



"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. SEPTEMBER 21
 - b. OCTOBER 19
 - c. NOVEMBER 16
2. Duty Cook Roster:
 - a. September – Cris Pascual
 - b. October – Larry Warnke
 - c. November – see your name here!
3. **September Birthdays:** Charles Daniels 17th; Bob Krautstrunk 18th; and John Kidwell 27th.
4. Did you vote for our **Christmas Party**? If not, see last month's newsletter for the survey and let Larry Warnke know about your preferences.
5. USSVI has launched a **Job Opportunity Forum**; see article on Page 7.
6. Our shipmates in Illinois may be interested in the article on Page 8 about initial staffing of **PCU Illinios**.
7. Shipmate Tom Polzin provided a link to an article about 2013 **Federal benefits for veterans**. Find the link on Page 8.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes August 17, 2013

- 1) Attendees
- 2) Attendees
 - a) Glenn C. Barts, Sr.
 - b) Frank Voznak
 - c) Kep Preble
 - d) Clayton Hill
 - e) Frank A. Walter
 - f) Cris Pascual
 - g) Herman Mueller
 - h) Larry Warnke
 - i) Greg Miller
 - j) Bob Fleck
- 3) The meeting was called to order at 1226 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 4) Secretary's Report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. Frank Walter moved to accept; Kep Preble seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts. June statements: Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4424.34; Memorial checking \$295; Memorial Savings \$5. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Larry Warnke seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 6) Committee Reports
 - a) Newsletter – Each shipmate is welcome to submit articles of general interest from other sources.
 - b) Membership – no report
 - c) Charitable Service – no report
 - 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) Letters will be going out soon and the 721 Club and the Pritzker Library will be the first to get them.
 - ii) Flyer final draft was presented.
 - iii) Frank Voznak also reminded the Base members that they are welcome to donate to the memorial and that it would be advantageous for some of us to do so.
 - iv) Bob Fleck offered to machine the memorial parts, i.e. the water tight door for free. He also wants to make contact with the General Contractor to discuss his ideas.
 - i) Community Outreach –
 - i) Had a working party on Cobia last week. Clay explained what they did-Painted Gun Mount and associated equipment. Frank Voznak said he is waiting for word when he should go to the Cobia and do some welding.
 - ii) Leftovers from the picnic were given to Fisher House.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Holland Club induction will be in September.

- b) Brief discussion regarding a party during or after the holidays; still awaiting member survey replies to Larry Warnke.
- 8) New Business
 - a) None
- 9) Good of the Order
 - a) Duty Cook
 - i) September – Cris Pascual
 - ii) October – Larry Warnke.
- 10) Benediction
- 11) Next meeting September 21 at KSC.
- 12) Larry Warnke moved to adjourn; Glenn Barts seconded; unanimous. Adjourned at 1340.

Lost Boats

USS S-5	(SS-110)	09/1/20
USS Grayling	(SS-209)	09/09/43
USS S-51	(SS-162)	09/25/25
USS Cisco	(SS-290)	09/28/43

A final toast for the Doolittle Raiders

By Bob Greene, CNN Contributor
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 CNN.com

Editor's note: CNN Contributor Bob Greene is a bestselling author whose 25 books include "Late Edition: A Love Story"; "Duty: A Father, His Son, and the Man Who Won the War"; and "Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen."

(CNN) -- It's the cup of brandy that no one wants to drink.

On Tuesday, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, the surviving Doolittle Raiders will gather publicly for the last time.

They once were among the most universally admired and revered men in

the United States. There were 80 of the Raiders in April 1942, when they carried out one of the most courageous and heart-stirring military operations in this nation's history. The mere mention of their unit's name, in those years, would bring tears to the eyes of grateful Americans.

Now only four survive.

After Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, with the United States reeling and wounded, something dramatic was needed to turn the war effort around.

Even though there were no friendly airfields close enough to Japan for the United States to launch a retaliation, a daring plan was devised. Sixteen B-25s were modified so that they could take off from the deck of an aircraft carrier. This had never before been tried -- sending such big, heavy bombers from a carrier.



