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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. JUNE 18
  - b. JULY 16 – AT JOINT PICNIC AT HINES VA HOSPITAL
  - c. AUGUST 20
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
  - a. June - Glenn Barts, Sr.
  - b. July - Picnic
3. **June Birthdays:** Scott Jaklin 2<sup>nd</sup>; Frank Voznak 9<sup>th</sup>; Martin Salvador 11<sup>th</sup>; Bob Benn 17<sup>th</sup>; Teddy Wilkison 29<sup>th</sup>; and Paul Watkins 29<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Picnic** – Mark your calendar for July 16 and see article on page 7.
5. Do you think Crash Dive should host a **Submarine Birthday Ball in 2012?** Contact Clay Hill and voice your opinion. See contact info on page 9.
6. **USSVI 2011 Convention** is within driving distance again this year! It is about a nine-hour drive from our meeting site to the Sept 5 -11 event at University Plaza Hotel, Springfield MO; <https://www.ussvi.org/Conventions.asp> for info.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes May 21, 2011

1. Attendees
  - a. Chris Gaines
  - b. Frank Voznak, Jr.
  - c. Martin Salvador
  - d. Larry Heckelsmiller
  - e. Herman Mueller
  - f. Rich Behnke
  - g. Jan Hill, guest
  - h. Clay Hill
  - i. Larry Warnke
  - j. Bob Benn
  - k. 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; April minutes were published in the newsletter. Frank Voznak moved to accept, Bob Benn seconded; vote was unanimous
4. Treasurer's Report given by Clay Hill; Savings \$1173.69 checking \$3592.50; Herman Mueller moved to accept; Frank Voznak seconded; vote was unanimous
5. Old Business
  - a. Birthday Ball 2012 – Herman recommends postponing deciding until we find out what WWII is planning for April 2012. Betty recalls hearing Harry

- Alvey mentioning some sort of service or event; Clay to confer with Bob Krautstrunk to determine their plans. Tabled pending info from WWII.
- b. Charity plan – Greg Miller will develop a plan and budget for allocating the approved \$500 for 2011. Greg and Bob Benn recommend for 2011:
    - i. Boat Sponsorship for four commands at \$30 each. Greg Miller has a grandson on the USS Connecticut; USS Michigan; USS George H. W. Bush Chief's Quarters; undesignated.
    - ii. Donate \$100 Navy Marine Corps Relief
    - iii. Donate Friends of Fisher House Illinois \$100
    - iv. Academy of Our Lady \$75
    - v. Undesignated \$105.
    - vi. Bob Benn moved to accept; Larry Heckelsmiller seconded; vote was unanimous.
    - vii. Continue existing support for grave markers, WWII joining USSVI as Life Member, Toys for Tots, Christmas Party 50-50 proceeds for USO,
    - viii. For the next meeting, Greg and Bob will write some guidance rules

- about how to allocate the charitable funds. For instance, AS and HC are not true charities.
6. New Business
    - a. 50-50 won by Larry Warnke donated back to base.
    - b. Rich Behnke Holland Club induction by Clay Hill.
    - c. 2013 District 2 Convention bid discussion. Chris Gaines will provide data on our 2009 and 2010 Balls to Ken Tupman.
    - d. Knollwood Sportsman's Club (KSC) grill is old and broken. Herman Mueller moved to support refurbishment or replacement at up to \$300; Martin Salvador seconded. Vote was unanimous.
    - e. KSC Corn Roast – Will be held August 27.
    - f. Frank Voznak presented the centerpiece project including shipping boxes. Consider if we want a deposit plus sell or rent to host organizations. Clay to contact Scott Jaklin about insurance similar to what they buy for the float.
  7. Good of the Order
    - a. Duty Cook June – Glenn Barts, Sr.
    - b. Duty Cook July – Picnic – our meeting will precede the picnic.

- c. Next meetings – June 18 as scheduled; July 16 at the picnic, Hines VA Hospital; August 21 as scheduled.
8. Larry Heckelsmiller moved to adjourn at 1328; Larry Warnke seconded. Vote was unanimous.

