



"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. AUGUST 17
 - b. SEPTEMBER 21
 - c. OCTOBER 19
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. August – Frank Walter Fish Fry
 - b. September – Cris Pascual
 - c. October – Larry Warnke
3. **August Birthdays:** Dick Anderson 4th; John Manasse 5th; Eric Clauson 6th; Tony Mescher 8th Russ Rutowski 9th; John McClellan 14th; Harry Alvey 16th; Frank Walter 25th; and Walter Murray 26th.
4. The design for the **submarine memorial** in Chicago is nearing completion. Next step: Launch the capital campaign.
5. 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 July 20, 2013

- 1) Attendees
 - a) Clay Hill
 - b) Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - c) Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - d) Herman Mueller
 - e) Larry Warnke
 - f) Cris Pascual
 - g) Kep Preble
 - h) Greg Miller
 - i) Steve Benicke
 - j) Terry Elmeier
 - k) Chris Gaines
 - l) Dick Anderson
 - m) Gus Yakes
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1206 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 3) Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Terry Elmeier seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts. June statements: Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4,470.82. Larry Warnke moved to accept; Terry Elmeier seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a) Newsletter – Each shipmate is welcome to submit articles of general interest from other sources.
 - b) Membership – no report
 - c) Charitable Service –
 - i) Received a letter from USO inviting two gratis members to participate in Clark after Dark event on August 15. Contact Greg if interested.
 - ii) Cobia Working Party August 11-14. Contact Greg to volunteer for part or all of the time.
 - iii) At each meeting, we solicit and accept winter supplies to donate to the Navy Relief Thrift Store at Great Lakes and toiletries such as the freebies at a hotel for donation to the USO at O'Hare. USO requests T-shirts with a crew neck.
 - d) Hospitality – Corn Roast August 24; \$10 tickets available from Larry Warnke. Terrific event for kids and grandkids. Good food and cheap beer.
 - e) Webmaster – nothing to report.
 - f) Storekeeper – nothing to report.
 - g) Bylaws – new bylaws have been drafted and will be sent to all members by postal mail followed by creating written operating procedures.
 - h) Memorial Committee –
 - i) Finalized letter of inquiry format and wording.
 - ii) Waiting for brochure and sketch from architect

- prior to launching the capital campaign.
- iii) Opened a checking account at Great Lakes Credit Union in conjunction with USS Chicago Base.
 - iv) PR plan idea is to install a Future Site sign and to promote through USSVI, maybe a purchased advertisement in the magazine.
 - v) Will accept residual funds from dissolution of SVWWII state and local chapters but respectfully solicit from other sources before accepting funds from individual WWII shipmates.
 - i) Community Outreach – Greg can manage with ad hoc assistance from various shipmates.
- 6) Old Business
- i) None
- 7) New Business
- a) 2014 Birthday Ball
 - i) Saturday April 5, 2014 at the Parkway Chateau banquet facility adjacent to The Brat Stop. Approved at the June meeting.
 - b) Christmas Party. Consider Lamb's Farm. KSC is available each Saturday in December. Chris Gaines will poll the membership.
- 8) Good of the Order

- a) Duty Cook
 - i) August – Frank Walter Fish Fry (need kitchen access by 0900)
 - ii) September – Cris Pascual
 - iii) October – Larry Warnke.
 - b) Picnic August 10 at Hines.
 - c) Corn Roast at KSC August 24; see Larry Warnke for tickets.
- 9) Benediction
- 10) Next meeting August 17 at KSC.
- 11) Larry Warnke moved to adjourn; Glenn Barts seconded; unanimous. Adjourned at 1355.

Lost Boats

USS BULLHEAD SS 332	8/6/45
USS FLIER SS 250	8/13/44
USS S-39 SS 144	8/14/42
USS HARDER SS 257	8/24/44
USS COCHINO SS 345	8/26/49
USS POMPANO SS 181	8/29/43

Chaplain's Corner

August has arrived and the summer is flying by too fast. I hope everyone is still having a wonderful summer.

