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**Lest We Forget —  
"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 1200, third Saturday of each month at the Knollwood Sportsman's Club, Rondout, IL (near Lake Bluff). Guests always welcome!
  - a. AUGUST 21 – CORN ROAST AT REGULAR MEETING LOCATION – LARRY WARNKE AND DAVE CRIBBINS HAVE DETAILS
  - b. SEPTEMBER 18
  - c. OCTOBER 16
2. Duty Cook Roster:
  - a. August – KSC Corn Roast
  - b. September – Dave Cribbins
  - c. October – Put your name here!
3. USSVI elections are here. Add your voice by **voting**. Crash Dive encourages every member to do so. Polls are open until August 24.
4. Join your shipmates from Crash Dive at the **USSVI Convention and WWII Submarine Veterans National Convention**, hosted by Cincinnati Base, August 30-September 6 in Covington, KY, just across the river from Cincinnati.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes June 19, 2010

1. Attendees:
  - a. Clay Hill
  - b. Glenn Barts, Sr.
  - c. Frank Voznak
  - d. Herman Mueller
  - e. Joe Chevere
  - f. Dave Cribbins
  - g. Greg Miller
  - h. Pete Almeroth
  - i. Frank A. Walter
  - j. Richard Behnke
  - k. Brent Basara
  - l. Terry Elmeier
2. Meeting was called to order at 1203 by Clay Hill followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
3. The Secretary's Report was given by Clay Hill. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Frank Voznak seconded; vote was unanimous.
4. Treasurer's report given by Glenn Barts; checking account \$2,476.17; shares account balance \$1173.69. Glenn read the two thank you letters from Academy of Our Lady. Herman Mueller moved to accept the treasurer's report; Frank Voznak seconded; vote was unanimous.
5. Old Business
  - a. Base Web page – Joe Chevere talked about a new page in process but nothing to be done at this time.
  - b. Charity list review - Dave Cribbins discussed Boat Sponsorship. Nothing to be done at this time. On hold until the Sept. meeting. USO to get donation from the Christmas party proceeds like last year.
  - c. Fisher House - Greg Miller and Frank Voznak talked about it. Frank to send out pictures he took. Dave made a motion to donate our 50/50 funds to Fisher House once a quarter. Seconded by Terry Elmeier. Dave wants a member or two to buy the supplies and personally deliver them.
6. New Business
  - a. 50/50 won by C. Hill who donated it back to the Fisher House.
  - b. Corn Roast - Dave talked about it and had tickets for sale.
  - c. Boat Sponsorship – Chris wrote to VADM Debbink and RADM Johnson asking if we can sponsor their commands; Glenn will visit Northwestern University NROTC to determine their interest.
  - d. Longevity Pins - Discussion of the Longevity Pins is deferred to the Sept meeting. Herman will purchase a stock of them for sale.
  - e. Picnic - About 14 people said they would come from today's meeting. We need

- to put the word out so people can E-Mail Chris if they are coming.
- f. Future Balls - Some discussion and agreement to have the ball every other year, in the years when there District Two does not hold a convention.
  7. Good of the Order
    - a. September meeting lunch – Dave Cribbins volunteered.
  8. Adjourn - Joe moved to adjourn; Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1329.

## Lost Boats

USS BULLHEAD SS 332	8/6/45
USS FLIER SS 250	8/13/44
USS S-39 SS 144	8/14/42
USS HARDER SS 257	8/24/44
USS COCHINO SS 345	8/26/49
USS POMPANO SS 181	8/29/43

## Memorial Service For Crew Of World War II Submarine U.S.S. Flier Might Bring Closure For Families

*By Megan Hart, The Muskegon Chronicle, August 11, 2010*

MUSKEGON — Families who never got to bury their loved ones after a submarine hit a mine and sank in the Pacific in World War II will finally see a video of the sunken vessel in Muskegon this week.

Nelson Jacobson, a Grand Haven man whose father survived the sinking, hopes the experience will bring those families closure.

Footage of the U.S.S. Flier will be shown for the first and perhaps only time in the U.S. Friday as part of a memorial for its 86 crew members. Eight of the crew members, including Alvin Jacobson Jr. of Grand Haven, survived the sinking, but have since died.

A memorial for the submarine crew will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum, 1346 Bluff. Friday marks the 66th anniversary of the day the World War II submarine sank near the Philippines.

