USSVI Awards and Recognition Program 2008

The Submarine Veterans Awards and Recognition had a very busy year and four standing committees to make the selection of our shipmate for their recognition they richly deserve. The four standing committees and the Nation Commander had a very broad group of shipmates to select from. We had a total of 58 shipmates and 22 bases nomination for various awards.

One of the big reason we had so many nominations I believe is first we made the instructions clearer to understand, list the judges for the various committees and asked the Regional Directors and District Commander to “push” the awards this year. This really helped and we received some outstanding resumes for nominations.

All the awards will be announced at the annual banquet and will be present with a token of their accomplishment from the membership. Those not present will receive their award via the Regional Director or District Commander in their area as soon as possible.

First the awards winners:

Joe Nergi Award is: **Tim VeArd, Snug Harbor Base**

Ben Bastura Award is:

Greg Zonner, Razorback Base

Paul Wittmer, USS Springfield Base

District Commander of the Year is: T. Michael Bircumshaw, USS Scamp Base, WRD6 DC

Golden Anchor Award is:

Class II, Hampton Roads Base

Class III, Charleston Base

Meritorious Award (Base) is: Corvina Base

Meritorious Award (Shipmate) is: William "Bill" Lee, Lockwood Internet Base

Silver Anchor (Base) is: USS Florida Base

Silver Anchor (Shipmate) is: Bill Dornik, Mare Island Base

Robert Link National Commander’s Award:

T. Michael Bircumshaw, USS Scamp Base

C.J. Glassford of Scamp Base

Thurston (Huey) and Elaine Hahn of Redfish Base
Dick Kanning of Tarheel Base

Paul Kidd of Escolar Base

William “Bill” Lee of Lockwood Internet Base

Mark S. Patton, Capt, USN of Scamp Base

Paul Rice of Hampton Roads Base

**Bases**

Hampton Roads Base

Hoosier Base

Lockwood Internet Base

San Diego Base

The Newsletter awards were also improved over the previous years and there are some very unique newsletters this year. We had candidates in all three classes and next year the base class will be based on the new base membership numbers that will be for the bases. The following are this year Base Newsletter winners by class:

**Class I Small Bases**

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<td>2. The Hawaii Sub Vet</td>
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<td>3. Puget Soundings</td>
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Plaques will go to winners and Certificates in frames will go to two following awards and will be presented to the bases at the ABM on Saturday morning. Thank you to all the shipmates who put a lot of effort into this year’s award. BRAVO ZULU.

Paul Wm. Orstad

Awards Chairman