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● **Engines Aft:** New Years Greetings to my Shipmates!

I sincerely hope you had a fun and relaxing Christmas season and are ready for 2011 and all the adventure it will bring. We have two great get-togethers planned for NLR and you need to be there. If you are still considering the work party at the boat in April, please bring that up to the front burner and plan for it! It is always fun, rewarding and very helpful to the old gal herself. We get a lot of needed projects done and spend valuable time with some of the greatest guys in the world - our old shipmates. The dates this year are **11 through 15 April**. You can sleep in your old bunk, hang out in your old duty station and just get that good DBF smell all over your clothes. I know some meals will be served in our galley aboard as both Maurice and Baby Huey are coming. Do you really know a better way to spend a week? Really?

Our Reunion (**September 12-15**) will include the crew associations of both the Redfish and the Ronquil. The 3 'R' boat crews will finally get back together again; the first time in the Portsmouth Navy Yard and this time in North Little Rock. Should be a blast - you won't want to miss this! More details to follow as we get them finalized. Also, be thinking about your nominees for officers of this Assn. We will be voting on and installing new officers at our business meeting **.(USSVI national Convention: September 9-11)**

We are in the process of obtaining an air compressor to provide starting air to #4 main engine. To purchase this unit (and other Assn projects along the way) we need to ask for some funds from you. Since this is tax time, we have arranged for a separate account for the Assn with the AIMM museum. When you send a check to the museum to help the Assn, just note that it is for our project fund and you will receive a tax receipt for that amount from the museum. Greg Zonner has agreed to keep that money separate for us and we will have access to it as need arise on the boat. Please - no amount is too small or too large. Write a check now as you are thinking about it. We can return the boat to its proper 1960's US Navy condition with your help. Send a check and receive tax credit for your contribution. See you at the work party in April! I, for one, wouldn't miss it!

Engines Aft - Ron Sagaert



● **Seen on the TBT:** Forgive my lapse in attempting to avoid politics, but I've felt compelled to include a couple of articles elsewhere in this issue about major changes to our [~~Brotherhood~~] [~~Fraternity~~] submarine service.

Most of us can remember the UCMJ poster above our after thunder-jug that contained the warning: "...penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete... offenses," Well shipmates, that stark warning we once laughed at will be truly laughable — because soon it will be applicable *only* to cigarettes—thanks to our well-meaning leaders in Washington who have now invited females to serve aboard Submarines, and since this is simply a matter of fairness, then DADT (Don't Ask, Don't Tell) and LGBT (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Trans gendered) must be OK too. What absolutely blows my mind, is that in the future, people with the disgusting habit of smoking need not apply for the all-volunteer Silent Service.

Except for this little tantrum and the articles that caused it, I'll attempt to fill the rest of this issue with more enjoyable material and a few comments about English usage: e.g.: *Congress is investigating several alleged cases of Harassment and Hate Crimes said to be running rampant throughout the submarine community. It seems there are still some who persist in using offensive language like, "Blow the forward group," or referring to 'suction' in the Torpedo Room bilges; Nancy and Harry have pledged to apply appropriate pressure wherever needed. [Ed]*

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." Benjamin Franklin

Submarines Outsmart Somali Pirates by [James Dunnigan](#) July 12, 2010

When the Netherlands recently announced that it was sending one of its Walrus class submarines for the anti-piracy patrol off Somalia, many people found this puzzling. But the Dutch subs have a well deserved reputation for their ability to secretly collect information at sea using subs. Most recently it has done this off Iraq, Bosnia and in the Caribbean. The special ingredient here is stealth. Entering service in the early 1990s, the Walrus subs can spend 46 days, moving at 16 kilometers an hour, at periscope depth (with only a small air intake/exhaust snorkel above the surface). A submarine can watch portions of the Somali coast, without the pirates knowing they are being observed. This makes it easier to detect new tactics by the pirates, and counter these moves more quickly.

Statistically speaking:

In WWII, Japan 's highest ranking naval officer was Isoroku Yamamoto. Although he was Japanese, and his loyalties were unquestionably with The Empire, he studied for many years in America, graduating from Harvard University. There is an oft-repeated (and sometimes disputed) quote attributed to him regarding the possibility of any nation taking a war to American soil: "You cannot invade the mainland United States . There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass."

Here is why he was correct:

America 's Hunters. The World's Largest Army.

The state of Wisconsin has gone an entire deer hunting season without someone getting killed. That's great, considering there were over 600,000 hunters that got permits this year. Allow me to restate that number.

Over the last two months, the eighth largest army in the world - more men under arms than Iran; more than France and Germany combined - deployed to the woods of a single American state to keep the deer population under control. But that pales in comparison to the 750,000 who are in the woods of Pennsylvania this week. Michigan 's 700,000 hunters have now returned home. Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia , and it is literally the case that the hunters of those four states alone would comprise the largest army in the world. And that is just FOUR states. The total population of registered hunters in America today ranges from 23 million to 43.7 million individuals. (Based on annual data provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.) As long as the American Hunter retains his right to Bear Arms, America will forever be safe from foreign invasion of troops Hunting - it's not just a way to fill the freezer. It's a matter of national security.