“There was a crew of 86. Eight survived, so the survivors had to go through life understanding, ‘Why me?’ and live productive lives,” Nelson Jacobson said. “Spiritually, the whole crew is back together.”

Alvin Emmanuel Jacobson Jr., the former president of Grand Haven Brass Foundry, was a founding director and later chairman of the board for JSJ Corporation. He also was a survivor of the sinking of the U.S.S. Flier.

The film was recorded in 2009 by father and son divers Mike and Warren Fletcher of the TV show “Dive Detectives,” which airs on History TV Canada and National Geographic UK, but not in the United States. Friday will be the first time that footage of the wreck is shown publicly in America.

The film will be shown on the hour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., museum office manager Denise Herzhaft said. Nelson Jacobson said Mike Fletcher will be on hand to talk about finding the submarine.

The submarine in the film, discovered in 330 feet of water, was confirmed as the U.S.S. Flier in February 2010, Herzhaft said.

Alvin Jacobson was one of 14 crew members on the submarine’s top deck, who were thrown into the sea when a mine blew a hole in the side of the submarine. The

U.S.S. Flier sank in about one minute, drowning 72 crew members.

Six of the 14 initial survivors died in the 18-hour swim to Mantangula Island, which had no fresh water. The eight remaining survivors then swam to another island, where sympathetic Filipinos assisted them until they were picked up by the U.S.S. Redfin, another submarine.

The Jacobson family had assisted divers looking for the sunken sub. When Alvin Jacobson, the last survivor of the sinking, died in 2008, he left behind map coordinates from a 1998 trip to the Philippines, marking where he believed the U.S.S. Flier sank.

“Now it’s recognized as a burial site and sovereign U.S. territory,” Nelson Jacobson said. “We just thought it was appropriate to bring everyone together. ... None of us knew each other, but now we have this great bond.”

The Jacobson family is sponsoring the memorial, which will include a roll call of the submarine’s crew members, each of whom will be represented on the USS Silversides by a relative. The relatives will ring a bell and throw a carnation into the water in memory of the crew members.

Herzhaft said between 150 and 200 family members of the crew will attend, as will Rear Adm. Michael Yurina, deputy director of submarine security and technology in the Navy’s submarine warfare division.

The museum holds a ceremony every Memorial Day for the 52 submarines and their crews lost during World War II, but this will be the only memorial specifically for the U.S.S. Flier, Herzhaft said.

She said the museum has permission to show the film only for two days. A private showing for family members will be held Thursday.

## Central Region End of Year Report

It’s been a great 4 years as Central Region Director. Bonny and I want to thank all the bases in the Central Region for the hospitality and friendship we enjoyed during base visits and District meeting. This has been another successful year in retention and recruiting new base members. We had the lowest number of annual members dropped in 2010. This was accomplished by the District Commanders, Vice District Commanders, Base Commander, and membership chairman’s hard work. We again had a large numbers of bases having 100% annual retention of annual base members.

I am excited to see to see the increase in the community and Tolling of the Boats ceremony with the public invited. Parade and other community activities are good for the base as this gives positive PR in the local communities for the submarine veterans. Newest base formed was the USS Marlin base in district three.

The USS Snook base just placed a lovely submarine memorial on the grounds of the VA Veterans hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas. I am aware of other memorial projects in the planning stages. I want to personally thank all the bases that have launched new Memorials the past four years. District 1 and District 3 held district meeting in 2010. The District Commanders David Farran and Ray Wewers did an excellent job conducting the District Meeting. I want to thank all the Base Commanders and base members that attended the District meeting. Ideas were shared and the discussion brought out ideas to make the district better for the membership.

A special thank you to all the ladies that have made special center pieces for banquets, decorated tables and head tables at special activities and most of all, Thanks for supporting your submariner husbands. Ladies you are a special elite group of USSVI.

You will be electing a new Central Region Director in the USSVI elections in 2010. There are two well qualified candidates running for this position. The elected candidate will have the honor of representing a

Region that is recognized by it's accomplishments as a Region that is working to make USSVI a stronger organization.

District Commanders and Vice District Commanders I want to thank you for your support and many hours you have devoted to making the Central Region strong. Base Commanders and base members, thanks for your support over the years.

Shipmates in closing, I encourage the members to be active in their bases and step up to become a base officer. There is nothing more rewarding than being an active member supporting your base and USSVI.

