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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. JULY 16 – AT JOINT PICNIC AT HINES VA HOSPITAL
 - b. AUGUST 20
2. Duty Cook Roster:
 - a. July – Picnic
 - b. August – Chris Gaines
3. **July Birthdays:** John James 2nd ; Paul Eory 14th, Dirk Debbink 16th; Ed Para 28th; and Herman Mueller 31st.
4. **Picnic** July 16 – see article on page 3
5. Would you like to help shipmates by serving on our **Charities Committee?** Contact Greg Miller, fourkats4me@yahoo.com
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 June 18, 2011

1. Attendees
 - a. Glenn C. Barts, Sr.
 - b. Frank Voznak
 - c. Rich Behnke
 - d. Clayton Hill
 - e. Herman Mueller
 - f. Terry Elmeier
 - g. Greg Miller
 - h. Allen Tuidor
 - i. Joe Chevere
 - j. Bret Zacher
 2. The meeting was called to order at 1205 by Clay Hill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, a Moment of Silence, and a round of introductions.
 3. Secretary's Report; May minutes were published in the newsletter. Frank Voznak moved to accept, Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous
 4. Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts; Savings \$1173.69 checking \$3255.23; Herman Mueller moved to accept; Terry Elmeier seconded; vote was unanimous
 5. Old Business
 - a. Birthday Ball 2012. Frank and Glenn will check with Ken Tupman to find out if a joint Ball in Chicago, perhaps at the Congress Hotel, is possible; form committee.
 - b. Chicago River Memorial. Need to meet with Chicago Base and City of Chicago regarding design and site selection.
 - c. Charitable Fund written guidance.
 - i. Greg provided a mission statement and recommends charities be put under chaplain.
 - ii. Greg moved to give the chaplain a discretionary fund as part of the annual allocation, currently \$500. Herman Mueller seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 - d. KSC Grill – We donated \$300 toward grill project; grill was replaced.
 - e. KSC Corn Roast. Date is August 27. Chris Gaines will support by printing flyers, tickets, brochures, and other materials.
6. New Business
 - a. 50-50 won by Greg Miller who donated to base.
 - b. Picnic – Herman Mueller moved to spend up to \$100 for beer for the picnic; Terry Elmeier seconded; vote was unanimous. Reminder to take a white elephant per person.

- c. State of the Region Report – Frank has a list of our accomplishments; Herman will provide a picture of the school with which he is associated.
 - d. Glenn will send to Greg the list of items that are acceptable to the Great Lakes Resale Shop.
7. Good of the Order
- a. Bob Benn is moving back to California; Greg Miller needs a new Charity Committee member.
 - b. Duty Cook July – Picnic – our meeting will precede the picnic.
 - c. Duty Cook August – Chris Gaines
 - d. Next meetings – July 16 at the picnic, Hines VA Hospital; August 21 as scheduled.
8. Glenn Barts moved to adjourn at 1335; Terry Elmeier seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Lost Boats

USS S-28	(SS-133)	07/04/44
USS Robalo	(SS-274)	07/26/44
USS Grunion	(SS-216)	07/30/42

Chaplain's Corner

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Bob Fleck's Mother on 4July11. We want to express

our deepest sympathy to Bob and his entire family on their loss.

The upcoming picnic at the Hines Hospital with the WWII and Chicago Bases' should be a lot of fun. If you can make it come out and enjoy the summer.

I would also hope that everyone is having a great summer.

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 Barts, Chaplain

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.

Retiree Checklist: What Survivors Should Know

Base Commanders please post the Retiree Checklist in the next Base newsletter. You will be providing a great service to your base members by making sure that USSVI has up date information about next of kin in each member's record. All too often when a member passes away, the notated next of kin has also passed, or there in nothing noted there. Each record has a section to enter Spouse/Partner, child etc. The address and phone information is needed when the N.O.K. contact is not living at the same address. The National Chaplain and Base Chaplain want to properly honor all Shipmates who leave on Eternal Patrol. While we hope each Shipmate's day is far off in the future, we must never the less prepare for that time.

