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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. DECEMBER 19
  - b. JANUARY 16, 2010
  - c. FEBRUARY 20
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
  - a. December – Larry Warnke and Frank Walter
  - b. January – Chris Gaines
  - c. February – Clay Hill
3. **We want 100% renewal rate for dues** this year. As of this publication date, 21 shipmates have yet to pay and seven of them also owe National dues. Call us if there is any way we can make this easier for you. Please renew your membership so we can keep everyone on the roster. We want you back.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes November 21, 2009

1. Attendees  
Clay Hill  
Chris Gaines  
Glenn Barts, Sr.  
Herman Mueller  
Joe Chevere  
Pete Almeroth  
Terry Elmeier  
Steve Grimm  
Frank Walter  
Scott Jaklin  
Larry Heckelsmiller  
Dave Cribbins  
Greg Miller  
Larry Warnke  
Kep Preble  
Bob Fleck
2. The meeting was called to order at 1302 by Clay Hill followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
3. The Secretary's Report was given by Chris Gaines. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Frank Walter seconded; vote was unanimous.
4. Treasurer's report given by Clay Hill; checking account \$1772.28 and shares account balance \$1173.69. Larry Warnke moved to accept; Glenn Barts seconded, vote was unanimous.
5. Old Business
  - a. Ball Financial Review deferred pending response of 11 attendees whose checks/money orders totaling \$1930 did not reach

- the bank. One item is a money order for \$390 that may not be recoverable.
        - b. Clay has Holland Club presentations for John James, James Weingartner, and Teddy Wilkison that he strongly prefers to present in person rather than sending by mail. Attempt to contact and invite to Dec. 5 dinner but we may resort to an alternate plan.
        - c. Christmas Dinner plan:
          - i. 5:00 Cash bar and appetizers
          - ii. 6:00 Presentations (HC and certificates of appreciation)
          - iii. 6:30 Dinner
          - iv. 7:00 Social
        - d. Bob Fleck moved to hold the regularly-scheduled meeting on December 19 rather than hold a business meeting at the Christmas dinner; Chris Gaines seconded; vote was unanimous
        - e. Scott Jaklin moved to donate the USO money to an airport because that is where he used the USO. Frank Walter seconded; unanimous. Selected the USO at O'Hare Airport.
        - f. Herman volunteered to take Toys for Tots to the Marines collection point.
        - g. Bob Fleck will provide some boxes for collecting the toys.
6. New Business

- a. Joe Chevere won the \$45 in the 50-50. Glenn said that the USS Chicago Base has a regular 50-50 and then a second drawing for a free meal for a person at the next meeting.
- b. Election of Officers and Appointment of Volunteers
  - i. Consensus is to ask for volunteers rather than take nominations.
  - ii. Bob Fleck moved to have two-year terms Dave Cribbins seconded; vote was unanimous.
  - iii. Two-year term implementation will be staggered with the commander and treasurer elected today to serve two-year terms while the vice-commander and secretary to serve one-year terms.
  - iv. Commander volunteers – Clay Hill. Clay is approved.
  - v. VCDR volunteers – Bob Fleck. Bob is approved for a one-year
  - vi. Treasurer volunteer: Glenn Barts. Glenn is approved for a two-year term.
  - vii. Secretary volunteer: Chris Gaines. Chris is approved for a one-year term.
  - viii. Chief of the Boat – Larry Warnke
  - ix. Historian – Frank Voznak, Jr.

- x. Chaplain – Glenn Barts, Sr.
- xi. Storekeeper – Herman Mueller
- xii. Newsletter – Chris Gaines
- xiii. Membership – Chris Gaines
- c. Webmaster –
  - i. There are two separate Webmaster functions; one is for the membership database and one is for the public content.
  - ii. Scott Jaklin volunteers to help get ours running and then turnover. John Moody and Bob Fleck, both of whom previously volunteered, are the committee with Scott and are to report back with concepts and costs.
  - iii. Joe Chevere registered [www.CrashDiveBase.com](http://www.CrashDiveBase.com) during the meeting.
  - iv. Scott Jaklin moved to spend up to \$125 to register our name and open an account at GoDaddy.com; Dave Cribbins seconded; vote was unanimous.
- d. Library project - Bob Krautstrunk collects books that are displaced from libraries when the collection is updated and arranges for their transport and distribution to veteran's facilities in Manteno, Hines and North Chicago. He wonders if Crash Dive would participate in

- sponsoring a program to send books to Iraq and Afghanistan and possibly the USO at O'Hare and Midway airports. Conceptually, we agree with Bob Krautstrunk's library project; Chris Gaines is to ask Bob for numbers – what would it take to support his suggestion.
- e. Clay mentioned Operation AC that sends trees to the troops. Asking for help in the form of donations. Herman Mueller moved to donate to send three trees as a group; Larry Warnke, seconded; vote was unanimous.
  - f. WWII members who are new to USSVI – Chris Gaines moved to pay for Life Membership from base funds for any member of WWII who wants to join Crash Dive; Frank Walter seconded; vote was unanimous. Current applicant Walter Murray will be the first to benefit from this new policy. Chris Gaines will contact Walter to explain his status and immediate induction into the Holland Club.
  - g. Ball 2010 Lake Lawn proposal received by Bob Fleck. The Ball will be our premier agenda item for December meeting. Date is April 10, 2010. Scott recommends pursuing Lake

Lawn. Also under consideration is the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc as well as Illinois Beach Resort.

