



"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. JUNE 15
 - b. JULY 20
 - c. AUGUST 17
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. June – Lucas Maxa
 - b. July – Chris Gaines
 - c. August – Frank Walter Fish Fry
3. **June Birthdays:** Scott Clippert 2nd; Bret Zacher 9th; Frank Voznak, Jr. 9th; Martin Salvador 11th; Teddy Wilkison 28th; and Paul Watkins 29th.
4. The design for the **submarine memorial** in Chicago is nearing completion. Watch the newsletter for information. Next step: Establish the process for fundraising.
5. **Picnic** August 10 at Hines VA Hospital; contact Chris Gaines for info.
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. Let Glenn Barts know if you plan to attend.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes May 18, 2013

- 1) Attendees
 - a) Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - b) Steve Benicke
 - c) Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - d) Rich Behnke
 - e) Greg Miller
 - f) Cris Pasqual
 - g) Dick Anderson
 - h) Frank A. Walter
 - i) Tom Polzin
 - j) Herman Mueller
 - k) Larry Warnke
 - l) Gus Yates
 - m) Ted Rotzoll
 - 2) The meeting was called to order at 1202 by Frank Voznak followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
 - 3) Secretary's report noted that the minutes of the April meeting are in the newsletter. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Frank Walter seconded; unanimous
 - 4) Treasurer's report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$5133.07. Larry Warnke moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded; unanimous
 - 5) Committees
 - a) Newsletter – Chris always is eager to receive articles that you submit.
 - b) Membership – New members include: Cris Pasqual, Dick Anderson, Ted Rotzoll.
 - c) Charitable Service – Greg Miller suggests sourcing materials for the Thrift Shop, USO, and Cobia working parties from garage sales.
 - d) Hospitality – Corn Roast August 24; all invited
 - e) Webmaster – position is vacant
 - f) Storekeeper – Provided an inventory list of goods; \$150 profit from sales at the Ball.
 - g) Bylaws – officers will meet to get this moving again.
 - h) Memorial – Frank Voznak reviewed possible donations. Waiting for City of Chicago to respond.
 - i) Community Outreach – position is vacant.
- 6) Old Business
 - a) 2013 Ball Lessons Learned review – defer to the June meeting.
 - 7) New Business
 - a) WI Maritime Museum is requesting the presence of some sub vets for their Memorial Day program. Frank Voznak, Greg Miller, Glenn Barts, and Clay Hill will attend.
 - b) Birthday Ball 2014 – considering the Brat Stop on April 5, 2014.
 - c) The national office suggested donation of \$1.00 per HC member to the Holland Club. Frank Walter

moved to approve the request; Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous. Crash Dive has 24 primary members and will donate \$25.

d) Pete Almeroth moved to MI but plans to maintain his membership in Crash Dive. We wish him well.

8) Good of the Order

a) Duty Cook

i) June – Lucas Maxa

ii) July – Chris Gaines

iii) August – Frank Walter Fish Fry

iv) Picnic August 10 at Hines; Crash Dive will provide beverages.

b) Next Meeting is June 15 at KSC.

9) Glenn Barts, Sr. moved to adjourn; Terry Elmeier seconded; adjourned at 1348.

Lost Boats

USS O-9	SS 70	6/20/41
USS S-27	SS 132	6/19/42
USS R-12	SS 89	6/12/43
USS HERRING	SS 233	6/1/44
USS S-28	SS 133	6/4/44
USS GOLET	SS 361	6/24/44
USS BONEFISH I	SS 323	6/18/45

Chaplain's Corner

This year is flying by, it's June already and I have heard of no problems from our members besides an occasional cold. In addition I have heard of no deaths of our

members or their loved ones. All of this is positive and excellent.

The only religious observance that is coming up in June is for Christians and that is St. Peter and St. Paul Day on 29 June. (If anyone is wondering which religions I watch and report on, they are Christian and Jewish. If anyone is something else let me know and I will try to include those holidays in my monthly report.)

With that like every month I will keep this brief.

Remember all of our Troops and their families in your prayers.

Glenn C. Barts, Sr.
Chaplain

U.S.S. R-12 Project

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

Shipmates, Thanks to Ric Hedman of Seattle Base, A project to produce a documentary film about the loss and location of the hulk of the USS R-12 recently came to the attention of your USSVI Board of Directors. As you know, it is the primary purpose of USSVI to "Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country." This project seems a natural fit for our interests and purposes, so your Board voted to pledge \$1,000 towards the completion of this mission.

