

# Hawgfish Scuttlebutt



**Razorback Base**  
**United States Submarine Veterans**

**September, 2022**



## German Submariners Hanged at Fort Leavenworth

Johannes Kunze was a soldier (Lance Corporal) in the German Africa Corps. He was captured May 13, 1943 at Bone, Tunisia and shipped to the Tonkawa POW Camp, Oklahoma. Supposedly he was spying for the Americans. He would pass notes with information to an American doctor. Ironically he one time passed a note to a different doctor. The note was in German and the doctor could not read it. He sent the note back via another German POW who realized Kunze was a spy. POWs quickly formed a kangaroo court and Kunze was killed November 4, 1943. Five men were prosecuted by Leon Jaworski (later to be the Watergate Prosecutor) at Camp Gruber near Muskogee, OK. All were sent to the Fort Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks in Kansas.

Werner Drechsler was a crewmember of the German U-Boat U-118 when it was sunk near the Azores on June 12, 1943 by U.S. aircraft. Subsequently he was recruited as a spy. He had been cooperating with his captors, possibly because Hitler had placed his father as a political prisoner in a concentration camp. Originally he was sent to a POW camp at Ft. Meade, MD. He became quite useful collecting information of interest especially related to German submarine technology and operations. Drechsler was then sent in March, 1944 to another POW camp in Arizona that had mostly German submarine prisoners. He was supposed to be segregated from other Naval prisoners. However, there were several other U-118 prisoners at the camp. They quickly realized who and what Drechsler was. Again, similar to Kunze, a kangaroo court was formed and Drechsler was discovered hanging in the shower the next morning. Seven men were found guilty in a Courts Martial and sent to the Fort Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks in Kansas.

Horst Günther, similar to Kunze, was a Lance Corporal in Germany's Africa Corps and was captured in May, 1943 in Tunisia. He was a POW at Camp Aiken in South Carolina. Two other POWs suspected him of cooperating with American authorities and they strangled him to death. They did try to disguise the murder by hanging Günther in a tree as if he had committed suicide. Both men were found guilty of the murder and sent to the Fort Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks in Kansas.

*Continued on Page 3.*

Table of Contents			
German Submariners Hanged at Fort Leavenworth	Pages 1 & 3	Lt. Sarah Beadle— Former AWEPs	Page 8
Commander's Corner	Page 2	MEMBERSHIP CHANGES SINCE 2005 2005	Page 8
Activities	Page 2	BIRTHDAYS	Page 9
Lost Boats	Page 4	Treasurer's Report	Page 9
Final Military Honors	Page 4	New Members	Page 9
Recent Eternal Patrol	Page 4	Booster Club	Page 9
The Bluejackets' Manual: 1940—Revisited	Pages 5 & 6	OPED	Page 10
Miscellaneous Reflections	Page 6	Base Officers	Page 10
Submarine Force's First Female 'Chief of the Boat'	Page 7		

**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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.**

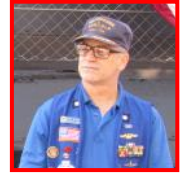


### Commander's

Corner



### Greetings Shipmates



I really enjoyed our last meeting and cookout at my house in Heber Springs. The turnout was good and the food was even better. Weather and good friends made for a very good day and we topped it off with a **Holland Club** ceremony for Joe Pack. I truly hope you are able to attend the next event which is at **Murry's Dinner Theater**. We changed it to a daytime show so no one has to drive at night. The shows there are always excellent and the food is good too, so don't miss this event. The show is **September 25 at 11 a.m.** Call Greg Zonner (501-307-5522 / [zonnerg@yahoo.com](mailto:zonnerg@yahoo.com)) for your reservation! Still no overnights on the submarine but stay in touch for updates as we will need volunteers when we resume. Keep on the lookout for new members and let's get them involved. Thanks go to John Barr for his effort as our Treasurer and now as our newsletter editor. Thanks to Pete Jilek for taking over as the treasurer. See you at Murry's!

**Alan Malone**  
Base Commander

### Activities

**Taking calendar orders now! Cost is ten dollars each with discount on five or more. Call Billy Hollaway at 501-758-3266 and leave a message.**



The next base activity -

September 25, 2022  
Murry's Dinner Playhouse  
6323 Colonel Glenn Rd, Little Rock, AR 72204



Dinner 11 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. Curtain 12:45 p.m.

A comedy: ***Always a Bridesmaid***.

