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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,
 - a. MARCH 19
 - b. APRIL 16
 - c. MAY 21
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. March 19 – Greg Miller
 - b. April 16 - open
3. **2011 calendars** for sale – contact Storekeeper Herman Mueller.
4. **CD2 Convention** is set for April 14-17, 2011 in Muskegon, MI. VADM Al Konetzni, USN (ret.) will be the guest speaker. Tolling of the Boats ceremony will include starting the engines on the Silversides. Mark your calendars and use the registration form that is on page 9.
5. **IL SVWWII State Meeting** May 21, 2011; Contact Bob Krautstrunk to register; 2168 Carillon Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030-4428; ussubvet2@yahoo.com

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes February 19, 2011

1. Attendees:
 - a. Chris Gaines
 - b. Rich Behnke
 - c. Larry Heckelsmiller
 - d. Clay Hill
 - e. Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - f. Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - g. Dave Cribbins
 - h. Bob Fleck
 - i. Bob Benn
 - j. Herman Mueller
 - k. Allen Tuider
 - l. Greg Miller
2. The meeting was called to order at 1204 by Clay Hill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, a Moment of Silence, and a round of introductions.
3. Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines; January minutes were published in the newsletter. Larry Heckelsmiller moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous.
4. Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts, Sr.; \$3433.20 in checking and \$1173.69 in savings. Dave Cribbins moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous.
5. Old Business
 - a. Clay polled for interest in undertaking the memorial project to perpetuate memory of the submarine service and Pearl Harbor Day.
 - i. Dave moves that we support and collaborate with Chicago Base and work within the City of Chicago Department of Transportation guidelines. Allen Tuider seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 - ii. Clay outlined some areas of help: walking the site or research in Manitowoc.
 - iii. Bob Fleck reiterated his offer to work with the granite guy in his town.
 - iv. Very possible to generate interest and invite Great Lakes Base to participate.
 - v. Great Lakes Base has guys who regularly travel to Manitowoc and may be able to do some research.
 - vi. IL WWII is willing to help per Frank Voznak.
 - vii. Clay to send Milwaukee War Memorial plaque photo to Bob Fleck.
 - b. CD2 Convention – Clay encouraged attendance. Wide interest in attending.
 - c. April meeting – A few regular attendees likely will not attend the convention. Keep the Base's April meeting as scheduled.
6. New Business
 - a. Membership – lost three national and eight more base members two of whom may yet renew;
 - b. No interest in mounting a recruiting campaign; Great Lakes Base's float attracts lots of new members.
 - c. Mobile Bay Base send a plaque in appreciation for our donation to the USS Drum restoration.

- d. Clay discussed a membership survey to assess interests such as balls, conventions, projects like memorial stones. Should we put out a crew interest survey or a time/talent sheet? Offer rides to meetings. Could use the call tree to elicit interest. Chris Gaines to map members who live within 75 miles; try rings of 25, 50, and 75 miles. Chris Gaines to divvy up the roster again. Do what we can do: map locations; call tree; wear hat.
- e. Presentations at meetings interest – Similar meetings at other organizations that have speakers typically have 40-50 attendees vice our 12-15. Could be a joint base activity with Chicago or Great Lakes Base. There could be expenses for the speaker. Could advertise among other bases to increase attendance. Limit remarks to 15-20 minutes. Consider City of Chicago memorial person as our first invitee.

7. Adjourn 1345.

Lost Boats

USS Perch (SS 176)	3/3/42
USS Grampus (SS 207)	3/5/43
USS H-1 (SS 28)	3/12/20
USS Triton (SS 201)	3/15/43
USS Kete (SS 369)	3/20/45
USS S-4 (SS 23)	3/25/15
USS Tullibee (SS 284)	3/26/44
USS Trigger (SS 237)	3/26/45

Submariner WWII POW Passes Away

By Kevin Copeland, Commander,
Submarine Force Atlantic Public Affairs

Submitted by Ed Potts

NORFOLK, Va. – Marion “Turk” Turner, a retired submariner who survived three and one-half years in a Japanese Prisoner of War camp during World War II, recently passed away following a lengthy illness. A long-time resident of Virginia Beach, Va., he was born in Moultrie, Ga., on April 22, 1918.