Fraternally,
Carl Schmidt
National Chaplain USSVI

“Shift Colors” periodically provides a checklist for retirees and their surviving family members. This checklist is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future.

- Create a military file that includes a copy of retirement orders, separation papers, DD Form 214, medical records, and any other pertinent military paperwork. Make sure your spouse knows the location and telephone

number of the nearest military installation.

- Create a military retired pay file that includes the following contact information for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and Navy Personnel Command:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U S Military Retirement Pay
Post Office Box 7130
London , KY 40742-7130
(800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955/(800) 269-5170 (for issues regarding deceased members)

Navy Personnel Command
(N135C)
Retired Activities Branch
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington , TN 38055-6220

(This file should also include the number of any pending VA claim as well as the address of the local VA office; a list of deductions currently being made from retired pay or VA benefits. Also include the name, relationship and address of the person you have designated to any unpaid retired pay at the time of death. This designation is located on the back of your Retiree Account Statement)

- Create an annuities file. This file should include information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) or the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), or any applicable Civil Service annuity, etc. Additional information regarding SBP, RCSBP and RSFPP annuity claims can be obtained from DFAS office at (800) 321-1080.
- Create a personal document file that has copies of marriage certificates, divorce

decrees, adoptions and naturalization papers.

- Create an income tax file. Include copies of both of your state and federal income tax returns.
- Create a property tax file. Include copies of tax bills, deeds and any other related documents/information.
- Create an insurance policy file. Include life, property, accident, liability and hospitalization policies.
- In a secure location, maintain a list of all bank accounts (joint or individual). Include the location of all deposit boxes, savings bonds, stocks, bonds and any securities owned.
- In a secure location, maintain a list of all charge accounts and credit cards. Include account numbers and mailing addresses.
- Maintain a list of all associations and organizations of which you are a member. Some of them could be helpful to your spouse.
- Maintain a list of all friends and business associates who may be helpful. Include name, address and telephone number.
- Discuss your plans/desires with respect to the type and location of your funeral service. You should decide about cremation, which cemetery, ground burial, etc. If your spouse knows your desires, it will resolve some of the questions that might arise at a later date.
- Visit a local funeral home and pre-arrange your services. Many states will allow you to pre-pay for services.
- Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information

regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning the Mortuary Affairs Division at (866) 787-0081.

- Once your decisions have been made and you're comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining all your wishes and store it in a secure location with your other paperwork.
- When all the decision-making and documenting is completed, sit back and continue to enjoy life.

Who should be notified in the event of my death?

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955
2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits) - (800) 772-1213
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable) – (800) 827-1000
4. Office of Personnel and Management (if applicable) - (724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with such as MOOA, FRA, NCOA, VFW, AL, TREA, USSVI NATIONAL OFFICE notify when a shipmate goes on Eternal Patrol. Provide Name, Base and date of death and obituary if available.
6. Any previous employer that provides pension or benefits.

The above information is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools to lessen trauma to your loved ones.

U.S. Navy Needs Diesel Submarines

By Gary Schmitt, Defense News, June 12, 2011

The U.S. Navy faces a fundamental dilemma: It needs more submarines, but the overall defense

budget required to build those submarines is headed south. How should it square this circle?

The answer is that the Navy should procure a fleet of diesel-powered subs. Not only are diesels cheaper than nuclear-powered subs, but they have the advantage of being better platforms for many of the tasks the Navy faces today.

The demand for attack submarines is both quantitative and qualitative. Over the past two decades, for example, China has added more than 40 new submarines. Although they are not equivalent to ours, they still need to be tracked - and that takes numbers. Meanwhile, the list of actual and potential submarine missions, including close-in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, special operations, and blockade and mining, continues to grow.

These growing operational demands are coupled with the exigencies of new undersea requirements. In addition to the deep-sea dives and prolonged blue-water missions that became the staple of submarine operations during the Cold War, there are a number of scenarios today that are focused on the littoral areas, the green water within 100 miles of land, be they in the strait of Hormuz or Malacca, off the shores of Taiwan or in the South China Sea.

