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Shipmates,

Please carefully read the statements made by the National Officer and Regional Director Candidates in this issue of the magazine. Your understanding of the issues, the candidates, and your VOTE will determine not only the immediate future of USSVI, but will impact on all that will follow for the next 46 years and beyond. I must take a moment to thank ETCM (SS) William (Bill) Fernstrom. He is a friend, a brother, and a tremendous Shipmate. Bill has been on board with me since I took over the American Submariner, five years ago from my good buddy, Jim Terrel. He has been the Treasurer of the Scamp Base and the Treasurer of the American Submariner and the Opportunity Drawing. Being Base Treasurer of a Base that is growing every day is challenge enough, keeping up with the finances of the Boat Sponsorship Program, and the Advertisers and the expenses of the American Submariner is pretty much equivalent to a Phd in Accounting. Bill has worked diligently and professionally while under extreme stress and the duress of having lost his home in the 2007 California fires, rebuilding his home, and now undergoing chemo and radiation for one of those dreaded throat things that get in the way of getting down any Lobster or Prime Rib or yelling at the Editor for any reason at all. (I’m thrilled to report that he is recovering nicely)

Bill is one of my heroes. He is a Mainiac (comes from Gray, Maine) and was one day amazed to discover that I belonged to the “Gray (Maine) Post” of the American Legion. Don’t you think that stirred up some serious discussion between us?

He has always been there for the American Submariner and USSVI... Bill gives special meaning to the word “Shipmate”. Thanks Bill, you’re the best!

Fraternally, Michael

T Michael Bircumshaw - National Editor & Publisher

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Shipmates,

Retired Submarines on Display: You and I care about these retired submarines because they are part of our personal history. They tell our collective stories and are a tribute to all the silent warriors of the United States Submarine force, both living and on eternal patrol.

For submarine sailors, there are no monuments to valor scattered on the ocean battlefields of the world. There is only the vast blue-black deeps where young men, now forever young, fought their last battle against an implacable foe. Now, all that remains are the memories of valiant deeds and heart wrenching losses.

Like silent sentinels scattered throughout our land, those museum submarines remain as testimonials to their valorous deeds. They also remind you and I of our common heritage, regardless of the time and place of our service. They bear witness to hard fought battles of the past and speak to the mettle of all those brave men who sailed in harm’s way.

WWII warriors like Silversides, Cavalla, Cobia, Drum, Pampanito, Bowfin, Torsk, Becuna, Cod, Croaker, Lionfish, Batfish and Razorback. Cold Warriors like Nautilus, Growler, Blueback, Ling, Requin, Clamagore, and specialty subs like Albacore, Dolphin and Marin.

I hope you will visit some or all of these magnificent beauties of our shared past. A walk through their crowded passageways will stir your pride and release proud memories of days gone by never to return again.

In most cases these naval museums operate on shoestring budgets where difficult decisions about maintenance must be made based on available resources, both in manpower and in dollars. In some cases you will be saddened when you see the deterioration and neglect some have suffered. Missing switches and valve handles, weathered paint and pitted hulls bear silent testimony to a lack of proper care.

Ask yourself, “What can I do to help preserve any of the museum boats?”

There is a dedicated cadre of willing USSVI subvets who live in the right places and have the time to devote some of their time to maintain these boats, and bless them for their dedication, but they represent a tiny fraction of our membership.

The rest of us can and must do more to protect our legacy, but when you live away from where a museum boat is located, or your health does not permit, what can you do?

One way to help is to financially support your shipmates who ARE contributing their time and talent in maintaining these grey ladies. Give to the Subvets Museum Boat Support Fund by sending your gift to USSVCF, PO Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383. Or, consider a bequest in your will. Either way, your gift is a charitable donation and our Memorials chair will see that it goes where it is needed most. Or, you can designate a particular submarine, if you prefer.

If you are one of the fortunate ones who live close to a museum sub, lend a hand and become a ‘docent’ (a fancy word for an expert guide) to explain for the visitors the rigors and reality of submarine life. The visitors will get far more out of the visit and you will enjoy the opportunity to buff up your sea stories. If your base has a cadre of volunteers that carry out work parties, get involved! These museum boats need your expertise and talent.

Not sure how to proceed but want to help? Visit http://www.submarinemuseums.org/ or contact me at householderp@comcast.net and I’ll steer you in the right direction..

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USS Swordfish had the first confirmed sinking of a Jap ship
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
YOUR LETTER COULD BE HERE!
BUT ONLY IF YOUR E-MAIL WORKS AND YOU USE IT!

Editor,
Could you poll your readers to see if anyone can tell me when Rig-for-Dive bills were first used on submarines. I need the info for an update to a technical book I’m co-authoring.

Thanks,
Jack Nicholas

This from USSVI Member Billy Roy Smith. Billy has no computer:
Dear Editor,
In volume 2010- Issue1 page 9 of the American Submariner O’Hagan Stein’s portrayal “The 26 Foot Level” reminded me of my experience in that very escape tank in “Spritz’s Navy” of New London, Ct.
This article was a little difficult for me to follow because of the “blowing”. In my experience of the towering escape tank in 1944, it was easy breathing with the “Momson Lung”. The harrowing part of the escape tank exercise was when the Boatswain’s Mate’s maneuvering of the amount of water allowed to come into the airtight space—especially when the water level began to raise up to your chest and got right up to your chin.
As I remember it, there were seven of us backed up against the bulkhead across from the boatswain’s mate at the water inlet valve. As the water level reached half way to our chins, the boatswain’s mate started reversing the direction of the incoming water. When the level of the water reached the bottom of the outer hatch the boatswain opened the hatch and pointed to two or our erstwhile flunkies and said, “You and you—out of the hatch”. He no doubt saw the terror in our eyes; and, upon our early escape to the outside, the outer hatch was closed and they were no longer using Momsen Lungs.
Perhaps someone can clue me in - eh? I left Sub School in July of 1944.
Billy Roy Smith SC 1/c USS Seafox and Flying Fish.”

Billy Roy,
I do not know when it changed exactly but I went through Sub School in 1960 and they were no longer using Momsen Lungs at that time. “Blow & Go” meant that you left the pressurized compartment and began to blow (and continued to do so all the way to the surface. If you stopped blowing one of the in-tank divers would grab you and throw you into a breathing space and then you got to do it all over again, from the bottom up.
The first run was a practice run and you did it again just for the fun of it. Everybody went through at least twice. The drill was for everyone to climb out of the tank and stand at attention while one of the instructors questioned us beginning with the query, “How do you feel?” On the day I qualified in the tank one of my classmates came up after me and his response to the questions was, “I feel fine!”. Upon being told that if he felt fine then why was his nose was bleeding?

His response to that was to pass out. He was neatly caught by two of the tank instructors. He did not qualify.
Best,
Editor

Dear Editor:
Volume 2010 - Issue 1 The 26 Foot Level by O’Hagen Stein
I am a Holland Club member and New London sub school class of 1957 and with USS Conger SS477 (and others). The 26 Foot Level article touched my heart and brought back memories that I haven’t had for 50 years. The linkage between that scary experience as a young trainee going through “The Tank” and then the life experiences surrounding the 26 foot level and Blow and Go was an amazing piece of writing and I will treasure it forever. How true this story is and I am sharing with friends and relatives to demonstrate how an experience as a young person and getting through it can become a pathway to moving past obstacles in life.
Thank you O’Hagen Stein
Fred Miller
Holland Club SubVets
Albany-Saratoga Chapter - New York

From: Barry R. Trosper <barrytrosper@sbglobal.net>
My first response to Women In Submarines was to offer a printed set of dolphins on this page in pink.
I came into Submarines when they were doing a transition from Fleet/Guppy to Nuclear in 1961. Many of my ‘Shark mates’ to this day are of the same understanding. So change, from the Bushnell, are no surprise to me. The Submarines of today are platforms of living standards I cannot imagine.
I would say Welcome to Women into the Submarine Service — Except that human nature being what it is — it would create jealousies between certain individuals that are normally taken care of when on shore and detract from their performance at sea.
I think the Navy has made a bad choice about this and should look at the Army problems in Iraq/Afghanistan about pregnancy and mixed troubles they have had and trying to equate it to a very lonely 3 months (in the case of you soft-belly FBM Sailors) to the continuous
duty of Fast Attack Sailors. Nevertheless, I think the best is yet to come. God Bless America.