During his high school years at Moultrie High School he was affectionately dubbed by his peers as “Turkey,” a nickname received after he devoured some leftovers during a camping trip. The nickname remained with him, but was eventually shortened to Turk in later years. Turner enlisted in the Navy on October 12, 1939, and elected to serve on submarines as an electrician’s mate. He served onboard USS Canopus, the Balao-class submarine USS Sealion (SS 315), and the Porpoise-class submarine USS Perch (SS 176). It was during his assignment onboard Perch which determined his fate during World War II.

While surfaced 30 miles northwest of Soerabaja, Java on March 1, 1942, the Perch was attacked by enemy destroyers. Driven down with a string of depth charges to a depth of 135-feet, and enduring several more depth charges, Turner and the men of Perch repaired the submarine, and they were able to resurface early the next morning. But they were once again attacked and forced to submerge.

Convinced by the oil loss and the air from damaged ballast tanks, the enemy was sure Perch was a kill, and they went hunting for other targets. This allowed Perch to again surface and repair some damage. On a dive to test the repairs, the submarine was forced to resurface, where subsequently Perch was engaged for the final time by two enemy cruisers and three destroyers. The

commanding officer, Lt. Cmdr. David A. Hurt, ordered the ship to be abandoned and the submarine was scuttled.

In later years, Turner related the following passage concerning the rescue at sea to friends Jeanine and Lorie Allen.

"... as we were given the order to 'Abandon the Boat' when Perch was going down, our captain, Lt. Cmdr. David Hurt, was the last man off the conning tower. We were in the water for awhile before the Japanese came by to rescue our crew. We did not know if they were going to shoot us or abandon us to the sea. Hurt was having difficulty treading water as the Japanese ship was rescuing the crew using a rickety ladder."

The captain told Turner he "wasn't going to make it," and gave Turner the order, "just leave me Turk, I no longer have the strength to go on, save yourself ... leave me."

Turner relayed to the Allens, "I wasn't going to listen to that, so I dove down and came up right under him, and I pushed him right up the ladder with him still protesting."

That action saved Hurt's life. And while the entire crew of 60 officers and enlisted Sailors survived that day, six later died in Japanese Prisoner of War camps. The others were repatriated, and were able to enjoy the victory over the Japanese in World War II.

Turner was repatriated Oct. 17, 1945 and stayed in the Navy until his retirement Dec. 1, 1959, but the scars of his incarceration remained for his lifetime. He had survived cruel beatings, starvation diets, and many tropical diseases at the Prisoner of War camp on the island of Makassar Celebes.

Almost seven decades after receiving his injuries, Turner was presented the Purple Heart Medal and a Korean Service Medal by retired U.S. Navy Rear. Adm. Fred Metz during a ceremony held Jan. 2, 2011 at King's Grant Baptist Church in Virginia Beach.

"If you think about what he had to endure, or anyone in the Prisoner of War camps, a Purple Heart does not really signify what they had to go through," said Metz. "But

it's one way this country honors the people who lived through those perils."

Turner was a strong-willed veteran with an equally strong conviction for his country, but he always had a kind word for all. He was particularly fond of sharing his time and sea stories with fellow veterans.

"Turk showed us all courage and humility during and after facing the enormous struggle of a POW," said Capt. Stephen T. Koehler, who pinned the medals on Turner and is currently commanding officer of the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), homeported in Norfolk, Va.. "He gave us perspective when we thought we were having a bad day. It only takes a thought of him with his struggle over 60 years ago, and the way he handled it with a positive attitude to shed light on our current day-to-day problems.

"He became a friend and inspiration to both me and the crew of Bataan with this positive attitude and his zest for life. He spent a lot of his time with my young Sailors telling stories and relating his time in submarines and as a POW, for which I am grateful. He was truly a great influence on Bataan Sailors in our quest to keep Bataan Heritage part of our ship."

Ernest Plantz, one of Turner's shipmates on the Perch and his cellmate while both were Prisoners of War, personalized his convictions.

"Turk was my mentor and best buddy," said Plantz, a friend of Turner's for 69 years and the only surviving Sailor from Perch. "He tutored me for my seaman qualifications and my submarine qualifications. He continued being an outstanding teacher through his life, and relaying his experiences in the Navy. Turk loved people with only good words for everyone.

"His deep faith saw him through many trials, and the love of his family helped him along the way. Turk will be remembered as one of the unsung heroes of his generation who served in the submarine force with honor

and dignity. I loved you shipmate and treasured the friendship that we shared.”