The price is \$39 dollars for dinner and show.

The Base has reserved 20 seats. You can pay in advance by calling Murry's, or pay at the door. We do need to know how many are coming so we can change the reservation if needed. Contact Greg Zonner at 501-307-5522 or [gzonner@yahoo.com](mailto:gzonner@yahoo.com).



The Christmas party is set for 10 December at AIMM. More information will be posted on the Base website ( <https://www.razorbackbase.com> ) or call a Base officer.

- Check the Base website for possible workday on the Sail float on September 24.
  - No plans set for Veterans Day yet.



## German Submariners Hanged at Fort Leavenworth

(Continued from page 1.)

In all, fourteen (14) men were convicted of murdering three German POWs. All were sentenced and held at the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth. It is likely they were being held for the actual intent of exchanging them for American POWs at the end or after the war. But, after Hitler killed himself in April of 1945 and the unconditional surrender of Germany on May 7, 1945, circumstances changed for the German POWs. Supposedly President Truman had been requested to grant the prisoner's clemency. He declined the clemency request, possibly with reflection regarding discoveries at the Nazi death camps and his preoccupation with ending the war with Japan.



The 14 men were executed in three separate groups: 5 on July 10, 2 on July 14 and 7 on August 25, all in 1945. An elevator shaft in an old warehouse was modified by removing the floor on the first floor. Scaffolding was used on the second floor using ropes to drop those executed into the basement.

The prisoners were noted as showing no sign of cowardice and acting in a precision manner as they stood at attention. The seven men executed in August 25 are often referred to as the last mass execution in the United States. One of Günther's murderers executed on July 14 is alleged to have said just before his hanging: *What I did was done as a German soldier under orders. If I had not done so, I would have been punished when I returned to Germany.* All 14 are buried on the back row at the United States Disciplinary Barracks Cemetery at Fort Leavenworth.



**Compiled from various references by John C. Barr**

United States Disciplinary Barracks Cemetery: <http://www.kansastravel.org/militaryprisoncemetery.htm>

Johannes Kunze: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes\\_Kunze](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes_Kunze)

Werner Drechsler: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Werner\\_Drechsler](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Werner_Drechsler)

Horst Günther: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horst\\_G%C3%BCnther](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horst_G%C3%BCnther)

WWII German POWs buried at Fort Leavenworth: [http://www.basehorinfo.com/news/2008/may/28/wwii\\_german\\_pows\\_buried\\_fort\\_leavenworth/#:~:text=According%20to%20some%20researchers%2C%20there,the%20cemetery%20was%20in%201884.](http://www.basehorinfo.com/news/2008/may/28/wwii_german_pows_buried_fort_leavenworth/#:~:text=According%20to%20some%20researchers%2C%20there,the%20cemetery%20was%20in%201884.)

### Also at Fort Leavenworth

[Buffalo Soldier Monument - Fort Leavenworth KS, 66027 \(travelks.com\)](http://travelks.com)



And a "somewhat humorous" vanity plate in a parking lot.





## LOST BOATS

Ship Name	Hull #	Month	Year
<a href="#">Grayling</a>	SS-209	9	43
<a href="#">Cisco</a>	SS-290	9	43
<a href="#">S-44</a>	SS-155	10	43
<a href="#">Pompano</a>	SS-181	10	43
<a href="#">Wahoo</a>	SS-238	10	43
<a href="#">Dorado</a>	SS-248	10	43
<a href="#">Seawolf</a>	SS-197	10	44
<a href="#">Darter</a>	SS-227	10	44
<a href="#">Escolar</a>	SS-294	10	44
<a href="#">Tang</a>	SS-306	10	44
<a href="#">Shark</a>	SS-314	10	44
<a href="#">Sculpin</a>	SS-191	11	43
<a href="#">Corvina</a>	SS-226	11	43
<a href="#">Growler</a>	SS-215	11	44
<a href="#">Albacore</a>	SS-218	11	44
<a href="#">Scamp</a>	SS-277	11	44
<a href="#">Sealion</a>	SS-195	12	41
<a href="#">Capelin</a>	SS-289	12	43

**Published monthly by the *USS  
Razorback Base, United States  
Submarine Veterans.***  
  
**Editor, John C. Barr  
501-993-3953  
jcbarr346@att.net**

### Final Military Honors

Yes, I know no one wants to talk about resting your oar after your final voyage, but have you considered whether or not you, or your family, would like a military honor detail at your funeral? The process is very simple. Just make sure your family knows where to find a copy of your final **DD-214** (any will work, but the last one is the best) and present it to the funeral director. That is all there is to it! If you served honorably, you are entitled to this benefit. If you have questions or need more detail, please contact Pete Jilek ([pljilek@yahoo.com](mailto:pljilek@yahoo.com); [peter.a.jilek.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:peter.a.jilek.mil@us.navy.mil)) and I can help you navigate the process. The honor detail can take place at the church, funeral home, cemetery, or later at a place of your choosing.