Barry R. Trosper MM1(SS)

Mornin’ Master Chief,

Just a couple lines of comment about your response to those who don’t feel thanked enough for boat sponsorship........

I know it's been a long time, but both of us can remember that there was never a shortage of guys that needed extra stroking. Maybe their mom gave them plenty of attention, who knows? Bottom line for me is that I agree 100% with your position, “quit whining and be thankful our youngsters are still making the decision to become bubbleheads”. Looks like I don’t have any more tolerance for whining than I did all those years ago.

BZ Master Chief!
Bob Machen  L-4506

Editor:

I am sure that many of our members would enjoy peering into the future of our submarine force from this very well done documentary. Cut and paste the address below into your browser for a 46 minute program on the Virginia Class boat, USS HAWAII, that was aired on KHON TV in Honolulu. (It was an hour on TV with the commercials.)

http://www.phnsy.navy.mil/wmv/USSHawaiiPower.wmv

Dear Shipmates

I do not like to talk about things that did not happen but I must tell you about the Southwest 2008 combined caucus at Albuquerque that I had to cancel. When I cancelled the caucus, the Hilton hotel kept my $1000.00 visa card deposit.

I asked you, my shipmates to help me and many shipmates, Bases, and some regions responded. I received $1500.00. Because I was only out $1000.00 at the time I asked my shipmates where this money should go, and I received no firm idea where the money should be sent. I sent it to San Diego for their memorial. I had them list both groups as donors on the plaque.

In December 2009, the Hilton Hotel credited my Visa account with $1000.00. They did not say why and I did not ask. This money is your money, but I do not have individual information and I had no way to return the funds. Again I asked for help and ideas to disburse the funds. Because my shipmates could not give me a good organization for the money, I tried to think where the money would do the most for USSVI Membership. I knew the American Submariner was sent to all US Submarines that did not have a sponsor. I sent your $1000.00 to the American Submariner in your name.

I hope you all approve.

Charlie Brown CSCSS USN RET
US Submarine Veterans WWII New Mexico State Commander

Michael,

I am Larry Ziegler I am a former IC 2 (SS) on Swordfish (1966-1970). I would like to see if a web address for a forum page developed by Glenn Faus for former Swordfish sailors can be published in the next American Submariner. The site is listed below. It is a great location for us to communicate with each other and tell our stories. If you could assist me in this process it would be great.

Larry, as an old IC Man I think I can make this happen. Send me a blurb and I’ll get it in the mag.

Best,
Michael

Michael,

Thanks for the reply. To all former Swordfish crew. Glenn Faus a former Swordfish sailor developed and provided a forum site for us. The purpose of the forum is to allow former Swordfish sailors to inter act or communicate with fellow shipmates. We all share a common bond, the Swordfish. The forum is a central location for re-establishing friendships between the crew. The URL is provide below. If you have a new e-mail address please post it on the USSVI web site so we can contact you.

http://gfaus.gfaus.com/SSN579/

American Submariner Magazine
Attn: Michael Bircumshaw, Editor

Dear Michael,

When I recently read “It’s About Time” by Patrick Householder in American Submariner Magazine, I became very interested in Capt. Hunnicutt and decided to do some research on this very brave and valiant man.

What I learned is that he was married to Mary Lindley of Olympia, Washington and they had a son James L. Hunnicutt, Jr. With that information, we know that Capt James L. Hunnicutt was Capt. James L. Hunnicutt, Sr. and further learned that his middle name is “Littlejohn”, not “Lightfoot”, as appears in the article I refer to above.

Capt. Hunnicutt was born November 5, 1910 and died November 23, 1993 in Kitsap County, Poulsbo, WA.

Respectfully,

Mary Bentz  USS Grunion Family Search Team American Submariner Magazine

Editor,

Congrats on one hell of a convention in San Diego. Too bad we couldn’t have made a little more monies for all that work. Again CONGRATS.

Greg Batey

To the Editor,

Having had the pleasure of attending the USSVI convention in San Diego last September, I was delighted while there to make contact with fellow crew member, Ron Star, of U.S.S. Spot (SS-413) which was, in 1961-62, reactivated from mothballed status in Pearl Harbor for transfer to the Chilean Navy. Subsequently, I have been able to locate two officers who served on the reactivation and transfer crew. I would like to issue a call to any others of the approximately forty crew members of the 1961-62 crew and any crew members from the 1944-45 Spot crew who may be interested in the possibility of a reunion to contact me. Thank you.

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USS Barb SS-220 made 12 war patrols - sank 29 1/2 ships, 146,808 tons
Lost Boats Criteria

Counting the losses incurred by the US Naval Submarine Force and arriving at a firm number for use in memorial ceremonies, speeches, presentations and writing should not be difficult and the number should be easily agreed on. Such is not the case.

The actual number of US Submarines lost since 1900 (The beginning of the submarine force) is sixty-five (65). Of these, 53 have been lost during wartime and the remainder during the Force’s unending battle with the sea. For many years, the number normally used was 52. This has been the traditional number used since the end of World War II. It is useful to the discussion to understand where that number came from. This will establish the criteria for the counting of lost submarines.

In 1949, the Preliminary Design Branch of the Bureau of Ships issued a multi-volume work which formalized the “lessons learned” in ship design in World War II. This work detailed damage to selected submarines and listed “Depth Charge, Bomb, Mine, Torpedo and Gunfire Damage including Losses in Action”. The 52 submarines listed in the “Losses in Action” became the core listing for US submarine losses.

The criteria for what constituted a loss is generally straightforward. It included:
1. Submarines lost at sea by enemy action with or without personnel loss.
2. Submarines lost by stranding & foundering regardless of personnel loss.
3. Submarines lost at sea by collision with personnel loss.
4. Submarines lost for unknown reasons.
5. Submarines lost due to material or operational causes with or without personnel loss.
6. Submarines lost due to scuttling.

The period for actions for which a lost submarine could be listed in this report was that of the U.S. declared involvement in WW-II, 7 December 1941 to 15 August 1945. The portion of WW-II from September 1939 to December 1941 was not included even though we lost several ships including one submarine during this period. The list only accounts for submarines that were lost while under U.S. flag during the stated period. Using the criteria above and expanding the time to cover the entire history of our submarine force, a corrected total for our submarine losses may be obtained.

Sixty Five Submarine Losses since establishment of the U.S. Submarine Force. (53 in Wartime, 12 in Peacetime.)