Our base still very quiet this summer in regards to sickness and other adversities. I hope it stays that way for a long time.

Later this month is the USSVI National convention and if you are going, please drive safely.

Religious holidays for the month of August:
Christian:

Aug 6 - Transfiguration of Jesus
Aug 15 - Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (Catholic)
Aug 15 - Dormition of the Theotokos
(Orthodox Christian)

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

Sub CO Talks Watchbill Changes, Port Visits

Jacqueline Klimas, Navy Times, Jul 12

**ABOARD THE ATTACK SUBMARINE
NORFOLK** — For decades,
submariners have lived in flux, shifting
between 18-hour days on deployment
and 24-hour days in port.

That may soon change because of
guidance issued to the sub fleet that
allows, but doesn't require, submariners
to stand longer watches. Boats now can
try an eight-hours-on, 16-hours-off
watchbill that matches a 24-hour day.

One Los Angeles-class attack sub,
the Scranton, has already done so with
positive results. Another, the Norfolk,
may give the new watchbill a shot on its
next deployment, expected to begin late
this year or early next.

Cmdr. Gregory Zettler, commanding
officer of the Norfolk, sat down with
Navy Times to talk about changing the
watchbill on his sub, the integration of

women across the sub fleet, the crew's
favorite port visits and what they're
doing to gear up for their next
deployment.

Answers have been edited for
brevity and clarity.

Q. Watchbills that follow a circadian
rhythm [based on a 24-hour day] have
become popular in the Navy. What sort
of watch rotation was this sub doing on
the last deployment, and have you
looked at adopting a circadian watchbill?

A. We were on a six-hour, three-
section watch rotation, so essentially an
18-hour day. We just received guidance
[in May] that allows us to explore the
option of using eight-hour days. We, to
be honest, have not quite sorted out
what we plan to implement. There's a
couple boats out there right now that are
doing it and we'll probably collect their
lessons learned and make some good
decisions based on what they've seen
and successes they've had. It sounds
interesting, it sounds like it's working out
pretty well for them.

Q. What other subs have tried the
new watchbill?

A. [The sub] Scranton here in
Norfolk was one of the test platforms for
it; that's the only one I know that has
tried it. But with the message having
been out, I just haven't had a chance to
come full circle and talk to other subs,
like the Boise, which just got back from
an underway, to see if they tried it out.
It's something that you don't want to run
into without having thought out. I'm sure
there are implications, there's meal
planning, for instance, and other stuff
like that that will require adjustments to
make sure we do that well.

Q. Do you expect to make a
decision on this so it might be in place
for your next deployment?

A. For sure. We'll definitely take a
look at that between now and the next
deployment and assess whether or not

the crew likes it. As far as I know, the Scranton's crew liked it. It requires a mindset shift from how I have done business my entire 19-year career. So it's just something we'll want to think carefully through before we go do it.

Q. As of right now, women are not planned to integrate on the Los Angeles class of submarine, but the Navy has said it will look at it in the future. Do you think putting women on this class of sub is possible and worthwhile?

A. That's a question that I probably can't answer, just because I have no understanding of what the real cost would be. What I'll say is that it's been clear to me for a long time that women can easily do this job and have done this job very well. I think that it's an idea whose time has come. The Navy needs to do it in a way that makes sense.

All of the ships of this class are going to go away in relatively short order. That sounds ridiculous because it's actually 20 years or more down the road, but in terms of defense dollars, that's not a very long time. I'm not sure that it would make a lot of sense, certainly not to refit first flight 688s or second flight 688s.

Maybe if the third flight 688s are going to be around for another 20 years and someone makes a decision to retrofit a couple of those, that might be fine. But it looks to me like they're making plans now to do the Virginia class and I see that as probably the smartest decision they could make.

Q. During your most recent deployment, the ship visited some unusual ports like Haifa, Israel, and Limassol, Cyprus. What were they like?