The board endorses and encourages ALL bases and members to join with us in also pledging financial support towards completion of this project. A unique factor in this request is that we are asking you to 'PLEDGE' your support now. They need to raise \$

89,000.00 by June 30, and your pledge will convert into a donation ONLY if this goal is reached by that time. Your participation via Kickstarter will enable them to complete the documentary "Twice Forgotten". Our collective participation will help empower them to finally tell the story of the USS R-12 Submarine's tragic sinking, the families left without any information and the quest to solve the mysteries that have been unanswered after all this time. The history books are wrong, it is time to get things right!

How does it work:

1. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/R-12-Project>
2. Click the Green BACK THIS PROJECT button
3. Choose your support level and click the CONTINUE button
4. Complete the Log-in information and enter info for AMAZON Payments

When complete you will get a email notification thanking you for the pledge. At the end of the pledge drive on June 30, the donor list will be reviewed by us so that USSVI gets recognition for all our collective donations.

This project will only be funded and your pledge converted to a donation ONLY if at least \$89,000 is pledged by Sunday Jun 30. \$20,400 has been pledged as of the date of this message.

Overview: The WW-II submarine USS R-12 sank off the coast of Key West, Florida at midday on June 12, 1943. She took 40 American sailors and 2 Brazilian officers to their grave at 600 ft on the ocean floor. They have been missing for nearly 70 years until found in 2010 by a team of explorers working

with state of the art technology and fascinated by R-12's tragic story and the mystery.

Since USS R-12 was discovered in late 2010 the team has put forth a herculean effort to locate the family members of the entombed, research government and historical files and launch a major expedition to film and document the sub in its final resting place at 100 fathoms in the Straits of Florida. The documenting of the data and family information are a mission to resolve the mystery of the sinking while bringing closure to the families, recognition to the entombed men of R-12, and raise awareness of a lost and forgotten crew to a young generation of people.

The team continues to work under Navy permits and needs to return to site for filming underwater in the summer of 2013. They have been assembling a documentary of our findings, interviews, underwater robotic technology, exclusive underwater footage of the submarine in her final resting place and have been on a quest to solve the mystery of her sinking. This is an important and significant discovery and we are dedicated to sharing it with the public. These entombed servicemen deserve to be acknowledged today (70 years later) as any of our lost and missing military would deserve if their remains were found seventy years from now.

USS R-12 is the sixth WWII US submarine to be found of the fifty-two missing and the only US Sub to sink within the continental United States.

Pride Runs Deep, T. Michael Bircumshaw, National Commander

Crash Dive Revisits Manitowoc Museum

Submitted by: Frank Voznak, Jr.

Saturday, May 25, a small crew of Crash Dive members revisited the Manitowoc Museum, which was holding a USS *Lagarto* Remembrance Ceremony, honoring the Officers and crew of the USS *Lagarto* (SS-371). The *Lagarto* was a *Balao*-class submarine, and was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the *lagarto*, a lizard fish.



Her keel was laid down on 12 January 1944 by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. She was launched on 28 May 1944 sponsored by Emily Taft Douglas, Congresswoman from Illinois, and later United States Senator from Illinois, and commissioned on 14 October 1944 with Commander Frank D. Latta in command. Latta was a veteran of nine war patrols and holder of the Navy Cross, earned while commanding officer of *Narwhal* (SS-167).

Post-war examination of Japanese records revealed the most likely reason for *Lagarto*'s silence. One of two escorts the *Lagarto* was tracking, the minelayer *Hatsutaka*, made an attack on 3 May 1945 against a submerged submarine in 30 fathoms of water at [7°55'N 102°00'E](#)[7.917°N 102.000°E](#).

Announced as "overdue from patrol and presumed lost" on 10 August 1945, *Lagarto* was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 September 1945.

After the tolling ceremony, there was a separate ceremony to dedicate the new Gerald R. Pilger Quarterdeck. Gerry was a WWII combat vet who served on the USS *Jallao* (SS-368) and was also a board member of the Maritime Museum. Gerry passed away last year.

Memorial Meeting Update

Submitted by: Frank Voznak, Jr.