Fraternally,

Carl Schmidt  
Central Region Director

## **Central Region Newsletter**

>  
Central Region Shipmates, Bonny and I want to thank you for the hospitality you have shown Bonny and I over the past four years during our travels around the Region. It has been an honor to have been the Central Region

Director. The dedication to the pillars of USSVI, Remembrance, Fellowship and Compassion are what has made this Region the best Region in USSVI. You have two candidates in the USSVI election running to be the next Central Region Director and (8) amendments to vote for in the 2010 election. Both of these two candidates are qualified to be the next Central Region Director. Please take 5 minutes to vote on line for the next Central region Director. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard in the USSVI election.

> The Region now has 46 bases. The USS Marlin Base was just recently chartered in District 3. Welcome to District 3 USS Marlin Base. I will be asking the District Commanders to ask the bases, how many new base members each base has recruited from September 1, 2009 to August 15 2010. Again this year I will have plaques to present to each district base that recruited the most members at the Annual Business Meeting in September at the USSVI convention. A certificate will also be presented to the District Commander of the year in the Central Region.

> I just returned from the District 3 meeting hosted by Scorpion SS 278 base in South Dakota. It was well attended by representatives from District 3. I want to send my thanks to the Base Commander

and base members of the Scorpion base for hosting an outstanding District meeting.

> We had had numerous memorials dedicated in the Central Region over the past four years. I am aware that other memorials are in the planning stages by other bases in the Region.

> The newest USSVI Memorial will be dedicated July 21, 2010 at the Veterans hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The USS Snook base will be hosting this memorial dedication. Bonny and I and the District 1 Commander Ray Wewers will be in attendance at the memorial dedication. Some of us in attendance will be visiting veterans in the hospital after the memorial service.

> The District One District meeting is scheduled for July 23 and July 24 in Jefferson City, Missouri. Ray Wewers District One Commander has planned an interesting meeting for all the Base Commanders and district one shipmates in attendance. The district one meeting is being hosted by the Topeka-Jefferson City base. Bonny and I both look forward to seeing old friends at the District One meeting.

> District Commanders, Base Commanders and base members your hard work is what has made the Central Region bases and Region stronger. I want to take this time to say thank you for your support.

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**USSVI Belongs to the Membership**

> As all of you know there are multiple candidates running for most of the National Officers of USSVI. In the 2008 National elections only 464 members out of 2558 Central Region members voted. I have been told that with 1200 votes from the Central Region I have a good chance to be the first elected National Commander of USSVI from the Central Region. In 2002 the National Commander was elected by only 7 votes. I feel this election will also be close when the final votes are counted in August. Shipmates I'm asking for your vote for National Commander. It only takes 5 minute to vote. Please vote for the candidate of your choice.

> Fraternaly,

> Carl Schmidt

> Central Region Director

## **U.S. Tomahawk Missiles Deployed Near China Send Message**

By MARK THOMPSON / WASHINGTON  
11 mins ago

If China's satellites and spies were working properly, there would have been a flood of unsettling intelligence flowing into the Beijing headquarters of the Chinese navy last week. A new class of U.S. superweapon had suddenly surfaced nearby. It was an Ohio-class submarine,

which for decades carried only nuclear missiles targeted against the Soviet Union, and then Russia. But this one was different: for nearly three years, the U.S. Navy has been dispatching modified "boomers" to who knows where (they do travel underwater, after all). Four of the 18 ballistic-missile subs no longer carry nuclear-tipped Trident missiles. Instead, they hold up to 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles each, capable of hitting anything within 1,000 miles with non-nuclear warheads.

Their capability makes watching these particular submarines especially interesting. The 14 Trident-carrying subs are useful in the unlikely event of a nuclear Armageddon, and Russia remains their prime target. But the Tomahawk-outfitted quartet carries a weapon that the U.S. military has used repeatedly against targets in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq and Sudan.

That's why alarm bells would have sounded in Beijing on June 28 when the Tomahawk-laden 560-ft. U.S.S. Ohio popped up in the Philippines' Subic Bay. More alarms were likely sounded when the U.S.S. Michigan arrived in Pusan, South Korea, on the same day. And the Klaxons would have maxed out as the U.S.S. Florida surfaced, also on the same day, at the joint U.S.-British naval base on Diego Garcia, a flyspeck of an island in the Indian Ocean. In all, the Chinese military awoke to find as many as 462 new Tomahawks deployed by the U.S. in its neighborhood. "There's been a decision to bolster our forces in the Pacific," says Bonnie Glaser, a China expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "There is no doubt that China will stand up and take notice."