A. Israel was fantastic, and Cyprus was excellent as well. I think what really appealed to the crew about Israel was that we got to go to Jerusalem, the foundation of the three Abrahamic

religions. They love Americans there, so we really had a great time.

Q. What do you think the benefit is of visiting different ports where many ships don't get to visit?

A. For us, it's an opportunity to relax and recharge our batteries, which is pretty important. When we go out and we're operational in those kinds of deployed environments, it can be very stressful. If you're doing an 18-hour day, it's a solid 12 hours of work in that day, if not more, so guys are just doing that over and over and over again. When we do it right — and I'm very proud of the crew because they did this in each case — we're really great ambassadors for America. It may be the only view of America that some of the people in those countries ever have. Israel, that's probably less the case, but certainly in Cyprus, we may be the only view of America that people have. When we go there, we're respectful and we have a great visit, I think it represents America well.

Q. You've been back from deployment for more than half a year. What's the crew been up to since you've been back, and what are the next big events looking forward?

A. We're already gearing up for our next deployment. It's to be determined when our exact next deployment date will be, but we're already in the cycle with the first major maintenance period to set us up for being ready to go back and conduct a [U.S. Central Command] deployment later this year or early next year.

What we've been up to is really a major post-deployment availability and then we've done some exercises and tactical readiness — just standard stuff to work our way back into the pre-deployment routine.

Holiday Party Anyone?

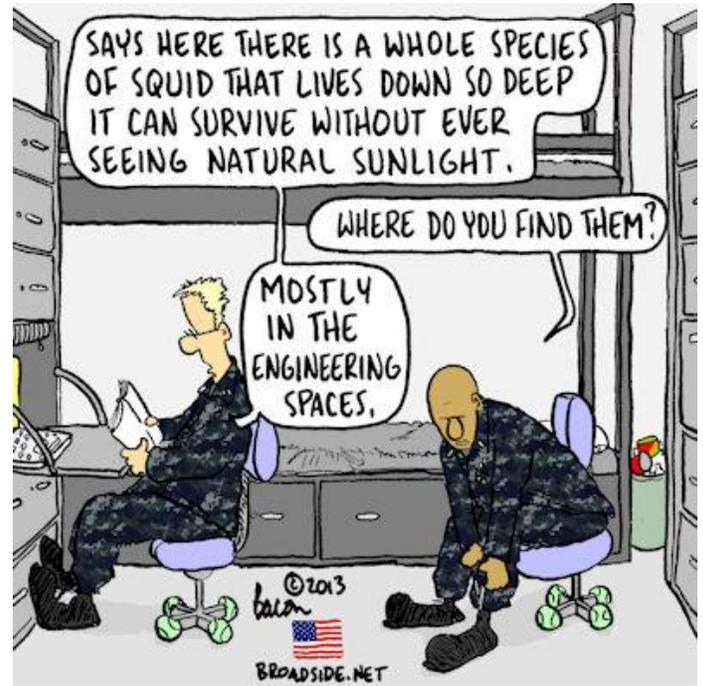
Crash Dive Base is considering holding a Holiday Party this year. We want your help in planning the event. We will need a minimum number of attendees to have a successful event. This brief survey will help guide us in the planning process.

IF we do hold the party, it will be at or near our regular meeting location, the Knollwood Sportsmen's Club, in Lake Bluff, IL on a weekend.

Please take two or three minutes to give us your input.

- A) Would you attend if it were held on a weekend in:
- 1) December Yes No
 - 2) January Yes No
 - 3) February Yes No
- B) How many people would be in your party:
- 1) One
 - 2) Two
 - 3) Three or more
- C) Which type of service would you prefer:
- 1) Everyone takes a dish-to-pass for a pot luck dinner.
 - 2) Buffet meal catered by an outside company?
- D) Would you attend if the ticket price were:
- 1) \$20 Yes No
 - 2) \$25 Yes No
 - 3) \$30 Yes No
 - 4) \$35 Yes No
 - 5) \$40 Yes No

Send your completed survey to Larry Warnke at l_warnke@msn.com (preferred) or call him at (847) 687-3414 by September 7, 2013.



