



"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. JULY 20
 - b. AUGUST 17
 - c. SEPTEMBER 21
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. July – Chris Gaines
 - b. August – Frank Walter Fish Fry
 - c. September – Cris Pascual
3. **July Birthdays:** Paul Eory 14th; Dirk Debbink 16th; Cris Pascual 24th; Edward Para 28th; and Herman Mueller 31st.
4. The design for the **submarine memorial** in Chicago is nearing completion. Next step: Launch the capital campaign.
5. **Picnic** August 10 at Hines VA Hospital. If you plan to attend, contact Chris Gaines with your headcount. Salads and desserts welcome.
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 June 15, 2013

- 1) Attendees
 - a) Clay Hill
 - b) Jan Hill
 - c) Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - d) Greg Miller
 - e) Mary Miller
 - f) Rich Behnke
 - g) Cris Pascual
 - h) Frank Walter
 - i) Lucas Maxa
 - j) Allan Tuidar
 - k) Tom Polzin
 - l) Larry Warnke
 - m) Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - n) Chris Gaines
 - o) Gus Yakes
 - p) Ron Spooner
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1203 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 3) Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Tom Polzin corrected the new member entries noting that Ted Rotzoll was a guest in May; Larry Warnke moved to accept; Tom Polzin seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts. May statements: Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4503.72. Received a letter of thanks from WI Maritime Museum (WMM) for our \$100 donation. Received a letter of thanks from Holland Club for

donating at least \$1 for each HC member of the Base. Frank Walter moved to accept; Tom Polzin seconded; vote was unanimous.

- 5) Committee Reports
 - a) Newsletter – Each shipmate is welcome to submit articles of general interest.
 - b) Membership – as corrected
 - c) Charitable Service – ongoing projects include collecting toiletries for the USO at O'Hare and gently used household and personal items for Navy Relief. Plan to participate in an upcoming weekday working party on the Cobia.
 - d) Hospitality – no report.
 - e) Webmaster – no report.
 - f) Storekeeper – no report.
 - g) Bylaws – upcoming special meeting to update base bylaws followed by creating written operating procedures.
 - h) Memorial Committee –
 - i) Final design is nearing completion.
 - ii) Creating capital campaign plan, probably starting with corporate donors and then personal donations.
 - iii) WMM donated a page on their Website for our memorial.
 - iv) Architect is creating an artist's rendition of the project.

- v) Anticipate fundraising to start July 1, 2013.
- vi) National will match up to \$1,000.
- vii) Lucas Maxa offers to assist by creating flyers.
- i) Community Outreach – no report.
- 6) Old Business
 - i) None.
- 7) New Business
 - a) District Commander Election Notice –
 - i) Solicited for write-in candidates; there being none, Crash Dive votes for Victor Van Horn by acclamation.
 - ii) Clay will convey our election results to Wayne Standerfer.
 - b) 2014 Birthday Ball
 - i) Saturday April 5, 2014 at the Parkway Chateau banquet facility adjacent to The Brat Stop, Kenosha, WI.
 - ii) Vote is unanimous.
 - c) Steve Thompson wants to coordinate attracting new members. He finds prospects simply by wearing his vest and hat at the Lovell Federal Health Center. Perhaps we could co-design some business cards and staff a table for a few hours a month. Suggest that Glenn and Steve talk and evaluate the idea.
 - d) Picnic –
 - i) Larry Warnke moved to fund beverages, Glenn

Barts seconded; vote unanimous. Chris Gaines will buy beer and bottled water.

- 8) Good of the Order
 - a) Duty Cook
 - i) July – Chris Gaines
 - ii) August – Frank Walter Fish Fry (need kitchen access by 0900)
 - iii) September – Cris Pascual
 - b) Picnic August 10 at Hines
 - c) Frank Walter dropped a memorial wreath in Lake Michigan on Memorial Day.
 - d) Larry Warnke mentioned the August 24 Corn Roast at KSC; great for kids with a face painter, magician, hidden money in the sand pile, food; \$10 tickets available from Larry.
- 9) Benediction
- 10) Next meeting July 20 at KSC.
- 11) Adjourned at 1403.

Lost Boats

USS S-28	(SS-133)	07/04/44
USS Robalo	(SS-274)	07/26/44
USS Grunion	(SS-216)	07/30/42

Chaplain's Corner

July has arrived and I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July and is having a wonderful summer.

Our Base has been very quite lately in regards to sickness and other adversities. I hope it stays that way for a long time.

This is also the traveling season and if you are going on a trip please drive safely.

