



“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. APRIL 21
 - b. MAY 19
 - c. JUNE 16
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. April – Chris Gaines
 - b. May – Clay Hill
 - c. June -
3. **April Birthdays:** Fred Pester 5th; Rick Roton 14th; Dave Cribbins 20th; Brent Basara 21st; and Mike Slattery 23rd.
4. Great Lakes Base is hosting a **joint meeting of nearby bases** on May 12, 2012 at the American Legion Hall in Mukwonago, WI. Members of Crash Dive, USS Chicago, Wisconsin, and Great Lakes Base, and their wives, are invited. See information on page 8.
5. Chris Gaines needs **old Crash Dive newsletters**, those prior to 2002. If you have a copy to share, please contact Chris.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes March 17, 2012

- A. Attendees
 - 1. Herman Mueller
 - 2. Bob Fleck
 - 3. Bill Fleck Sr.
 - 4. Bill Fleck Jr.
 - 5. Frank Walter
 - 6. Martin Salvador
 - 7. Allan Tuidor
 - 8. Vic VanHorn
 - 9. Rich Behnke
 - 10. Clay Hill
 - 11. Chris Gaines
 - 12. Kep Preble
 - 13. Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - 14. Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - 15. Gus Yakes
 - 16. Gary Walters
 - 17. Owen Williams
 - 18. Bret Zacher
- B. Meeting called to order at 1200 by Clay Hill followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and a round of introductions.
- C. Secretary's report given by Chris Gaines. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Bob Fleck seconded, unanimous
- D. Treasurer's report given by Glenn Barts. Savings \$1173.69 checking \$3561.35. Glenn read the EOY report as submitted. Frank Walter moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded, unanimous.
- E. Committee Reports:
 - 1. Newsletter – no report
 - 2. Membership – leads on a few new members. Clay mentioned plank owner project.
 - 3. Charitable Service – given by Chris Gaines. Glenn moved to spend \$600 in 2012; Frank Walter seconded; unanimous.
 - 4. Hospitality – no report
 - 5. Webmaster – no report
 - 6. Storekeeper – Herman Mueller researched and recommends 5-inch patches should we choose to support a Recruit Training Command division. It would be a Crash Dive patch with some revised wording; final design not yet set; \$13.50 each. Herman will price a quantity order. Frank Walter has access to weekly graduations as a past RDC.
 - 7. Bylaws – no report.
 - 8. Memorial Committee – meet with alderman on March 27. Rasher parts not part of this project. Planning meeting with Chicago Base on March 22. Bret suggests obtaining more than one door since the incremental cost is modest. Bret has a friend in the trucking business who may be able to help.

- F. Old Business
 - 1. None
- G. New Business
 - 1. 50-50 won by Dave Barron, KSC.
 - 2. Vic – not necessary to install new officers since they succeeded themselves.
 - 3. 2013 Ball vote – Bret moved to host a ball in 2013 and a convention if no other CD2 base steps forward; Bob Fleck seconded. Vic will find out in two weeks about another base hosting CD2. Unanimous.
 - 4. Tax deductible status resolved. Vic confirms we can receive tax-deductible donations and write receipts for 2012 – it is an annual certification.
 - 5. Rasher pieces – Clay stated that we will defer to the Rasher Association but we do have some ideas that he will convey to them.
- H. Good of the Order
 - 1. KSC cleanup April 28 at 0800
 - 2. KSC Corn Roast August 25 \$10pp noon-1600
 - 3. Vic handed challenge coins to each of the four officers. If and when each officer is relieved, the coin is to be passed to the relief.
 - 4. May 12 get-together discussed by Gary Walters. Straw vote of attendees from Crash Dive: 10.

- 5. Clay discussed fielding a working party for the Cobia. If interested, send your name to Chris or Frank. Bret Zacher and Herman Mueller volunteer.
- I. Benediction
- J. Adjourn 1346.

Lost Boats

USS PICKEREL (SS-177)	4/3/43
USS SNOOK (SS-279)	4/8/45
USS THRESHER (SSN-593)	4/10/63
USS GUDGEON (SS-211)	4/18/44
USS GRENADIER (SS-210)	4/22/43

Chaplain's Corner

I will start out with wishing Rich Allen of Chicago Base a quick and full recovery. Rich suffered a stroke. A Get Well Card was sent to him from His Shipmates at Crash Dive Base. Please keep him in your prayers.

On a happier note, let's all wish Dorothy Gaines' Mother a Happy 90th Birthday.

We have been running pretty healthy lately. Let's keep it that way! I haven't heard of any problems from our shipmates.

I want to take this time to remind everyone that if they hear of any sickness, deaths, etc. please contact me or another member of the board.

I want to wish everyone a belated Happy Easter and Passover.

Glenn C. Barts, Sr.
Chaplain

Seeking Thresher Memorials

My name is Bob McAlpine, USSVI Thresher Base. I am trying to locate all the Memorials for the USS Thresher around the country. We are in the process of putting together a PowerPoint presentation of all the Memorials that we can find. I found about 10. I contacted Peter Koester, USSVI and listed the sites I found.