Ted Davis, a retired U.S. Navy captain and former commanding officer of the Tench-class diesel submarine USS Grenadier (SS 525) concurred with Plantz.

“There is nothing Turk wouldn’t do or has not already done for his country, his service, his friends, and his family,” said Davis, a long-time friend and member of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. “Turk showed us the way a hero walks, softy with love in his heart. He may have spent many tours in hell, but he served God and country for life.”

In addition to the Purple Heart and Korean Service Medal, Turner earned various medals and awards during his career including the Bronze Star, American Defense, American Area Corps, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Philippines Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Point System, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Medal.

He was a member of the U.S. Submariners World War II Tidewater Chapter, having served as state commander, president, and vice-president; a life member of the [Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States General MacArthur Memorial Post No. 392 in Virginia Beach](#); a member of Holland Club Member Fleet Reserve Association Branch 5; and a member of American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. Additionally, he was an active member of King's Grant Baptist Church and the Joy Sunday School Class.

“Turk's legacy is one of success in the face of insurmountable odds,” said Paul Rice, chaplain for the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. and friend since 1997. “His faith in God allowed him to stand up under brutal torture and still inspire his shipmates to carry on as well. Turk was one of the many men executing the Code of Conduct before it even had a name. He was instrumental in ensuring all but six of the crew of the Perch made it home at the end of their captivity.”

Turner went on eternal patrol at the age of 92, Feb. 28, 2011. He will be cremated and his ashes will be scattered at sea.

For more information on the Submarine Force visit the Submarine Force Atlantic web site at: www.sublant.navy.mil.

(Crash Dive Shipmate Ed Potts met Turk two times and never knew he was a POW. Ed.)

Silent Service

After 45 years, a sailor's Cold War-era death is finally given proper tribute

By Kara Peterson, Managing Editor, *Journey*, The Online Magazine from First Command Financial Services

Submitted by Martin Salvador

On Nov. 1, 2009 – just one day shy of the 45th anniversary of this death – Petty Officer Billy Carter Semones was finally given a proper memorial. Semones was 28 when he was lost at sea while serving aboard the submarine USS Henry Clay at the height of the Cold War on Nov. 2, 1964. Because of tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union and the secretive nature of submarine missions – and indeed the submarines themselves – Semones death was not announced publicly, nor did his family receive much information about how he died.

Retired Navy Petty Officer Richard “Andy” Wheeler was a fire control technician aboard Henry Clay when Semones died. Wheeler joined the Navy nuclear program at just 17, after graduation from high school.

Wheeler had a nagging feeling about Semones death – and the lack of a proper tribute to his service – that was shared among much of the Henry Clay crew, even four decades later. So, along with six other Henry Clay shipmates, Wheeler

organized a ceremony at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., where Semones' family and his shipmates could finally seek closure.

Kara Peterson: Tell me a little bit about your time aboard the Henry Clay. What were your duties?

Andy Wheeler: I was assigned to the crew of the Polaris Missile Nuclear Submarine USS Henry Clay (SSBN 625) as it was being built in Newport News, Va. My primary duties included participating in the commissioning, testing and maintenance of the missile fire control equipment. I qualified as a missile control center supervisor. I also completed the arduous process of submarine qualification by learning the 140 systems aboard Henry Clay, which takes between 18 months and two years to complete. To become qualified in submarines, a submariner must learn the theory, operation and location of every system component and connection. This process ends system by system with an oral exam and walk-through demonstration which must satisfy the examiner. When all systems are learned in this fashion a qualification board is convened and one must answer all questions to the satisfaction of the board. If the board votes "Qualified," the ship's captain places a dolphin pin on the submariner's uniform and the submariner is now a member of the "Brotherhood of the Phin." It is a lifetime badge of honor.

KP: How many Sailors were on board the Henry Clay? Were you close with your shipmates?

AW: There is room for everything aboard a submarine but a mistake. Failure was never an option. There were about 145 men aboard Henry Clay. Our patrols – totally submerged – lasted 60 to 70 days each. Our very lives depended on each other 24/7. We worked as a team and played as a team. Many of my Henry

Clay shipmates are on eternal patrol now and several today have been lifelong friends. All of us are still "Brothers of the Phin." So many of my shipmates – both officer and enlisted – went on to become captains of industry. I am very proud and humbled to stand in the midst of these moral and patriotic men of accomplishment.

