, nights are seldom long..." That kind of sums up how this past year has gone for me—quickly! But, overall, it has been a good year. From the perspective of the Tullibee Association, it has been quite good. We have seen a nice increase in membership and have found several shipmates. The newsletter was started, and with the exception of this one being a few days late, has come out quarterly as scheduled. There were also great strides made in the organization of the 2011 Tullibee Reunion in Branson, Missouri! I hope all of you have enjoyed the holidays and wish for you special blessings in 2011!

- Bill

Do You Remember???

(The following is from an email received from Collin Ingraham, COB):

The Tullibee and the Matapan

In 1975 and 1976, the Tullibee was deployed several times with the HMS Matapan, a British Frigate converted to a test ship, to test the world's most powerful active sonar. Our job was to provide target services for them to test their sonar. For long range tests, they needed a way to track us in the time before GPS. The solution to that problem was provided by the rig we had to tow around. When needed, they provide a 1000 foot tow line hooked to the back of the sail. It was attached to a 25-foot aircraft drop tank with a fin on the back and eyes and sharks teeth painted on the front. Attached to the center on top of the wing tank was a 1000-foot rope with a WW2 barrage balloon and radar reflector flying at the end of the rope. Most of our long range testing was mid

Atlantic south of Bermuda in the middle of the Bermuda triangle. Our friends on Matapan related many stories of radio traffic that added to the tales of the triangle about a huge shark followed by a WW2 balloon cruising the mid-Atlantic. We hit several ports together and the crews became great friends. Most days in port found the Chiefs in the Mess on the Matapan for lunch. I do not remember eating anything during these gatherings and seldom remember going back to the Tullibee.

We hosted the Matapan in New London during the week around the fourth of July 1976. Gretchen, I, and the XO went to lunch on Matapan at the Underwater Sound Lab four days in a row. We partied with the Brits every night. On the fourth day, I remember going down Bank Street stopping at a stop light and finding the XO napping at the light. We decided this would be our last lunch. On the morning of the 4th we held a beer ball picnic on the base for the Matapan. At the tapping of the second Keg, I leaped up on the table and proposed a toast: "Here's to the 200th anniversary of when we

kicked the dog shit out of you.” The British fleet chief jumped up and toasted. “ Here’s to the 200th anniversary of when you kicked the dog shit out of our German King and his Hessen troops. “ Our last port together was Gibraltar; after three crazy days we ended our port stays together with an awards ceremony in the Mess on Matapan at 4 o’clock in the morning to award honorary Dolphins to some of the Brits we were very close with. We operated in the Med with them and just before Christmas we met at sea to say goodbye. They came along side and left several presents for us to take with us. The one for the chiefs was searched and no rum was found. I know there was beer

and rum hidden in the gifts for the crew but none was never offered to the chiefs.

I went aboard Tullibee in Naples in 1970 to replace a fallen shipmate as a brand new Chief and left Tullibee in 1978 as a Senior Chief with many great stories and memories. Tullibee was very difficult to keep running and was very close living for the crew, but I believe those conditions molded the greatest crews I have ever been blessed to served with.

-Collin Ingraham
FTCM(SS) USN ret.

----- Pride Runs Deep-----

USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association

Are you a member? If not, consider starting the year off by getting a membership. Yearly or lifetime memberships are available!

See the boat’s web page at www.usstullibee for information.

*Looking forward to
including you on our roll
for the 2011 year!*



-picture provided
by Collin Ingraham

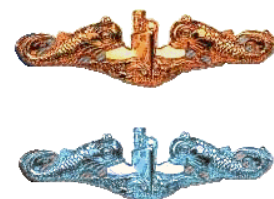
(Drawing below provided by Collin Ingraham)

USS Tullibee SSN-597 Underway with HMS Matapan!

(Photographs below provided by Ed Bader)



Do you have memories of your time on Tullibee that you would like to share with shipmates? Send a sea-story, photographs, and anything else that you would like to see in the Tullibee Times! Was your time on-board spent in the shipyard? Send pictures from that time frame, too!



Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of December

USS F-1 [ex-CARP] (SS-20) 17-Dec-1917. 19 men lost

USS S-4 (SS-109) 17-Dec-1927. 34 men lost

USS SEALION (SS 195) 10-Dec-1941. 4 men lost. Boat scuttled in Manila Bay on 25-Dec-1941

USS Capelin (SS-289) 1-Dec-1943. All hands lost (76)

USS Sealion (SS-195) December 10, 1941 – Four Men Lost



The first submarine victim of enemy action was USS SEALION (SS 195). The start of the war on December 8, 1941 found her, along with USS SEADRAGON, in the final stages of overhaul at the Navy Yard, Cavite, Philippines. Both ships were scheduled for completion on December 12th.

Despite frequent air raids in the Manila area during the first two days of war, enemy planes waited until the third day to pay a visit to the Navy Yard in Cavite on the afternoon of December 10th. The air raid alarm sounded at approximately 12:30 PM as 54 enemy planes zeroed in on the shipyard.

SEALION, nested at Machina Wharf, had SEADRAGON inboard and the minesweeper BITTERN outboard. All hands, with the exception of the Commanding Officer, LCDR R.G. Voge, the Executive Officer, LT A. Raborn, and three men, were below decks. LCDR Voge saw the first wave of bombs land 100 to 200 yards astern of SEALION and noticed that the planes were too high to reach by machine gun fire. He immediately ordered all hands below. It was a wise decision.

The second wave of bombs hit the ship almost simultaneously, one striking the aft end of the conning tower, completely destroying the machine gun mount that had been vacated just moments before. The bomb exploded outside the hull a few feet above the control room, which was occupied by the majority of the crew who would surely have been killed, had the bomb exploded inside. While the SEALION crew was spared from that initial blast, a fragment of the bomb pierced the conning tower of the inboard SEADRAGON killing ENS Sam Hunter, the first submarine casualty of the war.

Seconds later another bomb passed through the main ballast tank and the main pressure hull and exploded in the after engine room, killing four men working in the compartment – **electrician mates Foster, O'Connell, Paul, and machinist mate Ogilvie.**

The explosion also flooded the aft engine room causing SEALION to settle in the mud aft while the forward engine room and torpedo room slowly began to flood as well. When the ship had finally settled the remainder of the crew escaped to safety while 40% of the main deck was underwater with a 15-degree list to starboard. All motor controls, reduction gears, and main motors were destroyed, totally immobilizing the ship.

The damage to the ship would normally have been considered non-fatal had there been overhaul facilities available for repair, but the SEALION wasn't so lucky. The bombing that wrecked the ship had also destroyed the Navy Yard and the closest repair facility now lay 5,000 miles due east at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Considering the war situation at hand, it was impossible to tow SEALION that distance. On Christmas Day, 1941, after the removal of all gear of value, such as gyro, radio and sound equipment, three depth charges were exploded inside the ship to prevent her from falling into enemy hands.

Sailors Lost On USS SEALION (SS 195) 12-10-1941:

Foster EM2

Paul EM1

O'Connell EM1

Ogilvie MOMM

"We shall never forget that it was our submarines that held the lines against the enemy while our fleets replaced losses and repaired wounds," Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, USN.

Members of the USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association as of 27 December 2010
(including expiration of membership dates)