Religious holidays for the month of July:

16 July 13- Jewish, TISHA-B'AV.

22 July 13- Christian, Feast of Mary Magdalene

With that I will keep it brief as I usually do.

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.

Remember to keep our Troops in your prayers.

Glenn Barts
Chaplain

Submariners Crew History Project

Dear Boat Association Shipmate:

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."

(President John F. Kennedy)

This is a progress report on the Submariner History Project, a kind of family history for boat sailors, and accessible through www.ussvi.org BOATS & CREWS button.

Over 93,000 submariners are now accounted for in USSVI/Decklog Records, thanks to the collaborative work of many boat association decklog recordkeepers like yourself.

Virtually all the commissioning crewmen for the GATO, BALAO and

TENCH Classes are now entered into the record, along with most of the earlier 'fleet' boats. Notably missing are Grenadier (SS-525), Grampus (SS-523) and USS Pickerel (SS-534) because I do not have copies of their muster rolls.

Most of the wartime submariners are now accounted for, including those who gave up their lives in WWII.

The project continues as we continue to add crewmen from later years, with my particular focus in the 1940-49 time period.

While this is a USSVI Legacy project, all submariners are included, whether members or not.

We do this because we believe that all U.S. submariners should be recognized and remembered for their service in submarines.

Fraternally,

Patrick Householder
USSVI/Decklog Boats and Crews manager

Boat Sailors Generational Difference

by Bob 'Dex' Armstrong

We speak of generational differences between the old boats and the new. Each generation. Each crew forges its memories, recollections, loyalty and love of the force based on the sum total of their experiences. It has always been that way. Most likely, always will.

We are linked! Each generation to each preceding and each following generation by the twin fish, silver and gold we wear or once wore over the pride in our

hearts. We earned a designation that forever sets us apart. We are U.S. Submariners.

I have my memories. And each of you has yours. Collectively, they are our history. The human history of the boats we rode, the squadrons we served in and the force we represented.

Submarines have evolved into giant technological wonders that roam the ocean depths at a range below the surface that many of us, the older coots, find damn near beyond comprehension.

As I sit here, I wonder what memories a modern day boat sailor will have. Will he hear the gentle slap, slap, slap of signal light shutters in his dreams? Will he remember the sound of chipping hammers and paint scrapers battling ever-present rust? The pride a young kid had in repainting the hull numbers of the boat he loved? Is there a modern day equivalent of the first night in battery charge? Does the crew stay up half the night playing hearts, watching movies, sorting laundry, telling lies and running hot coffee to Enginemen and Electricians?

Do COBs still cuss like creatures formed in the womb of Hell and then take time to come see if you are okay in sickbay?

Do they still want to know if you can stand a little closer to your razor as their way of telling you that you look like shit and need a shave?

Do they still meet the boats with fresh milk, mail sacks and guard mail?

Do barmaids still know your names and what boat you are off of? Does cheap perfume still hang in

a pea coat and dress canvas long enough to get you in trouble with your true love?

Does your neckerchief still dangle in a bowl of chili, your soup or your beer glass? Do you still own thirteen button blues and a jumper so damn tight it takes two of your mates to pull it on you? Do boat sailors still procure clean white hats from unsuspecting spark-shufflers who live in surface craft radio shacks?

Can you still get great scrambled eggs, bacon and hot toast at 0600 on the rescue vessel for a couple of boxes of fresh doughnuts and a worn out, dog-eared copy of last month's *Playboy*? What benefit did Hyman and his boys, trade you for hijacking your sunsets. Sunrises, coffee on the bridge. Watching sea birds, passing merchant ships, riding heavy seas in lousy weather and filling your lungs with diesel exhaust?

What has the world economy, inflation and the change in sensitivity done to the commercial affection market? It can't still be two tens and a five and you pay for the room, can it?

What has the force substituted for junior officers taking morning sextant observations to figure out where in the hell you are?

Do guys still hang around the galley like vultures waiting for the night baker to pull a load of whatever you've been smelling for the last hour, out of his magic oven? Is ragging the cooks still the cheapest 'best game in town'? Is a smiling, big mouth mess cook still the

best thing you've ever seen in the morning?

Can you still calculate how long you've been out by the diameter of the salt stains in the armpits of your last dungaree shirt and whether your socks stick when you throw them at the door of the medical locker?

Do they still produce independent duty Corpsman that can fix anything, cure anything, identify small crotch critters from every exotic location, make tight stitches in a state five sea and clean your clock playing Gin Rummy?