Year to date statistics on Airport screening from the Department of Homeland Security:

Terrorist Plots Discovered	0
Natural Blondes	3
Transvestites	133
Hernia's	1,485
Hemorrhoid Cases	3,172
Enlarged Prostates	8,249
Breast Implants	59,301



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(R-cubed: Three Sisters) — together again after 67 yrs

Countdown to September, 2011!

The First Annual Combined Reunion of The Three Sister ships' crews will be held in the nearby Windham Hotel in N. Little Rock, AR, and aboard the USS Razorback, September 12-15 following the Sept. 5-11 2011 USSVI National Convention in Springfield, Mo.

Share the cost, the fun, and a few beers / sea-stories.
(*Razorback Association membership not required*)



27 January 1944: Preparing for the Christening ceremony of the
USS Razorback (SS-394)
USS Redfish (SS-395)
USS Ronquil (SS-396)

Portsmouth Navy Yard,
Kittery, ME

Who named the first one a Tugboat? We've all seen tugboats push a submarine toward or away from the pier, but did you ever see one *tug* anything?



The Men With the Pin

by Bob 'Dex' Armstrong



They returned ... Thousands of them... No, they numbered in the hundreds of thousands... Faces weather beaten, tanned... Smiling as they stepped down from trains all over America. Smiling that smile, universally recognized as that 'Damn!! It's great to be home!' smile.

They were home again... Those that were left. The survivors of a generation who left their homes and families to undertake the obligation of freedom-loving men to go into combat and ultimately defeat some of the most vile proponents of evil. They wore the story of their deeds and where they had been in rows of multi-colored, mute reminders above their pockets. What they had seen... What they had done and the personal losses they had suffered, would forever be in their minds when they looked up at their national colors floating gently in the breeze.

They are rapidly passing into the cold pages of history. The awesome respect in which they were held a half-century ago has given way to the gentle view point of the Monday Morning Quarterbacking of those who have grown up in a world of safety and extravagance... Of promiscuity and excess made possible because of *their* self-sacrifice.

Soon it will be impossible to find a combat pilot who stared at oncoming aircraft through a rotating propeller blade... A sailor who passed 40 mm shells to a loader in a battleship gun tub... A soldier who carried rifle ammo in eight round clips and ate crap that resembled dog food out of an olive drab can... In a Dutch ditch... In the rain.

Men who fought wars that lasted years, rather than days and ended with a clear-cut result. For those of us who rode boats that went below the surface, there were men who rode our boats when the close aboard sound of fifty pounds of TNT detonating would be clearly heard through several inches of steel. That 'steel' was U.S. built pressure hull and audible public prayer could be heard in every compartment. And when it was over, hardened men could hug each other, secure in the knowledge that no one would feel that they might be gender-confused.

These same men knew the sound of torpedo hits and the telltale sound of the result of such hits as the bulkheads of an enemy target collapsed while the enemy vessel made it's way to the bottom. Pressure-folding steel is a sound most of us will never hear, thanks to what these men did.

They had executed their war way beyond the established battle lines... Deep within the home waters of the Jap Empire. At a time when the Jap emperor and his militaristic toadies were assuring their easily duped people that they were secure, the people of Japan witnessed their merchant ships burning all along their coastal horizons. Ships, whose burning hulks were disappearing nightly, compliments of our *Undersea Warriors*.

So they returned ... What was left of them. They crossed

the brow of boats that wore freshly painted enemy flags... Flags that chronicled their kills... A silent statement of their contribution to our victorious effort in the Pacific. It may have been a *Silent Service*, but little Jap flags painted on the sides of conning towers made it clear that the presence of our submarine force had been felt.

And above the jumper pockets of the men crossing to the pier, could be found the sterling silver representation of a submarine. The pin itself and each star worn below it, represented a war patrol which resulted in excess of ten thousand tons of enemy shipping sent to the bottom. The man or men who wrote the requirements for the awarding of that insignia wrote those requirements in such rigid and specific terms that the pin has never been watered down and reduced to the 'Crackerjack' prize that so many other military badges have become.

Today, the U.S. Submarine Combat Patrol Pin remains a symbol of men who have gone to sea and have drawn blood in defense of their country and way of life at the risk of their personal safety... If not the sacrifice of their futures.

Someday, the powers that decide such things, will come to their senses and will stop naming our submarines after geographical locations and hack politicians and start naming our undersea warships after the heroes who wore *'The Pin'*. Why they feel compelled to look elsewhere when we have such towering heroes of our own makes no sense to this old E-3. They named a whole *class* of tin cans after Admiral Arliegh Burke, proving that they can do it right... At times.

But, the men who parked torpedoes in the sides of so many enemy ships, held no inflated sense of their own importance. When you try to thank the old meat-eaters, they always reply with,

"Hell, I was young, scared and just doing my job."

Volunteering for submarine duty in wartime has never been routinely expected of U.S. Sailors. Volunteering has never been an exercise in goat-roping the timid and reluctant. The Draft Board never forced any citizen to fill the ranks of the Submarine Service. Any man, who found wartime employment inside a pressure hull, was there because he put himself there.

"Just doing my job."

Right.

Who in their right mind would choose a line of work that included sitting, sweat-soaked in darkness, 400 feet below fresh air and sunshine listening to canisters of high explosive detonate and shatter gauge faces and incandescent bulbs?

