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"The USSVI Submariner's Creed"**

**To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.**

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**News Brief**

1. **Next Meeting:** At 1300, third Saturday of each month at the Knollwood Sportsman's Club, Rondout, IL (near Lake Bluff). Guests always welcome!
  - a. NOVEMBER 21
  - b. DECEMBER 19
  - c. JANUARY 16, 2010
2. Duty Cook Roster:
  - a. November – Glenn Barts, Sr.
  - b. December – Volunteer(s) needed
  - c. January - Volunteer(s) needed
3. USSVWWII Greater Chicago Chapter **Invitation:** Please extend an invitation to all Base members for our Annual Christmas. Dec. 19th. Silver Stallion Rest. Lee & Algonquin, DesPlaines, IL; 11:30 AM; Beef & Chicken served family style. Hope you can join us. Bob Krautstrunk
4. We want 100% renewal rate for **dues** this year. Crash Dive annual dues letters have been mailed to all members; dues are waived for our WWII members. Please renew your membership so we can keep everyone on the roster.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes October 17, 2009

1. Attendees
  - a. Clay Hill
  - b. Chris Gaines
  - c. Martin Salvador
  - d. John Moody
  - e. Frank Voznak
  - f. Pete Almeroth
  - g. Frank Walter
  - h. Larry Heckelsmiller
  - i. Larry Warnke
  - j. Bob Fleck
  - k. Joe Chevere
  - l. Dave Cribbins
  - m. Herman Mueller
  - n. Kep Preble
  - o. Brett Basara
  - p. Greg Miller
  - q. Glenn Barts, Sr.
2. The meeting was called to order at 1302 by Clay Hill followed by a the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
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4. Clay presented patches to new members Greg Miller and Brett Basara.
5. The Secretary's Report was given by Chris Gaines. Dave Cribbins moved to accept; Glenn Barts seconded; vote was unanimous.
6. Treasurer's report given by Clay Hill; checking account \$1772.28 and shares account balance \$1173.69. Jim Wilkins and Tom Oker asked about their checks for the Ball so we are investigating. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Frank Walter seconded, vote was unanimous.
7. Old Business
  - a. Ball financial review deferred pending investigation into possible missing checks.
8. New Business
  - a. 50-50 winner Joe Chevere won \$50
  - b. Clay Hill led a discussion regarding a letter from shipmate Skip Weingartner and our draft reply.
  - c. Other volunteers who deserve Certificate of Appreciation:
  - d. Rita Fleck;
  - e. Jeff "Boats" Spiewak
9. Dues
  - a. Leave annually at \$15
  - b. Can pay multi-year at the annual rate
  - c. Any interest in life membership – no
10. Christmas Dinner Planning
  - a. Food
    - i. Bob Fleck spoke with caterer; no proposal ready; previously spoke of \$20/person for sliced beef, chicken, another meat, 3 or 4 sides, rolls butter, dessert and all settings; Will e-mail a proposal to Bob;
  - b. Entertainment
    - i. Freddy and Lorrie; Waiting for a reply
    - ii. Estimate 40-50 people
    - iii. Probably do not need live music
  - c. Facility
    - i. Larry Warnke reported that the room plus the adjacent pool talbe room can hold 125 people
    - ii. No microphone available
    - iii. let Gus know if we have any special liquor requests

- such as wines or Scotch and he will purchase it; strictly open bar;
- d. Estimate attendance at 40-50
- e. Great Lakes Base will have a potluck at its December meeting. We could have a potluck here. Larry Warnke and Dave Cribbins suggest using the kitchen here to do the meats – spiral cut ham, meatballs, etc.
- f. Glenn and Frank went to Gordon Food Service (GFS) where they priced 22 pounds of beef plus juice is \$58.99; chicken 10 pounds \$35.99; fish sticks 3 lbs \$6.29; pulled pork \$18 scalloped potatoes 4.5 pounds \$9.00; then potluck salads, appetizers, and desserts. Sheet cake at GFS 48 for \$16.50. Club beer \$2.50, wine and mixed drinks at \$3, soda and water \$1.
- g. Toys for Tots – bring a toy that Crash Dive donates to the Marines
- h. Summary:
  - i. Get food (meat, side dishes, potatoes, sheet cake) from GFS
  - ii. Potluck for appetizers and desserts
  - iii. Larry and Dave will take care of the decorations
  - iv. Boom box for music
  - v. Do invite Great Lakes and Chicago base
  - vi. Mention on invitation that limited to first 100 people
  - vii. Print simple tickets that include a serial number
  - viii. No outside alcohol allowed

