



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

**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. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:
 - a. FEBRUARY 18
 - b. MARCH 17
 - c. APRIL 21
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. February – Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - b. March – Bob Fleck
 - c. April – It could be you! Contact Clay Hill to sign-up.
3. **February Birthdays:** Don Robbins 4th; Leon Lemma 6th; Rich Behnke 8th; Eric Hansknecht 11th; Larry Heckelsmiller 12th; and Scott Jaklin 17th..
4. The Manitowoc Boats on the Chicago River **Memorial Project** is moving along nicely. Some shipmates are so excited that they either committed to donate, or actually donated money to fund the project. There will be a fundraising effort once we get a better handle on the costs. In the meantime, if you are interested and able to donate, contact Frank Voznak – see page 9 for info.
5. **One Crash Dive member** was deleted from the national membership rolls for failure to pay dues. Four Crash Dive members are on the bubble and will be dropped unless base dues are forthcoming. Contact Chris Gaines.

CRASH DIVE BASE WEBSITE: WWW. CRASHDIVEBASE.COM

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes January 21, 2012

- A. Attendees
 - 1. Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - 2. Clay Hill
 - 3. Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - 4. John Moody
 - 5. Rich Behnke
 - 6. Greg Miller
 - 7. Kep Preble
 - 8. Bob Fleck
 - 9. Frank Walter
 - 10. Martin Salvador
 - 11. Allen Tuider
 - 12. Herman Mueller
 - 13. Chris Gaines
 - 14. Gus Yakes
- B. The meeting was called to order at 1212 by Clay Hill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, a Moment of Silence, and a round of introductions.
- C. Secretary's Report was given by Glenn Barts, Sr.; December minutes were published in the newsletter. Herman Mueller moved to accept, Frank Walter seconded; vote was unanimous.
- D. Treasurer's Report was given by Glenn Barts, Sr.. Savings \$1173.69 checking \$4215.81; Frank Walter moved to accept; Allen Tuider seconded; vote was unanimous
- E. Committee Reports
 - 1. Charitable Service – Greg Miller encourages all members to remember to

- take donations of household goods for the Thrift Shop to each monthly meeting. The list of desired goods is posted on the Website.
- 2. Storekeeper – researched creating a patch for a sponsored recruit division; for qty 100 cost about \$7.50 each, roughly ¼ the cost of a T-shirt. Same four-inch size as our base patch; Frank V. asked about possibility of an enlarged patch for greater visibility. Shipmates suggest a five-inch size.
- 3. Memorial Committee – met with WI Maritime Museum; reception was outstanding. Cobia has morphed from an artifact to a focused direction such that the entire museum is focused on Manitowoc Shipbuilding and the 28 WWII submarines. Clay Hill, Frank Voznak, and Rich Allen (Chicago Base) met with Museum on Wednesday.
 - a. The museum wants to partner with us on the memorial.
 - b. The City of Chicago is excited about the expanded concept.
 - c. Museum has an artifact they want us to do

- something with. It is a portion of the conning tower of USS Rasher (SS269) that was built in Manitowoc. Only stipulation is that it be kid-friendly.
- d. The meeting opened up numerous, encouraging opportunities, connections, and possibilities.
 - e. Need to finalize the design prior to starting fundraising activities.
 - f. Museum has a list of wants and is open to our providing working parties to support the Cobia.
 - g. This memorial commemorates WWII; donations from WWII vets will be discouraged.
 - h. Meeting scheduled City of Chicago on Friday, January 27.
 - i. Crash Dive encourages Cobia working parties.
 - j. Clay will discuss our plans with Great Lakes Base.
4. New Business
- a. 50-50 won by Glenn Barts.
 - b. Boat Sponsorship Program \$120 donation from Crash Dive supports the USS Connecticut, USS Michigan Blue and Gold, and USO at O'Hare Field.
 - c. Duty cook
 1. February - Glenn Barts, Sr.
 2. March - Bob Fleck

5. Good of the Order
 - a. Greg Miller raised the issue of recognizing volunteers who support Base activities such as wives and girlfriends.
 - b. KSC Wild Game Roast will be held January 28 starting at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available from Gus Yakes.
6. Benediction.
7. Adjourn 1442.

Lost Boats

USS Barbel (SS-316)	2/4/45
USS Shark I (SS-174)	2/11/42
USS Amberjack (SS-219)	2/16/43
USS Grayback (SS-208)	2/27/44
USS Trout (SS-202)	2/29/44

Chaplains Corner

Well February has arrived and it seems that we have been taking care of ourselves this winter. With the exception of a few colds everyone seems to be in go health as far as I have heard.