Do skippers still wear steaming hats that look like Noah sent them to the lucky bag? Is green cap brass and a torn visor still a mark of distinction? Do cats still try to cover up deck force foul weather jackets?

Are there still mail buoy watches and goofy Non-Quals roaming around trying to locate the main engine ignition key?

Do topside watches still pee on the screw guards on the 12 to 4? Does the geedunk truck hit the pier around 2200? The Krispie-Creme truck at 0400? The laundry truck at 0800? And the skipper five minutes before morning quarters?

Do boats still maintain illegal slush funds and hold non-reg anchor pools?

Are E-3s still the lads who know everything about every subject ever discussed, except their qual cards?

Do the boys from the forward nest still rob the tender slugs, blind? Can you still hijack anything that will fit in a mailbag?

Do folks in any squadron outside of Norfolk yell "Oh God, no!" when they see a boat come sliding into the slip with a SUBRON SIX pennant flying aft of the sail?

Can you still buy 'Sly Fox' wine? What in the hell does it cost now? Are Beer Nuts, Slim Jims, pickled hard-boiled eggs and pool cue dust in your beer still the 'Breakfast of Champions'?

Do barmaids still let you pin a set of Dolphins on the seat of their panties the night you qualify?

Do you still have to drink for your Dolphins?

Memories. Collect them... Remember. Remember the little things. They will form the composite of your old man's memories. They will connect you with whatever comes after you.

One day, you will be parked in your old easy chair saying:

"These gahdam sailors today have no idea how damn tough we had it. In the old days we had to haul all those neutrons and protons in buckets and pour the damn things into our hydro super nuke-a-lator and polish all those gahdam magic wands. Stack the pixie dust.

And rewind the Stairmasters. Jeezus, we sure had it rough."

But most of all, be sure to visit the old folk's home and help old smoke-boat sailors find their gahdam teeth.

Picnic
August 10 2013 10:30 AM
Hines Veterans Hospital
SVWWII, USS Chicago, &
Crash Dive Bases
Combined Picnic

USS Chicago Base providing main meal

Crash Dive Base providing Beer and Water

SVWWII providing Desserts and Soda

Any desserts or salads or condiments brought in will be appreciated

Bring a white elephant type gift wrapped in newspaper for the famous card game

Crash Dive shipmates RSVP to Chris Gaines if you plan to attend

Chris Gaines
630-319-8110

ccgaines@mindspring.com

Hines Hospital 5000 South 5th Ave.
Hines, IL 60141

From 1st Avenue turn West on Roosevelt Road then Left on 5th Ave (2nd Light)

Pavilion is all the way in the back

Special Committee Findings

Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw
Shipmates,

It is regrettable that the recent situation at Groton Base has been made into a circus of controversy.

John Carcioppolo became the center of attention in an investigation of the Groton Base, Groton Base Clubhouse and Bar due to rather extreme financial difficulties that have brought the whole of USSVI into sharp focus with the IRS. Due to delays and lack of cooperation in responding to questions asked of the Groton Base Commander and Treasurer, under the terms of the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 18, a Disciplinary Committee was convened to investigate the situation comprised of three Region Directors with considerable experience, two of whom are Joe Negri Awardees and also past or current Base Commanders, plus one past District Commander of the Year.

Ten individuals were interviewed in Groton, including John Carcioppolo. They are not identified in the report, but John C knows who they are.

Instead of appealing the judgment of the Disciplinary Committee to the full board, John C resigned and then it was taken public by John C and the entire situation was subjected to becoming viral with self serving accusations and mis-representations directed at the national organization and the national officers.

As a result of the actions taken by John Carcioppolo and others within USSVI, I have written an expanded explanation and am presenting a summary of the Disciplinary Committee's findings. They may be found at the following links:

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_National_Commander_Letter.pdf

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_Disciplinary_Committee_Summary_of_Findings.PDF

Best,
Michael

Eugene P. Wilkinson, Who Steered First Nuclear Submarine, Dies at 94

[Paul Vitello, New York Times, Jul 15](#)

Vice Adm. Eugene P. Wilkinson, who commanded the Nautilus — the United States Navy's first nuclear-powered submarine and the first machine to harness atomic fission for propulsion rather than weaponry — died on Thursday in Del Mar, Calif. He was 94.

His family confirmed the death.

As commander of the 324-foot, lead-lined, dirigible-shaped submarine, Admiral Wilkinson made headlines worldwide when he steered the Nautilus, propelled by its onboard reactor, out of a shipyard in Groton, Conn., into Long Island Sound on Jan. 17, 1955, and uttered his first radio message: "Under way on nuclear power."