No, can't buy, "Just doing my job."

To buy that, would mean that our Submarine Force was comprised of the world's largest collection of complete

raving lunatics. The last idiot who called a World War II submariner a complete lunatic is still trying to get used to his new glass eye, figuring out how to talk with his new teeth and walk upright.

They are ours... They handed us an unblemished record

of service *'faithfully performed'*... A gallant record of deeds performed by incredibly brave and dedicated men.

Their ranks thin daily. We do not have a lot of time left to buy them a beer... *Listen to their amazing stories and thank them for what they gave us and left in the pages of the history of The United States Navy.*

Mail Call



- Charlie Brown when he heard my email address book had been stolen: Today the Police found an unidentified man's nude body in a park nearby. They describe him as having a Beer Belly, Saggy Balls, Wrinkly Ass and a Small Dick. You Okay??
- From Shane: The long-sought HPACs from the tugboat were snapped up by a Navy Command..We're back to ground zero. We've located a commercial source for a HPAC, but it's going to take about \$4500 to buy/ship/install—details will emerge as funds/HPACs ooze from mother earth. or not. I'd offer an obscene act and 30 minutes to draw a crowd if we could find a real Navy surplus rig that works. [Ed: Heads up out there! Anybody know somebody with an old gold mine, machine shop, coastal freighter, oil rig, etc., with an old compressor to spare? You can't swap coffee or steaks anymore, but you're not young amateur cumshaw artists any more either—we know there's one sitting out there somewhere.]
- RonS: The work party will be the week of 11 April through 15 April (M-F); I will arrive Sunday PM and stay till the next Saturday AM. We'll plan our chores with input from Zonner and Gates. Hopefully, we'll be able to fire up #4 and WOW the Little Rock downtown area like never before! Proposed work list:
 1. Clean and repaint the interior of the ATR and FTR topside hatches. Clean and polish the SS of the trunk liner. We use these for all tour groups and they are in disrepair.
 2. Clean and repaint all interior watertight doors. Remove the excess grease from the cogs and polish all chrome.
 3. Clean and polish all interior light switchplates. Repaint as necessary.
 4. Work to clean and repaint the FB overhead
 5. Work in the AB lower spaces to build a drain for the crews shower. We'll need to remove an old battery controller box to do this.
 6. If not done before, get #1 scope fully raised and functional.
 7. Last but not least - START #4 MAIN ENGINE AND REVEL IN THE SOUND AND SMELL IT PRODUCES.
- From Capt. McDonald: GREAT NEWSLETTERS!!!! I think I have received at least two LOBOs without acknowledging receipt. Shame on me ! Attribute the failure to plain laziness on my part. LOBO is, by far, the BEST of all the newsletters I download. As I remember you were a QM, but QMs never have a chance to express themselves or write when filling out position reports. I think we missed the boat by not having you write the Patrol Reports...would have been more exciting and readable if we had had some professional help. Clancy came along with The Hunt For Red October several years ago but then he didn't make runs in a diesel so he will never know the fun of going to sea in our day. I think you could make a counter story... writing about Rescue of An Army Tank on Christmas Eve! [Tiny Carnes needs to write that story. I'm almost innocent. Ed] My wife cleaned out a couple of my old foot lockers and came across a picture of some of the 1958-60 crew with Jack Gullette that I think was taken in San Diego following an inspection. Searching through my LOBO file caused me to reread the papers in order to get your address prompts this E as well as noting that I will send the picture via US Postal .You may use it however you see fit. Perhaps some of the troops will be recognized by you or others; anyhow , Thanks for keeping us up dated. Best Regards, MickMcD [Will post later]
- From RonS: ... a Booster Acct from ex-crewmembers to benefit the boat: we need to identify who contributed what amount, keep it separate from our operating funds and the AIMM museum will issue a tax receipt. We just separate bookkeeping ... So any who contribute to the USS Razorback Assn to help better the boat can receive a tax receipt for the full amount...we can use the money for boat projects we deem necessary. Interested parties can send a contribution to the Association through Shane and we'll earmark it toward a purchase or repair... Shane will keep a ledger and Zonner will issue a tax receipt. By the way, leave your old Razorback mementoes to the museum. Old photos, collectibles and items from our time aboard should not end up on a yard sale table or in a box in some grandchild's basement. Donate for all to see.
- Captain Lennis L. Lammers, USN (ret) has penned a brief, but interesting, collection of short stories about his time aboard USS Razorback: *Razorback Submariner*. CAPT Lammers, now of Holly Grove, AR, served aboard Razorback as Weapons Officer and Engineering Officer from 1963 to 1966. He served under LCDR Wittier Davis and also under LCDR Glen "Pappy" Sears. Captain Lammers visited the museum a while back and took the time to relate a few of these stories. We are happy to see these stories collected and printed. 86 pages in softcover. Most of the photos in the book will be familiar to visitors to our website, but there are couple from Captain Lammers's personal collection. We hope to borrow this collection long enough to scan all of them and get them posted to the website, where they will join the many other photos there. Copies are available from the AIMM museum store by calling (501)-371-8320. The cost is \$9 in person, or \$11 if you want a copy mailed to you.

