



"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. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:
  - a. APRIL 20
  - b. MAY 18
  - c. JUNE 15
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
  - a. April – Glenn Barts, Sr.
  - b. May – Larry Warnke
  - c. June – Lucas Maxa
3. **April Birthdays:** Rick Roton 14<sup>th</sup>; Dave Cribbins 20<sup>th</sup>; Brent Basara 21<sup>st</sup>; and Mile Slattery 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. **Submarine Birthday Ball**, April 27, 2013, Manitowoc, WI. See flyer page 8.
5. The design for the **submarine memorial** in Chicago is nearing completion. Watch the newsletter for information. Next step: fundraising.
6. The **USSVI National Convention** is shaping up nicely. It will be held in our Region, in Rochester, MN, an easy drive for many of our members. Dates are from August 25-September 2.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes March 16, 2013

- 1) Attendees
  - a) Glenn Barts, Sr.
  - b) Bob Fleck
  - c) Bill Fleck, Sr., guest
  - d) Bill Fleck, Jr., guest
  - e) Frank Voznak, Jr.
  - f) Larry Warnke
  - g) Herman Mueller
  - h) Tom Polzin
  - i) Scott Jaklin
  - j) Frank Walter
  - k) Martin Salvador
  - l) Lucas Maxa
  - m) Steve Benicke
  - n) Gus Yates
  - o) Rich Behnke
  - p) Kep Preble
  - q) Pete Almeroth
  - r) Ted Rotzol, guest
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1210 by Frank Voznak, Jr. followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 3) Secretary's report given by Glenn Barts. Frank Voznak moved to accept; Larry Warnke seconded; unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4416.20. Larry Warnke moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded; unanimous
- 5) Committees
  - a) Newsletter – no news
  - b) Membership – Tom Polzin is the incoming chair; turnover is underway.
  - c) Charitable Service – Glenn reviewed our participation in the Boat Sponsorship Program. Individual members are encouraged to sponsor a boat t
  - d) Hospitality – no news
  - e) Webmaster – need chair; Scott Jaklin will help us.
  - f) Storekeeper – has some calendars for sale.
  - g) Bylaws – no news
  - h) Memorial Committee – Went through some information about approvals. Frank Walter said they should approach the mayor.
  - i) Community Outreach –
    - i) Steve Benicke reported on the early-March Cobia working party.
    - ii) Boat Sponsorship – The Base supports four organizations: CT, MI, USO at O'Hare, and WI Maritime Museum.
- 6) Old Business
  - a) 2013 Submarine Birthday Ball
    - i) Table of Remembrance hats include flat, white, officer, and chief.
    - ii) Hospitality Suite helpers: Herman Mueller, Tom Polzin, and Larry Warnke.
    - iii) Color Guard volunteer Scott Jaklin.
- 7) New Business

- a) None
- 8) Good of the Order
  - a) Duty Cook
    - i) April – Glenn Barts, Sr.
    - ii) May – Larry Warnke
    - iii) June – Lucas Maxa
  - b) Fleck Family offered to make lunch for the March 2014 meeting.
  - c) Next meeting is April 20
- 9) Adjourn – Larry Warnke moved, Tom Polzin seconded. Unanimous.

## 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

April looks to be a good month, I have not heard of any Medical problems from our members. Clay is doing well since his health problem.

The month of April Has only one religious Holiday and that is 8 April The Annunciation, Christian.

This month is our Submarine Ball on the 26th. It is a time for us to reflect and remember our Lost Comrades and keep them in our prayers.

With that like always I will keep this short. Just a reminder to all that if you or a loved has any health problems or you hear of a member departing please contact me or a board member.

Glenn C. Barts, Sr.  
 Chaplain

## 2013 Convention News

Central Region District  
 Commanders:

I am asking all of you to contact all your Bases and generate as much interest as possible in getting members to attend this year's National Convention in Rochester, Minnesota. I know we have had NC's in the Central Region before but how many current base members attended them? Time wise this convention is sitting right between Norfolk and San Francisco, and if the Central Region doesn't support it how can we expect the East and West Regions to do so?

If your members have not visited the Convention Web Site I strongly encourage them to do so, as you know it is accessible from the USSVI Home page, just click on the "Conventions" tab and the on the only one listed 2013 Convention, **or** simply go to any search engine and type in "**2013 ussvi convention**" and that will also bring it up. When there click on each of the tabs across the top of the home page, each one opens to more selections each of which has another "Click Here" to open.