In addition, please make sure to have your family contact the officers at the Razorback Base so they can also pay respects and inform your fellow submariners.

### Recent Eternal Patrol

Name	Date Died
<b>Frederick Weilminster</b>	<b>10/10/21</b>
<b>James C. Bjorklund</b>	<b>11/8/21</b>
<b>John H. Ranguette</b>	<b>1/25/22</b>
<b>Ralph E. Slutts</b>	<b>2/8/22</b>
<b>Ralph B. Casto</b>	<b>2/8/22</b>
<b>Paul Honeck</b>	<b>5/14/22</b>
<b>George E. Fore</b>	<b>5/16/22</b>
<b>Torrey Wesley Dodson, Jr.</b>	<b>6/10/22</b>



## The Bluejackets' Manual 1940—Revisited

### YOUR NAVAL CAREER

You ARE now beginning your naval career. You enlisted for various reasons, such as to learn a trade, to see the world, to go to sea, to improve your station in life, etc. You are young and your future is before you. Many of you have not thought seriously of your future, and probably few of you have made up your minds as to what you would really like to do. You will now have 12 weeks of training, and at the end of that time you will be sent to various ships for service in our Navy. Upon arrival aboard ship, some of you will be sent to the engineer's department for duty as firemen and will be gradually developed into machinist's mates, water tenders, metalsmiths, electrician's mates, etc. The rest of you will remain in the seaman branch and gradually develop into coxswains, boatswain's mates, gunner's mates, carpenter's mates, shipfitters, quartermasters, etc. The training that starts here at the training station will be continued on board ship. In every case this training is for the sole purpose of making you a useful man, a trained man, and a leader of men.

*Keep this always in mind:* You are being trained to be a future leader of men. The hardest workers among you may become chief petty officers, warrant officers, and commissioned officers. The rest of you will only get as far as your work, study, and efforts entitle you to go.

### LEADER OF MEN

Once in a great while a man is born a leader. The rest of us become leaders by hard study and long practice of the rules of leadership handed down to us by the great leaders of the past. Following are given the rules laid down by these leaders. Study them and practice them, for your future success will depend upon your ability to master them, whether in the naval service or later in civilian life.

Each man who desires to be a leader of men must learn the following essential points:

**Obedience** does not mean blindly carrying out an order or grudgingly doing what you are ordered or directed to do and then only doing enough to get by. Obedience means first of all cheerful and willing obedience and, secondly, intelligent obedience.

**Good behavior** and a clean record are necessary for promotion to positions of leadership. Men sometimes fail of promotion to warrant and commissioned rank because of bad records during early enlistments.

**Knowledge** comes only through study and hard work. There is no royal road to learning. Men always respect you for what you know. It pays to know, and to know you know. Know your own job. Know the job ahead of yours.

**Fighting spirit.** - You know what this is. Without it, you are only a human biped who wears pants. With it, you are a live, red-blooded go-getter - one who will succeed. Have you the grit to stay with a hard job? Never say "I can't." Forget there is such a phrase. Don't be a quitter. A man may be down but never out - until he admits it.

**Reliability.** - Always do what you are told to do, and do it the best you know how. Can you be depended upon, whether alone on a job or with others. Get the reputation of seeing the job through.

**Loyalty.** - Stick up for yourself, your officers, your petty officers, your company, your ship. As you show loyalty to them, they will show loyalty to you, and people under you will do the same. Boost. If you cannot boost, do not knock.

**Initiative.** - This is one of the outstanding qualifications of a leader. The man with initiative takes hold of the things that need doing and does them without being told, while the other fellow is standing idly by because no one has told him what to do. A man with initiative thinks on his feet. He can be trusted to take care of an unexpected situation because he is always on the alert and thinking ahead of his job.