On Eternal Patrol

† Whittier Gale Davis, CDR USN (ret), graduate of the Navy's wartime "V-12" program, he chose to accept an appointment as a Midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, even though he was eligible for a commission as an Ensign. While at Annapolis, he met his future wife, Elizabeth (Libby) and developed passion for sailing. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1949. After serving in destroyers, Whit attended submarine school and was assigned to several submarines, culminating in his command of *Razorback* (1962 – 64). After his retirement from the Navy in 1972, CDR Davis was an active sailor, racing frequently and contributing greatly to the sport. He is survived by Libby, his wife of 61 years, three sons and eight grandchildren.

† Neal Chatain, 10/13/10. Neal served on board *Razorback* 53-55. He was a LTjg on board. He resided at 2000 California St, San Francisco, CA at the time of this passing with his Bride Jean. Neal and Jean were not married when Neal was on board *Razorback*, but according to correspondence received from Jean following his death, Jean stated that "his life aboard *Razorback* and his connection to his *Razorback* shipmates was a highlight of his life."

† At the time of his death on Jan 2nd, 2011, R.G. Holden of Sturgeon Base was the senior USSVI member qualified in submarines (1930) and one of only 22 remaining in USSVI who qualified in the 1930s. He served aboard USS R-13 (SS-90) from 1929 thru 1932.

The most senior USSVI shipmate now is Frank S Kimball, CDR (Ret) of Hawkbill base, who qualified in submarines aboard USS S-33 (SS 138) in 1932.

Thomas G Rice LCDR (Ret) of Seattle Base, who qualified in submarines aboard USS S-23 (SS-128) in 1935 is tied for second place with Charlie T Odom of Smoky Mountain Base, who also qualified in submarines that year aboard USS S-1 (SS-105).



The World's a-changin'

Editorial opinion of a sad Catholic Diesel Submarine Vet and a warning that ladies and children might wish to skip this and the two related articles following.

I've been a Catholic since birth but when I was in the second grade, I spent about a week with horrible nightmares because I'd fallen in love with a seven-year-old Protestant girl — the penalty? Burning in eternal Hell! I eventually got over it and since I pretty much agreed with most Christians about things like lying, murder and bearing false witness, I've stuck it out with them.

Recently, when I heard Secretary Gates/Admiral Mullen testifying in front of Congress, stating the opposite of what I'd been reading about several military personnel polls rejecting repeal of DADT (Don't Ask, Don't Tell), I wondered what could have been inside their minds... were they lying, dim-witted, power hungry?

I was truly amazed at how easy it is to lie to us Americans these days, until I remembered many years ago when the *infallible* Catholic Church simultaneously solved recruiting problems and made a giant step toward Political Correctness: they decided that not having sex with another man was the same as not having sex with a woman, so a Priest's vows of chastity seemed to cover both restrictions. Perhaps it was just coincidence, but in the next few years, the Church almost went bankrupt fighting thousands of child molestation charges. Déjà vu! Will the Silent Service take as many years to recover from well-intentioned stupidity?

Imagine the effect on morale and productivity when Joe Smith (I almost wrote *Joe Blow*) has been submerged for a month hot-bunking with a lesbian who salivates and grunts louder than he does when the female ensign with the D-Cups is singing in the shower. It's a new world out there shipmates!

Take it a step further: Say the ships sailing list consists 10% female, 90% male, including the following eight crewmembers, who either feel threatened or protected by repeal of DADT.

- Bruce Johnson, Homophobe, Engineman 1st Class, Male
- Jonah Blessing, Devout Christian, IC Electrician 3rd Class, Male
- Billy Joe Washington, Constitutional Conservative, ETCM(SS), Male
- Bashfulla Hussain, Devout Muslim, Electronics Technician (Nav) 1st Class, Male
- Cydney Chomps, Transvestite, Electrician's Mate 2nd Class, Legally female
- Ronny Romper, Lesbian, Electronics Technician (Nav) 3rd Class, Female
- Rich Smith, Homosexual, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class, Male
- Gaylord Peters, Bisexual, LtJg, USNA, Male

Congress hasn't a clue. Neither do I—but I'd love to watch if it weren't for the fact that my shipmates will be the sacrificial lab rats as National Defense is decimated in the name of Political Correctness. [Ed]

DADT (Afghanistan Edition) Call it ironic, to say the least.

Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell... problems with ...members of the Afghan security forces. More from Sara Carter of the *Washington Examiner*:

In late 2009, U.S. and British forces ordered a study of Pashtun male sexuality... worried that homosexuality and pedophilia among Afghan security forces and tribes could create cultural misunderstanding with allied troops....

The study... described unease by U.S. Marines and British soldiers who felt they were being propositioned, or who were outraged by apparent acts of pedophilia by Afghan soldiers and police...12 of 20 Pashtun interpreters ... had contracted gonorrhea from homosexual encounters.

"... Marines and soldiers ... have refused to work with Afghan military or police," said an anonymous military official, "It's not about homosexuality as much as it is about the young boys.. Some of the Afghans have their own young boys they use for sexual purposes ...creating a cycle damaging to boys and young men:

Pashtun boys face a ... experiences that mold their beliefs regarding sexuality as adults ... underpinnings of Afghan culture itself." Afghan women ... have complained about beatings ... from the inability ... to become pregnant and produce sons, highly valued in Afghan society.