The vessel represented a historic technological achievement; a personal triumph for Admiral Wilkinson's mentor, Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, the founding father of the nuclear Navy; and a resounding if double-edged statement about war and peace and the future uses of nuclear power.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower saw in the Nautilus the commercial potential of nuclear power, a theme of his "Atoms for Peace" initiative in the years before the first commercial nuclear power plant was built in the United States, based on technology pioneered by the Nautilus.

Military analysts greeted the submarine as the vanguard of a new age in warfare, a machine previously unimagined except in the fiction of Jules Verne (whose novels "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" and "The Mysterious Island" featured a submarine called the Nautilus).

Faster and more agile than any submarine before, it was able to cruise almost indefinitely without refueling. (The half-joking rumor among the crew was that they would surface every four years to re-enlist.) It became the prototype for the Navy's perpetually prowling fleet of strategic nuclear missile subs.

Admiral Wilkinson's career straddled the commercial and military realms of nuclear power. He went on to command the Navy's first nuclear-powered surface ship, the cruiser Long Beach, from 1959 to 1963. At his retirement from the Navy in 1974, he was the vice admiral in command of all submarine warfare operations.

From 1980 to 1985 he ran the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, a nonprofit organization established by the nuclear power industry to improve safety standards in the aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident near Harrisburg, Pa.

Admiral Wilkinson recalled the Nautilus launching as the apex of a period of unqualified optimism about atomic energy. "If you were involved in nuclear," he told The San Diego Tribune in a 1989 interview, "you were a white shining knight."

Eugene Parks Wilkinson was born on Aug. 10, 1918, in Long Beach, Calif., and was orphaned shortly afterward, when his father, Dennis, died in a car accident and his mother, Daisy, succumbed to a sudden illness. He was raised by his grandparents Dennis and Lillian Wilkinson, who ran a small creamery.

Admiral Wilkinson, who was known as Dennis to family and friends, graduated from San Diego State College with a degree in physics and chemistry and was teaching chemistry there as a graduate student when World War II broke out. After he enlisted, the

Navy sent him to an officer training program and assigned him to diesel-driven submarines. He received the Silver Star for valor in the Pacific.

Teaching at the Navy's submarine school after the war, he was wavering between pursuing a Navy career and returning to his postgraduate studies when Admiral Rickover, the newly appointed head of the Navy's nuclear power development agency, offered him a chance to do both.

With a corps of other handpicked officers, he was sent to study atomic physics and nuclear reactors at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois. He later served as the representative of the Bureau of Ships at Atomic Energy Commission offices in the Pittsburgh area. He is survived by three sons, Dennis, Stephen and Rod; a daughter, Marian Casazza; and four grandchildren. His wife, Janice, died in 2000.

In a 2001 biography of Admiral Rickover, Francis Duncan wrote that he

chose Admiral Wilkinson, a commander at the time, to skipper the Nautilus because he was "intelligent, imaginative, and free from the deadly embrace of tradition" — a reference to his not having graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The two remained friends until Admiral Rickover's death in 1986.

Crusty and temperamental, Admiral Rickover also had a mischievous sense of fun, which Admiral Wilkinson recalled in an article for The Saturday Evening Post in 1955. The Nautilus was on its maiden voyage, he wrote, when Admiral Rickover took a turn at the controls. After completing a scheduled test maneuver, he then ad-libbed orders for a nonsensical, if not dangerous, move: "Take her down and put her on the bottom," he said. "All ahead full."

"This left me in a rather embarrassing situation," Admiral Wilkinson wrote, "since I had to countermand all the admiral's orders immediately."

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Base Historian – Frank Voznak, Jr.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular Life Associate

OUR CREED: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America & its Constitution."

With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

- I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)
- I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ - _____ **Tel:** (_____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____

Your E-Mail Address _____ **Base/Chapter Desired:** _____

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____
 Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 90.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 55.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 20.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 25.00
 Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00
 Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Crash Dive Base dues are \$15 annually.

How did you find USSVI? Friend, Boat Assn, Local Event/News, Internet, Other (_____)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) _____

Associate Applicant is: Veteran Spouse of Veteran Other (specify) _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ **If other military service, What Branch?** _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ **Mil Retired (Y/N):** _____ **On Active Duty? (Y/N):** _____

YR entered Mil Service: _____ **YR left Mil Service** _____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

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