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“To Honor Those Who Serve, Past, Present & Future”

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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. AUGUST 20
 - b. SEPTEMBER 17
2. Duty Cook Roster:
 - a. August – Chris Gaines
 - b. September – Glenn Barts, Sr. and Larry Warnke
3. **August Birthdays:** John Manasse 5th, Eric Clauson 6th, Anthony Mescher 8th, Russell Rutowski 9th, John McClellan 14th, Harry Alvey 16th, Frank Walter 25th, and Walter Murray 26th.
4. Would you like to help shipmates by serving on our **Charities Committee?** Contact Greg Miller, fourkats4me@yahoo.com
5. **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.
6. **GREATER CHICAGO CHRISTMAS PARTY**, Dec. 17th - Saturday. You are all welcome. Silver Stallion Restaurant - Des Plaines. Bob Krautstrunk

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes July 2011

The July meeting was replaced by attendance at the joint USS Chicago Base/IL WWII picnic at the Hines VA Hospital. Since there was no official general meeting, there are no minutes to report.

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

Chaplains Corner

I hope everyone is still enjoying the nice summer weather.

There has been more sad news within our Base. Our Commander, Clayton Hill's Father passed away last month. Let us say a prayer for his Father and also keep Clay and his family in our prayers

Remember if there is a sickness or death please contact me or another board member.

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

May The Good Lord Keep You Safe!

Glenn

Reflecting on Our July 4th Celebration

Submitted by Martin Salvador

Dear Family, Friends and Acquaintances,

In May I attended the annual "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony at the USS GRAYLING (SS 209) Submarine Memorial in Denver. Sailors from the Navy Information Operations Command Colorado, Buckley AFB, served as the Color Guard. The conclusion of the ceremony focused on lowering our flag, folding and presenting it to the family of a GRAYLING crewmember who died when the submarine was sunk by the Japanese Navy in September 1943.

Touched by the remarks that accompanied the folding of our National Ensign during that event I searched "flag folding ceremony", and found

www.ushistory.org/betsy/more/folds.htm.

According to this site, "There is no official flag-folding ceremony and there is no official meaning to each of the folds. Below are several suggested scripts to be used during Flag-Folding Ceremonies."

Most of you likely have heard or read some of those scripts, as have I. The Colorado Submarine Veterans use script #1, which is attached. Pause for a moment and reflect upon it today, July 4th, as we remember the events of 235 years ago that signaled the birth of our great Nation.

May Freedom continue to ring for all future generations.

Richard "Dick" Life
Ft Collins, CO

Flag-Folding Ceremony

**AS THE FLAG IS FOLDED, FOR
EACH FOLD RECITE THE
FOLLOWING:**

Fold 1: The 13 stripes represent the original 13 states: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island

Fold 2: The 50 stars represent our 50 United States of America

Fold 3: "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death," - Patrick Henry

Fold 4: "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." - Thomas Paine

Fold 5: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." - Declaration of Independence

Fold 6: "We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION for the United States of America." - United States Constitution Preamble

Fold 7: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." - First Amendment

Fold 8: "The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government." - George Washington

Fold 9: "My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!" - Thomas Jefferson

Fold 10: "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." - Abraham Lincoln

Fold 11: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door." - Emma Lazarus, inscription on the Statue of Liberty

Fold 12: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Fold 13: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in

a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character", Martin Luther King, Jr.

**WAIT FOR THE HONOR GUARD
DETAIL TO INSPECT THE FLAG -
AFTER THE INSPECTION,
RESUME READING.**

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, and freedoms we enjoy today.

Navy Boat Is Sailor-Free

Submitted by Martin Salvador

EXPERIMENTAL UNMANNED VESSELS ARE CAPABLE OF PATROL, ESCORT OPERATIONS

By Kate Wiltrout, The Virginian-Pilot, July 21, 2011

HAMPTON -- At its simplest, the Navy = sailors + boats. Wednesday, Capt. Carl Conti stood on the bow of one boat to demonstrate a technology that could alter that age-old equation.

Conti, director of fleet experimentation at the Navy's Fleet Forces Command, was exhibiting four unmanned vessels guarding a swath of the Chesapeake Bay. As

Guardian, a boat holding Conti and a dozen journalists, approached the area, the closest unmanned boat went on alert.

"It's like a dog in your yard, waiting for someone to come up to the fence," Conti said as Guardian prepared to enter the designated territory, off Buckroe Beach.

The first boat followed Guardian briefly but tailed off moments later, when a second unmanned boat – the Navy calls them USVs, or unmanned surface vehicles – picked up Guardian's course like a dog following a squirrel.

The first boat had shared data it gathered on Guardian – size, course, speed – with the others, Conti said. Each USV was programmed to search just part of the territory, so Guardian, cutting across the range, encountered each one in succession.