**Self-control.** - Do not fly off the handle. It nearly always gets you into trouble and always lessens the respect that others hold for you. If you lose your self-control in little things, you are sure to do so in big things. The man who cannot control himself will never develop into a real leader of others.

*Continued on Page 6.*



## The Bluejackets' Manual

*Continues from Page 5.*

**Energy.** - A lazy man never has time to do anything right or to do anything to improve himself, and he never gets far. Be "peppy." Put some drive into things. Carry a "self-starter." Don't have to be cranked every time to get started.

**Courage.** - A leader must have courage. He must have not only physical courage, he must have moral courage as well. He must be fearless in the face of his duty. A courageous man admits it when he is wrong and takes his medicine. He doesn't bluff. And when he is known as a man of courage he doesn't have to bluff.

**Justice.** - Be square. Play the game hard, but play it squarely. Give a square deal to others and expect one in return. Act so that others can respect you as a man.

**Truthfulness.** - The final test of a man is: In a pinch, will he lie? Lying is a dismissal offense at the United States Naval Academy, and is a punishable offense in the Navy. Many a man who told the whole truth has been let off or given light punishment, where the liar was punished for the offense and for lying as well.

**Faith.** - Believe in yourself. Trust yourself. Count on yourself. Count on yourself to be one of the best man-o'-war's men in the whole Navy, and then go to it and make good. Trust your fellowmen. They are good fellows and will meet you halfway as a rule. Believe in and trust the Navy. Splendid men have made it what it is. Do all you can to keep it as good as it is, and make it even better.

**Honor.** - Act so that your home folks will be proud of you, and will tell all of your friends what fine things you are doing in the Navy. Act so that others will want to be like you. Few men can survive dishonor. Remember you can never disgrace or dishonor yourself without bringing dishonor on your name, your people, and the uniform you wear.

**Cheerfulness.** - Smile and the world smiles with you. Smile when things go wrong. If you cannot smile, at least try to. You can surely keep the corners of your mouth up.

**Honesty.** - Enough said. Without honesty your career is limited and you are sure to fail in the long run. Nobody wants to deal with or associate with a cheat.

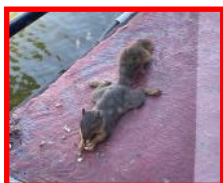
## Miscellaneous Reflections



**ABOVE:** Jim Franks presenting Holland Club certificate to Joe Pack.



**AT RIGHT:** Paul Honeck - Always there to help. Wes Dodson, an old Catfish sailor, and Commander Pete Jilek presenting flag at Wes's funeral.



**New staff member at AIMM: Rocky, working for peanuts like all the rest.**





## Navy Names Submarine Force's First Female 'Chief of the Boat'

*U.S. Navy Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler poses for a portrait aboard the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine*

*USS Louisiana (SSBN-743) on Aug. 26. US Navy Photo*

**Navy Names Submarine Force's First Female 'Chief of the Boat'**  
By: [Heather Mongilio](#)



Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler has spent a week on USS *Louisiana* (SSBN-742) making history. Koogler is the Navy's first female chief of the boat — the senior enlisted advisor to the commanding and executive officers aboard a submarine. She joined the Navy in 2002, after attending college, according to a release from U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Forces Commander. She had planned to enlist after high school but an injury delayed her. "Once I joined, I knew I found my career, and my Navy family and friends that I would have forever," Koogler said in the release. "I have continued to serve over the years because it is a good fit for me and I love it." Women have served in the Navy since 1917, when [Loretta Walsh](#) became the first woman to enlist. But integrating the Navy took time with women unable to join [service academies until 1976](#) and [combat positions until 1994](#). Submarines have been one of the last to take on women. Female officers first started [service in 2010](#). In 2015, 38 women were selected to serve aboard USS *Michigan* (SSGN-727) as the first enlisted sailors, starting in 2016, [USNI News previously reported](#).

Koogler was one of the 38, according to the release. She served 36 months before going on tour with Submarine Squadron 19. Just making women be able to serve on submarines meant revisions had to be made to Ohio-class submarines so that women would have their own space, according to the Navy. Virginia-class and Columbia-class submarines designs already include female and male living spaces. The inclusion of women into the submarine force has had problems. In 2014, the Navy found 12 male sailors aboard USS *Wyoming* (SSBN-742) had viewed an illicitly made video. While Koogler has served only three years on a submarine, Submarine Squadron 19's Command Master Chief Travis Brown said in the release that he knew she was the right candidate for chief of the boat. "In 36 months, she walked off a submarine as a qualified diving officer of the watch, and everything in between, while also learning how to lead submarine sailors," Brown said in the release. For Koogler, chief of the boat is a stepping stone for her career. Her ultimate goal is to be a command master chief, which required her to be a chief of the boat first.