U.S. officials deny that any message is being directed at Beijing, saying the Tomahawk triple play was a coincidence. But they did make sure that

news of the deployments appeared in the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post - on July 4, no less. The Chinese took notice quietly. "At present, common aspirations of countries in the Asian and Pacific regions are seeking for peace, stability and regional security," Wang Baodong, spokesman for the Chinese embassy in Washington, said on Wednesday. "We hope the relevant U.S. military activities will serve for the regional peace, stability and security, and not the contrary."

Last month, the Navy announced that all four of the Tomahawk-carrying subs were operationally deployed away from their home ports for the first time. Each vessel packs "the firepower of multiple surface ships," says Captain Tracy Howard of Submarine Squadron 16 in Kings Bay, Ga., and can "respond to diverse threats on short notice."

The move forms part of a policy by the U.S. government to shift firepower from the Atlantic to the Pacific theater, which Washington sees as the military focus of the 21st century. Reduced tensions since the end of the Cold War have seen the U.S. scale back its deployment of nuclear weapons, allowing the Navy to reduce its Trident fleet from 18 to 14. (Why 14 subs, as well as bombers and land-based missiles carrying nuclear weapons, are still required to deal with the Russian threat is a topic for another day.)

Sure, the Navy could have retired the four additional subs and saved the Pentagon some money, but that's not how bureaucracies operate. Instead, it spent about \$4 billion replacing the Tridents with Tomahawks and making room for 60 special-ops troops to live aboard each sub and operate stealthily around the globe. "We're there for weeks, we have the situational awareness of being there, of being part of the environment," Navy Rear Admiral Mark Kenny explained after the

first Tomahawk-carrying former Trident sub set sail in 2008. "We can detect, classify and locate targets and, if need be, hit them from the same platform."

The submarines aren't the only new potential issue of concern for the Chinese. Two major military exercises involving the U.S. and its allies in the region are now under way. More than three dozen naval ships and subs began participating in the "Rim of the Pacific" war games off Hawaii on Wednesday. Some 20,000 personnel from 14 nations are involved in the biennial exercise, which includes missile drills and the sinking of three abandoned vessels playing the role of enemy ships. Nations joining the U.S. in what is billed as the world's largest-ever naval war game are Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, Singapore and Thailand. Closer to China, CARAT 2010 - for Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training - just got under way off Singapore. The operation involves 17,000 personnel and 73 ships from the U.S.,

Singapore, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

China is absent from both exercises, and that's no oversight. Many nations in the eastern Pacific, including Australia, Japan, Indonesia, South Korea and Vietnam, have been encouraging the U.S. to push back against what they see as China's increasingly aggressive actions in the South China Sea. And the U.S. military remains concerned over China's growing missile force - now more than 1,000 - near the Taiwan Strait. The Tomahawks' arrival "is part of a larger effort to bolster our capabilities in the region," Glaser says. "It sends a signal that nobody should rule out our determination to be the balancer in the region that many countries there want us to be." No doubt Beijing got the signal.

Print Story: U.S. Tomahawk Missiles Deployed Near China Send ...

<http://news.yahoo.com/s/time/08599200237800/print>

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# **Knollwood Sportsman's Club**

## **CORN ROAST**



**August 21, 2010**

**Noon-4:00p.m.**

**\$10.00**

**(children 7 and under free)**

**Food, fun and entertainment for all!**

**See Dave Cribbins or Larry Warnke for tickets**



# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular Life Associate

**OUR 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 & its Constitution."

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 proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

- I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (Yr)  
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)
- I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in \_\_\_\_\_ (Yr)

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

**Your E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Base/Chapter Desired:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

How did you find USSVI?  Friend,  Boat Assn,  Local Event/News,  Internet,  Other (\_\_\_\_\_)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Applicant is: Veteran Spouse of Veteran Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

**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 entered Mil Service:** \_\_\_\_ **YR left Mil Service** \_\_\_\_ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

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

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

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

**Next of Kin: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, Parent, Other)

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

**Applicants on active duty are requested to provide a permanent home address.**

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