The boats differ slightly: Two are Navy vessels, two built by contractors. One was an 11-meter rigid-hull inflatable boat common in the Navy. Some are equipped with electro-optic sensors and 360-degree panoramic cameras. One boat was obviously experimental: A large air conditioner – purchased at a Home Depot, Conti said – had been rigged up in the stern to cool the computer equipment.

All operate with the same kind of brain – a technology developed by NASA to direct the rovers now

exploring Mars. Though the equipment is small – portable enough to fit in a suitcase – its capabilities are immense. Unlike some drone aircraft in Iraq and Afghanistan that are remotely piloted by Air Force fliers in the United States, these boats are autonomous, “thinking” for themselves according to the algorithms programmed into them.

For safety reasons, three of the boats weren’t technically unmanned Wednesday – personnel rode along, ready to take control if something went wrong. (The passengers proved they weren’t driving the boats by holding their hands in the air when Guardian passed by.)

But the fourth craft, painted a dull gray, was devoid of humans. When Guardian approached its sector, it blasted a warning message: “You are entering a restricted area. Your identification is unknown and your intentions are unclear. Alter course immediately,” the recording warned, some of its words garbled over the water.

“It’s pretty cool,” said Conti, an aviator by training. None of the boats was armed, but Conti said they could be outfitted to fire flash-bang grenades or emit bright lights to scare off suspicious boats. Going a step further – equipping the boats with guns – would require lots of clearance from Navy lawyers, he said, as the possibility of lethal force

raises all sorts of liability and jurisdictional issues.

Conti believes the Navy could put unmanned boats to use in a matter of months. Each prototype cost about \$30,000 and could offer savings because it frees sailors to do other “smarter” jobs. The boats don’t need sleeping quarters, restrooms or kitchens. Just room for the software and a gas tank.

Although the Navy is examining use of unmanned vessels for open-ocean operations, Conti thinks the best use for now would be as escort boats for warships.

Last week, as the Navy worked the four unmanned boats near the Hampton Roads shipping channel, the carrier Enterprise passed by as it returned from deployment. Next year, Conti said, he’d like to see a half-dozen unmanned boats swarming around it, alerting sailboats and commercial ships to stay clear – freeing up Coast Guard vessels and personnel who typically perform that duty.

“This is something we could almost use today,” he said.

Better USSVI Conventions

Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw on 8/7/2011

Shipmates,

The BOD is working diligently on restructuring the USSVI convention system as our current process has a

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Rondout - Lake Bluff, IL

significant number of areas that are no longer practical for an organization with more than 13,000 members.

Among the weak areas is the Hotel and Catering negotiation process. This process is a specialty in all of the organizations throughout the world who conduct "Conventions".

It is a much different process than the one that puts together "Reunions", which is the system we are currently operating under. There are significantly more people at a "convention" and conventions require larger, more accommodating locations. They also cost more than a "Reunion" because of the difference in location requirements.

One of the things that we want to get started on is to have at least one and preferably two trained negotiating personnel in each Region. We have found a company that provides the training for a minimal cost and USSVI will pay for any approved volunteers to attend the training.

If you are interested please contact our Convention Chairman, Don Brown at 775-853-5309 or by e-mail at donbrownss322@sbcglobal.net and we will begin a selection process to find the right people to get the job done.

Our conventions are of primary interest to USSVI and the BOD, as they must be designed and operated to give our membership the absolute best experience possible at the lowest possible cost. "Great Conventions = Happy Members"; we want both.

Best,

Michael

My Heart's At Sea Forever

Submitted by Frank Voznak, Jr.

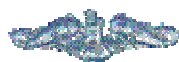
**Long ago I was a Sailor.
I sailed the Ocean blue.
I knew the bars in Singapore ...
The coastline of Peru .**

**I knew well the sting of salt spray,
The taste of Spanish wine,
The beauty of the Orient...
Yes, all these things were mine.**

**But I wear a different hat now,
Jeans & T-shirts too.
My sailing days were long ago...
With that life I am through.**

**But somewhere deep inside of me...
The sailor lives there still.
He longs to go to sea again,
But knows he never will..**

**My love, my life, is here at home,
And I will leave here never.
Though mind and body stay ashore...
My heart's at sea forever.**



**Any man or woman who may be asked
in this century what they did to make
life worthwhile in their lifetime....can
respond with a great deal of pride and
satisfaction, "I served in the United
States Navy."**





Submarines of the Cold War

Submitted by: Office on 8/8/2011

CAPT Mark Patton makes a comprehensive presentation on Submarines of the Cold War.

Factoids:

- Captain Patton was tech advisor to movie Hunt for Red October and talks about some details,
- Also included is a 15 minute movie news reel narrated by Walter Cronkite.
- He talks about sub losses and voices his opinions as to why.
- He tells the back story on why women are now recruited for submarine duty.
- He says that submarine sailors now average IQ 130
- He talks a lot about US vs USSR sub ops and why US subs are superior.
- All in all, a very interesting viewpoint on cold war history

Note: This is a LONG video, nearly 2 hours long, so grab a beverage and popcorn and settle in for the show. It is also posted under the VIDEO button at www.ussvi.org. Look in the HISTORY section.