*Gold crew of the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Louisiana (SSBN-743) arrives home to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Wash. US Navy Photo*

"I knew that was what I wanted to do," she said in the release. "I want to be able to take care of sailors. I want them to develop and accelerate themselves. It's kind of always been my goal." Koogler said in the release that gender should not be a factor in deciding which sailors are selected for roles. "A sailor is sailor to me and we shouldn't have to define their gender," she said in the release. "It's important to integrate everybody and it shouldn't matter as long as they get the job done." It can be difficult to be the person breaking such a barrier, Brown said, acknowledging that Koogler needed a nudge. "But this is a huge glass ceiling busted in the submarine force," he said. "Now there's a path to the top."



 **USNI News**  
<https://news.usni.org/>



We are meeting more and more female submarine sailors wanting to tour the museum at AIMM. Having women in the submarine service is a significant accomplishment for the Navy.



**Lt. Sarah Beadle— Former AWEPS on the USS Georgia (SSGN-729 B)**



LT Beadle is a native of Arkansas. She attended the University of Florida and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy and was assigned to the Submarine Warfare Community. Following commissioning at the University of Florida, LT Beadle successfully completed Naval Nuclear Power School, Naval Nuclear Prototype Training and Submarine Officer Basic Course in 2017. LT Beadle reported aboard **USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729)(BLUE)**, a guided missile submarine homeported in Kings Bay, GA. LT Beadle served in various roles including Chemistry and Radiological Control Assistant, Strike Officer, Special Operations Forces Officer, Anti-Terrorism Officer, and Tactical Systems Officer. She completed three missions vital to national security, one operational reactor safeguards exam, one major maintenance period, and one dual media

discharge. She earned her Submarine “Dolphins” Warfare Insignia in October of 2018, completed the Prospective Nuclear Engineer Officer course in January 2019, and was recognized as the **USS Georgia’s** Junior Officer of the Year for 2019. Following **USS Georgia’s** major maintenance period, LT Beadle completed sea trials with the **USS Georgia** where she coordinated the Independent Certification with SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1 (SDVT- 1).

LT Beadle works with junior-year students. In this role, she teaches both Ships Systems classes. In addition to this, LT Beadle coordinates the annual Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball as well as other special events throughout the year.







**BIRTHDAYS**

**September**

Leslie L. Nichols	5
Jerome J. Stanek	5
Joseph R. Mathis	9
June R. Eubanks	10
Jud Rouch	15
Thomas P. Howard	21
Richard A. McCammon	28
Frank E. Likert, Sr.	30
Myna Kylene Miller	30

**October**

James W. Barnes	1
Scott Pursley	2
Eddie A Force	6
Pete Jilek	7
Dexter D. Bates	13
Donald L. Booker	15
Mark Taylor	18
John F. Cameron	20
Johnnie Baker	25
David E. Dinwiddie	25
Michael J. Wingeier	28

**November**

Enrile Del Fierro Trinidad	1
Donald L. David	2
Kenneth E. Chambers	4
James Paul Hammack	4
Emma Jane Farmer	8
Jerry D. O'Neal	13
Charles M. McMinn	16
Bernard C, Carroll	17
Greg Rinehart	17
Bill Woods	19
Wanda Malone	24
Eugene L. Prohl	24
William Keel	28
Roger Allen Lyle	30

**December**

Barbara Schwerman	4
Timothy L. Arnold	6
Glenna Butler	8
Kenneth Canitz	10
Barbara J. Higgins	13
Alan Malone	17
Robert Christians	26
Jimmy D. Gage	26
Thomas S. Salisbury	30
Barbara Wewers	31

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jul-22

<b>TOTAL BASE FUNDS BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 13,319.05</b>
<b>General Fund Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,436.79</b>
<b>Credits</b>	<b>\$43.00</b>
Ball Caps - Schwerman	
<b>Debits</b>	<b>(\$90.00)</b>
Storkeeper HC Items	
<b>General Fund Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,389.79</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Maint. Fund Bal.	\$ 2,652.66
Charity Fund Bal.	\$ 372.00
Snook Mem. Fund Bal.	\$ 1,386.86
<b>Designated Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,411.52</b>
<b>Checking Balance (General + Designated Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 7,801.31</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	
Savings - Cash Balance	\$ 5,369.41
Cash on Hand	\$ 101.33
<b>TOTAL BASE FUNDS ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 13,272.05</b>
Respectfully submitted, <b>John C. Barr, Interim Base Treasurer</b>	