Electric Boat Building Two Submarines At Once, First Time In Decade

Jennifer McDermott, New London Day, June 19

GROTON — For the first time in a decade, Electric Boat is simultaneously working on two submarines in its main building shed.

The first module for the future USS Illinois, the 13th member of the Virginia class, arrived by barge from EB's Quonset Point facility Tuesday. It was placed next to the North Dakota, the 11th of the class.

Two submarines have not been side by side in Building 260 since 2003, when EB was building the USS Jimmy Carter and the USS Virginia, the first of the class.

"This is our first step to ramping up in Groton to two boats a year," said Todd Beardsley, the ship's manager at EB for the Illinois (SSN 786).

The first module for the follow-on submarine at EB normally arrives after its predecessor is put into the water for the first time. The "float off" for the North Dakota (SSN 784) will not happen until September or October. That submarine is on track for the fastest delivery of the class yet.

"Everything keeps getting earlier and earlier, so we're ready to go to two boats a year," Beardsley added.

The Navy began buying two submarines per year in 2011 but the Groton waterfront is where the final assembly and testing of submarines is done, so it is not projected to have a steady workload until 2015. EB is under contract to build the 11th through the 18th ships of the class, with Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia.

About 600 people in Groton and Quonset Point are working on the Illinois. Next year, once all four modules are in Groton, nearly 1,000 people will be working in the yard on the submarine.

The arrival of the first module, in this case, the forward half of the engine room, is a milestone, Beardsley said, because major work on the submarine can now begin in Groton. The next task is to attach the reactor compartment to the 50-foot-long cylindrical module, he said.

Cmdr. Jess Porter, the submarine's commanding officer, arrived in Groton on Monday to begin assembling the crew. The first group, about 35 people, will spend the next few weeks in school in Schenectady, N.Y., learning how to operate the propulsion plant, Porter said.

Porter said being in command of a new Virginia-class submarine is "a phenomenal opportunity" because the culture for the ship is set in the early stages of construction.

"That culture, in large measure, goes a long way toward building that ship to a viable and powerful platform," he said.

First Lady Michelle Obama was named sponsor for the submarine last year.

Construction on the Illinois began in March 2011. The submarine is contracted to be delivered to the Navy in 66 months, on Aug. 31, 2016.

Beardsley said his goal is to finish earlier in 2016 and to beat whatever record the North Dakota sets when it is delivered in early 2014.

Female officers will begin reporting aboard Virginia-class submarines in January 2015. Porter said that if women are assigned to the Illinois, "my ship will be ready to support that."

Porter, 46, who is from Pocatello, Idaho, took the USS Missouri through the delivery and commissioning process as that submarine's executive officer. He spent 12 years as an enlisted nuclear electrician's mate in the surface fleet before being commissioned as an officer and joining the submarine force. He served on the USS Michigan and the USS Connecticut.

The shipyard is a challenging environment, Porter said, but the crew will come away from it knowing "that ship inside and out." Porter and Beardsley met for the first time on Wednesday so Porter could see the hull section.

Outside of the bustling building shed, EB's three graving docks are currently filled with three submarines undergoing repairs. Beardsley, who has worked at EB for 14 years, remembers when the Jimmy Carter and the Virginia were there.

"This is by far the busiest we've been since then," he said.

THE SILENT SERVICE TV Series Available

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

The Silent Service TV series are now available as a free download.

Thanks to the generosity of USSVI Northern VA Base member Ray Stone, the following episodes are available for downloading at this site are from the submarine adventure series 'The Silent Service' which aired during the 1957-1958 television seasons.

The Silent Service is a documentary styled anthology series about the U.S. Navy's submarine fleet and their missions during World War II and the Korean War. Every episode was fact based and the realism of the show was elevated by the use of actual combat footage from the files of the United States Navy.

