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"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. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:
 - a. DECEMBER 17
 - b. January 21, 2012
2. Duty Cook Roster:
 - a. December - Frank Walter Walleye Fry
 - b. January – Chris Gaines Chili Dump
3. **December Birthdays:** Jim Anderson 1st, Greg Miller 10th, Kevin Petersen 14th, Charlie Kruger 15th, Edward Dowling 19th, Allen Tuidor 22nd, Pete Tzomes 30th, and John Stines 30th.
4. **GREATER CHICAGO SubVets WWII CHRISTMAS PARTY,** Dec. 17th - Saturday. You are all welcome. Silver Stallion Restaurant - Des Plaines. Bob Krautstrunk , IL. State Cdr. bobreg1@aol.com
5. **Dues season** is upon us. Why not get ahead of the curve and send in your dues early? Better yet, send in a couple of years' worth. Donations graciously accepted too.
6. **Collecting Toys for Tots** at our December 17 meeting.
7. December 17 meeting **50-50 proceeds to the USO**; come to the meeting and donate.

CRASH DIVE BASE WEBSITE: WWW. CRASHDIVEBASE.COM

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes November 12, 2011

1. Attendees
 - a. Clay Hill
 - b. Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - c. Herman Mueller
 - d. Allen Tuider
 - e. Frank Walter
 - f. Kep Preble
 - g. Terry Elmeier
 - h. Larry Warnke
 - i. Greg Miller
 - j. Rich Behnke
 - k. Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - l. Chris Gaines
 - m. Gus Yakes
 - n. Joe Chevere
2. Meeting called to order after lunch by Clay Hill.
3. Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines; Frank Voznak moved to accept; Greg Miller seconded; unanimous.
4. Treasurer's Report was given by Glenn Barts; savings balance is \$1173.69, checking balance is \$3425.15. Frank Walter moved to accept, Allen Tuider seconded; unanimous.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Charitable Service report by Greg Miller who identified upcoming disbursements:
 - i. Fisher House contact wants to make a big deal out of our donation; date likely is November 21 at 1930 at Addison Village Hall; all invited.
 - ii. Drive for Navy Marine Corps Relief Thrift Store is going well. Presentation tentatively scheduled for next week.
 - iii. Joe Chevere reports that the Veteran's Day observance at school was supported by attendance of several members of Crash Dive.
 - b. Hospitality report: Larry Warnke who needs special drink requests at least two weeks prior to Christmas party.
 - c. Webmaster –
 - i. Joe Chevere reports that the Website is up-to-date.
 - ii. Can get e-mail addresses;
 - iii. maximum storage is 100MB.
 - iv. Paid for two more years of the domain name.
 - d. Storekeeper reports inventory list is on file. Will make a display board of inventory.
 - e. Bylaws project remains a work-in-progress.
 - f. Memorial project continues to develop and expand. City of Chicago wants something large and eye-catching such as a submarine surfacing through the lawn. Another idea is to get a submarine watertight door in a bulkhead that would be welded open (for safety) to visually frame the bridge in the background; could add a battle lantern and a gauge showing pressure in the adjacent compartment.
6. Old Business
 - a. Christmas Party
 - i. Larry: Macaroni Salad and Green Beans
 - ii. Herman: peanuts, pretzels.
 - iii. Jan: a fruit salad and a gelatin salad.
 - iv. Chris: a salad and an appetizer.

- v. Base will provide meats, veggie trays, sheet cakes.
 - vi. Toys for Tots- we have two boxes; invited two Marines and their dates to Christmas party as our guests.
7. New Business
- a. 50-50 won by Frank Walter; donated back to the Base.
 - b. Election nominations include the incumbents who agreed to stand for reelection and any others; there were no nominations from the floor. Election will be held at the December 17 meeting.
 - c. Ball 2012
 - i. Reversed previous decision; will hold one in 2012.
 - ii. Tentative date Saturday, April 14, 2012.
 - iii. Location – Port o’ Call at Naval Station Great Lakes
 - iv. Room rent- \$200
 - v. Bar – spend \$200 and bartender is free
 - vi. Food – Glenn has menus
 - vii. Can take a cake but no other outside food or beverage.
 - viii. Chris Gaines will draft a budget for the Ball.
8. Good of the Order
- a. Duty Cook
 - i. December – Frank Walter fish fry; Clay will contact Bret to tell him about the walleye dinner.
 - ii. January – Chris Gaines will organize a Chili Dump
 - b. Frank Walter attended first boat reunion last week, during Veteran’s Week. Attended in Branson where free breakfast, lunch and

supper were served to all veterans. All shows were free to veterans and guests paid half-price. Good idea for next year for travelers. Branson really treats the armed forces well.