It is these missions that often favor diesel submarines. Diesel subs are smaller, stealthier and more maneuverable in tight spaces than nuclear submarines. For example, unlike a nuclear submarine's power plant, a diesel's primary engine can be turned off when submerged, reducing noise emission. Indeed, unlike a nuclear-powered submarine, a modern diesel can hide on the ocean's floor,

deadly silent, while monitoring whatever passes over and around it.

And with the advent of Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) technology, today's diesel subs can remain submerged for weeks at a time. When deployed to bases in the Far East or Middle East, the range and reach of today's AIP-equipped diesels would put them well within striking distance of critical choke points.

And, using the recent sale price of Germany's Type 212 subs to Turkey as a point of reference - approximately \$500 million versus the \$2 billion for a Virginia-class nuclear attack submarine - the Navy would be able to ramp up submarine production without breaking the bank.

The U.S. Navy is not ignorant of the advantages of diesel subs. Time and again, American naval crews have struggled to detect their diesel-electric "foes" at sea. Over the past two years, for example, Peruvian and Chilean diesels have made life extremely tough for the U.S. in naval exercises.

Nor is this new; in a joint training exercise in 2005, a Swedish AIP-outfitted Götland-class sub scored a "strike" on the carrier Ronald Reagan. And, most famously, in 2006 a Chinese Song-class diesel submarine surfaced undetected within striking distance of the carrier Kitty Hawk off Japanese waters.

Building diesel submarines in the U.S. has other advantages as well. There is a growing global market for diesel submarines among allies and partners and it's work U.S. shipyards certainly could use. In addition, having diesels in the fleet provides an in-house training tool for anti-submarine warfare efforts against other nations' diesels. It is useful to remember that Russia and

China have successfully incorporated both diesel and nuclear submarines into their force structure.

Of course, the U.S. Navy has been dead set against building anything but nuclear-powered submarines for a half-century now. Indeed, one reason the offer of a sale of eight diesel submarines to Taiwan made by President George W. Bush in 2001 has never gotten off the ground is because the Navy brass has feared that any diesel construction in the U.S., even if strictly for foreign sales, might open the door to Congress asking, "Why not for our own fleet?"

In addition to the decades-old, Rickover-induced inertia, the new excuse for not building diesels is the claim that the missions that diesels might usefully perform can be handled with unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs). Why build a new class of submarine when UUVs attached to nuclear submarines can carry out those tasks?

But while UUVs are a promising idea, "promising" is the key here. Significant questions pertaining to speed, payload, sensors and communication remain.

In what was billed as Defense Secretary Robert Gates' valedictory policy speech at the American Enterprise Institute on May 24, he noted that "more and more money is consumed by fewer and fewer platforms," and that, in the future, the department's "guiding principle ... must be to develop technology and field weapons that are affordable, versatile, and relevant to the most likely and lethal threats in the decades to come."

That's a spot-on assessment as to why the U.S. Navy needs diesel submarines. Gary Schmitt, director of

the advanced strategic studies program at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), and Richard Cleary, research assistant for the AEI's Program on Advanced Strategic Studies.

(See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air-independent_propulsion Not your customary diesels! Ed.)

CENTRAL DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER'S CORNER

It has been 3 months now since my last correspondence, and much has taken place. The DISTRICT 2 Convention was held in Muskegon, Michigan on April 14-17. The Escolar Base hosted the proceedings, and it was also attended by the National Commander, the National Chaplin, our Regional Director, and several WWII warriors. There was a tolling of the Boats at the USS SILVERSIDES, a tour of the Great Lakes Maritime Museum, and the duty engineman, lit off two of the engines. Ah, I love the smell of diesel fuel in the morning!! A monumental "THANK YOU" of making the District 2 Convention a success goes out to Ed Feury. Great Job!!!