It has been voted and accepted by the Board of Directors that for the purposes of official USSVI ceremonies, conventions, Memorial Day, Veterans Day or other National holidays that the Tolling of the Boats shall consist of the 65 recognized boats lost.
T MICHAEL BIRCUMSHAW  
NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER  
CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER

Shipmates & Brothers,  
Thank you for your Service to our country, and thank you for being a member of USSVI.  
I am asking for your consideration and seeking your vote for USSVI National Commander in 2010.  
In the first place, we are a “fraternal” organization; and what that means to me is that no matter what we do we should be doing it as “Brothers” and having fun doing it. If you are not having fun then we are not doing it right. As I recall, nobody parties longer, fights harder, plays with more joy, or gets the job done better than a Submariner; and I really like being a Submariner.  
On a more serious side; the words “Organization” and “Inc” mean that we are also running a “business” with more than 1.3 million dollars in our 2 corporations (USSVI & USSVCF) and I want to make sure that we run a business that is financially positive and growing and to insure that we, the “membership”, have fun while we do it.  
I have no illusions about the job as National Commander nor about getting the job done; it appears to me that it is what I have been studying for, training for, and working towards, for at least 54 years.  
It all started in ’56 at RTC, NTC San Diego as a High School No-Show - Seaman Recruit, working my way up to Chief Warrant Officer, serving on nine Naval vessels, the most important of which were six sea going Submarines; Diesel (SS-339), Fast Attack Nukes (SSN-588, SSN-590 & SSN-646), and FBMs (SSBN-601 & SSBN-620). I was COB on USS John Adams SSBN-620 from ’67-’70. I had tours as the Electrical Officer and Personnel and Admin Officer on the CM EF Flagship (AGF-3) in Bahrein, followed by a tour as a Department head on the Combined Staff of COMIDEASTFORCE (1972-1974). I retired as a CWO in ’76 as the Enlisted Personnel Officer at NTC San Diego and reverted back to EMCM (SS). I only managed to get in 17 1/2 years of Sea Duty.  
I received a Bachelor’s Degree in English & Psychology from the University of Maryland in ’72 and completed my Master’s studies in Psychology at UNC in 1977.  
I have owned and operated successful businesses in precious metals, business management consulting, newspapers, trucking, Motion Picture equipment sales, major item leasing, and am a certified Reverse Mortgage Specialist (Loan Officer). I am a Commissioned, #1869168, Notary Public for the State of California.  
Due to orders and such (and no working “Sea Daddy Program at the time) I joined Sub Vets on three occasions, twice being signed up by Joe Negri in ’64 and again in ’66 which honors me as a “Founding Member” of USSVI.  
For the past eight years I have been actively studying the USSVI Constitution & By-Laws and sincerely take the USSVI Creed to heart. I speak at Public Schools 10 to 20 times each year about Submarines and Submarine history.  
In 2007 I initiated a program that put tens of thousands of dollars into various Base treasuries. (Opportunity Drawing)  
I have served as your National Junior Vice Commander since 2008, which I see as a vital and necessary step in the ascension to National Commander since the heart of the administrative pipeline for USSVI is our Member Data Base. As Editor of the American Submariner and National Membership Chairman, I have worked with the Data Base every day since inception. I have logged on over four thousand (4,562) times making thousands of entries into the sytem. (Top 4 User)  
I am pleased to tell you that during my tenure as National Membership Chairman we have had the highest rate of new members in USSVI history, with 451 in this last reporting period alone.  
Please take a moment to look at my “credentials” listed below as I truly believe that future performance is directly linked to past success.  
I have either created or improved every job I have undertaken during my time of serving in USSVI.  
Should you choose to vote me in as your next National Commander, I have prepared a list of programs for your consideration that will increase our National Recognition, improve our tax position, bring in new members, keep more of the members already on board, make our national conventions more “Member Friendly”, assist and support our WW-II Sub Vet brothers as they close their Chapters and National organization, and development of a Long Range Planning Program that will insure the future success of USSVI through improved financial programs and significantly higher gifting and grants to USSVI, and the positive advancement of the Subvettes.  
I absolutely believe that the National Organization is here to support and assist the Members and the Bases, which is my priority. I am acutely aware that none of the honors and awards I have received could have taken place if you, the USSVI members, had not stepped up and done your part. I owe it all to my shipmates. If you have questions or solutions please call me Toll Free at 951-795-4315 or E-Mail me at EMCMSSCOB@yahoo.com  
My best to you and your families, Michael  

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2008: Robert Link Award  
2008: National District Commander of the Year.  
2008-2010: USSVI National Junior Vice Commander, Chairman National Membership and National Long Range Planning  
2007- Created “Sea Daddy” Program  
2007: Founded Bonefish Base & Trieste Base.  
2007: Founded Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program  
2006: Created “Opportunity Drawing” (Raised $140,000)  
2005-2008: USSVI Western District Six Commander  
2005-2010: National Editor American Submariner magazine  
2004-2007: Founded Scamp Base WD6- Base Commander  
2005 Life Member WW-II Sub Vets San Diego Chapter  
2005 & 2007: Chairman Base Commanders Group  
2002-2004: Membership Chairman San Diego Base  
2002: Life member USSVI, Life Member 11 Sub Vets Bases Life Member MOAA (President SW Riverside County Chapter), VFW, FRA, American Legion, AMVETS, DAV, ISA, Member NSL, NL  
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CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR
CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER

USSVI BELONGS TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The most important thing at this time is for USSVI members to vote for the candidate of their choice in the 2010 elections. USSVI belongs to the membership. Let your voices be heard.

Shipmates, I believe I understand the needs of our organization. I have served on Diesel Boats, an FBM and an SSRN during my 22-year Navy career, retiring as a CPO. I am a charter member of the USS Razorback Base and its first Base Commander and today I am the Base Chaplain. I have almost 4 years experience as a District Commander.

During my time as a DC, I took the opportunity to visit with many bases in the Central Region. I was the USSVI District Commander of the Year selectee in 2007. I was Chairman of the Memorial and Ceremony committee for 3 years. This gave me a good understanding of our Charitable Foundation and its various charitable funds and how they operate. I have been a Regional Director and voting member on the USSVI E-board for almost 4 years. I have been a voting member longer than any of the other Candidates for National Commander. This additional experience working with the National Officers and Regional Directors has been an excellent training experience, preparing me to serve as National Commander representing the USSVI membership.

Communications is a major problem in USSVI that needs immediate improvement. I hear most often from around USSVI, “our National Officers don’t listen to the membership”. I will work hard to improve the base communications with District Commanders, Regional Directors and National Officers. The first thing I intend to do if elected as National Commander, is contact each District Commander by phone and ask him to send me an e-mail, after he contacts his bases, and tell me what the base membership feels the USSVI officers and Regional Directors need to discuss to make the organization better for the members. I am going to send an amendment to the Amendment Committee which I hope they will approve, to add another member to the voting E-Board. This new voting member will be a National District Commander of USSVI that the District Commanders elect from the four candidates nominated by the Regional Directors every two years. A new District Commander of USSVI will be elected to serve on the E-board as a voting member every two years.

Retention and Recruiting are issues that need to be addressed if our organization is to grow. The Central Region has had the best retention record of Annual members in USSVI for the past two years. The District Commanders and Base Commanders working together and calling delinquent members was one factor which reduced our Region annual member loss. There were other interventions as well. I will appoint a committee comprising a District Commander from each region, with a chairman, to report their recommendations to the National Commander within 6 months. These recommendations will be submitted to the E-board for approval and, if approved, given to the NSVC to use in retention of USSVI Annual and MAL members in 2011.

I strongly believe that it is important for all USSVI bases to be active in parades and other veterans’ activities in their community. I would like to see every base in USSVI have an annual Tolling of the Boat ceremony and invite the public and other Veterans organizations to attend.

I feel we need a 5- and 10-year long range plan for USSVI. I will appoint a Chairman and a 5 member committee of USSVI members to present recommendations for long range planning within 6 months for consideration by the Eboard.

I would also like to see another committee of 5 Senior Officers of USSVI, including the NSVC, and 5 members of the rank and file to develop a major plan to raise funds for the Charitable Foundation programs that have been approved.