7. Duty Cook
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8. Good of the Order
  - a. Joe Chevere mentioned Veterans Day; event went really well and was greatly appreciated.
  - b. Herman has a Float Fund for \$10 get a six-pack of Torpedo Juice (root beer); bottles are numbered for a \$10,000 raffle. Proceeds benefit the Great Lakes Base's submarine float.
9. Next meeting December 19, 2009 at 1300, Knollwood Sportsmans Club.
10. Larry Heckelsmiller moved to adjourn; Glenn Barts seconded. Adjourned at 1457.

## Lost Boats

USS Capelin (SS-289)	12/2/43
USS Sea Lion (SS-195)	12/10/41
USS F-1/Carp (SS-20)	12/17/17
USS S-4 (SS-109)	12/17/27

## Tidbit of Naval History

The U. S. S. Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months

of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores , arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England . In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland . Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The U. S. S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, **no rum, no wine, no whisky**, and 38,600 gallons of water.

## Preying on Names of Veterans

Submitted by Kep Preble

The other day, I received a cheesy t-shirt & a "green" tote bag from the National Veterans Foundation. Of course, they wanted money. They had \$12 circled & a statement, "This would help in time of war!"

Because of all of the scams that surface this time of year, & because they claim to be a big help to veterans, I checked it out. According to the BBB, they refuse to be rated for the charitable giving side of the BBB. They wouldn't give them any information about how the operation is run.

Charity Navigator hasn't rated them yet. It will no doubt be bad when they do - provided they get information from them. Don't let the name difference fool you! According to BBB they used the name below, but now they are using the National Veterans Foundation. As the Nash dealer back in Devils Lake, North Dakota, use to tell my dad when the new Fords came out, "Same old whore, just a different dress!"

Did a couple of other searches & this is what I found:

According to the Secretary of State of the State of Washington, the NVVF is a bona-fide charitable organization. HOWEVER, for the fiscal year of 2006, it delivered \$97,548 worth of services, roughly 8% of the \$1,249,154 it took in.

Clearly there are more effective ways to donate money to veterans. They call widows of veterans and will not stop even if asked. They call and call and call.

It is pretty clear that these folks are nothing but thieves. Just because they have a 501(3)c rating doesn't mean a thing. I plan on forwarding this information to all of the veteran's organizations I belong to & to all of the folks on my mailing list. It is time to clean the ranks of those that prey on the feelings that we all have for our veterans.

You can do what you feel good about, but I do urge you to let all of the vets & widows of vets know they are dealing with low life road kill scum.

V/R  
Ken Caye, STCM (SS), USN, Ret.

## **DD-214**

It's official; DD-214s are NOW Online.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain

access to their DD-214s online:  
<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment or any other purpose. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.



## USSVI Scholarships

Your USSVI National Scholarship Committee invites all eligible high school seniors and attending college students to request a USSVI "Sub Vet" Scholarship application.

Request for Applications will be accepted by the Scholarship Chairman up till March 15, 2010.

They must be in his hand or postmarked no later than that date.

The completed "Sub Vet" Scholarship application must be mailed postmarked or arrive prior to 15 April 2010.

Go to [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) and click the "Charitable Fund" button, then the "Scholarship" button.

Open the attached document for a program overview.

[http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Scholarship\\_Notes\\_2010\\_Scholarship\\_Pgm\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Scholarship_Notes_2010_Scholarship_Pgm_Announcement.pdf)

## Japanese supersubs from WW II found

By Thomas H. Maugh II  
TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

U.S. researchers said Thursday they have located the remains of two high-tech Japanese submarines that were scuttled by the U.S. Navy off Hawaii in 1946 to prevent the technology from falling into the hands of the Soviet Union at the beginning of the Cold War.

One of the vessels was the largest non-nuclear sub ever built and had the ability to sail 11/2 times around the globe without refueling. Called the I-14, the behemoth was 400 feet long, 40 feet high, and carried a crew of 144. It was designed to launch two folding-wing bombers on kamikaze missions against U.S. cities such as New York and Washington, D.C., although the end of the war prevented such attacks.

The second was an attack submarine called the I-201, whose design foreshadowed the sleek submarines of today, and which was thought to be twice as fast as any American subs. It never fought in the war either.