- 9. Benediction
- 10. Adjourn 1351.

Lost Boats

USS Capelin (SS-289)	12/2/43
USS Sea Lion (SS-195)	12/10/41
USS F-1/Carp (SS-20)	12/17/17
USS S-4 (SS-109)	12/17/27

Chaplains Corner

Winter is coming soon and I hope everyone is in good health. Again, I am happy to say we have had no known major medical problems or deaths to report this past month.

We were able to donate a large assortment of goods to the Navy and Marine Corp Thrift Shop, Along with a check for \$100.00, Thanks to the efforts of Greg Miller. I am sure the people will be able to use the donated goods at this time of the year.

With that I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And most of all "Remember to keep All of Our People in Uniform in your prayers ".

Glenn C. Barts, Sr
Chaplain

Doomsday weapon: Israel's submarines

Ynetnews special: Rare glimpse into Israel's doomsday weapon – the submarine fleet

Alex Fishman

The day the Twin Towers collapsed in Manhattan, September 11, 2001, [IDF](#) submarine “Leviathan” of the advanced Dolphin model was on a training sail somewhere at sea – the exact location of [Israel](#)'s submarines will always remain classified, even dozens of years after the fact.

At one point, the submarine rose to the surface to take a break. The sub's commander, then-Lt. Colonel Oded, looked through the periscope and saw a calm, blue sea. However, one crew member soon informed him that he just saw the New York towers collapsing on television. Oded's first reaction was laughter: What kind of movie are you watching there? How could the Twin Towers collapse? Yet soon after, the official announcement arrived from Israel.

The training session ended abruptly. Orders started to pour in from Navy headquarters. The submarine went into high alert and sank into the water for a lengthy period of several weeks. “In such case,” Oded says, “nobody knows where you are except for your crew and your direct commanders. Even your family doesn't know. They don't know what you're doing or when you'll be back. They know nothing.”



Dolphin fleet plays crucial role in game of deterrence (Photo: AFP)

What does a terror attack at the World Trade Center have to do with an Israeli submarine going on high alert? This question shall remain unanswered as well. We can only guess: When the US experiences an unprecedented terror event whose implications are still unclear, nobody knows how the superpower would respond and what will happen in the Middle East as result. At such moments of uncertainty, Israel's first walls of defense are its long-range strategic arms – the most secretive one is the submarine fleet.

Israel's enemies must be made to understand that should they dare use any weapon of mass destruction, their own fate will be sealed. According to foreign reports, Israel's Dolphin fleet plays a crucial role in the game of deterrence with its second strike capability.

Virtual passport

Just like Israel's submarine fleet is secretive, so are its commanders. Colonel Oded, 44, has recently completed his tenure as the fleet's commander, ending a chapter of more than 20 years where he performed almost every command post in the fleet. “If a layman would see submarine troops from the side, he would not understand how

we can withstand it,” Oded says in a rare interview. “It’s a group of people who perform missions at very certain locations and feel like home there. People wake up for their shifts, eat breakfast and follow a routine in the least trivial locations one can imagine.”

When I ask Oded whether his troops’ passports would be filled with stamps, had they theoretically stamped them at border control, he smiles and says nothing. Indeed, we can imagine that these virtual passports would have been full of stamps. The Navy’s submarines, as opposed to other vessels, never dock at foreign ports, including friendly ones. This is the nature of the service: The submarines only dock in Israel.



Israeli Dolphin submarine in Haifa port (Photo: IDF)

Exceptional soldiers

In order to serve on a submarine, one needs more than to excel at school and accumulate more and more knowledge. Such soldiers need a specific mental makeup that enables them to be isolated for lengthy periods of time from their natural environment, while living with 40 other people under crowded conditions and an intensive, tense operational atmosphere.

“People who cannot withstand the pressure drop out in the screening

process and during the courses,” Oded says. “There is only one way to minimize the fear and improve the ability to function during emergencies: Sisyphean training. For that reason we constantly engage in simulating extreme scenarios, so when things happen in real life the soldiers are trained and already experienced those things during training sessions.”