Recently, the board approved the establishment of a USSVI building fund. I would be in favor of having our own building if USSVI can raise the necessary funding to afford this project. I see this as a possibility 10 to 20 years from now. If funds for a building can be raised sooner than the board can address this at that time.

Shipmates the ideas presented above are not new. They have been discussed many times in the past by previous boards. I encourage all Base Commanders, base officers and base members to attend District and Regional meetings and share ideas and suggestions that could be of benefit to other bases in USSVI. Shipmates I’m retired and ready to work to make USSVI a stronger organization. If you feel I’m the shipmate to be the next National Commander representing the submariners of USSVI, I would like your vote.

Our organization’s purposes are summarized in three broad categories, Remembrance, Fellowship, and Compassion.

Fraternally,
Carl Schmidt CPO USN Ret.
Central Region Director
USS Razorback Chaplain
United States Submarine Losses

APRIL

USS PICKEREL (SS 177) - 74 Men on Board: Sunk on 3 April 1943 by Japanese Minelayer and Auxiliary Sub Chaser off Northern Honshu, Japan: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS SNOOK (SS 279) - 84 Men on Board: Probably Sunk, on 9 April 1945 by a combination of Japanese Naval Aircraft, Escort Vessel, Coast Defense Vessels, and/or Japanese Submarine in the Nansei Soto Area: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS GUDGEON (SS 211) - 78 Men on Board: Probably Sunk on 18 April 1944 by Japanese Naval Aircraft, Southwest of Iwo Jima: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS S - 49 (SS 160) Duty Section on Board: Battery Explosion on 20 April 1926 at Submarine Base New London, Connecticut: "4 MEN LOST"

USS BONEFISH (SS 582) - 77 Men on Board: Battery Fire and Explosion on 24 April 1988 While operating off the Florida Coast: "3 MEN LOST"

USS GRENADEIR (SS 210) - 80 Men on Board: Scuttled on 22 April 1943 after Japanese Seaplane Attacks Damaged the Boat the previous day, Off Penang, Malaysia: "4 MEN LOST" - 76 MEN SURVIVED POW CAMP.

MAY

USS BARBEL (SS 580) - 79 Men on Board: Heavy Seas on 1 May 1989 Three Sailors washed overboard from the Deck of the Submarine, While Operating off Kyushu, Japan: "2 MEN LOST" - "1 MAN RESCUED"

USS LAGARO (SS 371) - 85 Men on Board: Sunk on 3 May 1945 by Japanese Minelayer In the Gulf of Siam: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS GUITARRO (SSN 665) - Duty Section on Board: Sank on May 1969 Alongside Pier at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California: "NO LOSS OF LIFE"

USS SQUALUS (SS 192) - 59 Men on Board: Foundered on 23 May 1939 off the Coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Later Salvaged, Raised, Repaired, and Recommissioned, as USS Sailfish (SS192). Crew rescued by First successful use of Diving Bell. "26 MEN LOST - 33 SURVIVORS"

USS SARGO (SSN 583) - 95 Men on Board: Oxygen Feeder Line Fire and Explosion, on 14 June 1960, in After Torpedo Room. Blaze Extinguished by Submerging in Pearl Harbor, with Compartment Sealed, and After Torpedo Room Hatch Open: "1 MAN LOST"

USS BONEFISH (SS 223) - 85 Men on Board: Sunk, on 18 June 1945, by Combined Efforts of Destroyer Escort, and 4 Coast Defense Vessels, Off the Southeast Coast of Honshu, Japan: "ALL HANDS LOST"

JUNE

USS HERRING (SS 233) - 84 Men on Board: Sunk, on 1 June 1944, by Japanese Army Shore Battery. Off Matsuwa Island, in the Kuriles: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS R – 12 (SS 89) - 42 Men on Board: Foundered, on 12 June 1943, After Battery Flooded, While off Key West, Florida: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS SCORPION (SSN 589) - 99 Men on Board: Sank on 22 May 1968. Cause of loss unknown. Exceeded Crush Depth. Control and Engineering compartments imploded. Off the Coast of the Azores: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS RUNNER (SS 275) - 78 Men on Board: Sunk on 28 May 1943 by Causes Unknown. Possibly a Japanese Mine or Combined Air and Surface Attack off Northeastern Honshu, Japan: "ALL HANDS LOST"

USS S-27 (SS132) - 50 Men on Board: Grounded on Shoals, on 19 June 1942, off Amchitka Island. Crew abandoned Ship, and were rescued by PBY’s from Dutch Harbor: "NO LOSS OF LIFE"

USS O – 9 (SS 70) - 33 Men on Board: Foundered, on 20 June 1941, During Deep Submergence Tests, Off the Coast of New London Connecticut: "ALL HANDS LOST"
Shipmates,

My name is John “Gumba” Carcioppolo. I am running for the position of USSVI National Commander. I Qualified in Submarines onboard USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) in 1977. Additional Sea Duty Assignments included a second tour aboard A-FISH (SSN 678) as Leading CPO, USS BILLFISH (SSN 676) as Nav/Ops Dept Chief, and COB of USS DALLAS (SSN 700). Ashore I taught at Submarine School, BUPERS Washington DC as the RM Detailer, and as CMC of SUBASE New London. I retired from the Navy as an RMCM with 22 years in 1997. I successfully served in key leadership and management positions.

I joined USSVI Groton Base in 1984 and have been a continuous member since. I served as the Base Secretary from 1981 – 1984. Additionally I served as Base Commander 1998 – 2007, Co-founder and Chairman of the Base Commanders Group 2000 - 2001, Eastern Region Director 2006 – 2008, and Groton Base Commander again from 2009 to the present. I have worked on the C&B committee, and on the Joe Negri selection panel. I am a previous recipient of both USSVI Joe Negri Award, and Robert Link Award for leadership. Additionally I was nominated in 2007 for the National Spirit of Bob Hope Leadership Award. I am also a member of CYBERSPACE, Lockwood Internet, and Long Island Bases.

Enough about my past. You are concerned with what I will do for USSVI if elected as National Commander. What’s important to me is living up to the expectations of our purpose and our creed. “To perpetuate the memory” Remembering the sacrifices of our departed Shipmates, and camaraderie are the important foundations of why this organization was founded.

That’s what I believe in and what is important to me and what I believe is important to this organization. Unfortunately when conducting business within USSVI we sometimes drift far away from the principles that we are about. I’m not going to make promises to you about what I am going to change, or accomplish within the organization. Why? Because I can’t! As National Commander my job is leadership. It’s not my agenda that is important. It’s not my organization. It is YOURS! I have to work on what is important to the USSVI membership.

I believe in TEAMWORK, and there is no I in TEAMWORK. As National Commander I do not work alone. I am part of a team of elected and appointed members of this organization. My job is to work with that team. And to keep in prospective that the Team works with and for the Membership of this organization.

The primary element of my election platform is to work hard with the members of the USSVI Leadership Team including the BOD, District Commanders, Committee Chairs and Base Commanders on agenda items important to the membership. To make necessary improvements to “OUR” organization, while always keeping our creed and our founding principles at the forefront of conducting business. I intend to use my Leadership, Management and Communications skills in working with the USSVI Leadership Team, and the Membership to make USSVI the organization of choice for Submariners. This includes Submariners Past, Present, and Future. I hope you will give me the chance to help USSVI and vote John Carcioppolo for National Commander.