Ask your members to look at and maybe print out the plan of the week under the Registration Tab to see all that is planned for the week. There are tours and meetings for everyone, **the business that the National Convention is all about is covered in those meetings.**

Again encourage base members to include meetings as well as tours in their plans, **Epecially the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday!** Decisions about USSVI that affect every base member are made at that meeting and if they want to have some input as to what those decisions are, they need to be at that meeting!

Coming to the convention also provides an opportunity to make the National Commander, Junior Commanders, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Office Manager, etc become something more than just a name and a title!

Also , the **Tolling of the Boats Ceremony** will be outdoors on Thursday evening and will be VERY IMPRESSIVE, encourage member participation, it is an important part of our organizational purpose (Creed).

I attended a Board Meeting of the Minneapolis / St Paul Base Convention Board on 6 April 2013. Included were member of the host hotel staff (The Kahler Hotel), the Rochester Tour Company the will be doing the tours, a representative from the transportation group that will provide transportation from the Minneapolis / St Paul Airport to Rochester, a Representative from the Rochester Visitors Bureau and the M/St P Base members.

You really needed to have a score card to know who was who, the entire group was "the Board", just

as if they were ALL members of the Base. There is no question that this convention is a JOINT venture with everyone pitching in and providing suggestions and feedback. Examples of the organization already in place:

For anyone flying into M/St P as soon as you know your flights you can go to the Convention Site, click on the Transportation Site and in the middle of the second paragraph is a link to bring up the forms to arrange for your transportation from Mpls/St Paul Airport, (and your return, if you wish), enter your flight information and it will tell you when you will be picked up.

Tour busses do NOT have facilities to load electric personal transportation equipment BUT EACH ONE WILL HAVE WHEEL CHAIRS IN THE LUGGAGE AREA.

Transportation to the Tolling of the Boats will be provided starting at 1800, it is about a 7 block walk from the Kahler to the Memorial.

Tours can fill up (The Paddle Wheel Dinner Cruise only can handle 110) so sign up early.

If you or any of your members have any questions or concerns relative to the National Convention, please relay them to me.

David Farran  
CR District 3

## National Scholarship Application Pointer

Shipmates,  
Our scholarship chairman Paul Orstad has been getting some applications that have 2011 tax returns attached. All applications MUST have the 2012 Tax Returns attached to be considered for this year. Any applications with the 2011 tax Return will NOT be accepted.

This is a very important issue for those shipmates trying to get scholarships for a family member so please put this out to your base members.

Pride Runs Deep,

Al Singleman, Jr.  
NJVC & National POC Manager

## U.S.S. Minnesota (SSN-783) Commissioning

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

"The USS MINNESOTA (SSN 783) is scheduled for commissioning in ceremonies scheduled for 07 Sep 2013 in Norfolk VA.

As with previous Submarine Commissionings, per discussions with COMSUBLANT Staff and the representative at the Newport News Shipyard, Groton Base Commander John Carcioppolo will be the designated point of contact for all members of SUBVETS and SUBVETS WWII for tickets.

For all Base Commanders please provide this information to

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your members, and collect all the information for those interested in attending the commissioning. Complete the attached spread sheet with information for each of your members wanting tickets, and return it to John Carcioppolo. It is preferred that the Base Commanders collect this information and submit it one time, but individual requests for tickets from members will be accepted as well.

The cutoff dates for requests for tickets is Tuesday 28 May.

The list will be consolidated and submitted to COMSUBLANT/NEWPORT NEWS SHIPYARD by John Carcioppolo. The tickets will then be sent out to all who requested tickets in the July/August time frame.

If you have any questions please contact John Carcioppolo at either [commander@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:commander@subvetsgroton.org) or (860) 514 - 7064.

Please ensure that this notice receives widest distribution including to those without email and all SUBVETS WWII."

Thank you,  
John Carcioppolo

Please use the link included in the POC to get to the form. If you cannot go to the link, go to the USSVI website, click on documents, then forms and the Excel sheet is on the top of the list.

[http://ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Forms\\_Minnesota\\_Commissioning\\_Invites\\_form.xls](http://ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Forms_Minnesota_Commissioning_Invites_form.xls)



## Navy: Repairs to Submarine Miami Now Uncertain

*The Associated Press, March 18*

**PORTLAND**—The Navy's commitment to repairing a nuclear submarine severely damaged by an arsonist last spring is wavering under the realities of mandatory budget cuts, officials say.