## Lost Boats

USS O-9	SS 70	6/20/41
USS S-27	SS 132	6/19/42
USS R-12	SS 89	6/12/43
USS HERRING	SS 233	6/1/44
USS S-28	SS 133	6/4/44
USS GOLET	SS 361	6/24/44
USS BONEFISH I	SS 323	6/18/45

## Chaplain's Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice summer weather.

Here is an update on Robert Fleck's parents; Mom has been moved to a long term care facility and Dad is home. We all wish her a speedy recovery and she will remain in our prayers as will her entire family.

I have not heard of any other sicknesses or other maladies from our members which is very comforting. Remember if there is a sickness or death please contact me or another board member.

With that said I wish everyone a wonderful summer and remember to keep all of our troops in your prayers.

**May The Good Lord Keep You Safe!**

Glenn

## Holland Club Induction

Submitted by: Frank Voznak

At our regular meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>., Richard T. Behnke was added to the *Crash Dive Base* and USSVI roster of Holland Club inductees.



Richard, of Prospect Heights Illinois, first qualified on the *USS Becuna* (SS-319) in 1954. He also served on the *USS Batfish* (SS-310) in 1956 and the *USS Ray* (SS-271) from 1956 to 1958. Richard has become a member this year, after finding out about us and attending meetings since last fall.

The HOLLAND CLUB is named after John P. Holland, designer of the first US Navy submarine. It is an exclusive group within the US Submarine Veterans organization, where the core requirement for eligibility is the designation “qualified in submarines” for a minimum of fifty years.

### [www.CellPhonesforSoldiers.com](http://www.CellPhonesforSoldiers.com)

Good place to recycle old cell phones. Also, through July, company-owned AT&T stores will donate all recycled phones to this organization. I donated three phones.

## Women on Subs – Not all that New

Submitted by: Frank Voznak



Norway's Solveig Krey, the world's first female submarine commander

[Julian Stockwin](#) made a comment on [Twitter](#) this morning (what is the past tense of “to tweet?” by the way) regarding women on submarines. He noted that Norway has had women serving on submarines for decades.

Indeed, the US will be at least the sixth country to allow [women to serve in the Silent Service](#). Norway was the first in 1985, followed by Denmark in 1988 and Sweden in 1989. Australia followed suit in 1999 while Germany and Canada allowed women onboard in 2001 and 2002 respectively. Spain also allows women to serve aboard subs, which does pose a new range of challenges.

In 1995, [Solveig Krey](#) of the Royal Norwegian Navy became the first female officer to assume command on a military submarine, *HNoMS Kobben*.

The one big difference, however, is deployment. The countries that allow women to serve have operated conventional submarines which have deployments of one or two months, whereas the US operates a nuclear fleet with deployments of six months or longer. So on one hand, the US will not be the first country to allow women to serve of submarines. Norway can claim that title by 25 years. Nevertheless, the US will be the first to permit women to serve on nuclear subs with extended deployments.

<http://www.oldsaltblog.com/2010/06/07/woman-on-subs-not-all-that-new/>

## Missing WWII Sub Found with 42 Entombed Sailors

Submitted by: Bob Krautstrunk  
<http://www.sunherald.com/2011/05/24/3136791/missing-wwii-sub-found-with-42.html>

KEY WEST, Fla., May 24, 2011 -- /PRNewswire/ -- An exploration team led by Tim Taylor aboard the expedition vessel "RV Tiburon" has located and documented the wreck of the WWII submarine USS R-12.

The R-12 was lost on June 12, 1943 in 600 feet of water, sinking in less than 15 seconds.

She sank nearly 70 years ago taking 42 US servicemen to their deaths off the coast of the Florida Keys, USA. The reason for her loss remains unknown.

R-12 began its career as a World War I era sub that was re-commissioned for service in World War II. At the time of the sinking R-12 was engaged in war time patrol operations near Key West. Only two officers and 3 enlisted men survived the disaster that claimed 42 lives.

In making the discovery, the team deployed a state of the art autonomous underwater robot which collected first ever imagery of the remains of R-12. They are

collaborating and sharing their findings with the US Navy.

RV Tiburon is launching an expedition in the Spring of 2012 to further investigate the possible causes of the sinking, and collect detailed archeological baseline data.

## USS Drum

Submitted by: Clay Hill

Here is a good video of the USS Drum down in Mobile, Alabama, sitting next to the BB-60, the USS Alabama.