This past Monday, June 10th, VCDR Voznak met with the architects and the General Contractor in a special meeting. We went over various details of the project and are now at a point where we can finally feel comfortable enough to announce it to the world. We will be forthcoming with an official announcement shortly and fundraising can begin on or around 1 July. Further details will be discussed at the regular June meeting, this Saturday.

Parade Invitation

Shipmate Ron Takacs cordially invites all subvets to march with his parade unit that includes the USS Wisconsin submarine float that is owned and operated by USSVI member Gary Walters.

The next events are as follows:

JULY 2 WEST ALLIS PARADE. this parade starts at 7:00 pm down Greenfield Ave. to 70th street, the length of the parade is 1/2 mile. After the parade we will go to MaMa Mias for pizza.

JULY 4TH WAUWATOSA PARADE. This is the first time that we have been invited to participate in the Wauwatosa parade, the parade will start at 9:00am at Mayfair and go East on North Ave. to 76st. The length of the parade is 1.8 miles, with a slight up hill at the last 8 or 9 blocks.

More information will follow as we get closer to the parade date.

For those who want to participate in either of the events contact Ron Takacs (Tack) at 414-510-4805 or send me an E-mail:
friendshipgardens@sbcglobal.net

Yankees on alert as Hunley surfaces in New York

Brian Hicks, Charleston (SC) Post and Courier



File/Associated Press The H.L. Hunley Traveling Exhibit alarmed motorists last week as it pass through New York City on its way to Connecticut for a Civil War show at Mystic Seaport. Local, state and federal authorities had to track down the replica of the Confederate sub after folks worried terrorists were bringing a torpedo to town.

Obviously, the South is the only place where old times are not forgotten.

On Friday afternoon, a New York motorist called police with a tip about a potential terror threat. Seems someone was hauling a suspicious-looking object — it resembled a torpedo — on the highways around the city.

Before long 30 agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, were searching for this potential menace.

Even Coast Guard cutters in the area were on the lookout, since the thing looked sort of like a boat.

They should have set the terror color chart to Rebel Gray, because they were just hunting for a bunch of good ol' boys from Summerville hauling a replica of the H.L. Hunley to Connecticut for the weekend.

“It’s pretty bad when four Confederates and a replica of the Hunley can cause all this,” says Mark Clark, general manager of the exhibit.

“Maybe they were worried we were here to get them back.”

You know, this is the most trouble the Hunley has caused Yankees in nearly 150 years.

Educate, not destruct

The H.L. Hunley Traveling Exhibit has been cruising American highways for more than a decade.

In all that time, it hasn't sunk any U.S. warships, although it did get a flat tire outside of Atlanta last year.

The sub model, built by John Dangerfield, is a life-size iron replica of the first successful combat submarine in history.

These days, the exhibit is its own charitable education organization, set up by the Sons of Confederate Veterans' H.L. Hunley camp in Summerville. It travels from California to Connecticut, Mississippi to Tennessee, teaching folks about the Hunley and its attack on the USS Housatonic outside Charleston on Feb. 17, 1864.

Apparently, it's missed a few folks in New York.

Because for a while Friday and Saturday, local, state and federal authorities spent an inordinate amount of time looking for the replica.

“I've heard a lot of things, a lot of strange stories related to this project over the years, but this is the best one,” says Kellen Correia, executive director of Friends of the Hunley.

Yeah, since the Hunley very briefly became a weapon of mass distraction.

No tolls

Investigators finally turned up a surveillance photo of the Hunley exhibit rolling through a toll booth.

That was the first clue something was not amiss. Terrorists don't use toll booths.

Except maybe in “Blazing Saddles.”

New York police eventually called the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, home of the Hunley. They were able to direct authorities to Clark.

Clark says the police were extremely nice when they reached him by phone in Connecticut on Saturday. That's probably because, by that time, they realized that a hand-cranked submarine bolted to a flat-bed trailer wasn't much of a threat to the Big Apple.

In fact, the Hunley Traveling Exhibit was at a Civil War show at Mystic Seaport — where it was received warmly, by the way. No hard feelings among Connecticut Yankees.

Clark told New York police when the exhibit would be coming back through, gave them his license tag number. They didn't offer an escort, but they didn't try to set up another blockade, either.

On Monday, New York Police did not even remember the incident but said, “We get a lot of bizarre calls here.”