1.	Anderson, Robert	Life Member
2.	Arnstam, Mark	Life Member
3.	Arnstam, Cindy	Associate Life Member
4.	Ash, Sandi	Honorary Life Member
5.	Banister, David	Life Member
6.	Barnhart, Tom	Life Member
7.	Baumstark, James	Life Member
8.	Bell, David	Life Member
9.	Black, Lee	Life Member
10.	Blankenship, Sterling	Life Member
11.	Bode, Robert	Life Member
12.	Burt, Stephen	Life Member
13.	Cassell, Michael	Life Member
14.	Clark, Mark	End of 2011
15.	Coons, Robert	Life Member
16.	Coover, Larry	Life Member
17.	Corcoran, William	Life Member
18.	Cosentino, Dean	Life Member
19.	Cowles, William	Life Member
20.	Davis, John	Life Member
21.	Doe, Barry	Life Member
22.	Dommers, Richard	Life Member
23.	Drooker, Michael	Life Member
24.	Dunckel, David	Life Member
25.	Dunkin, Robert	Life Member
26.	Dunn, Carl	End of 2010
27.	Dvorak, Dave	Life Member
28.	Elmer, Jim	Life Member
29.	Ewan, Joel	Life Member
30.	Farnon, Thomas	Life Member
31.	Fleitz, John	Life Member
32.	Foster, Tim	Life Member
33.	Gildner, Max	End of 2010
34.	Given, Thomas	End of 2010
35.	Haldeman, Harry	Life Member
36.	Hambor, William	Life Member
37.	Hargan, Tony	Life Member
38.	Holstrom, Anton	End of 2010
39.	Ingraham, Collin	Life Member
40.	Keel, Bill	Life Member
41.	Kippley, Martin	End of 2010
42.	Kuemper, Roger	Life Member
43.	Kuykendall, Clifford	Honorary Life Member (\$\$-284)
44.	Lesnet, Michael	Life Member
45.	Lister, William	Honorary Life Member (\$\$-284)
46.	Lundberg, Dennis	Life Member
47.	Mackensen, Warren	Life Member
48.	Maddox, Roy	Life Member
49.	Mary, Arthur	End of 2010
50.	McGann, William	Life Member
51.	McKeon, James	Honorary Life Member (\$\$-284)
52.	Munro, Jake	Life Member
53.	Neiswonger, James	Life Member
54.	Onorato, Howard	Life Member
55.	Peluso, Joseph	Life Member
56.	Peterson, Scott	End of 2011
57.	Plummer, Rudy	End of 2010
58.	Raby, Tom	Life Member
59.	Repphun, Brian	Life Member
60.	Riley, John	Life Member

61. Rogers, Alton	Life Member – Plank Owner
62. Romberg, Wayne	Life Member
63. Salisbury, Thomas	End of 2010
64. Shew, James	Life Member
65. Shoup, Dennis	End of 2010
66. Simmons, Richard	Life Member
67. Stein, Randy	End of 2011
68. Sterner, George	Life Member
69. Stone, Mark	Life Member
70. Swiercz, Pete	End of 2010
71. Tapley, Frank	End of 2010
72. Taylor, Kurt	Life Member
73. Vincente, Jose	Life Member – Plank Owner
74. Walker, Kelly	End of 2010
75. Warrick, Jim	End of 2011
76. Weisensee, William	Life Member
77. Whitcomb, Al	End of 2010
78. Wigley, Lawrence	Life Member
79. Wilkerson, Michael	End of 2010
80. Woolfolk, William	End of 2010
81. Young, John	End of 2010

If you are not on the list, now would be a great time to be added! If your dues are expiring at the end of the month, please renew at this time. You can still renew at just \$10 per year, or obtain a lifetime membership!

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The rates are as follows and are based upon the member's age at time of payment of lifetime dues:

- Age 65 and Over: \$50.00;
- Age 60-64: \$75.00;
- Age 50-59: \$100.00;
- Age 49 and under: \$150.00.

Make checks out to “USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association” and send them to:

Bill Keel
c/o USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association
606 Avignon Lane
Shreveport, LA 71115

You can join us on our Facebook page.



Check it out!!

Honoring Our Members on Eternal Patrol

*There is a port of no return, where ships
May lie 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.*

USS Tullibee veterans honored our boat's veterans serving on Eternal Patrol by placing a wreath at Submarine Memorial in Groton during our reunion last summer. At present, we have listed 54 former Tullibee (SSN 597) sailors on Eternal patrol:

Alford, Zeb D. 8/4/09
Ash, James R. 9/29/99
Boggess, Layne Forrest 10/6/08
Bradley, Richard
Bullough, Bruce 4/28/03
Cremin, Raymond J. 1/23/05
DeNicola, Vincent J. 2/12/07
Dickson, Ernie 11/5/06
Dizdul, Mike 3/1/86
Dollison, Larry L. 7/19/01
Eck, William S. 2/21/07
Fitzgerald, Jr., Thomas Wooten
12/27/05
Forni, Elwood Henry 4/10/63
Garrelts, Larry H. 5/10/08
Gentry, Robert 4/14/06
Hale, Robert
Hall, Gareld Edward 5/20/09
Harvey, John W. 4/10/63
Hinkle, David R. 4/27/09
Huffaker, Douglas Dean
Jamison, Hugh
Jeffcoat, A. Bruce 7/29/07
Jortberg, Richard E.
Kalata, Emil R.
Keich, Edwin G. 5/8/98
Kessell, Edward 2/1/87
Klinedinst, Paul R. 1/13/80