I was invited to the USS HADDO BASE in May, and attended their presentations to 10 members for induction into the Holland Club. The National Commander was also in attendance, as was our Regional Director, the National Vice Commander, and 2 retired Admirals. Each inductee had a short lesson in humility, as their biography of their sub service was read aloud. They received a beautiful pen set attached to a wooden plaque that had their name and qual boat engraved on it. These types of ceremonies are always a joy to attend. Bravo Zulu to

USS HADDO BASE. That was a terrific presentation.

Hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day, and did your part to remember those who gave their all so you and I can enjoy our Freedoms.

The National Convention is in Springfield, Missouri in September, and I encourage you all to attend. There is a Monument Park nearby that includes a sail or two from US submarines, as well as other Service related items, like tanks, helicopters, etc. Just down the road is Branson, which is the country music heaven of the Ozarks. They also have a military museum worth the time to see. It includes a wall of patches from every US submarine. Good stuff.

And lastly, I want you to know that it is a joy and an honor to work along side you all and I hope your summer is one to remember. Thank you for all you do for the USSVI.

HIGH REGARDS:
VIC VANHORN D2/CDR

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 or 1-417-763-0935).

The convention website is www.ussvispringfieldmo.com.

Confederate sub upright for first time since 1864

By BRUCE SMITH, Associated Press
Fri Jun 24, 3:01 pm ET

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship is upright for the first time in almost 150 years, revealing a side of its hull not seen since it sank off the South Carolina coast during the Civil War.

Workers at a conservation lab finished the painstaking, two-day job of rotating the hand-cranked H.L. Hunley upright late Thursday.

The Hunley was resting on its side at a 45-degree angle on the bottom of the Atlantic when it was raised in August 2000 and scientists had kept it in slings in that position in the lab for the past 11 years.

But they needed to turn it upright to continue with the job of conservation.

Scientists hope the hidden side of the sub will provide clues as to why the Hunley sank with its eight-member crew in February, 1864, after sending the Union blockade ship *Houston* to the bottom.

While there was no immediate clue from a first look at the hidden hull but "we are seeing some tantalizing clues on that side," Hunley archaeologist Maria Jacobsen said Friday.

Scientists knew there were large hull breaches on the starboard side that remained out of view all these years. Jacobsen said the area around the holes is smooth, as the sediment that has hardened on the hull was blasted away. It's not clear whether the breaches are manmade — caused by an

explosion or the like — or simply caused by nature.

She said it likely could have been scoured away by water and tides.

"We may be dealing with nature here. How can these massive hull breaches occur?" she asked.

"Nothing jumps out at me" from seeing the starboard side, said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, the chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission. "But we will be examining it for any clue that might be there to help us solve the mystery."

There are various theories why the sub sank. It could have been damaged by fire from the Housatonic or the sub's crew was knocked out by the concussion from the blast that sank that ship. Or it could have been damaged by another Union vessel rescuing the Housatonic.

Studies show the crew died of a lack of oxygen and didn't drown. The remains of the crew, who were buried in 2004, were found at their stations and there seemed no rush to the escape hatch.

McConnell said seeing the submarine upright brings it alive.

"Instead of looking like an artifact, it now looks like a stealth weapon," he said.

"It's as if you are looking at the submarine for the first time," agreed conservator Paul Mardikian. "Before it was more like a mass of inert metal. Now it looks like something that had a life."

The next step in conserving the Hunley comes next week when it will be lowered onto keel blocks to hold it upright. It will probably be a month before a truss and the slings that suspended the sub from it will be removed, providing an even better view of the submarine.

The delicate process of righting the sub involved rotating it between 800 and 1,000 millimeters. A team of workers adjusted the slings by 2 millimeter increments during the two days the job took.

"It went better than it had any right to do," said Mike Drews, the director of the conservation center. "Knowing there were unknowns, we always erred on the side of caution."

Crash Dive Base Contact Information

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Chaplain – Glenn Barts, Sr.

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Base Historian – Frank Voznak



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 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