He got back to me with some additional sites as follows:

- Carpentersville, IL, the Dundee Township Park District named a swimming facility in honor of Thresher.
- Eureka, Missouri, there is a marble stone at the post office on Thresher Drive honoring the officers and crew lost on the Thresher.
- A memorial stone in Arlington National Cemetery for Robert Lee Krag, dedicated in July 1967.

If anyone at your base has a picture of a Memorial I would appreciate sending it to me so we can include the picture in the presentation. Thank you in advance for your help.

Bob McAlpine
Thresher Base Secretary

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More Church Ladies with their Typewriters

Submitted by: Glenn Barts, Sr.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Memorial Project Update

Submitted by: Frank Voznak Jr.

As of the last update, we have had a meeting with Mr. Brendan Reilly, the alderman of the 42nd Ward in Chicago, in whose ward we are attempting to place our memorial. This meeting took place on 27 Mar. with Clay Hill and Frank Voznak from Crash Dive and Ken Tupman from USS Chicago, and was held in the Chicago City Hall. During the course of the meeting, we used several power point presentations that we developed specifically for this meeting. The first showed the steps taken in getting to this particular point in the memorial process. The second showed a little of what individual bases do within the USSVI framework, as per involvement with

the USO, Toys for Tots and the Navy and Marine Corp Relief, to name but a few that Crash Dive Base is involved with.

The end result is that the alderman loved our project and gave his approval for the project to continue and to be placed at the location we desired, east of Columbus Drive Bridge on the south side of the Chicago River. He also indicated that he might be able to steer us to two corporations that might be interested in assisting us with funding. We will have to wait and see about that when the time comes.

We now must take our design to a city recognized architect and have it drawn up for the final approval by the Chicago Dept. of Transportation, at which time we can then take it out for bidding.

One note: During the discussion with the alderman, we made mention of our thoughts of the Memorial corridor starting at Manitowoc and ending for now, at Cape Girardeau, MO. He seemed agreeable, and appeared to like the idea, because Chicago, specifically his ward, would be the starting point for Illinois, whereas Manitowoc would be the starting point for the whole corridor.

Memorial for Thresher Long Overdue

Submitted by: USSVI Office

This month, as they do every year, surviving family members will gather in Kittery, Maine, to honor the 129 men who perished in the sinking of the fast-attack nuclear submarine USS Thresher on April 10 1963.

The loss of the Thresher (SSN 593) and 129 crew and shipyard workers during deep-dive trials off the New England coast remains the worst submarine disaster of all time.

The families of these lost pioneers gather with local submarine veterans each April for a memorial service in remembrance of that sacrifice.

On April 14, the ceremony will be held at Traip Academy. In the meantime, efforts are under way to establish a more permanent reminder in the town Thresher called home, to coincide with next year's 50th anniversary of the disaster.

For the story follow the link

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20120408-OPINION-204080312>

Groton SUBVETS Anniversary Celebration

Submitted by: John "Gumba" Carcioppolo

Each year during the first weekend in May, SUBVETS Groton Base Celebrates the Anniversary of the incorporation and birth of USSVI. The three day event is about camaraderie, good times with Shipmates, and returning to your roots in the Submarine Capitol of the World, Groton CT. If you have never been there before, it's a great time worth checking out.

The 48th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for 3- 5 May 2012. The weekend's events are open to all SUBVETS and their guests. SUBVETS come from all over the country, and you never know who you are going to see there. Here is the link for the registration form:

http://subvetsgroton.org/anniversary/Shared%20Documents/2012_Registration_Form_Final.pdf

Here is the schedule of the weekend's events:

- Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled rain or shine for Thursday 3 May.
- SUBVETS Anniversary Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday 3 May
- Return to Submarine School Is scheduled for Friday 04 May 08:30 am, and includes a Basic Submarine School Graduation Ceremony, Submarine School tours, and lunch at SUBSCHOOL.
- Welcome Aboard Reception The Welcome Aboard Reception will be Friday 04 May starting at 6:00 pm.
- Submarine Tour is scheduled for Saturday morning 05 May 09:00 am and is strictly dependent on SUBASE security conditions and Submarine availability; it can be cancelled without notice.
- Tolling of the Boats Ceremony Saturday afternoon 05 May 1:00 pm. SUBVETS WWII National Submarine Memorial East, Groton CT. There is no cost and this is open to the general public..
- Anniversary Banquet Dinner Dance will be held at the Port and Starboard Banquet Room in New London and will begin with a social period and cash bar at 5:30 pm on 05 May.

All information about the SUBVETS 48th Anniversary Celebration is located at <http://www.subvetsgroton.org/anniversary/default.aspx> or by contacting Groton Base Commander John "Gumba" Carcioppolo at

commander@subvetsgroton.org or (860) 514-7064.