Lee, Charles J. 11/9/09
Low, Douglas 4/6/08
Mays, Pete
McGrath, William J.
Monogue, Kenneth R. 1/1/03
Montgomery, David R. 6/24/09
Morgan, John Franklin 11/14/86
Moshier, Clyde 11/1/70
Moyer, David 5/11/09
Murtha Sr., William P. 8/10/09
Nicely, Randolph Lee (Randy)
Nikola, John H. 11/26/04
O'Malley, John S.
Papillard, Georges Marcel
10/17/08
Scott, Harold Truett 9/18/02
Shelton, Sr., David
Shimckus, Carl A. 1/2/10
Steiner, Frederick T. 2/9/07
Stolz, William C.
Synhorst, Gerald E. 10/1/86
Tardiff, Henry
Templin, Ron 6/3/08
Towery, Robert
Turner, John 8/1/71
Turnier, Harry A. 12/28/02
Wallace, John
Winge, Don 1/1/05



WARNING TO VETERANS

Forwarded by Kevin Secor,
VSO Liaison, Office of the
Secretary of the Department of
Veterans Affairs.

An organization called

Veterans Affairs Services (VAS)

is providing benefit and general
information on VA and gathering
personal information on veterans.

**This organization is not
affiliated with VA in any way.**

<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to
military personnel through their
close resemblance to the VA name
and seal. Our Legal Counsel has
requested that we coordinate with
DoD to inform military installations,
particularly mobilization sites, of
this group and their lack of
affiliation or endorsement by VA to
provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if
you have any examples of VAS
acts that violate chapter 59 of Title
38 United States Code, such as
VAS employees assisting veterans
in the preparation and presentation
of claims for benefits, please pass
any additional information to
Mr. Daugherty at the address
below.

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney

Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

12 Days of Christmas Submarine Style

*On the **1st** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 1 Field Day!

*On the **2nd** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 2 Mid Watches
and 1 Field Day!

*On the **3rd** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 3 Poopy suits, 2
Mid Watches, and 1 Field Day!

*On the **4th** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 4 Fire Drills, 3
Poopy Suits, 2 Mid Watches, and 1
Field Day!

*On the **5th** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 5 months Mess
Cranking, 4 Fire Drills, 3 Poopy
suits, 2 Mid Watches, and 1 Field
Day!

*On the **6th** day of Christmas the

COB gave to me 6 month
WESTPAC deployment, 5 months
Mess Cranking, 4 Fire Drills, 3
Poopy suits, 2 Mid Watches, and 1
Field Day!

*On the **7th** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 7 Flooding Drills,
6 month deployment, 5 months
Mess Cranking, 4 Fire Drills, 3
Poopy Suits, 2 Mid Watches, and 1
Field Day!

*On the **8th** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 8 Reactor
Scrams, 7 Flooding Drills, 6 month
deployment, 5 months Mess
Cranking, 4 Fire Drills, 3 Poopy
suits, 2 Mid Watches, and 1 Field
Day!

*On the **9th** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 9 Battle Stations,
8 Reactor Scrams, 7 Flooding
Drills, 6 month deployment, 5
months Mess Cranking, 4 Fire
drills, 3 Poopy Suits, 2 Mid
Watches, and 1 Field Day!

*On the **10th** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 10 EAB's, 9
Battle Stations, 8 reactor scrams, 7
Flooding drills, 6 month
deployment, 5 months Mess
Cranking, 4 Fire drills, 3 Poopy
suits, 2 Mid Watches, and 1 Field
Day!

*On the **11th** day of Christmas the
COB gave to me 11 Steinke
Hoods, 10 EABs, 9 Battle Stations,
8 Reactor Scrams, 7 Flooding
drills, 6 month deployment, 5
months Mess Cranking, 4 Fire
drills, 3 Poopy suits, 2 Mid
Watches, and 1 Field Day!