<http://video-embed.al.com/services/player/bcpid619299288001?bctid=963456974001>

## Submarine Archive

Submitted by: Martin Salvador

Pictures, war patrol reports, Good stuff here:

<http://www.navsource.org/archives/subidx.htm>

## Iranian Submarines in the Red Sea

June 7, 2011 | 2128 GMT  
[www.stratfor.com](http://www.stratfor.com)

Analyst Reva Bhalla examines the strategic purpose and limitations of Iran's military posturing in the region.

**Editor's Note: *Transcripts are generated using speech-recognition technology. Therefore, STRATFOR cannot guarantee their complete accuracy.***

Iran has reportedly deployed submarines to the Red Sea in what appears to be another highly symbolic and low-cost power projection move. The timing of this

deployment comes at a particularly tense time in the region, but if you take a hard look at Iranian capabilities beyond the symbolic actions and rhetoric, you'll find that Iran is still facing a number of very large limitations.

Iran state-run Fars News Agency reported today that Iranian submarines have made their way to the Red Sea and are being accompanied by the Iranian navy's 14th fleet. Now, we saw a similar move by the Iranians back in February when Iran deployed two warships through the Suez Canal on its way to Syria in the Mediterranean. That was the first such deployment since 1979.

The U.S. response to these Iranian military maneuvers has been pretty consistent and can be summed up in as many words as "no big deal." The United States is making a concerted effort to deny Iran the attention it's seeking through these military posturing moves.

Obviously, Iran and has a big opportunity on its hands and are lying in wait to fill a power vacuum in Iraq once the U.S. leaves. The site of Sadrite militiamen marching through the streets of Baghdad sends a very powerful message by the Iranians to the Arab states as well as to the United States that it has militant proxies that are ready to go to war if the United States even thinks about extending its stay in Iraq. This is all about Iran calling dibs on the Mesopotamian sphere of influence.

At the same time, you have uprisings across the region creating very real problems for long-standing Arab monarchies. Bahrain is a prime example. Today, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said, and I'm paraphrasing, that the real problem in Bahrain is not between the people and the rulers of Bahrain, it's with the U.S. military

presence in Bahrain. Ahmadinejad added that Iran has a formula for the settlement of the Bahraini crisis, but it would only introduce that formula when the conditions were ripe.

Ahmadinejad is issuing a very explicit ultimatum to the GCC states. Basically he's saying, "Look, you guys have internal problems. You accuse us of meddling in your internal affairs and inflaming those internal problems. That may be the case but let's talk and we can help make those problems go away. The price of that is going to be for you to kick the United States out."

Now the real question is: does Iran have the leverage to be making these kinds of threats and ultimatums? Certainly, Iran has a robust set of nonconventional capabilities to bring to bear and we seen after Hezbollah in Lebanon, through its militant assets in Iraq and even through its links to the Shiite opposition in Bahrain. But the GCC states, much less the United States, are not entirely convinced that Iran has what it takes to reshape the politics of the region.

Therefore, even as Iran is trying to coerce its Arab neighbors and the United States to negotiate on its terms and reach a solution that would aim to recognize Iran's sphere of influence while limiting U.S. influence in the region, the more likely effect is that the GCC states, along with the United States, will band together in search of ways to try to keep the Iranians contained.

## **EAGLE SCOUT COURT of HONOR**

Recognizing Anthony Bailey

Submitted by: Frank Voznak

On Sunday, June 5, 2011, Troop 13 of Three Fires Council - Fox Valley District, BSA., held a Court of Honor

for Anthony Bailey. Members attending the ceremony from Crash Dive Base included Glenn Barts, Base Treasurer & Chaplin, and Frank Voznak, Base Vice Commander. Pictured is Glenn presenting Anthony with his Eagle Scout Award, from Crash Dive Base.



The Eagle Scout Award is usually presented at a specially convened Court of Honor. This ceremony is very similar in effect to a shipmate being awarded his dolphins as they will forever be known and honored as an Eagle Scout. Certificates and awards may come from the President, Vice President and other dignitaries and many are presented by local organizations such as the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League and local politicians. The new Eagle Scout will probably have a loose leaf book to keep these certificates that he is presented and will keep them for life.

## July 16 Picnic Plans

USS Chicago Base has invited Crash Dive Base to the picnic they host for the IL chapter of SVWWII. Crash Dive attended last year and provided some of the beverages. USS Chicago Base provides the main course, side dishes, and condiments.