- ix. Should have door prizes in lieu of a gift exchange
- x. 50-50 proceeds for USO support
- xi. Each couple to bring something for a Toys for Tots collection
- xii. KSC has its own party; no need to invite them to our meeting
- 11. Election of Officers will be held at the November meeting
- 12. Good of the Order
  - a. Joe Chevere
    - i. Asked for \$25 donation to offset Veteran's Day celebration at his school;
    - ii. Invited us to attend; Academy of our Lady, 510 Grand Avenue, Waukegan; let Joe know for access and security; wear vests and hats; Veteran's Day; Nov 11; 0800.
    - iii. Larry Warnke moved and Bob Fleck seconded \$25; unanimous
  - b. Frank Voznak noted that he and Glenn Barts presented at NJROTC on Gatos at Wheeling HS.
    - i. Good to seek out other opportunities for similar presentations at schools per Clay to involve ourselves in community activities.
    - ii. Pete Almeroth said local district Wheaton Warrenville kids stay in school on Veteran's Day; vets groups give presentations and flag raising.

- c. Casimir Pulaski Post VFW in Winthrop Harbor offers dinner for all veterans; Sheridan Road November 7; starts at about 1700; everyone invited
- 13. Duty Cook for November is Glenn Barts
- 14. Next meeting November 21
- 15. Glenn Barts moved to adjourn; Frank Walter seconded; vote was unanimous; meeting ended at 1442.

## Lost Boats

USS Albacore (SS-218)	11/7/44
USS Growler (SS-215)	11/8/44
USS Scamp (SS-277)	11/9/44
USS Corvina (SS-226)	11/16/43
USS Sculpin (SS-191)	11/19/43

## USAA Expands Coverage

Submitted by: Scott Jaklin

Dear Senior Chief Jaklin:

**I hope you agree that all men and women who have honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces deserve to do business with a financial services company that understands their unique needs, appreciates their service and does the right thing because it is the right thing to do.**

Your USAA Board of Directors believes so, and I am very pleased to let you know that USAA membership is now open to anyone who has honorably served in the U.S. military.

Starting with our first eligibility expansion in 1923, the USAA family has grown by embracing an ever-larger

portion of America's active duty, retired and separated military members. Each time, we have been careful to ensure that USAA has the financial strength, the staff and the technology to maintain our high standards for exemplary member service, competitive pricing and value. Opening our doors today to all veterans who have honorably served, regardless of dates or length of service, fulfills our mission and leaves no one behind.

If you know veterans who honorably served but haven't become USAA members, please share this news with them by clicking on the "Share USAA" button so that they may know the value of USAA and, by joining, their spouses and children can enjoy the benefits of membership as well.

Sincerely,



**Josue (Joe) Robles Jr.**  
Maj. General, USA (Ret.)  
President and CEO

## Haircut

The XO of the Kitty Hawk put this out with the POD one day. What he did not say was that a Captain's Mast you would pay \$100 for you next hair cut which a MAA would take you to. It worked great because the problem went to zero.

HAIR

Hair grows just about everywhere on the male human body. Some places it grows thicker than others. For the most part, for most people, most of hair grows on the head--usually the top of the head but also around the mouth and chin. Hair has little functional value. It acts as an insulation for the scalp and may offer some protection for the outdoorsman who declines to wear a hat. In many ways hair has negative value. If it gets long and dirty, it can itch and become a home for crawly little beasties. It may drop into your soup, fall into your eyes and impair your vision or, if long enough, get caught in machinery. Hair has some interesting properties. If you cut it, it doesn't hurt, won't bleed and will probably grow back again. Hair, really then, hasn't much value. Yet there it is. And, human nature being what it is, when we have something of little functional value we tend to invest it with great ornamental or psychological value. A case in point is the female breast. Years ago before baby bottles and formulas, the female breast was a most functional and essential piece of equipment--at least one (preferably two) was needed to feed the baby. In those days women went to great lengths to cover and flatten their breasts. Women who had huge breasts were considered "cow like" and unattractive. As science marched forward and babies became bottle fed, the female breast declined in function and increased in ornament. Bigger was better. And so it seems with hair--the more the better. Hair on the male head has another unique psychological trait. It seems to convey an instant identification--long hair, free spirit; short hair, reactionary middle class; sloppy hair, sloppy habits, sloppy morals; neat hair, straight thinking, clean cut. Now of course this instant evaluation about a person's character and his hair style is a bit silly, especially in this day and age with just about everyone wearing his hair any way he wants to. Nevertheless there are still a lot of people who do just that--judge people on their hair style. This is particularly true overseas, where many foreign cultures put a great deal of store in hair style reflecting life style.