For those Living in other parts of the country we hope you are enjoying life and we will keep you in our prayers.

With that, as always, I am going to keep this short and wish everyone Good Health and remember to keep All of Our People in Uniform and our Loved Ones in our prayers.

Glenn C. Barts, Sr
Chaplain

Complete Civil War Submarine Unveiled

NORTH CHARLESTON, South Carolina (Reuters) - Confederate Civil War vessel H.L. Hunley, the world's first successful combat submarine when it sank a Union ship in 1864, was unveiled in full and unobstructed for the first time on Thursday, capping a decade of careful preservation.

"No one alive has ever seen the Hunley complete. We're going to see it today," said engineer John King as a crane at a Charleston conservation laboratory slowly lifted a massive steel truss covering the top of the submarine.

The excerpt above is taken from <http://news.yahoo.com/complete-civil-war-submarine-unveiled-first-time-004714070.html> where you can read the full article.

Navy Marine Corps Thrift Store Report

Submitted by: Greg Miller

Thanks to community support, Crash Dive base made another delivery of winter coats to the Navy and Marine corps relief thrift store at Great Lakes on 24 January 2012. These were much needed as V.A. had put in a request for twenty winter coats for veterans in need. It turns out that the thrift store supports a much larger population than we thought. Military-only thrift stores in our area are a rarity, so the store supports not only sailors and marines, but also army and coast guard personnel and their families.

Collection of items for the thrift store is an on-going project, so please bring your donations to the meeting, and we will see to it that it gets to where it's needed. Thanks.

Memorial Update

Submitted by: Frank Voznak, Jr.

At our December meeting, after a presentation by our designer, Frank Voznak III, members present voted to accept the design concept and to move the project forward. The next step was to attend the USS Chicago meeting and present the concept to the members attending their meeting. That was accomplished January seventh. After approximately a one hour presentation with numerous questions, the members of USS Chicago Base voted to accept the design and to move the project forward also.

For people unaware, Crash Dive Base was challenged by one of our base's founders approximately a year ago to not forget Pearl Harbor and Pearl Harbor Day. The project has grown from a twenty four inch tall by thirty six inch wide plaque to a steel structure approximately seven and one half feet tall by eight feet wide, and includes a "water tight door" opening. A bench placed near the face of the Memorial, is also included as part of the project. Crash Dive Base and USS Chicago Base are working jointly on this Memorial project with the City of Chicago, where the Memorial will be placed. The Memorial mentions all twenty-eight submarines built in Manitowoc Wisconsin during World War Two that passed through the City of Chicago, on the Chicago River, on their way to war. It is also dedicated to all U.S. Navy Submariners, past, present and future.

Presently, the Commander and Vice Commander of Crash Dive, and a representative of USS Chicago Base, will be meeting with the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum to see if there are ways that

the Museum can help us with the Memorial. Hopefully, by the time this is published, we should have an answer that will be reported at the regular meeting. A meeting is also scheduled with the City of Chicago and our designer and Bases representatives later this Month to attempt to finalize things before actual work starts on the building of the Memorial. Upon acceptance of our plan by the City of Chicago, a copy of the final memorial plan will be posted in our website, www.crashdivebase.com.

Frank J Voznak Jr.

Nominations for National Office

Submitted by: Pat Householder

In accordance with the requirement of our Constitution & Bylaws, this is a call for 2012 National Election nominations for the following offices.

National Commander, National Senior Vice Commander, National Junior Vice Commander, National Secretary, National Treasurer, NE Region Director, SE Region Director, Central Region Director, Western Region Director.

The nominations for the Region Director positions are included for convenience in this procedure.

Any member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing for any elected National Office, provided that the Nominee's qualification for National Office shall be in accordance with Constitution Article XI Section 1 paragraph (b) and the nomination is accompanied by a letter from the Nominee indicating his willingness to accept the nomination and willingness to serve if elected.

The prerequisite for National Office is that a Nominee must be a

Regular Member in good standing a minimum of thirty consecutive months.

a. Nominees for Senior and Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors. (This includes all District Commanders, past and present, who have met the two years in office requirement.)

b. Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander (NC). (This includes all National Officers and the District Commander of the Year, past and present, who have met the two years as a voting member of the board requirement.)

The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.

Your nomination must be received by Patrick Householder, Nomination Committee Chair on or by April 30th 2012 by email at householderp@comcast.net or by mail at 25003 SE 146th St, Issaquah WA 98027.