Lt. Col. James Doolittle leans over a bomb on the USS Hornet deck just before his "Raiders" began the bombing raid on Tokyo.

The 16 five-man crews, under the command of Lt. Col. James Doolittle, who himself flew the lead plane off the USS Hornet, knew that they would not be able to return to the carrier. They would have to hit Japan and then hope to make it to China for a safe landing.

But on the day of the raid, the Japanese military caught wind of the plan. The Raiders were told that they would have

to take off from much farther out in the Pacific Ocean than they had counted on. They were told that because of this they would not have enough fuel to make it to safety.

And those men went anyway.

They bombed Tokyo, and then flew as far as they could. Four planes crash-landed; 11 more crews bailed out, and three of the Raiders died. Eight more were captured; three were executed. Another died of starvation in a Japanese prison camp. One crew made it to Russia.

The Doolittle Raid sent a message from the United States to its enemies, and to the rest of the world:

We will fight.

And, no matter what it takes, we will win.

Of the 80 Raiders, 62 survived the war. They were celebrated as national heroes, models of bravery. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer produced a motion picture based on the raid; "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," starring Spencer Tracy and Van Johnson, was a patriotic and emotional box-office hit, and the phrase became part of the national lexicon. In the movie-theater previews for the film, MGM proclaimed that it was presenting the story "with supreme pride."

Beginning in 1946, the surviving Raiders have held a reunion each April, to commemorate the mission. The reunion is in a different city each year. In 1959, the city of Tucson, Arizona, as a gesture of respect and gratitude, presented the Doolittle Raiders with a set of 80 silver goblets. Each goblet was engraved with the name of a Raider.

Every year, a wooden display case bearing all 80 goblets is transported to the reunion city. Each time a Raider passes away, his goblet is turned upside down in the case at the next reunion, as his old friends bear solemn witness.

Also in the wooden case is a bottle of 1896 Hennessy Very Special cognac. The year is not happenstance: 1896 was when Jimmy Doolittle was born.

There has always been a plan: When there are only two surviving Raiders, they would open the bottle, at last drink from it, and toast their comrades who preceded them in death.

As 2013 began, there were five living Raiders; then, in February, Tom Griffin passed away at age 96.

The name may be familiar to those of you who regularly read this column; in 2011, [I wrote about the role Mr. Griffin played at his son's wedding.](#)

What a man he was. After bailing out of his plane over a mountainous Chinese forest after the Tokyo raid, he became ill with malaria, and almost died. When he recovered, he was sent to Europe to fly more combat missions. He was shot down, captured, and spent 22 months in a German prisoner of war camp.

The selflessness of these men, the sheer guts ... there was a passage in the Cincinnati Enquirer obituary for Mr. Griffin that, on the surface, had nothing to do with the war, but that emblemizes the depth of his sense of duty and devotion:

"When his wife became ill and needed to go into a nursing home, he visited her every day. He walked from his house to the nursing home, fed his wife and at

the end of the day brought home her clothes. At night, he washed and ironed her clothes. Then he walked them up to her room the next morning. He did that for three years until her death in 2005."

So now, out of the original 80, only four Raiders remain: Dick Cole (Doolittle's co-pilot on the Tokyo raid), Robert Hite, Edward Saylor and David Thatcher. All are in their 90s. They have decided that there are too few of them for the public reunions to continue.

The events in Fort Walton Beach this week will mark the end. It has come full circle; Florida's nearby Eglin Field was where the Raiders trained in secrecy for the Tokyo mission.

The town is planning to do all it can to honor the men: a six-day celebration of their valor, including luncheons, a dinner and a parade.

Do the men ever wonder if those of us for whom they helped save the country have tended to it in a way that is worthy of their sacrifice? They don't talk about that, at least not around other people. But if you find yourself near Fort Walton Beach this week, and if you should encounter any of the Raiders, you might want to offer them a word of thanks. I can tell you from firsthand observation that they appreciate hearing that they are remembered.