*On the **12th** Day of Christmas
the COB gave to me 12 Family
Grams, 11 Steinke Hoods, 10
EABs, 9 Battle Stations, 8 Reactor
Scrams, 7 Flooding Drills, 6 month
deployment, 5 months Mess
Cranking, 4 Fire drills, 3 Poopy
suits, 2 Mid Watches, and 1 Field
Day!

MERRY CHIRSTMAS!

**Daniel "Tank" Sherman ET2 (SS)
Placoderm Base**

BRANSON, JUNE 9-12, 2011

Inside the Virginia Class Submarine

Ahh, The new submarine force... It
is getting to be like StarWars.
Get wet with submarine tech
photos

By [Daniel Terdiman, CNET
News.com](#)

In 2007, at the Northrop
Grumman Shipbuilding yard in
Newport News, Virginia — where
the first of the next-generation
aircraft carrier class, the Gerald R.
Ford, is currently under
construction — the US Navy rolled
out the North Carolina, the fourth
of the Virginia-class fast-attack
nuclear submarines.

Today, the North Carolina
(SSN 777) is stationed at the New
London submarine Base,
commanded by Wes Schlauder.
The Virginia is the first class of
submarines to have true 21st
century on-board communications,
including a fiber-optic intranet, a
server room and large digital
screens placed throughout the ship
that show what is being viewed
through the periscope.

This is an excellent site for info
on the Virginia Class Boats. Take
a good look before the censors cut
it off. Check out the comments at
the end.

<http://www.zdnet.com.au/get-wet-with-submarine-tech-photos-339304674.htm>

*HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!*



**Reunion 2011
Branson, Missouri
9-12 June 2011**

Have you made plans, yet, to attend the 2011 Tullibee reunion in 2011? Below is a list of shipmates that have indicated they will be attending. See shipmates on the list that you want to visit with? Come to the reunion! Don't see a name on the list that you think should be there? Send him a message!!

Attendees as of 27 December 2010:

**Bode, Bob "Bingo"
Burt, Steve (+1)
Cassell, Mike (+1)
Cosentino, Dean (+3)
Donahue, Tom (+1)
Elmer, Jim (+1)
Evans, James
Farnon, Tom (+1)
Foster, Tim (+1)
Gildner, Max (+1)
Heerlyn, Ron (+1)
Hvidding, Jim (+1)
Ingraham, Collin (+1)
Insalaco, Bob (+1)
Jestus, Gene (+1)
Keel, Bill (+1)
Lesnet, Mike (+1)
Manley, Mark (+1)
McKeon, Jim
Moore, Chuck (+1)
Neel, John (+1)
Neiswonger, James (+1)
Norton, Mark
Peterson, George
Raby, Tom (+1?)
Repphun, Brian (+1)
Riley, John (+1)
Salisbury, Tom (+1)
Shew, Jim
Shoup, Dennis
Simmons, Rick
Staas, George
VanNostrand, Carl
Walker, Kelly (+1)
Warner, Wayne (+1)
Wilkerson, Mike
Woolfolk, Andy (+1)
Yates, Paul (+1)**

Reunion Site and Information--Radisson Hotel; Make your reservations now!!

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You can go ahead and start making hotel reservations at any time. You can call the toll-free number or the local (Branson) number to make reservations. Although there are less expensive properties in the area, this is one of the only ones that has meeting rooms and a banquet facility so that we will not have to travel from the hotel to a banquet. We will also be able to maintain a hospitality suite, like we did in Mystic. The Radisson has a full service restaurant, lots of parking, and a sports lounge with big screen TV's that also makes a good place for small groups to get together to visit. I hope everyone will book here so that we will be able to ensure we fill our block of rooms commitment and will be able to make visiting one another more convenient. If you are going to the reunion and book a room, please let me know so I can keep a count. Remember to pass on the word to your shipmates!

Reunion Site

Radisson Hotel
120 South Wildwood Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Room Rate: \$83/night + applicable taxes (11.7%)

To Make a Reservation
Toll Free #: 800-967-9033
Local Phone: (417) 335-5767
Online: www.radisson.com/usstullibee.

Radisson Hotel Branson Website:
<http://bransonradisson.com/>

As you can see, we have a great start for this reunion. Great times, camaraderie, and unbelievable sea stories! Please join us!!!

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OUR CREED:

"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. A pledge of loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government and its Constitution."

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