"In their time, they were very revolutionary," said retired Col. Robert Hackett, a military historian at CombinedFleet.com, a collection of information about the Imperial Japanese Navy. He was not involved in the find.

The two subs are among five that were captured at war's end and brought to Hawaii, then sunk off Oahu after U.S. technicians had discovered all their secrets.

Terry Kerby, operations director at the Hawaii Undersea Research Lab, a University of Hawaii research center funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said the team was put in contact with Charles Alger,

who was chief mate on the crew that sailed the I-14 to Hawaii.

Alger, who died recently, filmed the sinking of the ship for U.S. naval intelligence. When he played the footage for Kerby's team, researchers were able to use landmarks on the shore to locate the approximate site.

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## I Remember

From a Vallego (SSBN658) shipmate of Clay Hill

Shipmates,

One can only say; "Thanks for serving your country and doing it with dedication and pride!"

Here's to us, one and all  
Who heard the message and  
answered the call  
To break away from the old  
mainstream and live our lives on a  
submarine.

Sub School gave us the chance to  
pass the test

To declare that we were The Best of  
the Best.

When we left New London with orders  
in hand

We all headed out on different  
courses for distant, faraway lands.  
Some went East coast some went  
West

But no matter where you ended up,  
your first boat's the best.

You reported on board not knowing  
what to think

But now you're known to all as a nub  
and a dink.

You learn about Tradition and learn  
about Pride,

You learn about Honor and the men  
who have died,

You learn about the heritage that's  
been passed on to you

Because now you're considered one  
of the crew.

You study that boat from bow to stern  
From the conning tower to the bilges,  
it's your duty to learn

Where and what makes that boat go,  
how it operates and in what direction  
it flows

How to charge those batteries and  
keep them alive or how to rig the boat  
for dive

Draw those systems fore and aft, blow  
the shitters, Check the draft

These are duties that you must glean  
when you live your life on a  
submarine

When you've learned all there is to  
know about your boat

You show 'em you know it, by your  
walk through vote

You go before the Qual Board, card in  
hand

Where they question and grill you to  
beat the band

And when you think you can take no  
more

They tell you to wait just outside the  
door.

For what seems like eons, Time  
stands still

And when they call you in, you feel  
quite ill!

But they congratulate you for doing so  
good

And welcome you into their  
Brotherhood.



Right of passage declares that you  
must drink your "fish".  
And the tacking on process is not  
something you wish  
But you wear those dolphins on your  
chest with pride  
Because down deep in your heart,  
you know you're Qualified.  
It seems like yesterday, it seems like  
a dream  
That I truly lived on a submarine  
Most Boats are gone, a memory of  
time  
I wonder what happened to that crew  
of mine?

The Old Boats that are left, are all  
museums  
And even if you rode 'em, you have to  
pay admission to see 'em.  
So here's to us, those that remember  
Who rode the boats out in all kinds of  
weather  
To those past, present and even the  
future  
To those young, hardy lads who still  
love adventure  
So let's lift our glasses and have a  
toast  
To the memory of those daring young  
sailors and their undersea boats.

### Crash Dive Base Contact Information

**Commander** – Clayton Hill, 195 Clover Lane, Cedarburg, WI 53012; 262-377-5332 (work number) or [bisi@ameritech.net](mailto:bisi@ameritech.net)

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**Chaplain** – Glenn Barts, Sr.

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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular Life Associate

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With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish further proof of my eligibility for Regular or Life membership, including an Honorable Discharge and U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by proper authority.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Name:** (Print /Type) \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Your E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

The Dues year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Please indicate your choice of option: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nat'l Dues:** 5 Yr dues: \$ 90.00; 3 Yr dues: \$ 55.00; 1 yr dues (Jan-Sep) \$ 20.00; (Oct thru Dec + 1 yr): \$ 25.00  
**Nat'l Life:** 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 = \$200; 56 thru 65 = \$ 300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00  
 Base/chapter dues is separate and additional. Crash Dive Dues \$15 annually.

**Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?:** (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate Applicant is: Veteran Spouse of Veteran Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA (New Members/Updates/Changes)

Please provide the information requested below. This information will be retained in the National and/or Base Database. Individual Bases may request additional data for their specific use only.

**Date Of Birth** (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **If other military service, What Branch?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Rate/Rank Attained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mil Retired (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_ **On Active Duty? (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_

**YR you entered Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YR you left Service** \_\_\_\_\_ (Include any reserve time as well.)

**Qual Boat:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Qual Date (MM/YY)** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Boats:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouse or other Next of Kin: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Addr:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Leave this line blank if the same as your home address)

Applicants serving on active duty are requested to provide a permanent address through which they may be contacted.

(Continue on back if necessary)

Upon completion, give this form, including your National and Base membership dues to the appropriate base officer, or mail to: Crash Dive Secretary, Chris Gaines, 513 W. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60506; 630-892-5718  
 Upon receipt by the Membership Coordinator 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 quarterly magazine "American Submariner".