Anchor Pool

by Bob 'Dex' Armstrong

Never won an anchor pool. Anchor pools were operated by the slush fund, a.k.a. the Saltwater Savings and Loan.

For those who never rode an anchor pool boat, I will try to explain their operation. First of all, the things are illegal... Totally and absolutely outlawed by everyone from the Chief of Naval Operations down to the squadron chaplain.

The odds are terrible. You would stand a better chance

betting on a blind mule at the Kentucky Derby. What you do is contribute five bucks to the Saltwater Savings and Loan and it provides you with the opportunity to win \$50, the remaining bucks going to the 'slush.'

You actually never used the term 'slush fund' because the bulkheads had ears. You said 'Saltwater Savings and Loan' or 'contributions to Mrs. Murphy's Mothers Day card.'

Let me explain how an anchor pool works... You need a pen, two sheets of white typing paper, a sheet of carbon paper (do they still make carbon paper? Xerox sure must've kicked the slats outta the carbon paper racket...), a piece of stiff cardboard and a good stapler.

You stapled two sheets of typing paper together with the carbon paper sandwiched in between. Then you laid out a grid with 60 squares. With the carbon in place, what you got were two mirror image blank grids - one exactly over the other one.

You then delicately... What a word to use in conjunction with anything done by a submarine sailor... You carefully folded back the top sheet and the carbon, and placed numbers from one to sixty in random order, in the sixty blank boxes of the lower sheet. Then you returned the folded top sheet and carbon so that you had a visible top sheet containing blank boxes.

You then circulated among your fellow inmates of your submersible septic tank and relieved each player of five frog skins. Most anchor pools were five frog skin

pools. I heard rumors that on some big ships they had pools with hundred buck boxes. We didn't have any direct relatives of Bonnie and Clyde, so we kept it to one Abe Lincoln a box.

Once you had picked a box, you would write your name in it. Because the carbon paper was still in place sandwiched over the numbered boxes, your name would show up superimposed over some number between one and sixty. The pages were stapled to the cardboard so you had no way of knowing what your number was.

The corner boxes went first. Boxes in the middle went next. There were many scientific systems used... There was the 'Hand over the eyes, finger point' method, the 'Eenie-meeny-miney-moe' selection process, and the favorite 'Shit, just pick one for me' method.

I personally liked the one in the middle of the lower edge. This location had been revealed to me in a 151 proof rum-induced dream... At the time I was speaking directly with Zeus.

Old hands knew you had to get hold of an anchor pool sign up board before it passed aft of the after battery. When that board passed through the forward and after enginerooms... And throttlemen and oilers wrote on it... It got greasy snipe prints all over the cardboard and sheets. By the time it reached the guys popping the 'electric sticks,' it was a grimy mess.

This in no way places the blame on enginemen and motor macs... No sir, everyone knows these individuals had lovely cleaned and

manicured hands. The root cause of all the nasty looking oily, greasy fingerprints were the 'lower flats trolls.' Those little sonuvabitches caused all kinds of problems. They could louse up a vertical drive on a Fairbanks Morse rock crusher or throw a lower crank. One thing they rarely did and that was picked a winning anchor pool number.

If you couldn't fill the card, all the blank boxes were owned by the 'Mrs. Murphy's Mothers Day card fund'... A subsidiary of the Requin branch of North Atlantic Saltwater Savings and Loan - pier 22. Fine institution... Open around the clock... Known to invest heavily in sea stores cigarettes that became available at somewhat exorbitant prices after three weeks on the snorkel.

The SS&L had a slogan, "Someone's gonna screw you... Let it be us and keep it in the family"

The SS&L brought you beer ball games, bail money, cash to pay fines, ship's parties, and fare for unanticipated trips home. The only financial institution in North America that would bankroll visits to cathouses with no collateral required.

Each anchor pool had a prize, usually fifty bucks. When you came in to tie up, the Old Man would yell to the line handlers' topside to "Put your lines over when you can." This triggered a shower of heavies... Heaving lines thrown at the pier or the deck of some outboard boat. 'Heavie' for the uninitiated, is a line... A light line that has a big knot tied on one end to weight it. The knot is called a 'monkey fist'... You weight it

so you can throw the light line across the water. A line handler is your counterpart on the pier or the boat you will tie up to. He catches your heavie and takes up the slack then pulls the heavy hawser over that will tie your boat up. It takes four hawsers to tie up a smoke boat.