A tip of the hat to "Pargo Bill" Patterson for making it available.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubR4uWcNhRk&feature=player_embedded

Revised USSVI Chaplain Manual

Submitted by: James A Fox on 8/13/2011

The revised USSVI Chaplain Manual is now posted on the USSVI website. Base Chaplains and Base Commanders please place this information in your base newsletter. The manual has updated examples for Eternal Patrol programs for Shipmates that have gone on External Patrol and three new appendixes. Much of the updated information in this manual was requested by base Chaplains and questions requesting information from next of kin members for shipmates that have gone on Eternal Patrol.

Appendix I contain examples of funeral Services currently being by USSVI Chaplains that can be used in the funeral home, church service or at the burial service.

Appendix II Contains additional prayers as was requested by some base Chaplains.

Appendix III Contains information for Base Chaplains and the base membership: Information how to order the USSVI multiple purpose USSVI card, Retiree checklist what survivors should know, Information and form to order Veterans Affairs headstone or marker at no cost for use in Private

Cemeteries, Q&A about VA's Medallion benefit and The United States Burial At Sea Program.

The Policy and Procedure manual has also recently been revised in 2011. The National Secretary Tom Conlon has updated this manual which has much information of value to all the USSVI base members.

Respectfully Yours,
Carl Schmidt
National Chaplain USSVI

The Revolt of the Generals and Admirals.

Author: Daniel Goure, Ph.D.
Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2011

<http://www.lexingtoninstitute.org/the-revolt-of-the-generals-and-admirals?a=1&c=1171>

The senior leaders of the U.S. military have finally said enough is enough. You cannot wear out the military by requiring that it fights two, even three wars over a decade, conduct countless out-of-area deployments, maintain forward presence around the world, provide humanitarian assistance in dozens of disasters and conduct training missions with nearly one hundred countries and then tell it to suck up \$1 trillion in budget cuts. For the first time in decades, the leaders of the nation's armed forces are standing up and standing together to warn that massive cuts in defense spending will break the force.

The revolt was led from the top. In an appearance yesterday on Capitol Hill, Army General Martin Dempsey, the Obama Administration's nominee to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, broke with previous Chairmen by publicly challenging the policy line being

put forward by political leaders. General Dempsey directly contradicted the view of his predecessor, Admiral Michael Mullen, who had opined that the national debt was the greatest threat to national security. In his written remarks to the Senate Armed Services Committee, General Dempsey said "I would not describe our economic condition as the single biggest threat to our national security. National security did not cause the debt crisis nor will it solve it." He went on to warn that deep budget cuts would undermine defense policy, resulting in additional risk to U.S. interests overseas and American's security at home.

General Dempsey's remarks were echoed in the same hearing by the nominee to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral James Winnefeld. The Admiral warned that proposed budget reductions could readily lead to a hollow force. " . as we get to a higher and higher number, we're going to find that the strategies that we currently have are going to reach inflection points where we're just going to have to stop doing some of the things that we currently are able to do because what we can't afford is to have any kind of a cut result in a hollow force. We can't afford to have a cut result in irreversible damage to our industrial base."

Dempsey and Winnefeld were supported by a Greek chorus consisting of the Vice Chiefs of each of the services. In hearings before the House Armed Services Readiness subcommittee, the Vice Chiefs described a military worn out by continuous combat or allowed to age out as the result of a defense buildup that failed to adequately modernize the force. Each of the services has been plagued by readiness problems that, in

some cases, have interfered with their ability to deploy forces.

The military has already sustained nearly \$400 billion in cuts as a result of decisions taken by the former Defense Secretary and is planning to absorb another \$400 billion in reductions per the President's recent directive. In addition, the Pentagon is being required to absorb an increasing share of war costs in its base budget. This is why proposals to cut defense by \$800 billion or even \$1 trillion would have such a devastating impact.

It is time for other interested parties to chime in. Defense industry leaders need to make it clear to our political leaders that proposed draconian cuts in defense spending will mean the loss of irreplaceable production, engineering and design capability. The danger in such areas as nuclear ship construction, large solid and liquid rocket motors, large satellite systems, nuclear weapons refurbishment, and military electronics is real and current.

This revolt of the generals and admirals is not a civil-military issue. Civilians are firmly in control of the military. What we have here is a national

security issue. It is the responsibility of military leaders, particularly the JCS Chairman to tell truth to power. And the truth is that proposed budget cuts pose intolerable risks to national security.

Daniel Goure, Ph.D.

<http://www.lexingtoninstitute.org/main.asp?page=1244>>

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.

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Base Historian – Frank Voznak



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