The stories, which varied between the South Pacific during World War II, the Atlantic campaign and the Korean War, were the brainchild of Rear Admiral Thomas T. M. Dykers, himself a WWII submariner who commanded USS Jack (SS-259) and retired from the Navy in 1949 after 22 years of service.

Admiral Dykers also did an intro piece for each episode, narrated the action and filmed a closing segment, usually with a member of the crew of the submarine that was highlighted on that particular episode.

Each season was comprised of 39 episodes. All of the episodes for season one are complete, however there are three missing episodes for season two. If anyone has copies or knows where they are available, please let Ray know.

In addition to the episodes, Ray has included copies of the press kits that were issued to the stations along with the films. He also included episode summaries which are handy in preparing notices / programs for individual viewing.

All episodes are in MP4 format. Ray suggests downloading to your device rather than trying to view online. Each episode is about 30 min. in length so consider that when trying to download.

For those interested in short-cutting this process, an entire season can be purchased on DVD from USSVI Member John Clear. Visit www.ussealion.com for more information.

To download the TV episodes, go to www.olgoat.com and click on the DOWNLOAD button.

Subs to Lose Coast Guard Escorts as Duty Shifts To Navy *Jennifer McDermott, The Day, Jul 11*

Each time a black attack submarine travels the Thames River, Coast Guard boats are close by, protecting the valuable asset and its crew.

It has been this way since Sept. 11, 2001, when the Coast Guard offered to escort submarines because the Navy was busy preparing for combat in Afghanistan and later, in Iraq. Coast Guard crews were armed and trained to protect the submarines against attacks by terrorists or saboteurs.

Five years ago, the two services began discussing whether the Navy could resume escorting its own submarines nationwide so Coast Guard ships and personnel could be used for other missions.

Beginning this fall, instead of the distinctive metal boats with Coast Guard orange coloring, the Navy's Coastal Riverine Force will protect submarines on the

Thames River. The Navy has already taken on most of the security missions for submarine transits in Alaska.

After Groton, the transition will begin in other ports along both coasts.

"Both services are working together to develop a long-term solution for transferring this mission back to the Navy," said Lt. Cmdr. Jamie Frederick, spokesman for the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area.

The Coastal Riverine Force is a new command that is responsible for conducting maritime security operations to defend high-value assets, critical maritime infrastructure and ports and harbors. The Navy's Riverine and Maritime Expeditionary Security Forces merged in 2012.

Coastal Riverine Squadron 8, headquartered in Newport, R.I., has a platoon that operates out of Groton. Twenty-two sailors will escort the submarines using four boats, said Lt. Cmdr. Charity Hardison, spokeswoman for the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, which oversees the Coastal Riverine Force.

The Navy also is looking at using its forces for submarine escorts in Norfolk, Va., Bremerton and Bangor, Wash., Mayport and Cape Canaveral, Fla., Kings Bay, Ga., and San Diego, Calif., said Lt. Cmdr. Brian Badura, spokesman for U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

The services have not yet decided on the schedule, or on how the responsibilities for routine escort

missions in each port will be divided. The Coast Guard would support the Navy during any contingency or heightened security environment, Badura said.

"This re-leveling of effort is part of that normal process, which is necessary, especially in this financially-constrained environment," he said.

Coast Guard Station New London also is responsible for patrolling local waterways, conducting law enforcement boardings, ensuring boaters are safe, responding to search-and-rescue calls and maintaining safety zones. About 200 "high-value units" needing escorts travel through the area each year.

It costs about \$2 million annually to escort the Groton submarines, Badura added. The Navy does not reimburse the Coast Guard. He did not have an estimate for how much it will cost the Navy to escort submarines in ports nationwide.

The threat to submarines has not diminished, Badura said, and while the duties are shifting from one service to the other, "the requirement remains the same."

"Submarines are one of our most capable platforms," he said. "We want to make sure when they're coming in or out of port, we give them the escort they need."

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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.)

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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