Soviet Sub Base

Submitted by: Kep Preble

Interesting article on a Soviet sub base.....
http://www.wired.com/autopia/2012/04/driving-inside-the-soviets-secret-submarine-lair/?hpt=hp_bn16

Looking for a lifting yoke and lifting rods for a Type 2D 'scope

Submitted by: USSVI Office

As some may know, periscope manufacturer Kollmorgen has been "acquired" by L-3 (a company with whom I am not familiar). New name is L-3 KEO, according to this:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/l-3-completes-acquisition-kollmorgen-214200430.html>.

I was notified of this by Paul Lapinski, a retired Kollmorgen technician. Paul has about 48 years of history with Kollmorgen, and is helping me with the details of installing a periscope from SSBN-658 in the Mare Island Museum. We are trying to locate a lifting yoke and maybe even the lifting rods for a Type 2D 'scope. Because we (the museum) have most of the equipment from the 658 Control Room (including the periscope stand and periscopes) we don't want to do the typical museum installation where the scope sits on a pedestal. We've built a steel structure from which the scope will hang, and then penetrate the roof of the building by about 20 feet.

Anybody know where we might find any of these parts? (Yoke, rods, bearings. Any help would be much appreciated. Not necessarily looking for freebies, but we are on a budget.) Thanks in advance!

Bill Linne, blinne@pacbell.net

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USSVI Online Submarine Museum

Submitted by: USSVI Office

Did you know that USSVI has an extensive museum of submarine related photos online?

This page is created as a internet museum for United States Submarine Veterans. Est 1964, USSVI is the largest association of U.S. submarine veterans in the world.

There are two ways to see this collection.

If you are a FACEBOOK member, search out USSVI Virtual Museum and "LIKE" the page, then read the historical info and look at the extensive photo collection.

To keep track of museum updates as they happen, click the LIKE button at the top of the page.

If you are not a FACEBOOK subscriber (and don't want to be) just follow the link below which will take you to the photo portion of the online museum.

Each picture represents a separate album, so click on the picture to see the rest in the album

Enjoy!

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/USSVI.Museum.online?sk=photos>

Earns Dolphins

On April 9, 2012, Shipmate Greg Miller and his wife flew to Bangor, Washington to visit their grandson, Blake Hoslop. Blake is a MMFN (SU) auxiliaryman stationed aboard the USS Connecticut (SSN 22).

Greg, coincidentally, was to take part in a ceremony, scheduled for 11 April, and to not just watch his grandson receive his Dolphins, but to

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pin Blake's newly earned Dolphins on his shirt as part of the ceremony.

Now if only Greg remembers to hand Blake an application to join USSVI and Crash Dive, we'll have a new active duty member belong to our base.

Joint Base Meeting Planned

Submitted by: Gary Walters



A joint Submarine Veterans meeting is planned for 12 May 2012 at the American Legion Post 375 in Mukwonago, located on Hwy NN west of Hwy 83. United States Submarine Veterans from the Great Lakes Base (Caledonia WI), Crash Dive Base (Lake Bluff IL) and Wisconsin Base (Appleton WI) along with members of WWII Sub Vets, will be attending.

The General meeting will start @ 1200, with Commanders from each base conducting the meeting. A dinner provided by the American Legion Auxiliary will follow the short meeting, followed by some professional live entertainment.

Reservations made through each base, are required prior to May 1st. A \$10.00 per person with the reservation is asked to cover the cost of the dinner. Soft drinks, beer and the entertainment will be provided by the USS WISCONSIN (SSN908) Float Fund as plans for this season will be addressed.

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Crash Dive members should contact Chris Gaines to make reservations. See contact information on page 9.

Many Places

Submitted by: Frank Voznak Jr.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have never been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And more and more I think of the Here After. Several times a day, in fact, I enter a room and think "What am I here after?"

Sound familiar? Join the Club!

U.S. Navy to install breathalyzers on submarines to check sailors' sobriety

Published: Thursday, March 08, 2012
By The Associated Press

GROTON — Breathalyzers will be installed on board local submarines later this year.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced this week that, as a part of a series of initiatives designed to improve the fleet's readiness, sailors stationed on ships, submarines and at squadrons will be given Breathalyzer tests when they report for duty and at random other times to lessen alcohol-related incidents.

The Marine Corps will begin using Breathalyzers at its bases as well.

According to Submarine Group Two, the Groton-based submarines, along with the rest of the Navy, can expect to see this initiative begin as early as December. Mabus also announced that the Navy will start random testing for synthetic chemical compounds, such as Spice, this month. The military prohibits the use or

possession of substances that produce psychoactive effects, including the synthetic marijuana commonly known as Spice.

More than 1,500 sailors were told they had to leave the Navy in fiscal year 2011 for using synthetic chemical compounds. None of these sailors was assigned to the Naval Submarine Base, but the Naval Submarine School did dismiss seven students for using the synthetic chemical compounds.

A base spokesman could not say Wednesday how testing for alcohol or Spice would be implemented at the shore facilities because the Navy has not yet provided the necessary guidance. That guidance for the "21st Century Sailor and Marine" initiatives is expected to be issued later this month.

Also, the local Navy Exchange and stores at other installations will end discounts for cigarettes, in keeping with the military service's emphasis on reducing or preventing unhealthy behavior.

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Base Historian – Frank Voznak, Jr.



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