You can increase the range, velocity and lethal potential of a heaving line by making your monkey fist around a large metal nut, a pool ball or a smooth river rock. Bounce a little sweetheart like that off a bosun'mate's skull and you are guaranteed instant celebrity followed by certain death.

When a line handler catches the first heavie, the Navy considers the ship moored... And the Old Man tells the duty quartermaster to mark the time in the log. No one gives a damn about the hour but the minute, of which there are sixty possibilities, determines your anchor pool winner. The quartermaster passes the word, "Ship moored sixteen thirty-three..."

We rip open the board and look at the names inscribed in carbon ink over the numbered squares.

"Here it is... Number 33... Name's Tick Dick... 'Tick Dick' Edwards... The lucky sonuvabitch... Guess who's buying at Bells tonight!"

Over the 1 MC you hear, "Seaman first Ronald C. Edwards will mail Mrs. Murphy's Mothers Day card..." Now every sonuvabitch on the boat knows whom the beer at Bells will be on for the better part of the first hour.

Anchor pools weren't a good thing to base your future security or

retirement plan on. They were at best, a lousy percentage bet, but they were a critical leg in the illegal financial system that kept the lads who rode vintage petroleum-powered submersible iron in beer, whiskey and ragged around the edges female companionship.

USO Donation

Submitted by: Chris Gaines, Glenn Barts, Sr, and Frank Voznak, Jr.



Crash Dive presented a check for \$220 to the USO at O'Hare Airport on January 31.

While talking with the USO staff, we learned of an additional request that they have. They need toiletries, especially shaving cream and deodorant. The supplies are available to troops passing through the facility.

One thought is to donate the goodies a dentist gives out from time to time such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss.

If you have some extra toiletries, please take them to one of our regular meetings. We will collect them and deliver to the USO.

Calling all U.S. Submarine Veterans, Shipmates, Friends and Families

Greetings, Shipmates! We have the opportunity to have all Submarine Veterans recognized in a prominent place on the historic Commemorative Plaque Wall at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center on Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C. Known as the Memorial "Quarterdeck of the Navy", to date over 600 ships, squadrons, Navy veterans and Navy family plaques have been installed on the Wall. They can all be viewed on the web site: www.navymemorial.org.

All Submarine Veterans and their supporters are urged to donate to this **tax deductible**, Navy Memorial Plaque project. This is an outstanding way for us to remember our shipmates and be recognized for serving our great country in the Silent Service. Please respond ASAP using the info below so that we might completely fund this project and hold a memorable Dedication Ceremony on the 50th Anniversary of USSVI at the US Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. This ceremony will be open to all Submariners and their supporters.

Yes! I would like to make a tax deductible contribution towards the plaque to honor all United States Submarine Veterans for their dedication towards keeping America the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Send your tax deductible contribution made payable to USSVCF and marked for 'Navy Plaque Fund' to **United States Submarine Veterans**

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USSVI Blog open for your use

Submitted by: Office on 10/11/2011

USSVI has opened another channel of communications for members at the link below.

Current information posted about the 2011 Convention, pictures, minutes, etc, info about the pending 2012 convention in Norfolk, and a "Ask the Natl Commander" feature where you can directly ask questions and get answers.

This new tool was set up to better serve the needs of all our members. We hope you will find it useful and will participate in helping us build a better organization.
<http://ussvi.wordpress.com>

India leases Russian nuclear submarine

BBC News, 24 January 2012

India has taken possession of a nuclear-powered submarine from Russia on a 10-year lease, Indian media say.

The Akula II craft was handed over to India in a ceremony in eastern Russia in a deal that has cost close to \$1bn.

India previously owned a Soviet-built nuclear submarine but decommissioned it in 1991. It now rejoins China, Russia, the US, the UK and France as an operator of underwater nuclear vessels.

India is also developing its own nuclear-powered submarine.

It is expected to be ready by the end of this year.

Extinguisher accident

The 8,140-tonne Akula II submarine, the K-152 Nerpa, has been renamed by India as the INS Chakra II.

It was due to be handed over to Delhi in 2009 but was delayed because of problems during testing.

In November 2008, at least 20 people died in an accident on the Nerpa when a fire extinguishing system was activated by mistake.

The INS Chakra II will operate from the Visakhapatnam base in the Bay of Bengal.

Russia is also expected to help India train the crew that will operate the country's indigenously built Arihant nuclear submarine.

India and Russia are long-time allies and Russia supplies 70% of India's military hardware.

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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.)

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| 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