**There were no expenditures or deposits in August.  
Thus July Treasurer's Report presented above.**

**Pete Jilek has been appointed as the new  
Base Treasurer.**

**New Members—Welcome Aboard**

**Greg Rinehart -TM, USS Aspro, SS-648 - Bryant**

**Lorrie Jilek - Associate—Alexander**

**Sterling Claypoole - Associate - El Dorado**

**Stephen Carneal - TMC, USS Von Steuben, SSBN-632 - Chidester**

Funds from the *Booster Club* will be used for restoration of the *USS Razorback* and other special projects appropriate to the mission of *USSVI*. Your donation will be recognized for 1 year in the newsletter. The number beside your name is the month and year until you will be listed. Send donations to Razorback Base – *USSVI*, 9 Broadview Dr., Little Rock, AR 72207-5113 (Memo – *Booster Club*).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Exp.</b>
<b>Pete Jilek</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>John C. Barr</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>Johnnie Baker</b>	<b>2/23</b>
<b>David Boyer</b>	<b>2/23</b>
<b>Billy Holloway</b>	<b>2/23</b>
<b>Alan Malone</b>	<b>2/23</b>



## OP ED

Going to take a little “Editor’s Privilege” with this, my first newsletter since January of 2017. A lot has changed since then, we have seen too many of our friends go to Eternal Patrol, we have dealt with problems with COVID, and we have seen the Base membership dwindle.

The *Hawgfish Scuttlebutt* has been a key means of communicating with our membership. Doing a monthly issue was tedious for me. I had asked to cut it to every other month. But burn out took hold and I simply quit forcing Alan to pick up the slack. Then we switched to quarterly newsletters. That seems too infrequent to me but is certainly more manageable. I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

I will try to do lead articles of interest. I know you, like me, read a lot of other things on the Internet. Any suggestions you might have would be appreciated. And I would certainly consider anything you might submit. All of us have sea stories – some of which I might actually be able to publish. Also might like to feature members in the newsletter. As an example, you will see a lot about Pete Jilek as he officiates at funerals for the Navy. He is also our new Treasurer, but most of you really know nothing about Pete. The same goes for Johnnie Baker, our Base Membership Chair. He is not just a “robot” out there trying to collect your dues. Average age of all members is 75.9. Pete and Johnnie average 58.5 – not telling you who is older. Page 8 has a chart showing how membership has changed since 2005. Decreasing, as has revenue, which signifies how important our Base *Booster Club* donations have been. We need more new members.

The Base officers are making efforts to accommodate some of our “older” members that do not want to do late evening meetings. Show your appreciation by attending. Membership is scattered all over Arkansas, and the States – thanks to our Razorback Association members. There are clusters of members in Arkansas. Maybe you could meet for lunch once a month or so – a “subBase” meeting. Take the initiative in your area.

On a sadder note, we have lost so many to Eternal Patrol. Guess 75.9 doesn’t help, which may worry some of us that have zoomed past that average. Keep in touch – let us know how you are doing. Ensure we have your current address and telephone number.

Thanks for “listening.” John

Base Officers			
Base Commander	Alan Malone	501-206-7248	o5retired@yahoo.com
Base Vice Commander	Greg Schwerman	501-804-0386	gschwerman@suddenlink.net
Base Treasurer / Storekeeper	Pete Jilek	301-503-0483	pljilek@yahoo.com
Chief of the Boat	Joe Mathis	501-765-0166	rnc95ret05@gmail.com
Chaplain	Joe Manning	501-366-0331	joe.manning@att.net
Holland Club	Jim Franks	501-915-0502	jimfranks@suddenlink.net
Memorials & Ceremonies	Billy Hollaway	501-758-3266	retldousn@earthlink.net
Yeoman & Activities	Ray Wewers	479-967-5541	raywewers@gmail.com
Membership	Johnnie Baker	501-605-0594	johnnie@smarthomeintegration.net
Base Newsletter	John C. Barr	501-663-6622	jcbarr346@att.net
Base Web Master	Greg Zonner	501-307-5522	gzonner@aimmmuseum.org