KP: As Sailors during the Cold War, were you and your shipmates ever concerned for your safety?

AW: The Cold War was never cold. The race for space following the launch of the Russian satellite Sputnik [in 1957] also spurred an unprecedented development in submarine building and submarine technology in both the Russian and American navies. In a 20-year period, the Soviet Union built about 110 submarines and we built 100 or so. Cat and mouse games were the norm although concealment was the primary objective of the Polaris missile fleet. Russian trawlers loaded with sophisticated listening and communications gear were always close to our submarine bases. We did our best to avoid Russian contact using intelligence data and, at times, stealth. Billy's death reminded us that we were not invincible and that we were in a dangerous profession.

KP: How did that incident occur?

AW: We had a mooring line locker hatch cover come loose on deck and it was banging and interfering with our ability to "see" with our forward SONAR array. And a Russian trawler was hell bent to get close to us and take sound signatures on us for future tracking and identification. We had to surface the submarine and two men suited up to go on deck from the submarine sail to tighten the hatch cover. It was an angry winter sea. Four-story waves. Billy was swept off the sail ladder before he could get to the deck and secure his safety line to the deck track.

KP: Was any recognition given on board for Billy?

AW: Yes, because we were on a pre-patrol shakedown cruise – they usually last three to four days – we returned to the submarine base at Rota, Spain. A chaplain from the Submarine Tender USS Holland conducted a service aboard the Henry Clay.

KP: What information did Billy's family and the American public receive about Billy's death?

AW: The American public received nothing. Billy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Semones, received a personal letter from our captain, which simply informed them that their son was lost at sea while in the performance of his duties. The letter was not processed through the normal system and was hand-typed by the captain and so mailed. Later the family received a letter from the Holland chaplain, the squadron commander, the Commander of Submarines Atlantic Fleet and the Secretary of the Navy. These letters – I have copies of each of them – conveyed condolences without any detail. My take is that the Navy did not want to do anything which might give or confirm to the Russians the identity of Henry Clay.

KP: Why did you decide it was time to properly honor and memorialize Billy?

AW: The (SS) adjacent to a submariners rank demonstrates that that person has qualified in submarines and it means Submarine Service. But more commonly it means "Silent Service." We were not allowed to talk about submarine operations. They were secret, period. And while it may have been militarily correct, appropriate and conducive to the safety of the Henry Clay crew [to keep Billy's death quiet], there was never real closure for any of us – Billy's family included. Billy was lost at sea. No body to bury; no parade of colors; no family members to talk to; no one to express grief with at losing a really great guy and friend. We

departed on patrol after the service and the incident was left unspoken. The family never received a complete story of what happened.

While attending a Henry Clay reunion 40 years after we lost Billy I suggested that we honor his service in some manner. I should have picked up the ball then as the Henry Clay had long been decommissioned and scrapped. Time kept marching and my shipmate Bob Smith from Raytown, Mo., telephoned me last Memorial Day and asked me to lead the effort to honor Billy. So I picked up the ball and ran with it. As I located Henry Clay crew members and enlisted their financial help I learned that I was not alone in the need for closure. We – his Henry Clay Brothers – all carried an open wound that needed healing.

KP: What was the process like to track down Billy's family?

AW: I had an old address from his on-board memorial program and I used a people search on the Internet which listed his father and mother still at the same address in Versailles, Ky. I wrote them a letter not knowing they had both passed. Fortunately, Billy's only sibling, Betty Sue Whittaker, had moved into the homestead after her father died and received the letter I wrote.

Billy's family visited him in Key West, Fla., in 1958 while he was serving aboard the submarine USS Amberjack. Billy introduced his sister to his best friend aboard the Amberjack, Ronald Whittaker. "Whit" and Betty Sue have been married 49 years.

KP: Can you tell me a little bit about the memorial? Who attended and what do you think it meant to those in attendance?

AW: All six of us that were with Billy when he gave his life for his country participated in the formal ceremony [held Nov. 1, 2009 at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.]. About 45 people attended. The ceremony produced

many tears and much satisfaction. We truly attained a measure of closure for all. We then gathered at Old Ebbit Grill near the White House for dinner. No one wanted to leave.