Sincerely,
John Carcioppolo

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**2010**

**MARCH**

DATE TBD USS IREX SS-482, Orlando, Florida Al Hahn 860-841-3156 hahns@rcn.com

**APRIL**

12-14 USS COBBLER SS-344 Charleston, SC Roger (Ramjet) Burleigh ST1/SS Cobbler344@att.net http://home.att.net/~goodye/

**MAY**

DATE TBD USS SEGUNDO cruise to Mexico Ken Owen kenowen1@cox.net 760-744-1771.

**JUNE**

7-11 USS TINOSA (SSN-606) Charleston, SC. Thomas Beach (843) 761-7134 thombeach@yahoo.com

**JULY**


**AUGUST**


**SEPTEMBER**

31-SEP: USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION. Ft Mitchell KY (Cincinnatti) See page 24..

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**REUNION PUBLISHING**

USSVI is, by the nature of its foundation, purpose and creed, interested in all Submariners, past, present and future. It is acknowledged that an individual’s loyalty and focus may be primarily directed toward the Boat or Boats that the individual has served on and it is recognized that the vast majority of non-career Submariners served aboard only one Boat. Due to that fact it is sometimes difficult to develop an interest in an individual to become a member of USSVI. However, it is a simple fact that all Single Boat reunions will someday come to an end, just as the Submarine Veterans of WW-II, will someday cease to exist. Within the creed of USSVI we are dedicated to the legacy and continuance of all Submarines and all Submariners. USSVI can only carry out its purpose and creed by bringing in new members, now, and in the future.

The **AMERICAN SUBMARINER** is the primary source of Submarine Reunion information and we need your help and assistance. The **AMERICAN SUBMARINER** is asking for your cooperation and information in consideration of your reunion information being published in the **AMERICAN SUBMARINER**.

In return for publishing your reunion information the **AMERICAN SUBMARINER** is asking for the Reunion Coordinator to furnish the American Submariner / USSVI with the names and contact information of all attendees at the respective reunions. The names and contact information will be used to send each non-USSVI attendee a copy of the most current **AMERICAN SUBMARINER** and an invitation to join USSVI.

Reciprocally, it is agreed that the names and contact information of all USSVI members who served on a particular Boat will be made available to any recognized Reunion Organization to be used only for contacting them in respect to a given Reunion.

Sincerely, T. Michael Bircumshaw - Editor

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**Globally speaking, you aren’t learning much when your lips are moving.**
Subject: – Report of Third War Patrol. (14 December 1943 to 10 February 1944). January 31 – 0634(K) Submerged. 1445(K) Saw 2 or 3 MARU’s move out to GARAPAN Anchorage indicating a possible departure tonight. Saw four MARU’s in TANAPAG. 1843(K) Surfaced. 1945(K) Radar contact on two targets bearing 355degT, distant 10,000 yards. Although the operator was in-experienced thought he would have picked targets up sooner if they were large enough to shoot. Maneuvered to get down moon from enemy and look him over. By 2025(K) saw that one target was an MFM AK and the other a nonde-script escort. Maneuvered to attack at full speed. The courses we had to steer made it necessary to close SAIPAN. At 2106(K) when SAIPAN was distant 15 miles she commenced challenging us by searchlight. Since the moonlight made the night rather bright, turned on the S.D. radar to detect air patrols after SAIPAN started challenging us. Noted interference. Apparently SAIPAN had picked us up by radar and thought we were the AK that we were making the approach on. This challenge kept up until we dove at 2132(K). Continued approach at radar depth. The camouflage job must be O.K. because we broached 3,500 yards from the escort and he did not see us in spite of the moonlight. Made remainder of approach at periscope depth. Enemy zigging between 140degT and 200degT. 2203(K) Took a single ping range and commenced firing three torpedoes from stern tubes on a 90deg port track, near zero gyros, six foot depth setting and a range of 2,100 yards. Swung left to fire remaining torpedo at the escort. Two torpedoes hit the target, one aft and one a little forward of the bridge structure. The enemy seemed to disintegrate and disappeared in about a minute. It was an AK of about 2,500 tons. 2206(K) Fired one torpedo at escort at a range of 1,000 yards, 50deg port track, near zero gyro and a six foot depth setting. Missed. Escort dumped a depth charge shortly after we fired. Started clearing vicinity submerged. Four more depth charges between 2209(K) and 2237(K). None close.

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Morale is cancelled until Liberty improves
Dear Shipmates,

Most members will not even recognize my name, yet here I am honored to be running for your National Secretary. I qualified in 1964 on old diesel boat and then served on a Boomer. So I know life in both worlds. It’s something that you never forget. We shared the same life.

USSVI is a good organization. I hedge saying great, because all organizations can do better. It’s important that we continue to look for ways to make our organization not just better but one of the preeminent veterans’ associations in our country. USSVI members should be proud to wear our logo.

In my regular job I facilitate two committees of representatives from around North America. This means that I set agendas, and act as their secretary. So I have strong qualifications to be your National Secretary.

I have a passion for our organization and spend hours with various duties between two bases, New Jersey South and LIB. I publish a newsletter; act as POC, membership coordinator, and Base Vice-commander.

I always ask why? We can always improve, if not you get stuck in the past.

If elected I will challenge status quo when needed to make USSVI better! Always improve!

Sincerely,
John Theotonio -
New Jersey South Base

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of National Treasurer in the 2010 USSVI elections. I have been a member of USSVI since 1997 and have served in a number of offices, including Base Commander for First Coast Base, Chairman of the USSV-CF Library Fund, National Secretary, Executive Director of the USSV Charitable Foundation and as your National Treasurer for the past two years. The learning curve for this position is a year or two and, I believe, it is in the best interest of our organization not to change National Treasurers every two years just when the incumbent has become proficient at the job.

I have extensive experience as Treasurer with several different organizations, including the BPOE (Elks), the Disabled American Veterans, National Order of Trench Rats and American Veterans Advocates.

I have successfully served in all of the offices that I have held and have continued on to serve in higher office in each of the organizations listed. I need your support in 2010 and ask that you vote to allow me to continue in the office of National Treasurer for another two year term.

Sincerely,

John Markiewicz
CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL TREASURER (INCUMBENT)

Richard McPherson, LCDR, US Navy (retired)

I am running for the office of National Treasurer.

I am a Life Member of United States Submarine Veterans Inc (USSVI), and currently serve as the Base Commander of the USSVI Los Angeles - Pasadena Base and President of the World War II Sub Vets, Los Angeles Chapter. Additionally, I am a Life Member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). I served in the Navy from 1963 until my retirement in November 1983.

I served aboard the Stonewall Jackson, Nathan Hale, Dixie, and Dixon added to which were staff jobs at SubRon15, ComCruDesPac, CincPacFlt, and the InSurv Board. My formal education includes all of the required CPA courses except the single semester computer course while enrolled in a PhD Program in Finance at National University in San Diego, California, when I decided on a career shift.

My combined education and experience has me accredited as a California and Utah state court qualified expert in complex cases including financials and contracts. In 1993 I was elected as Managing Director of GoodSmith & Co., Incorporated. Please read the reference letter written by the Founder and President (Paul Bent) of GoodSmith & Co., Incorporated.

I look forward to working with the other elected national officers of United States Submarine Veterans Inc., to serve our members and help grow the organization.

I have the time, interest and dedication to USSVI and the members of USSVI. I am married to Shawn McPherson and live in Laguna Niguel, California.
JIM DUNN
Candidate for Western Region Director (INCUMBENT)

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am Jim Dunn, currently Western Region Director. I have had the honor to hold this position for two years now, having stepped in when Dave Harnish left this post.

I started my Navy career on Diesel boats, including qualifying on the USS Gudgeon SS 567, Tiru SS 416, Pickerel, SS 524. I also served on Flasher, SSN 613 and finished my career on the USS Tautog, SSN 639.