Let's talk about hair in the military. From the command viewpoint it would be a lot simpler if nobody had any hair. Think about it. Hair, or the lack of it, doesn't make you any better an engineer, plane captain or air crewman. If there were no hair there'd be no smelly heads, no hair in your soup, no need for barber shops and GLORY BE no traffic tickets from the MAA. But there is hair--on the head and on the face, and even though it gets cut off periodically, it still grows back. Therefore something has to be done about hair, for even though, as I've mentioned, it has little practical value it has OH SO MUCH personal value. It is a man's crowning glory--that portion of his anatomy that he is the most proud of--or at least that portion which he can display in public. So what to do about hair? If we shave everyone's head--why that's an affront to one's personal dignity and self image. If we never cut any hair then we have a shaggy, unsanitary and unsightly group resembling the Neanderthal Man. Somewhere there is a middle ground. And that's what the Navy grooming standards are--a middle ground where a man can establish his identity in his own individual hair style and still present a neat, comely appearance.

Why are grooming standards important? Let's review that for a while. The very fact that an individual joins a group and puts on a uniform indicates that he has voluntarily surrendered SOME of his individuality to become part of the team. I don't care whether its a basketball team, a football team or a bigger

team called the United States Navy. By wearing the uniform you are telling the world you have accepted the rules and regulations of the team in order to participate in the game and for the privilege of wearing the uniform. When you wear the uniform correctly, smartly and with pride you're telling the world something more--your personal integrity is involved, you're deeply committed to the game, you're one hell of a player. Personal grooming standards are as much a part of wearing that uniform properly as shined shoes and a clean white hat. Unfortunately the opposite is also true. The sloppy sailor is saying he's part of the team because he can't find anything better to do, he goes along with the regulations but he'll see how many corners he can cut and he'll put as little effort into his job as he can get away with. His appearance usually reflects the quality of his work--and his conformance to personal grooming standards is a good quality indicator.

Let's get back to HAIR. From time to time I've received complaints that the MAA force was being arbitrary in issuing traffic tickets. In a few instances I might agree--but for the vast majority of cases the tickets were well deserved. The hair cut chit is not popular with anybody--you who receive it, me who says keep passing them out and, believe it or not, the MAA force who hate to issue them. So I tried an experiment this past week. No haircut chits were issued for seven days. The first two days of this week-long experiment the barber shops were empty. Yesterday the week was up and the traffic chits began to be issued again. Using the SAME GROOMING STANDARD criteria SIX times as many chits over normal were issued over the past 24 hours, and the barbers are doing a landslide business. I'm not surprised at the outcome of the experiment but I had hopes of being pleasantly wrong.

The purpose of this entire dissertation is to present to you, intelligently, the rationale for enforcing Navy grooming standards. For most of KITTLY HAWK crew this entire dialogue isn't necessary. These are the men who realize that personal grooming is a personal responsibility and act with the foresight and maturity that makes them the pride of KITTLY HAWK. For some of the crew I hope this "enlightened leadership" approach will have its effect. For that portion of the crew that may think this whole idea is nonsense I will direct the following remarks. Conformance of KITTLY HAWK crew members to Navy standards for personal grooming, hairstyles in particular, is of singular importance to me. Those personnel who fail to comply with published standards will be afforded the opportunity to appear before the Commanding Officer at Captain's Mast.

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## Teen History Collector

Submitted by Carl Schmidt

I received this e-mail today from John Barr Membership chairman USS Razorback Base. This is a young man that has taken on an awesome project to remember veterans.

Central Region District Commanders and you might consider in your next Base Newsletter to the bases in your district or Region newsletter, to consider mentioning the project that this 19 year old male is doing. He is a resident of the Central Region living in Ohio.

Directors, this is for your information.

Carl

Subject: RE: Ohio Teen Remembering Veteran's Stories

Kyle -

Guess you got our e-mail addresses off the website for our submarine veterans organization. I forwarded your e-mail to the curator of the museum here in North Little Rock where the USS Razorback is on display. Can visit that website at <http://www.aimm.museum/>. Can read a lot of interesting material there.

Your interest is appreciated, especially as it pays honor to so many by someone so young.