...virtually all of the younger men who beat their wives (over their inability to become pregnant) had been ... "apprentices" of older Afghan men, who used them for their sexual pleasure. Upon ... marriage, whatever the men knew of sex had been learned during their "apprenticeship," ... the younger Afghans were **unfamiliar with the required mechanics for conception**.

... It may be the only time in the history of warfare that an army has been required to explain sex to the native population

While no one in Kabul (or the Pentagon) will admit it, the recent repeal of DADT may complicate the "sex ed" mission in Afghanistan. From the western perspective, there is a difference between relations among consenting, adult members of the same military, and young boys being traded into sexual bondage with older men. But the Afghans don't see it that way--and that may lead to problems down the road.

... the Pashtuns will accuse the U.S. of hypocrisy. Once they learn that "DADT" is gone, the Afghans will ask us: "Why do you discourage us from activity you condone?" ...

Obviously, Congress wasn't thinking about the Pashtun situation when it rescinded DADT in our military. But in our rush to grant equal rights to a very small minority, our elected leaders inadvertently created more problems on the battlefield. Go figure.

This year, both Groundhog Day and the State of the Union address occur on the same day. As the Associated Press has pointed out, "It is an ironic juxtaposition of events: one involves a meaningless ritual in which we look to a creature of little intelligence for prognostication while the other involves a groundhog.

Devil in the Details of DADT's Repeal Patrick Brady | December 27, 2010

With a stroke of the President's pen -- and after much wrangling on and around Capitol Hill -- "Don't Ask; Don't Tell" has been repealed. Now what?

Some say a retired military guy criticizing the military is like being a fox in the chicken coop. Retired military folks were never foxes in the coop but we do know the coop. Right now the coop keeper is a fox -- Robert Gates; perhaps wolf is more aphorismic. There has never been a coop keeper like this man. Before this fox is done he will have done more damage to the coop than any Secretary of Defense in history. He and Robert McNamara stand side by side in the gallery of military infamy.

Let's look at one of his multiple fiascoes, the repeal of military law prohibiting homosexual conduct in the military and the formation of a quad sexual force. (Although I heard rumors that bisexuals and transgenders will not be

allowed to join, which is insane since what they do sexually is no different than gays or lesbians).

Gates was a holdover from President Bush not only to support a new president sadly clueless militarily (confuses Corps with corpse and fails to salute the first new living Medal of Honor recipient since Vietnam), but to help the president keep faith with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

One of his first acts was to fire a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs general Peter Pace who, in support of the law, opposed legalizing homosexual conduct in military barracks, foxholes and communities. Gates then hired a fellow homophile, Admiral Mike Mullen who admitted knowingly flouting military law by ignoring the presence of illegal homosexuals. What if an emergency arose and blood was needed. I wonder if Mullen would accept a combat blood transfusion from one of his homosexual friends -- or allow it for a fellow sailor?

But Mullen Gates and Obama could not quad sexualize the military alone. They required a complicit media. If you ask any American if Homosexuals can serve in the military they will say yes but not openly. That is a lie. Until the law and the uniform Code of Military Justice are changed, Homosexuals cannot serve legally -- period. Yet virtually every media outlet says homosexuals will now be allowed to "openly serve."

President Clinton, after he was rebuked in his effort to change the military law prohibiting homosexual conduct, took the question on homosexuality out of the recruiting questionnaire thus propagandized the great media lie "don't ask, don't tell," which promotes dishonesty and confuses the issue. The 1993 veto proof law, passed by congress after Clinton's efforts, and after 12 legislative hearing and numerous field trips, declared homosexual conduct incompatible with military service. How could the military discharge someone who served legally even if surreptitiously?

Dishonesty marked Pfc. Bradley Manning's service. He is allegedly the source of the WikiLeaks scandal that has endangered lives and damaged national security and international relationships. Manning is a homosexual. Manning's homosexuality may have nothing to do with his alleged traitorous acts but his character does. Manning broke the law and lied to enlist and in so doing compromised his integrity. Dishonest people, people without integrity, become traitors.

The recently released Pentagon study on ending the ban on military service for LGBTs is also a fraud. Only the results favoring a quad sexual military were emphasized. Coverage of numerous military studies with the opposite result were mostly ignored. Where was it reported that 1167 retired general and flag officers support the ban on homosexuals as do some current Chiefs of services especially the Marine commandant? Why weren't the headline that the vast majority of our combat troops and Marines oppose a quad sexual military? The Marines may have been the most honest of all those surveyed because they knew their commandant had their back.

Let's see if we can put this study in perspective. The commander, President Obama, gives the order to take the hill. Now, he has in place a sergeant major who favors the attack, i.e. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, and a first sergeant i.e. Joint Chiefs Chairman, Mike Mullen, who does also. But the sergeant major decides that we should first poll the troops. Does anyone believe the troops will refuse to take the hill?

The study presented those polled with a fait accompli, not if but how. Amazingly, they never asked those polled if they actually favored repeal! Why? They said they didn't want the troops voting on policy. Excuse me. The whole purpose of the poll was to support a vote on policy subsequently jammed through Congress.

