

SPECIAL APRIL 2007 MEETING
at
TENASKA VIRGINIA GENERATING STATION

Our regular monthly meeting for April was held at the Tenaska Virginia Plant in Fluvanna County on April 12th. Member Robert Mayfield is the Plant Manager and he invited the Base for dinner and a tour. Those who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the slide show Robert presented, found the tour very interesting, the food quite tasty and the camaraderie with shipmates and plant workers very enjoyable. All in all it was a top notch event and an evening to be remembered. THANKS ROBERT!



USS VIRGINIA BASE ATTENDEES

From left to right: Sanford Harvey (thanks for this photo Sanford); Guest (& prospective new member) Michael Cartwright; Host Robert Mayfield; Jim Lencalis; Thurman Register; Bill Hiesley; John Mosticone; Kenn McDermott (the tall one); Mickey Martin (the not so tall one); John Richard Wallace and Rob McNamara (Bill Wellner also attended but had to leave early and therefore didn't get in this photo - which was taken just before everyone left)

We also had four spouses attending - Della McDermott, Pat Lencalis; Barb Mosticone and Ruth Martin - which brought our total attendance to 16. Those who couldn't make it missed a wonderful evening (not to mention the nice gifts Robert presented to everyone)

The Tenaska Virginia Generating Station is an 885-megawatt (MW) natural gas and oil fired, combined-cycle electric generation facility. The facility uses state-of-the-art technology designed to minimize air pollution and maximize efficiency, generating electricity using the least amount of fuel. It includes three General Electric Frame 7FA gas turbines and one General Electric steam turbine. The Tenaska Team proudly serves the community, by cleanly and efficiently meeting the energy needs of the future.

Base Commander Rob McNamara led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, read the USSVI Creed and tolled the boats lost in April. Kenn McDermott passed out the new name tags to those present and asked John Mosticone to keep those not issued with his storekeeper items so members can pick them up directly from him. We had an informal discussion but did not conduct the full agenda of business. As a token of our appreciation for hosting this event we presented Robert with a USS Virginia Base ball cap with gold dolphins (our first to an "O" qualified member) and a USS Virginia lanyard for his new name tag.

Robert even arranged to have a reporter from The Central Virginian do a story on this meeting and he forwarded a copy of that published article to post on our web site, below

Tenaska hosts submarine veterans



Sanford Harvey (l to r), Michael Cartwright, Robert Mayfield, Jim Lencalis, Thurman Register, Bill Hiesley, John Mosticone, Kenn McDermott, Mickey Martin, John Richard Wallace and Rob McNamara.

By Nancy B. Miner

Plant manager Robert Mayfield and Tenaska Virginia Partners (TVP) in Scottsville played host to 24 submariners and spouses at a dinner and plant tour on April 12. The men, including Mayfield, all are members of the United States Submarine Veterans USS Virginia Base, an organization for sub-veterans in Central Virginia.

"A lot of the veterans [in the group] are from World War II," said Mayfield, who has 27 years' experience on submarines. "I have a lot of respect for them. There is so much history there."

The members are from all over Central Virginia and have served in a variety of engagements, including Viet Nam and the Korean War.

Normally, the group meets at various restaurants in Richmond, but Mayfield thought they would enjoy a tour of the state-of-the-art power generation station, since many of them have had experience at other facilities or with some of the same type of technology, including several men who worked at the North Anna plant.

"A lot of them retired back in the '70s, maybe early 80s. The plus to having them here for dinner was they got to tour the plant."

In addition, Tenaska employs 18 former Navy people – both surface and submarines – and Mayfield said everyone enjoyed "talking sea stories."

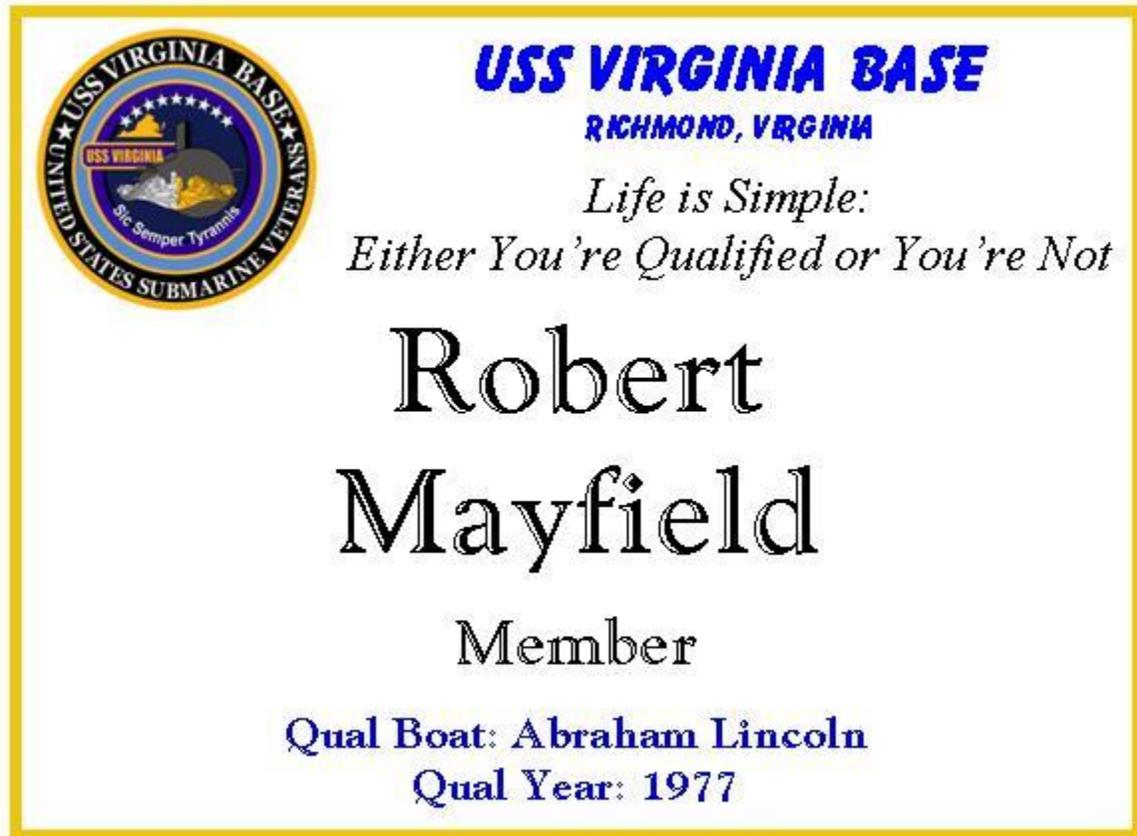
"The submarine community has changed so much in the last five years, never mind the last 20 years," he said.

The Tenaska plant is new technology, to some extent, so it was an opportunity for the men to learn about the latest developments.

"I'm sure they've seen North Anna, they've seen coal plants, but they've never really seen a gas combined cycle plant," explained Mayfield. "Everyone is always amazed at how big it is. The price to build North Anna was astronomical compared to the price to build this plant. We only have 28 people here, whereas North Anna has about 800. So, they were very interested in how we do it."

For more information on the USS Virginia Base, visit their website: <http://www.ussvirginiabase.org/>.

And finally, here's a sample of what the new name tags look like in case you didn't see the Adobe PDF draft version Kenn routed via e-mail prior to printing and distributing them at this meeting:



OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 10TH, 2007 BACK AT DENA'S RESTAURANT!!