John

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Ohio Teen Remembering Veteran's Stories  
October 14, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello! My name is Kyle Nappi. I am a 19-year-old freshman at The Ohio State University and I live in Ostrander, Ohio. I have a big interest in history, specifically WWII and I collect military medals, patches, badges, insignia, field gear, and a very unique thing: veteran autographs. I have a collection of autographs from military veterans who served during WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, and the present war in Iraq/Afghanistan.

My interest in history has spanned for nearly 8 years now, and I have collected the autographs, stories, and memorabilia from nearly 3,000 veterans throughout the world. They range from combat veterans, POW™s, fighter pilots, Medal of Honor recipients, D-Day veterans, the last veterans of the WWI generation, and veterans from various other nationalities â€“ German, British, Canadian,

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Japanese, Australian, Italian, and so on.

In 2008, I was interviewed by the American Legion for an article that appeared in their August magazine. Here is an internet link to the online article, which helps explain my collection:

<http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/publications/newsletter/story?id=635>

There have been several other people have taken the time to post my request. I've been featured on PBS, BBC, various radio talk shows, and in newspaper articles throughout the world. There are too many for me to list, but if you go to Google or Yahoo and search "Kyle Nappi" you can find most of them.

I put an extensive amount of time and energy into my project, which often times keeps me very busy. A normal day includes receiving letters in the mail, responding to E-mails, fielding phone calls, responding to things I receive, sending out letters to numerous veterans, locating/finding addresses, reading/researching, writing up letters, translating the letters (for those foreign veterans), and so on – some might say it is almost like a job, so to speak (which amounts to a lot of postage, ink, paper costs, etc),

I have also managed to visit grounds that bore witness to some of America's bloodiest battles of the Civil War – Wilson's Creek,

Antietam, Pea Ridge, and Gettysburg. In addition, I was on a trip to France that was sponsored by my high school. One of our stops was Normandy coastline, where I saw Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, and The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. It was quite an experience and one that I will never forget.

There are so many people, especially my age, who do not seem to fully understand the magnitude about the veterans and what they did for our country. We not only need to thank them for their service to our country, but also ensure that they are not forgotten. I have received letters from veterans who thank me for what I am doing and that it is unfortunate that so many people tend to forget these stories. I want to make it known that I am committed to their generation(s) to help ensure that their legacies never fade away and that their stories live on.

Eventually, I would like to publish some of my work and stories that I've obtained in a book. I think that it would be a compilation of various stories and experiences that veterans have shared with me. So I am considering that possibility for the future.

So, I see my collection as a way of remembering the stories of our veterans to ensure that they are never forgotten. It has been a rare honor for me to hear of these veterans' heroic acts and how

that helped defend our county. We must always remember the veterans of our country and what they have done for us. They must not be forgotten.

My main purpose for writing is to share that there are people from my generation who do remember the past and the sacrifices that were made for our country. I would greatly appreciate it if you could pass the word around that there are people who remember, along with the information about my collection.

In March of 2008, I was able to meet Frank Buckles at the Pentagon, through an invitation I received from the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Buckles is the last surviving American WWI veteran, out of nearly 5 million that served. Before long, the

WWII veterans will dwindle down (nearly 1,100 die each day), and we must not only remember their stories, but also the ones who did not come home. "All gave some, some gave all."

Thank you very much for your time and may God bless America.

Sincerely,

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**Print Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Your Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Base desired:** Crash Dive, Great Lakes, IL

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**Print their address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date first enlisted (MM/DD/YY) :** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ **Date Discharged (MM/DD/YY):** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
**Retired**    Y    N    **Total Years of Service:** \_\_\_\_ **Highest Rate/Rank:** \_\_\_\_ **Year Qualified:** \_\_\_\_  
**Qual Boat:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull #:** \_\_\_\_ **Year(s)** \_\_\_\_ **Rate/Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other Boat:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull #:** \_\_\_\_ **Year(s)** \_\_\_\_ **Rate/Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please place additional boats on a separate sheet of paper and attach to form.

Upon completion, give this form, including your National and Base membership dues to the appropriate base officer, or mail to: Crash Dive Secretary, Clayton Hill, 195 Clover Lane, Cedarburg, WI 53012-9150; PH: (262) 377-8997

Upon receipt by the Membership Coordinator of this form and your National and Base membership dues, you will be entered on the USSVI roll and you will receive a welcome aboard letter and the bimonthly magazine "American Submariner".