You think?

The upshot is the Hunley got a little publicity, and may have educated a few folks — which is the replica's purpose.

Not to blow up New York.

Reach Brian Hicks at bhicks@postandcourier.com. . Tune in to his live chat Wednesday at 11 a.m. at www.postandcourier.com.

Spain seeks U.S. help to slim down overweight sub

By Michael Melia
The Associated Press
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HARTFORD, Conn.

A new, Spanish-designed submarine has a weighty problem: The vessel is more than 70 tons too heavy, and officials fear if it goes out to sea, it will not be able to surface.

And a former Spanish official says the problem can be traced to a miscalculation — someone apparently put a decimal point in the wrong place.

"It was a fatal mistake," said Rafael Bardaji, who until recently was director of the Office of Strategic Assessment at Spain's Defense Ministry.

The Isaac Peral, the first in a new class of diesel-electric submarines, was nearly completed when engineers discovered the problem. A U.S. Navy contractor in Connecticut, Electric Boat, has signed a deal to help the Spanish Defense Ministry find ways to slim down the 2,200-ton submarine.

The agreement with Groton, Conn.-based Electric Boat calls for Spain to pay \$14 million over three years for an assessment of the problem with the S-80 submarine program and the scope of the work that would be required to correct it, the Spanish Defense Ministry said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Bardaji, now a senior fellow with the Strategic Studies Group think tank in Madrid, said officials will review options provided by Electric Boat. But he said the preference has been to extend the length of the submarine's hull, perhaps by 5 to 6 meters, to increase buoyancy.

Otherwise, the weight of the submarine would have to be reduced, and he said the

Spanish Navy would not want to compromise features such as the combat system or an air-independent propulsion system.

The Isaac Peral, named for a 19th century Spanish submarine designer, is one of four vessels in the class that are in various stages of construction. The country has invested about \$2.7 billion in the program. The first was scheduled to be delivered in 2015 but the Spanish state-owned shipbuilder, Navantia, has said the weight problems could cause delays of up to two years.

The 233-foot-long submarine will carry a crew of 32, along with eight special forces troops, and weapons systems for surface and anti-submarine warfare.

The Defense Ministry said technical problems are normal for projects of this scale.

"The technology challenges that these programs face during development are much more than simple calculations," the ministry said. "All the major military programs, especially submarines, have experienced delays and often have required the support of a technology partner."

Bardaji said the problem was discovered in the second half of last year, and Navantia told defense officials that somebody had apparently put a decimal point in the wrong place.

"Apparently somebody in the calculations made a mistake in the very beginning and nobody paid attention to review the calculations," he said.

Electric Boat, the primary contractor for the U.S. Navy's fleet of nuclear submarines, accepted the contract through a foreign military sales agreement between the American Navy and the Spanish Defense Ministry, the U.S. Naval Sea Systems Command announced this week.

Electric Boat, a division of General Dynamic Corp., has helped other countries with their submarine programs. It began assisting with development of the Astute-class nuclear attack submarine for the British Royal Navy in 2003, and it is working under another foreign military sales agreement on Australia's Collins class of submarines.

Associated Press writer Jorge Sainz contributed to this report from Madrid.

Task Force Examines Integrating Enlisted Female Sailor on Subs

Navy.mil, June 7, 2013

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. – Commander, Naval Submarine Forces in Norfolk established a flag officer-led task force in May to focus on effectively integrating enlisted women Sailors on board multiple submarine platforms.

Vice Adm. Michael Connor stood up the task force to specifically look at best

integration practices for SSBNs, SSGNs, and VIRGINIA-class SSNs.

Commander of Submarine Group Two, Rear Adm. Kenneth Perry is leading the task force. The group is charged with developing a comprehensive Plan of Actions and Milestones (POAM) by January 2014.

This POAM will mirror the previous deliberate process used to successfully integrate female officers by including feasibility studies, potential courses of action and candidate timelines. Pending the results, a detailed implementation plan will be presented to the Chief of Naval Operations by March 2015.

Female officers have been successfully integrated on board OHIO-Class SSBNs and SSGNs, and will be integrated onboard VIRGINIA-Class SSNs in fiscal year 2015.

The Navy is working with industry to design the Ohio replacement SSBN to support both officers and enlisted mixed-gender crews.

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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.)

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