“When you arrive at the sub after the course, you feel that nobody is better than you, but very quickly you realize that you have much to learn from the people around you,” Oded says. “The veteran non-commissioned officer is much more professional than you in his area of expertise. The secret of the submarine’s power is the accumulated knowledge of everyone on board. Each soldier is an expert, so you learn to appreciate and trust them...you learn very quickly that the quality of the soldiers is so high that you cannot just issue orders.”

Not like in the movies

So what happens to a young man who one day becomes privy to the State of Israel’s deepest secrets? “If we developed the right person, and his ego is at a healthy place, not much happens,” Oded says. “The heavy responsibility and significance of the work merely increase the need for modesty. Even though it’s quite surprising and fascinating to discover what this country can do, we don’t tell our parents or anyone else. Never. Everything stays within the submarine. This is one of the reasons why the friendships formed between the soldiers and officers don’t exist elsewhere. We develop a culture where secrecy means life or death.

In the movies we often see a submarine commander receiving a mysterious message, walking over to the safe, pulling out an envelope and discovering a dramatic mission for the first time. Yet when Oded is asked whether this happens in real life, he bursts into laughter. “This happens in the movies. These are precisely the things that are not done in real life, because the sub commander works completely independently, and at times has no contact whatsoever with his superiors. Hence, he must have all the information available to him and be familiar with the mission’s big picture, so he can make the right decisions.

Having fun in the shower

At the end of the 1980s, Oded completed a degree in electrical engineering and physics at the Technion. Upon graduation, he was appointed as commander of a missile boat that specializes in anti-submarine warfare (the Navy ensures that future sub commanders serve on such boats first, as there is no better way to learn how they behave when confronting a submarine.) After two years, Oded embarked on a submarine commander’s course – an intensive eight-month track with a personal mentor. In 1999 he was assigned to command the old-model submarine “Gal.” The only thing he is willing to say about that period is: “It was a very operational year, with plenty of counter-terror activity.” In 2001, he was appointed as the second commander of “Leviathan,” a new model Dolphin sub.

When asked how it feels to command “Leviathan,” a submarine that is three-times larger than the previous sub he led, Oded first speaks about the

improved shower experience. “When you are sailing for weeks and your only way to take a shower is to use the air-conditioner’s water, yet suddenly you have a shower, only then you understand the meaning of this,” he says.

“Suddenly there is a convenient space for service, in submarine terms of course. Suddenly your sub has more than one floor. There are also more arms and more advanced sonar systems. There is also a leap in atomization and in command and control capabilities. It’s like flying into space. Moreover, it’s a very quiet submarine that can perform its mission with greater secrecy.

Doubling the fleet

At this time the Navy is preparing to double Israel’s submarine fleet from three to six in the next five years, making it one of the region’s largest and most advanced fleets. As result of this process, Oded was not only required to double the submarine fleet’s manpower, but also to create a larger cadre career officers for a lengthy service term, as the need for professional expertise will only be growing. Hence, the Navy realized it must offer these soldiers the army’s best service terms. For example, sub troops can study almost anything they want, as long as they stay in the force. Notably, a sub officer is required to serve nine years at least.

Oded says that doubling the fleet’s size is “not only a challenge for the army; it’s a challenge for the State.” When asked whether Israel needs such large fleet, especially in an era of cutbacks, Oded has no hesitation: “I have no doubt we need it. A large submarine fleet gives us much more than a multiplier effect in strategic and security terms.”

Crash Dive Donates to Navy Marine Corps Relief

Submitted by: Greg Miller

On Thursday 17 November 2011 a task group from Crash Dive base delivered two pickup loads of basic household supplies to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief thrift store at Great Lakes. These items were generously donated by members of the base in response to a request from the charitable contributions committee to help our sailors and marines to have a source of low-cost supplies. The response from our members far exceeded our hopes, and the navy relief volunteers were very pleased with the goods provided. Also included was a check in the amount of \$100.00 as part of our support for navy relief.



Photo Compliments of U. S. Navy Public Affairs Office, Great Lakes Naval Station.

The volunteers asked us send their thanks and good wishes for supporting them in their work to assist our uniformed brothers and sisters who sometimes fall on hard times. Seeing the work that they do with very minimal resources, it seems it should be them that deserve the thanks. We also want to thank all base members for their most generous contributions with special kudos to Larry Warnke and Frank Vosnak for their hauling services and to Glenn Barts for his help in getting the project organized. Well done.