As a further tribute to the bias of this study, before it was released, Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick, The Army's personnel guru, in a bigoted statement, said Soldiers who morally oppose sodomy were bigots and if they oppose the new policy either get with it or get out. Mullen has said essentially the same thing. So much for careers.

Few Americans object to working with LGBT folks – an emphasis of the study, but most do not want to live with them. Forced intimacy is not an American favorite as we see in the outrage over pat downs in air ports. Intimacy is common, indeed, necessary in the military. Who wants to share showers, bathrooms and sleeping areas with those who see them as sexual objects (71 percent in the study oppose open showers)? Unbelievably, it has been reported that privacy concerns will be ignored. Rather than asking if our troops were biased against LGBTs in the workplace, they should have asked questions concerning forced intimacy, forced morality and the LGBT medical readiness issues.

Military communities are different. Try searching someone who enters a gated civilian community if you doubt that. Is the military OK with LGBT clubs on posts and near posts; and same sex couples in military housing? Do military families agree to their children being taught the goodness of same sex sex in on-post schools? Are they OK with forced morality at church? Imagine a gay pride parade at your post. I have seen them in San Francisco; no child should be exposed to one.

Many Americans may be OK with the civilian chain of command dancing together, i.e., Gates and Obama, but many Soldiers will have a problem if their commander is seen romancing another male at the O'Club.

Did they not know that once we legalize Sodomy in the Uniform Code of Military Justice (and this will have to be done to legalize a quad sexual service) we will have to do the same with Adultery? We know the evils of power in sex and military rank is power. Sexual harassment and fraternization, morale killers in a military unit, will not be definable.

Most egregiously, the military will have to be re-trained – and re-moralized -- before implementation since there will be zero tolerance for opposition to homosexual conduct. What does that mean? Soldiers will have to abandon their belief system? Are they serious? How do you re moralize Chaplains? Think draft.

We don't allow obese people to serve. Not because they are not patriotic and could not do a good job, but for health reason. Multiple studies document significant, and costly, health disparities in rates of disease and mental health among sexual minorities resulting in

loss of productivity (sickness), reduced life span, attempted suicide and substance abuse.

When will some brave media person headline the tragic health disparities in the LGBT community? An active homosexual cannot give blood. Soldiers are walking blood banks, vital in combat. Who would knowingly receive a transfusion from a homosexual? How can we put a person who cannot give blood on the battlefield? Women traditionally have not been allowed in direct combat. We may not even be able to deploy LGBTs to combat.

Nothing in the study cited benefits to readiness (24% in the study would leave or consider leaving); and, astonishingly, the logistics of implementation were ignored. The

military has a saying: Amateurs talk tactics, professionals talk logistics.

Consider just the logistics of privacy. Several American universities added special toilet units for transgendered people with privacy concerns costing \$2,500 each at one university. Extrapolate this cost to all the posts camps and stations of our military, the ships at sea and under the sea. Then add similar facilities for lesbians, gays and bisexuals. Considering the past price of military toilet seats, the cost could be a show stopper.

Amateurs did this study.

It's Not Just a Job

When a Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.
2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.
3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was, and in his heart, still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see, or choose to ignore, and will always look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life.

You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known. [Author unknown]

...and Submarine Friendship Goes a Bit Deeper

When you are looking sad,
I will help you to get drunk and to plot revenge
On the sorry bastard who made you mad.

When you are feeling blue
I will throw you down and try to dislodge
Whatever it is that's choking you.

When you smile, I will know that you are happy,
Always count on me to remind you,
That even little girls don't act that sappy.

When you are sick, stay the hell away from me
'till the germs in you have decided to flee.

When you are scared and distraught,
I will rag on you each chance I get,
Until I know you're NOT.

When you are worried, I'll be outlining
How much worse it could be—
Until you've stopped your whining.

When you are confused I'll try
To use only little words,
You poor simple guy

When you fall, I'll laugh at your clumsy ass,
but I'll help you up, just as if I had class.

You're not a debonair friend,
Tho' others' minds you might bend,
But whatever they may think,
I know you were born as a dink.

Now keep this straight,
You're cool and suave, you may think,
But I've known you shipmate,
Since the days when you really did stink.

This is my oath I pledge it to the end.
'Why?' you may ask;
Because you wear dolphins, my friend.

Friendship is like peeing your pants, everyone can see it, but only you can feel the true warmth. [Stolen/edited by RonG]





Voting apology: Some months ago, I tried to open a discussion that mirrors the history of the United States with regard to who should be allowed to vote. I erroneously said that, on the one hand, only those who were actively involved in Razorback activities should make decisions for the Association by voting; on the other hand, those who never attended functions (either because of finances or apathy) should not vote to dictate what the doers can and cannot do. A couple of guys responded fiercely, and I answered them in the same way. In re-reading what I'd written, I realized they were right: In the distance of time, I now realize that I hadn't said what was so clear in my feeble mind—my one hand and other hand were on the same arm. I am apologizing to them now in all sincerely. The question ought to be similar to one which has been often asked in the USA: Should only those who have served in the military and fought for their country (or who own land, or are literate, etc.) vote, or is voting one of man's unalienable rights? The corollary for the Association would be those who attend all the reunions, work parties, etc., vs. everyone who pays dues.

"Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul; ... especially whenever my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people's hats off—then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can."

---Herman Melville

New Uniforms: (stolen from Hogfish Scuttlebutt, RazuBase NL)

Come January 1, no more utilities for Sailors and wash khakis for Chiefs and Officers. The blue and gray camouflage Navy working uniform will be the working uniform for all ranks. E-6 and below could also get a reworked version of their dress uniforms later in 2011. Navy leaders hope to improve the function of the white-and-blue "crackerjacks". Proposed changes would make both versions easier to wear, with side zippers on the jumpers. The pants would have hidden zippers, making the 13-buttonflap purely decorative. The whites would look more like the dress-blue uniform, with piping added to the sleeves and back flap.

Razorback Association Members Birthdays October thru January:

Greg Stitz	10/3	John Cameron	10/20	Gil Rothweiler	12/3	Frank Davis	1/1
Bob Howard	10/12	Don David	11/2	Ted Dick	12/5	Maurice Barksdale	1/7
Calvin Rigg	10/12	Richard Delozier	11/4	Frank Garcia	12/6	Michael Kell	1/18
James Mason	10/15	Herschel Holtman	11/26	Marv Pastor	12/22	Bob Oppele	1/22
Devere Pyatte	10/19	Roger Lyle	11/30	Bob Dwinell	12/24		

Kodachrome [and Quartermasters] are now History By A. G. SULZBERGER

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PARSONS, Kan. — An unlikely pilgrimage is under way to Dwayne's Photo, a small family business that has through luck and persistence become the last processor in the world of Kodachrome, the first successful color film and still the most beloved. Kodak stopped making Kodachrome film in 2009. Dwayne's Photo will be processing the final rolls of it Thursday [12/30/2010]. That ...75-year run ... is scheduled to come to an end ... when the last processing machine is shut down ...sold for scrap. **Kodachrome: 1935-2010 [Quartermasters made it a few hundred years better.**

For the more adventurous of you old fogies: The next International Submariners Association ISA annual Conference will be held 23-27 May, 2011 (Mon-Fri) in Istanbul, Turkey: ***"The Turkish Submariners Association extends an invitation to our fellow Submariners and their guests from all around the world to attend the 48th International Submariners Congress in May 2011. It is our honour to share with you that in 2011, Turkish Submariners will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Submarine Service. You are most welcome to join the congress and explore this marvelous city, blessed with natural beauty, cross cultural prosperity and historical legacy of thousands of years' history.*** More info at: isausa.org (My life membership cost me \$20 a couple of years ago).

Housekeeping [Ed]:

Our Association By-Laws are currently being edited, a copy of which will be included in the next *Lobo* with changes indicated; this will be presented for vote at the next meeting in September. The revisions to date are predominantly clarifications; however Section B, quoted below, may require more discussion.

Section B: The officers will be elected at each reunion business meeting by the active members present and voting or by their appointed proxy. Officers will serve a two year term.

A couple of years ago USSVI had the members of one base grant their Base Commander their proxy votes, and while most large bases have a voting participation rate of under 30%, the block-proxy represented nearly unanimous agreement of that very large Base, and would have had significant influence on the final outcome. USSVI, for that reason, enforced their rule: no Proxy votes.

We may wish to consider doing the same, or allow each *present and voting* member ONE proxy vote.

In addition, we might to approve absentee balloting (written, signed votes sent to any Association Officer, and counted with the normal voting) if the contents of the vote reasonably represent the idea presented in its final form for a vote at the meeting.

The last issue contained a potpourri of voting topics for discussion in preparation for our next business meeting, but the only comments I received resulted in the apology above. I can only assume that you guys out there generally trust the current leadership to make these decisions. I fully agree, but there are still a couple of things for which we really need your input.

1. The USSVI National Convention will be in Springfield Mo Sept 5-11. It is time to start collecting names of those planning to attend. Anyone reasonably sure he will attend ought to let the staff know for planning purposes. Perhaps sister shipmates would enjoy sharing some combined costs like a Hospitality Room. Thoughts? Commitments? Volunteer USSVI organizer ?
2. if a minimum 20 R³ members commit, will the RazAssn front a Hospitality Room at the USSVI Convention, and should such funds be replaced in our Treasury as (and if) cash is received through added participation. If fewer than 20 commit?
3. During our Reunion in NLR (9/12-9/15) is anybody interested in a full-day trip to Memphis? The home of the Blues, birthplace of Rock & Roll, soul legacy and stomping grounds of greats Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Johnny Cash and the King himself, Elvis.
4. Working party will be scheduled for Sept. 16 & 17 – we had a blast last year.

One more issue of *Lobo* will be published prior to Sept, but it will be too late for some of the arrangements, so we desperately need twenty or more souls to commit to the USSVI reunion ASAP. How about R³ Honshus getting together too?

The prestige, privilege and burden of command at sea by R.L. Schreadley,

'Only a seaman realizes to what great extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landsman this is not understandable and sometimes it is even difficult for us to understand. But it is so!

A ship at sea is a distinct world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of fleet units the Navy must place great power, responsibility and trust in the hands of those leaders chosen for command.