The Navy announced last summer that it intended to repair the Miami at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard with a goal of returning it to service in 2015. The cost of repairing the vessel would be about \$450 million, which the Navy said would be cost-effective because the 22-year-old submarine could serve another 10 years. But the repair has been postponed and the Navy is now rethinking its repair budget because of the mandatory cuts triggered by federal law this month.

"The Navy needs every submarine in our inventory. Restoring Miami remains a high priority. But it necessarily must compete with other high naval priorities during this period of restricted budgets," said Navy Rear Adm. Rick Breckenridge, commander of Submarine Group 2 in Groton, Conn.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's 4,700 civilian workers will be forced to take 22 days off without pay between April and the end of the federal fiscal year Sept. 30 under forced federal budget cuts.

Workers plan to rally Wednesday against the mandatory budget cuts.

Adding insult to injury for shipyard workers was another fire Monday aboard the submarine just three days after former shipyard worker Casey James Fury, 25, was sentenced to 17 years in prison for setting the fire that ravaged the USS Miami in dry dock at the Kittery shipyard during a 20-month overhaul.

The small fire, caused when sandblasting damaged a light fixture, was quickly doused with an extinguisher, said shipyard spokeswoman Deb White.

The fire set by Fury on May 23 caused extensive damage to forward compartments including the torpedo room, crew quarters and command and control. It took more than 100 firefighters to save the submarine. Two crew members, three shipyard firefighters and two civilian firefighters were hurt.

Loren Thompson, a defense analyst at the Lexington Institute, said any decision on the Miami's future will likely be made next year when the Navy prioritizes its maintenance and repair projects. He said the Navy may be hard-pressed to justify spending so much money on the submarine.

"The business case for restoring this submarine was never all that strong. It's not the latest submarine design and it's turning out to be an expensive proposition," Thompson said Monday.

Breckenridge made similar remarks after Fury was sentenced Friday in U.S. District Court in Portland, saying there was uncertainty due to the complexity and cost of the repairs.

"Now that sequestration impacts have been enforced and put into place, I'd tell you that uncertainty is even greater," he said, referring to the mandatory cuts.

Sen. Susan Collins, who helped secure initial funding in the 2013 defense appropriations bill, said congressional inaction on the budget is threatening the repairs.

"The USS Miami represents a significant investment in our national security. That is why I repeatedly stressed the importance of repairing the submarine, returning it to the fleet, and the importance of repairing it at the

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery,” she said.

The repairs have implications for both Portsmouth Naval Shipyard workers and workers from Electric Boat in Groton, who expected to play a major role in the repair effort.

As it stands, the mandatory cuts will put projects at the shipyard a month behind scheduled because of the furloughs through Sept. 30, said Metal Trades Council President Paul O’Connor.

O’Connor said the 17-year sentence imposed by a federal judge on Fury was too little given the amount of damage to the submarine and national security, and risk to firefighters.

“It’s such a painful chapter. But it’s part of our history. It’s part of our present. It’s part of our future because we’ll be dealing with it for a long time,” he said. “The repercussions from this fire will extend way beyond 17 years, especially if we lose this boat.”

## Dive Into the History at Muskegon Submarine Museum This Spring

*fox17online.com, March 20*

**MUSKEGON-** A crucial piece of U.S. World War II history sits in Muskegon. The USS Silversides Submarine was commissioned shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, finishing 14 combat war patrols. Silversides is credited with sinking 23 Japanese ships, too.

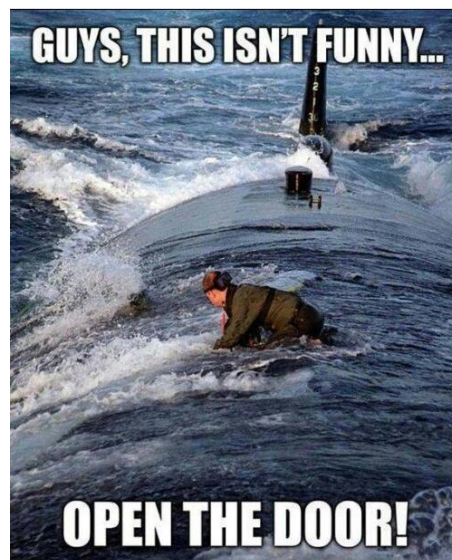
In 1946, it was taken out of service, moving to Chicago and used by the Navy Reserve until 1969. Then, in 1987, the submarine made

its way to Muskegon, put on display. A few years later, in 1993, it was joined by U.S. Coast Guard Cutter McLane.