I am a member of several bases here in Arizona and also belong to the VFW, DAV, Elks and the American Legion. Activities in my community include working on several committees including the Casa Grande Veterans Day parade, our Memorial Day services, as well as many other veteran activities. We are currently looking into forming Veterans Meeting Hall, for all our veteran organizations. I was active in the completion of our community’s ‘flag burning’ pit assuring proper disposal of our American flags. I serve on the committee that is responsible for looking into the building of a Veterans Memorial Park, here in Pinal County. This park will also include honoring submarine veterans.

I retired from the service after 23 years. I attended college at ASU, earning my under graduate degree in social work and my Masters in Psychology. After college I completed my career working in the medical field as a Care Manager, and therapist.

I joined USSVI in 1999 and have been active in various positions. I have had the privilege serving as a storekeeper, treasurer, base commander, District Commander for Western District 3 and 1 and I currently hold the position of Western Regional Director.

As a member of USSVI, I have served on the Scholarship committee, reviewing applications request. I have helped in the forming of several new bases here in the Western Region. My wife, Jean, and I have traveled extensively throughout the Western Region visiting bases and attending their functions including picnics, parades, and meetings. My time spent with these bases has been very helpful and a learning experience for me. My goal has always been and will remain to be, better and more open communications between all of us. I have been nominated to a second term as Western Region Director and humbly accept this nomination. I ask for your support. But mostly I ask that you VOTE, if not for me then for the candidate of your choice.

Once again this summer, Jean and I will be traveling throughout the west and look forward to visiting with as many of you and your bases as we can. It is always my pleasure to see the wonderful activities that you are doing and you make us feel so welcome.

I want to thank all of you for the work that you have done in making this organization the fine brotherhood that it is.

Fraternally,
Jim Dunn WRD

R.J. (ROCKY) ROCKERS
Candidate for Western Region Director

I have been asked to be a candidate for USSVI Western Regional Director by my shipmates that I served during my years serving as District Commander. I believe in doing my share, as all of us should do, in supporting USSVI and my fellow Submarine Veterans. I will plan on being a one term Director so that another Submarine Veteran, that I will try to select, will have the honor of serving their USSVI organization.

I joined the US Navy in January 1948 and retired in October 1967 as MT1SS

I served eight years in the Target Navy as an electrician, water tender, and engineman

I served twelve years in the Submarine Navy as an engineman and missile technician

I served on five Submarines. SS405, SS246, SSBN602, SS488, and SSBN628 After retirement I spent twenty two years at Lockheed Missiles and Space thru three missile generations in the Quality Control field. I joined USSVI in 1994 (after attending two conventions) as a lifetime member I served as District Commander 2003 thru 2008 I am a member of eight USSVI bases in the Western Region I was able to work with some great Sub Vets and organize four new USSVI bases I was awarded the District Commander of the year and the Robert Link award in 2006

I will do my best to support all Sub Vets and USSVI if/when elected.

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WAYNE STANDERFER  
Candidate for Central Region Director

- 2008 to present - Central Region D4 Commander
- 2008 to present - Dallas Base Commander
- 2005 - Dallas Base Vice Commander
- USSVI Life Member
- Holland Club Member
- Served on Constitution and Bylaw Committee
- Presently on the New Base Development Committee
- Married for 50 years to Jo Lynn Standerfer, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.
- Have implemented procedural and communication changes to the Dallas Base and CD4 in order to improve our effectiveness.
- Was fortunate enough to have been the Dallas Base Commander during the 2008 National Convention In Fort Worth which enabled me to meet many of you in person.

USSVI has evolved into one of the premier veteran’s organizations and requires virtually a full time commitment from its Regional Directors. They are the strongest link between our members and the National Officers which means they must keep an open mind, listen to the members in their region and work to make sure their concerns are passed along and followed up on. Being fully retired allows me to devote the time that is necessary to accomplish this.

I take great pride in who we are, what we have done and what we will do as an organization and feel confident that I can pass along my enthusiasm, organizational skills and ability to recruit and retain members to the Central Region.

Yours fraternally,
Wayne Standerfer

KEN RECOY  
Candidate for Central Region Director

Shipmates, family and friends –
Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Ken Recoy, and I am running for the USSVI Central Regional Director position, and I would sincerely appreciate your vote. I was born and raised in Creston, Iowa. I graduated from High School in Altamont, Kansas, and lived in Oklahoma from 1974 to 2005. I have traveled extensively throughout our great land; worked in Wisconsin and Illinois; I have family in Iowa and Michigan; and I now reside and work as a Senior Geologist in Kansas. I qualified on the USS Threadfin SS-410 in 1972, and I made 3 Patrols on the USS Nathanael Greene SSBN636. I was a Radioman and a US Navy Diver. My Bachelors Degree is from the University of Tulsa, and my Masters Degree is from Oklahoma State University. I am the Past USSVI Central Region District One Commander, and I am a Past USS Batfish SS-310 Base Commander, Vice-Commander, Secretary, Membership Chairman, and Storekeeper. I served on the Muskogee War Memorial Batfish Park Board of Trustees from 2000 through 2006, and I was the Chairman of the Board for 2005 and 2006. I am the current Treasurer and POC for the Batfish Base, and I maintain the Base Website as well. My lovely wife Patricia Ann of 30 years, and I are proud parents of 6 grown children and 10 grandchildren.

As the Past USSVI Central Region District One Commander I worked closely with USSVI leadership and area Bases, increased membership in District One, and was involved both directly and indirectly in the beginning stages of many ongoing successful projects still in the works today.

I am passionately interested in seeing our Organization grow and prosper, so we remain strong to carry on our Traditions, and “Honor Those That Have Gone Before.”

My promises to you are: As your USSVI Central Region Director I will work hard and give it my 100% to help you grow your Base, and reach out to those Submariners in your area that may need our help. I promise you that you will have a voice at the table at USSVI Board meetings. I promise you that you are important to me. I promise you our WWII Submarine Veteran Heroes are important to me. I promise you I will Remember Lost Boats. I promise you I will bring an “esprit de corps” mind set to our brotherhood. And I promise you I will honestly and ethically fight to the finish with every tool available to me to advocate for fair, open, transparent and honest elections in our Organization. Today is a new day, let’s all work together, embrace ideas and move forward with altruism in our hearts, to improve our Boat where everybody counts! Simply put, we can’t grow without You! My Cell phone number is 620-305-9900, and my email address is kenrecoy@aol.com. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank You! Fraternally yours, Ken Recoy.
Meditation

No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or of thine own were. Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.” (John Donne)

ETERNAL PATROL PREPARATIONS

Shipmates, while we hope your day and those of your shipmates is far off in the future, we must nevertheless prepare. Please copy this notice and place it with your will or important papers.

IMPORTANT

In the case of my death, please immediately notify the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978 and give the person on duty the information regarding my death, funeral, and burial arrangements, plus who they can contact for follow-up and support.

Please ask them to contact my local chapter’s Base Commander with this information as well (they can look it up in their membership records).

This information can alternatively be E-Mailed to the National Office at office@ussvi.org.

We ask you to do this because we have had many members pass away and for some, months & sometimes years, pass before your shipmates in USSVI hear about it.

I think we probably are still carrying some deceased LIFE or HOLLAND CLUB members on our membership rolls and we do want to properly honor all those who leave us for their Eternal Patrol.

If you have internet capabilities, there is excellent information booklet for your next of kin online at http://www.ussvi.org/Document_List.asp Open the “Shipmates Helping Shipmates” PDF, print it out, fill in what is needed and keep it with your important papers. It will be of great help to your survivors when that sad day comes, as it must.