In each ship there is one man who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one who ultimately is responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire, and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer. He is the ship.

This is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small; nevertheless Command is the spur that has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is a duty that most richly deserves the highest, time-honored title of the seafaring world ... CAPTAIN.'

— Joseph Conrad

The recent firing of the commanding officer of the USS Enterprise, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier, by chance coincided with publication in the January issue of the U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings of an article titled 'How Are the Mighty Fallen.' The article was authored by retired Navy Capt. Kevin Eyer, an officer with extensive command experience. In it he notes that as of midyear 2010 (when the article was written), 15 Navy commanding officers, six of them ship captains, had been relieved for cause.

'While the total number of ships in commission has continued to decline to what is now the smallest inventory of ships since 1916, the total number of ship C.O.s being relieved is steadily increasing year by year,' he wrote.

It used to be that ramming a pier, a collision at sea, or a grounding led to most firings of ship C.O.s (A story that then made the rounds was that after one such collision, the unfortunate captain deemed responsible was signaled, 'What are your intentions?' To which he replied, 'Buy a farm.')

According to Capt. Eyer, however, this no longer is the case: 'You can still get fired for collision or grounding. Not always, but sometimes. ... As for personal misconduct, one might also think that a given number of C.O.s, for example, are fired for alcohol-related incidents. Again, this is untrue. Even if alcohol is cited as a contributing factor, it is almost never the central issue. In fact, by far the main reason captains are being fired is for charges connected to fraternization, sexual misconduct, or reasons connected to either of these....

'Casual observers — those who have never served in a fully integrated ship's company — seem convinced that men and women can serve together in ships with utter disregard for one another's sex. That sounds ridiculous, because it is. It only sounds sensible to people so determined to make something work that they are able to discount fundamental human nature. Simply put, you cannot put men and women in a small box, send them away for extended periods of isolated time, and expect them not to interact with one another. They're like magnets put into a box and shaken — they stick. It is what has kept our species going for 250,000 years.'

What many have thought, but relatively few have had the guts to say!

Capt. Owen Honors, the relieved-for-cause, ex-skipper of the Enterprise, did indeed show appallingly poor judgment by appearing live on camera in videos meant to be morale boosters for men and women deployed too long, crews too often deprived of what the old Navy used to call 'liberty.' Though the videos aired three and four years ago, when Honors served as the ship's executive officer, it was not

until the Enterprise was being readied for yet another deployment to the Middle East that someone, as yet unidentified, made them available to the Virginian-Pilot, a Norfolk newspaper. Honors' firing came shortly thereafter, and his formerly distinguished naval career almost certainly has come to a less than distinguished end.

At least one other senior officer's head would seem to be at risk in this sad affair — the commanding officer of the good ship Enterprise when the videos were first aired, now a Washington-based admiral. For if command responsibility still means anything, he bears prime responsibility for the chain of events that led to his then executive officer's disgrace.

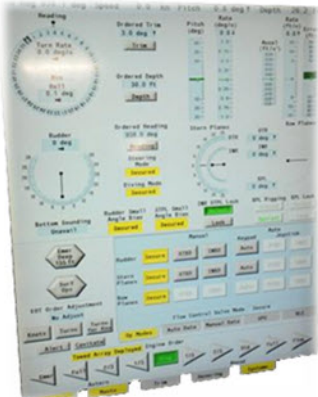
And speaking of responsibility for one's actions, I wonder how many of those now applauding Capt. Honors' relief from command (there have been no allegations that his conduct went beyond ill-considered buffoonery) have considered it in context with former Commander-in-Chief Bill Clinton's l'affaire Lewinski?

Clinton's transgression was by far more egregious than Honors', and it included what many then considered lying under oath.

What double standards are applied between those who wear their country's uniform and those who never did.

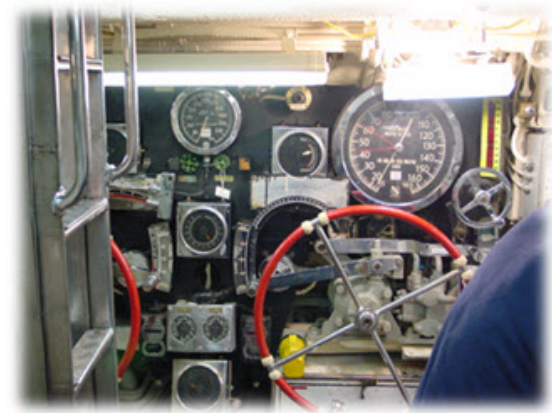
The former are shorn of command. Bill Clinton completed two terms as president of the United States and is now a most distinguished senior statesman.

Whoever said life was fair? (R.L. Schreadley is a former Post and Courier executive editor and a retired naval officer whose service assignments included three commands at sea.)



Looks to this old fart like whatever that is on the left needs some coxcombing and a couple of Turk's Heads.

"Hold your bubble, hell! I can't even find it!"



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Footnotes:

UQC –An underwater telephone (AKA *Gertrude*). Razorback’s voice call-sign was Lobo
NTINS –Now This Is No Sh*t. (As opposed to Nursery rhymes, which begin with ‘ Once upon a time...’)
TBT - Target Bearing Tracker (on the Bridge)



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