Thousands of people come through the two museums and some even take up the opportunity to stay overnight. USS Silversides can hold up to 72 people and the USCGC McLane can hold around 38 overnight. Reservations are required by calling (231)755-1230.

Running until April 22, the museums have teamed up with Muskegon Community College, for a lecture series for the public about World War II. They are every Monday evening, starting at 7p.m. and run about an hour and a half.

Read more at <http://fox17online.com/2013/03/20/dive-into-the-history-at-muskegon-submarine-museum-this-spring/#14zqtmjwruKMgbKJ.99>





# CRASH DIVE BASE Lake Bluff, IL



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

## **Submarine Birthday Ball Saturday, April 27, 2013 Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI**

**ALL PRESENT AND FORMER SUBMARINE PERSONNEL,  
MILITARY PERSONNEL, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED**

**DRESS: MILITARY: SERVICE DRESS BLUES with RIBBONS  
CIVILIANS: SEMI-FORMAL (Jacket and tie)**

**COMPLIMENTARY ACCESS TO WI MARITIME MUSEUM ON SATURDAY**

**CASH BAR AT 1700, PROGRAM and DINNER AT 1800**

**GUEST SPEAKER Norma Bishop, WI Maritime Museum**

**Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Avenue, Manitowoc, WI 54220; 920-682-6000**

Mention "US Sub Vets" for our special rate \$80 plus 11% tax before April 20, 2013

Tickets are \$49 each; Make checks payable to "Crash Dive Base"

Send the check, the form below, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Chris Gaines, 513 W. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60506; 630-319-8110; [ccgaines@mindspring.com](mailto:ccgaines@mindspring.com)

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Name

Dinner Entrée Selection:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Guest Name

Poached Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State ZIP Code

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$49 = \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone

Cutoff date is April 25, 2013

No refunds after March 27, 2013

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E-mail  
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## Submarine Makes for Tight Tour

*The Columbus Dispatch, March 25*

Although I get uncomfortable in confined spaces and don't want to watch the movie *Das Boot* ever again, I can understand the fascination that many people have with submarines.

Many historic decommissioned military submarines across the country are open for walk-through tours. The website [submarinemuseums.org](http://submarinemuseums.org) lists 25.

A few years ago I went — willingly — for a tour through the USS Clamagore at Mount Pleasant, S.C.

The World War II-era sub is docked in Charleston Harbor next to the retired USS Yorktown aircraft carrier. I was a bit nervous but eventually glad that I squeezed myself through.

It was incredible to see the inside of the sub, a 322-foot-long, 27-foot-wide steel cigar that, back in the day, crammed in a crew of 80 among the latest in armaments and diesel-power technology.

The extremely efficient use of space lent a sort of spare elegance to the craft — and was quite a contrast to the gargantuan flight deck and hangars on the Yorktown next door.

Closer to home, travelers can visit the retired USS Cod submarine, docked on Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland. On May 1, the Cod will reopen for the season for walk-through tours.

But for travelers who would like to dive into a more extended submarine experience, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc on Lake Michigan will be offering overnight stays aboard the World War II-era USS Cobia.

The Cobia has an illustrious service history including the sinking of 13 Japanese vessels during World War II. It later served as a Navy training vessel and was decommissioned in 1970.

The sub will host special "Family Overnight" events on July 20, Aug. 2 and Aug. 10. The events are open to individual visitors as well as families.

The cost is \$44 per person for a one-night stay and includes a tour of the submarine, educational activities such as learning to "fire" torpedoes or decode messages, and admission to the maritime museum. Participants bring their own bedding and sleep in the same berths that sailors would have occupied on the vessel. The Cobia can accommodate up to 55 individuals overnight, and during the event, multiple families will occupy the same sleeping compartments.

The events will begin at 7 p.m. and no food is provided, but participants can bring a snack. The Cobia is fully heated and air-conditioned.

The events fill up quickly, so make reservations as early as possible. Call 1-866-724-2356 or visit [www.wisconsinmaritime.org](http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org).

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**Chaplain** – Glenn Barts, Sr.

**Storekeeper** – Herman Mueller, 503 Lynn Terrace, Waukegan, IL 60085; 847-445-5034; [hermanandlorimueller@comcast.net](mailto:hermanandlorimueller@comcast.net)

**Newsletter Editor** – Chris Gaines

**Base Historian** – Frank Voznak, Jr.



# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.** \_\_\_\_

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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