Crash Dive Donates \$100 to Fisher House



Dues

Submitted by: Chris Gaines

To date, there are six shipmates who owe national dues and about 19 who owe base dues. If you happen to be one of them, please pay today. We want to have a 100% renewal rate.

Navy Hymn for Submariners on YouTube

Submitted by Martin Salvador

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKMEI4HU0fA>

This is a nice rendition; find a computer and spend a few minutes watching it if you can.

Have a Good Chili Recipe?

If you do, why not make a batch for our January meeting Chili Dump? Let me know if you plan to take a batch.

Chicken, vegetarian, with beans or without, it doesn't matter. Every batch helps the pot.

I will make cornbread and brownies to round out the meal.

Chris Gaines – 630-892-5718

T'was the Night Before Christmas-Submarine Style

By Sean Keck

Submitted by Frank Voznak

T'was the night before Christmas, and what
no-one could see,
The men with the dolphins were under the
sea.
Most of the crew was flat on their backs,
Snoring and dreaming all snug in their
racks.

Those men on watch were making their
rounds,
Some manning the planes or listening for
sounds.
Back in maneuvering or down in the room,
They all hoped the oncoming watch would
come soon.

I'd finished some PMs whose time was now
due,
And hoped for some sleep, even an hour or
two.
Against better judgment I took a short stroll,
And found myself wandering into control.

The Nav had the Conn , the COW was in
place,
The COB had the Dive and a scowl on his
face.
The helm and the planes were relaxed but
aware,
The QM and ET were discussing a dare.

To comply with the orders the Nav told the
Dive,
To bring the boat up with minimum rise.
The orders were given and soon they were
there,
At periscope depth with a scope in the air.

The QM confirmed our position with care,
The broadcast was copied, we brought in
some air.
The Nav on the scope let out a small cry,
He shook his head twice and rubbed at his
eyes.

He looked once again to find what it was,

That interrupted his sweep and caused him
to pause.

Try as he might there was nothing to see,
So down went the scope and us to the
deep.

I asked what it was that caused his dismay,
He sheepishly said, "I'm embarrassed to
say."

It could have been Northern Lights or a
cloud,
Or a meteorite he wondered aloud.

But to tell you the truth I guess I must say,
Whatever it was it looked like a sleigh.
And though it passed quickly and never was
clear.

I almost believe it was pulled by reindeer.

We laughed and teased him and I got up to
go,
When our moment was broken by " Conn ,
Radio."

They told us a message was just coming in,
We looked at the depth gauge and started
to grin.

"Radio, Conn , I feel safe to say,
Your attempt at a joke is too long delayed.
If it had been sooner it might have been
neat,
But I doubt we're receiving at four-hundred
feet."

" Conn , Radio, you can come down and
see,
We're not playing games to any degree."
I headed aft with nothing better to do,
Surprised by the fact it was still coming
through.

It stopped and was sent to control to be
read,
The Nav read it slowly and scratched at his
head.
Then again he began but this time aloud,
To those that now waited, a curious crowd.

"To you Denizens of the Deep and men of
the sea,
Who risk your life daily so others stay free.
I rarely have seen you on this, my big night,

For far too often you are hidden from sight.

But purely by luck I saw you tonight,
As your scope coaxed the plankton to glow
in the night.

And lucky for me I've finally won,
The chance to say thanks for all you have
done.

I know that you miss your families at home,
And sometimes you feel as if you're alone.
But trust what I say and I'll do what's right,
I'll take something special to your families
tonight.

Along with the gifts I'll take to your kin,
I'll visit their dreams and leave word within.
They'll hear of your love, and how you miss
them,
I'll tell them that soon you'll be home again.

It might not be much I know that is true,
To thank you for all the things that you do.
But I'll do what I can, while you do what's
right,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a
goodnight."

Submarine Memorial Update

At the present time, we have only a
draft version of the proposed

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submarine memorial that is a joint venture of USS Chicago & Crash Dive Bases. Our designer will have a version that we can possibly vote on at this upcoming meeting.

We are also waiting on the possibility of help or assistance from the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. We had an email indicating that they could be willing to assist us. We're waiting on clarification and should know shortly.

We have communicated our draft proposal to the City of Chicago and as of this correspondence, have had no reply, negative or otherwise.

If the plans are accepted by this base and USS Chicago Base, we are planning on scheduling a meeting with Chicago Dept. of Transportation (CDOT) sometime after the first of the year to move this project further along to completion.

Submitted by,

Frank J. Voznak Jr.
VCDR



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.)

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|----------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 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