Attendees who wish to do so may provide a side dish or sweet.

Each person should take a white elephant gift, wrapped in newspaper. Everyone take a smile, family if you got em, sea stories and maybe a lawn chair.

The event starts at 10:30 on the grounds of the Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL located at 5th & Roosevelt Rd., Hines IL 60141 - through main gate off Roosevelt Rd. continue south to almost the end, pavilion is on the left (east).

I hope it's not hot and I hope it doesn't rain, picnic goes on no matter what, the pavilion is covered and breezy.

Please tell us if you plan to attend so that we may provide enough food. Contact Chris Gaines at 630-892-5718 or [ccgaines@mindspring.com](mailto:ccgaines@mindspring.com).

## Crash Dive Base Joins USS Chicago Base For Chicago's Memorial Day Parade

Submitted by: Frank Voznak

On May 28, 2011, members of *Crash Dive Base* joined forces with members of the *USS Chicago Base*, for the annual City of Chicago Memorial Day Parade. *Crash Dive Base* was

represented by Vice Commander Frank Voznak, our Treasurer/Chaplin Glenn Barts, Storekeeper Herman Mueller and shipmate Peter Almeroth. All present had a good time and many a sea story was swapped.



## 2011 National Convention Info

The OZARK/RUNNER SS476 BASE (USSVI) and the City of Springfield, MO. invite you to join us in Springfield, MO. for the 2011 Joint National Convention of the USSVI and of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII. The Convention will run from Mon. Sept 5 to Sun. Sept 11, 2011.

The host Base is the OZARK/RUNNER BASE. The Convention Chairman is Ron Athey TMC (SS) USN Ret ([rondo\\_94590@yahoo.com](mailto:rondo_94590@yahoo.com) or 1-417-763-0935).

The convention website is [www.ussvispringfieldmo.com](http://www.ussvispringfieldmo.com).

## Second group of women chosen for submarine service

By [Jennifer McDermott](#) Day Staff Writer  
Article published Jun 10, 2011  
Submitted by: Scott Jaklin

### Four boats to have female officers by end of this year

The Navy has selected the second group of women to serve on submarines and plans to assign female officers to the crews of two more submarines.

The first female submarine officers, currently in training, are scheduled to report to their submarines at the end of this year. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said the second group was recently chosen because integrating women into the submarine force is a continuous process, "not a one-shot thing."

Women in the new group will be assigned to two submarines in addition to the initial four that will have women serving on them by the end of 2011. In an interview Wednesday, Mabus said, "these things are moving at a pretty rapid rate" because the Navy was not going to make a big announcement about putting women on submarines, assign a few women to submarine crews and then forget about it.

"We're going to do the same thing we did with surface ships, which is fully integrate women into the crews of all classes," he said after speaking this week at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

The Navy officially lifted its ban last year and began preparing to

bring female officers aboard ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines - the USS Wyoming (SSBN 742) and USS Georgia (SSGN 729), both in Kings Bay, Ga., and the USS Maine (SSBN 741), and USS Ohio (SSGN 726), both in Bangor, Wash.

Two of the women chosen for submarine duty decided to pursue graduate studies, while one other was medically disqualified, leaving 18 in training today. Eight are currently in Groton for the 10-week officer basic course.

Attrition was expected since the training is a long process, Mabus said, with six months of Nuclear Power School, six months of Naval Nuclear Prototype Training and the officer course. And, he said, the women still in the program "seem to be doing great," with no unexpected challenges in the training so far.

He attributed the seamless transition to the fact that the Navy has been doing "nuclear and sub

training for so long" and "there's no gender difference to nuclear power."

The second group is made up of 18 women, with close to half coming from the Naval Academy and four from the Reserve Officers Training Corps. The rest are from other commissioning programs.

They will serve on four crews for the two submarines. The Navy plans to assign four female supply corps officers to fill department head roles and serve as mentors, as it is doing for the initial four submarines. The two submarines have not yet been identified, nor have the supply corps officers been selected.

Women still are not allowed on the smaller fast-attack boats, the only type of submarine homeported in Groton, and enlisted women currently can't serve on submarines.

Mabus said that while the Navy has begun with female officers on ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines, "that's going to be expanded."

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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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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 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 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.)

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

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

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

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**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