If you do not have internet access, contact your local Base Chaplain or the National Office at 877-542-3483 to get a copy.

Thank you for your Service and Sacrifice.
parted on Eternal Patrol on 10/30/2010.
Shipmate Benjamin H Graef of Los Osos, CA, Qualified USS Blower, 1946, de-
parted on Eternal Patrol on 1/21/2010.
Shipmate William Harrison of Terre Haute, IN, Qualified USS Trutta, 1945, de-
Shipmate James Edward Haskell of Yuma, AZ, Qualified USS Sargo, 1943, de-
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Shipmate Timothy R Hermann of Manteno, IL, Qualified USS Scamp, 1943, de-
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Shipmate Loren W. Kohrs of Gales Ferry, CT, Qualified USS Trigger, 1943, de-
Shipmate Herbert Wilson Lewis of Akron, OH, Qualified USS Bluegill, 1944, de-
Shipmate James A. McCloy of Las Cruces, NM, Qualified USS Queenfish, 1948, departed on Eternal Patrol on 7/24/2006.
Shipmate Thomas A. McClung of Wichita Falls, TX, Qualified USS Queenfish, 1943, departed on Eternal Patrol on 3/25/2010.
Shipmate Edward Earl Montz of Metairie, LA, Qualified USS Sturgeon, 1944, departed on Eternal Patrol on 2/15/2010.
Shipmate Peter B. Nalle of Greenwich, CT, Qualified USS Whale, 1945, de-
Shipmate Edgar Richard Perkins of Idabel, OK, Qualified USS Dace, 1944, de-
Shipmate Paul Everett Perris of McKinleyville, CA, Qualified USS Bonefish, 1970, de-
parted on Eternal Patrol on 2/7/2010.
Shipmate George R Prince of San Diego, CA, Qualified USS Besugo, 1958, de-
Shipmate Henry J Schaldonat of East Windsor, NJ, Qualified USS Finback, 1945, de-
Shipmate Willie Scott of Brentwood, CA, Qualified USS Redfish, 1956, de-
Shipmate Michael T. Sipos of Saint Charles, IL, Qualified USS Torsk, 1952, de-
parted on Eternal Patrol on 1/6/2010.
Shipmate Norman Russell Snyder of Reno, NV, Qualified USS Pomfret, 1958, de-
parted on Eternal Patrol on 1/26/2010.
Shipmate Thomas J Sternburgh of Pendleton, OR, Qualified USS Volador, 1971, de-
Shipmate Joe Svatek of Kenosha, WI, Qualified USS Razorback, 1958, de-
Shipmate Wilbur Thirle of Lake Jackson, TX, Qualified USS Blenny, 1954, de-
Shipmate Charles R White of East Helena, MT, Qualified USS Cabezón, 1951, de-
parted on Eternal Patrol on 11/21/2009.
Shipmate Richard T. Zollweg of Laguna Beach, CA, Qualified USS Aspro, 1942, de-

Rest your oars, Shipmates.

135 Shipmates that we know about went on Eternal Patrol since the last edition of the American Submariner.
Have you called your Shipmates recently? What are you waiting for?

I know what you’re thinking from page 7. But this one is from Pennsylvania
2010 U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS NATIONAL CONVENTION
USSVWWII - USSVI

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky ~ August 31st – September 5th

Welcome to Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky

The centrally located and beautiful Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area is the ideal location for this year’s USSVI National Convention. The convention program will give you the opportunity to experience the best this area has to offer. Tours and events include a city tour, which will provide a wonderful overview of the area, a chance to visit a Kentucky Horse Park, try your luck at one of the local casinos, or dine at America’s first authentic Hofbrauhaus. Don’t miss the tour to the National Air Force Museum, located at Wright Patterson AFB; this is the largest aviation museum in the world. Enjoy a private paddle-wheel river cruise along the Ohio River, and a special tolling ceremony at the famous World Peace Bell. This will surely be a great convention, with many opportunities to tour and spend time with your friends and family. Don’t miss out, book early!

Hotel Information

The reunion officially runs from Tuesday, August 31st through Sunday, September 5th. You will be staying at the full service Drawbridge Inn which is located at 2477 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017-3599.

The room rate is just $95.00, plus tax per night. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available three days before and three days after the official reunion dates, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations NOW by calling the hotel directly at the following toll free number 800-354-9793. You may also book your hotel room on-line. Copy and paste the following link into your browser - www.drawbridgeinn.com then click “book online” on the home page and then “group reservations”. Your attendee code is SUBI. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. Make your reservations NOW, you may cancel your hotel room up to 24 hours prior to arrival and not be charged. Be sure to ask for the USSVI Convention rate. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or July 31st, 2010, whichever comes first. If you are coming in an RV, you must advise the hotel when making your room reservations (there are no hook-ups available at the hotel). There is limited parking available for RVs, it will be first come, first served basis.

Airport Transportation & Parking

Please note the hotel is actually located in Fort Mitchell, KY but if you are flying, Cincinnati Airport (CVG) is the closest. If you are flying to the convention, The Drawbridge offers a complimentary airport shuttle (call using the free courtesy phone in the Baggage Claim area before you pick up your luggage). For those of you driving, the hotel offers plenty of free parking.

Reunion info and a Reunion Roster will be posted on the internet at www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com

Travel safely and we will…..

See you in Northern Kentucky!
# 2010 U.S. Submarine Veterans National Convention

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>> Make On-line Reservations with a Credit Card at: [www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com](http://www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com)

>> Or, send this entire form with a check payable to:

Military Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Name (As you want it to appear on badge): ________________________________

Spouse: ____________________________

Guest(s): ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________

St: ____________________

Zip: ____________________

Phone: (Home) ____________________________

Phone: (Other) ____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________

Emergency contact during the reunion: ____________________________

Ph: ____________________

Qual Boat: ____________________________

Hull No: ____________________

Qual Year: ____________________

Number of individuals in your party that will require wheelchair/ADA Accessibility

**Reservations are due by July 31st, 2010.**

Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a $10 per person, late fee. Reunion info and a Reunion Roster will be posted on the internet at [www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com](http://www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com)

For information call 817-251-3551

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (PAs) FOR THE 2010 NATIONAL ELECTIONS

As required by the USSVI Constitution these PAs were submitted in the correct format and within the established time to be reviewed and approved by the USSVI E-Board for the 2010 ballot, which will appear in the next edition of the American Submariner magazine.

Please read them carefully, discuss them with your Shipmates as you see fit and vote on them as you see fit as an individual. This our only way of insuring that the direction and management of USSVI reflects the desires and intent of the membership. These are the “laws” of USSVI and our primary guiding document. The areas and words in “RED” are the changes to the document.

Terms and meanings: PPM - Policy and Procedures Manual, PA - Proposed Amendment, BOD - Board of Directors, HC - Holland Club, ABM - Annual Business Meeting,

Proposed Change (C1-10)

Change: Revise section 4 to Constitution Article VII regarding Holland Club qualifications, dues requirements, and continuity of the Holland Club Chairman as follows:

Section 4: HOLLAND CLUB

A. Any Regular Member in good standing who has been designated “Qualified in Submarines” for fifty (50) years or more is eligible to become a member of the Holland Club within the organization.
B. Holland Club members are subject to National and Base Dues to the same extent as other Regular Members of the organization. Holland Club members inducted prior to the effective date of this change (date) are ‘grandfathered’ and will continue to be designated as National Life Members, but they may be required to pay Base dues as per Base Bylaws.
C. Holland Club member’s membership cards will be appropriately stamped HOLLAND CLUB on the front.
D. The members of the Holland Club will elect Holland Club officers including a Holland Club Chairman who will represent them directly to the organization’s National Commander.
E. The National Membership Chairman (NJVC) will periodically review ALL MEMBERS for eligibility and initiate the admission process as Members become eligible, including notification to the National Office Manager
F. If the Holland Club Chairman position becomes vacant due to death, incapacity or resignation, the National Commander will appoint an interim Holland Club Chairman, subject to confirmation by the National Board of Directors, to serve until the next scheduled meeting of the Holland Club.