KP: What does it mean to you to know that – even so many years after his death – Billy has finally received a proper memorial?

AW: I hugged his sister and brother-in-law. They shared tears with me and with my Henry Clay brothers. They are now family. They now know what happened and how dangerous it was when we lost Billy. They know he had two families who cared.

A veteran – whether active, discharged, retired or reserve – is someone who at one point in time made out a check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including his life. All paid some. Billy paid all.

His plaque on the Commemorative Wall at the United States Navy Memorial and the record of his service is now preserved in perpetuity. We also established a scholarship in his name with the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. charitable trust.

KP: Anything else you'd like to add?

AW: I was on active duty from 1961 to 1968 while Vietnam was raging. When I left the Navy to work at an engineering firm we did not talk about our military service. No one welcomed us home and said thank you. We were treated badly. It was a long time before I went to the Vietnam Memorial and when I did I wept openly. I don't ever miss an opportunity to thank our veterans today. These young men and women serving our country today are the finest ever and they deserve our best efforts to honor their service. After discharge from the Navy in 1968, Wheeler joined the Navy Reserve. He also began pursuing a professional engineering career in Silver Spring, Md., and continued his education at Montgomery College and the University of Maryland. Prior to his retirement from the Reserve in 1982, he participated in the conduct of NATO exercises involving submarines and held a top-secret U.S. security clearance. After 30 years at Bechtel Power Corporation, Wheeler retired in 2003 to pursue civic, public service and philanthropic goals. He lives with his wife, Helen, in Mechanicsburg, Pa. They have three daughters and five granddaughters.

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CD2 Convention Registration Form

Revised Hotel Phone (231) 722-0100

Registration

Name: _____
 Spouse/Guest Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State ZIP Code: _____
 Phone/E-mail: _____

Fee Schedule:
 Registration _____ x \$20 = _____
 Friday Museum/Lunch _____ x \$25 = _____
 Saturday Ball _____ x \$45 = _____
 Total Entrance: \$ _____

Dinner Entrées Selection:
 Baked Tilapia _____
 w/ seafood stuffing _____
 Breast of Chicken _____
 Prime Rib _____
 Restrictions: _____

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If you desire a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelop with payment
 Registration fee after March 31, 2011 will be \$30.

No refunds after March 31, 2011

Weekend Itinerary

April 14, 2011 Thursday
 1600-2200 Hospitality Suite open
 April 15, 2011 Friday
 1000-1400 Silversides/GLNMM
 1200-1300 Lunch at Museum
 1400-1530 Tolling of Boats/GLNMM
 Dinner (on your own)
 1800-2200 Hospitality Suite open

Saturday
 0900-1100 USSVI Business Mtg
 0900-1100 Auxiliary Business Mtg
 1300-1430 WWII Business Mtg
 1700-2200 Birthday Ball
 Cash Bar
 Posting of the Colors
 Dinner
 Keynote Presentation
 Dancing

Sunday
 0800-1100 Hospitality Suite open
 0800-1100 Breakfast (on your own)
 0830-1000 Base CDR Meeting

Hotel Information

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 939 Third Street
 Muskegon, MI 49440
 Phone (231) 720-7108
 Special Rate: \$70 plus tax per night
 until March 17, 2011
 Be sure to mention "US Sub Vets"



Welcome!
 We are delighted to host the Central Region District Two Convention, in conjunction with our 2011 Submarine Birthday Ball.

festivities will begin officially on Friday with a visit to the USS Silversides and the Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum, followed by a Tolling of the Boats ceremony and a starting of the Silversides diesel engines. On Saturday, we'll have business meetings throughout the day and a Submarine Birthday Ball that evening. Our keynote speaker is Vice Admiral Al Konstant, Jr., retired, and the evening concludes with dancing. The Hospitality Suite will be open at listed times throughout the weekend, starting on Thursday at 1600, serving selected snacks and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
 We're glad you are joining us.

Commander Don Neg
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 State Commander Don Morell
 World War II Sub Vets



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)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip Code:** _____ - _____ **Tel:** (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Your E-Mail Address _____ **Base/Chapter Desired:** _____

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. 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. ____

2. _____ Hull# _____ From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____

3. _____ Hull# _____ From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____

4. _____ Hull# _____ From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____

5. _____ Hull# _____ From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____

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

Addr: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Tel:** _____

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

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

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