Purpose: Recognize that the purpose of Holland Club is to honor those men who have been qualified 50 years, rather than years associated with USSVI. Due to the increasing number of Holland Club members the dues change is necessary for our organization to maintain a sound financial position. The member’s dues status before HC induction shall remain the same after induction. Finally, a process is added to assure continuity of the Holland Club chairman.

Cost to the organization: This change will have a positive financial impact on USSVI, by halting the increase of non-dues paying members.

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer
Accepted by the E-BOD at the 2010 Mid-Term as Amended.
E-BOD recommends that the membership approve this change.

Proposed Change (C2-10)

Change: Amend USSVI Constitution to provide biennial meetings, conventions, instead of annual conventions, as follows:

ARTICLE XII – MEETINGS
Section 1. A National Convention will be held on even numbered years and shall be hosted by a Base.
A. Bases desiring to host a national convention must place their bid, in the form of a written proposal, four years prior to the National Convention they wish to host, for purposes of adequate planning. The written proposal must be submitted to the Board of Directors, via the National Senior Vice-Commander at least thirty days prior to the Base’s presentation to the membership for vote at the next Annual Business Meeting.
B. Should there be multiple bids; a vote will be conducted on the floor of the Annual business meeting to determine the Host Base, date and the location.
C. Should there be no bid by a Base, the Board of Directors shall have the option to host the National Convention using professional operatives.
D. The locations and time periods for National Convention sites may be pre-determined by the Board of
Directors to best meet the needs of the organization’s membership

Section 2. An Annual Business Meeting, open to all members in good standing, shall be held during the National Convention.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall meet immediately following the Annual Business Meeting of members and at such other times as the Board of Directors may determine.

Section 4: Regions and Districts may hold meetings as Regional Directors or District Commanders deem necessary.

Section 5: Local Bases must conduct at least one meeting per fiscal year to retain their Charter.

Section 6: All meetings of this organization, whether they are by Base, District, Region, or National will observe a moment of silence in memory of our departed shipmates.

Intent of the Author: The Annual Conventions are becoming a significant financial burden to the participants, especially since they must be held in large cities where facilities for a large convention are available. In addition, families wish the option of attending USSVI conventions AND attending other vacation plans at least every other year. The expectation is that Region and/or District Conventions, held in smaller cities where costs are lower, would serve our area shipmates to gather and renew friendships on the off years of the national convention.

Cost to the organization: Insignificant

Submitted by: Patrick Householder
E-BOD recommends:
E-BOD voted against the adoption of this PA, ABM is necessary for business and annual social interaction of the membership is too important to eliminate.

Statement for: The author submitted the PA because, in several surveys to the members, by an overwhelming majority, the sentiment was to hold conventions every other year in sync with National Elections.

Proposed Change (C3-10)

Change: Amend USSVI Constitution, Article XI, Section 2 to provide Voting Privileges on the Board of Directors to the recipient of the District Commanders National Award, as follows:

Section 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)
B. The Board of Directors shall have the control and general management of the affairs and business of the organization.
C. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the National elected officers, the Regional Directors, and the District Commanders, the immediate Past National Commander, the President of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Commander of the Holland Club.
D. The only members of the Board of Directors with voting privileges are the National elected officers, the Regional Directors (RDs), the Immediate Past National Commander (IPNC), and the most recent recipient of the USSVI District Commander’s National Award as of the date of the meeting, or the runner-up for the USSVI District Commanders National Award in the event that the most recent recipient of the award is already a voting member.
E. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for cause by two-thirds (66 2/3 %) vote of the Board of Directors. (C2/06)
F. Duties of the Board of Directors shall include but not be limited to all normal business that the board takes care of in the routine management of the organization. It shall also include approving those appointments the National Commander and others shall make. The National Secretary will receive reports for distribution from all committees as specified in the bylaws, and will receive and present to the Board for approval the operational manuals that the committees may choose to create. Such manuals must be approved by the board before they are released to the membership. Special care will be taken both by the committee and the board to ensure that such manuals do not supersede or contradict the Constitution and Bylaws of the organization.
G. Regardless of cause, a replacement for a voting member may be appointed from the general membership by the National Commander, providing that the member appointed meets all the requirements for that position, or the sitting officer next in seniority, or the vacated duties may be absorbed or distributed between the remaining members as the Board of Directors approves.
H. No member of the Board of Directors with voting privileges shall have more than one vote.

Cost to the organization: The additional expenses for the added person to travel to the Board meeting(s).

Intent of the Author: Although District Commanders are currently on the Board of Directors, they have no vote. This change is intended to provide District Commanders with a more direct and influential voice into the affairs of USSVI by providing one voting membership to the Board of Directors.

Submitted by: Carl Schmidt & Dick Kanning
E-BOD recommends that the membership approve this change!

Proposed Change (B1-10)

Change: Amend USSVI Bylaws, Article VI to add a Disciplinary Committee as follows:

Section 20: Disciplinary Committee
A. The Disciplinary Committee shall be a Special Commit-
A. Upon receipt of an allegation, considered credible by the National Commander, that a Member’s action(s) was contrary to the Purpose and Creed of the USSVI Constitution and constitutes malfeasance of official duties or brings discredit upon USSVI, the National Commander will appoint and convene the Disciplinary Committee and provide an appropriate budget for its deliberations.

B. The Disciplinary Committee shall review the facts alleged and related documentation. It has the discretion to interview any persons who are believed to have knowledge of the situation and to review additional documentation as the Committee may judge to be relevant. The accused member shall be afforded the opportunity to confront his accuser and to present his version of the situation and any mitigating factors. Interviews may be via telephone or in person at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee. The use of email for communications and providing documentation is encouraged.

C. The Disciplinary Committee will consist of 3 regular members in good standing who, in the judgment of the National Commander, have the experience and judgment appropriate to handling disciplinary matters and who are not parties to the situation to be reviewed.

D. The Disciplinary Committee shall review the facts alleged and related documentation. It has the discretion to interview any persons who are believed to have knowledge of the situation and to review additional documentation as the Committee may judge to be relevant. The accused member shall be afforded the opportunity to confront his accuser and to present his version of the situation and any mitigating factors. Interviews may be via telephone or in person at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee. The use of email for communications and providing documentation is encouraged.

E. The Disciplinary Committee shall render its judgment in writing. The Committee may clear the subject Member, determine that the Member’s action(s) does not warrant disciplinary action, or it may determine that the allegation is accurate and warrants disciplinary action. Discipline is at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee and may range from a reprimand to a reprimand to removal from elected office or expulsion from USSVI.

F. A Member that receives discipline has the right to appeal the judgments of the Disciplinary Committee and the disciplinary action to the USSVI Board of Directors, which may reverse or affirm the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee. The USSVI Board of Directors may also revise the disciplinary action to increase or decrease the severity of discipline. The decision of the USSVI Board of Directors is final.

G. Records of the Disciplinary Committee shall be held by the National Secretary for at least 3-years.

Intent of Author: To provide a formal and established process to review allegations of wrong doing and to hold people accountable for such actions.

Cost to the organization: Negligible.

Submitted by: Dick Kanning
Accepted by the E-BOD at the 2010 Mid-Term as written.
E-BOD recommends that the membership approve this change!