The men have decided that after this final public reunion they will wait until a later date -- some time this year -- to get together once more, informally and in absolute privacy. That is when they will open the bottle of brandy. The years are flowing by too swiftly now; they are not going to wait until there are only two of them.

They will fill the four remaining upturned goblets.

And raise them in a toast to those who are gone.

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Navy drops plans to repair USS Miami sub

AP

David Sharp, Associated Press 14 hours ago

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) -- The Navy has decided to scrap the USS Miami instead of repairing the nuclear-powered submarine because of budget cuts accompanied by growing costs of repairing damage from a fire set by a civilian worker at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, officials said Tuesday.

Rear Adm. Rick Breckenridge, director of undersea warfare, said repairing the Groton, Conn.-based sub would have meant canceling work on dozens of other ships because of new budget constraints.

He said that would've hurt the Navy's overall readiness.

"The Navy and the nation simply cannot afford to weaken other fleet readiness in the way that would be required to afford repairs to Miami," Breckenridge said in a statement.

Inspections revealed a significant number of components in the torpedo room and auxiliary machinery room would require replacement, further driving up the repair costs for the USS Miami. The Navy originally said it planned to repair the submarine but the discovery of additional damage raised the cost, originally estimated to be about \$450 million.

A shipyard worker, Casey James Fury, of Portsmouth, N.H., was sentenced to 17 years in prison after admitting he set fire to the

Miami, which was in dry dock during a 20-month overhaul at the Kittery shipyard.

It took 12 hours and the efforts of more than 100 firefighters to save the Los Angeles-class attack submarine. Seven people were hurt.

The fire, set on May 23, 2012, damaged forward compartments including living quarters, a command and control center and the torpedo room. Weapons had been removed for the repair, and the fire never reached the rear of the submarine, where the nuclear propulsion components are located.

U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King of Maine and Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire issued a statement blaming the decision to scrap the submarine on the automatic budget cuts known as sequestration.

"We are disappointed by the Navy's decision to discontinue repairs to the USS Miami. Inactivating the Miami will mean a loss to our nuclear submarine fleet — yet another unfortunate consequence of the across-the-board cuts known as sequestration. We will continue to work together to find a responsible budget solution that replaces sequestration," they said.

The Navy announced last summer that it intended to repair the Miami with a goal of returning it to service in 2015. The Navy said it would be cost-effective because the 23-year-old submarine could serve another 10 years.

The decision to inactivate the Miami was a difficult one, "taken after hard analysis and not made lightly," Breckenridge said in his statement. "But in exchange for avoiding the cost of repairs, we will open up funds to support other vital maintenance efforts, improving the wholeness and readiness of the fleet."

The repairs have potential 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.

U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, whose Maine district includes the shipyard, blamed the submarine's loss on Congress' inability to come up with a budget.

"It's outrageous that the yard won't get the chance to put the Miami back in service because of sequestration," she said.

Military Travel Policy Changes Due to Sequester (UNCLASSIFIED)

Submitted by: Pete Tzomes

TDY/TAD Travel:

In keeping with the latest round of budget cuts, changes will be made to the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR). Effective 1 April 2013 the following revised procedures will apply:

Lodging:

All personnel performing temporary duty (TDY) are encouraged to stay with relatives and friends while on government business travel. If weather permits, public areas such as park benches should be used as temporary lodging sites. Bus terminals, train stations, and office lobbies may provide additional shelter in periods of inclement weather. Homeless shelters are encouraged.

Transportation:

Hitchhiking is the preferred mode of travel in lieu of commercial transport. Luminescent safety vests will be issued

to all personnel prior to their departure on TDY. Bus transportation will be used only when work schedules require such travel.

Meals:

Overweight personnel will not receive reimbursement for any meals purchased while TDY. Expenditures for meals will be limited to an absolute minimum. It should be noted that certain grocery and specialty chains, such as Costco, Hickory Farms, General Nutrition Centers, and occasionally Safeway often provide free samples of promotional items. Entire meals can be obtained in this manner. We realize many of you survive your weekends this way. Travelers should also be familiar with indigenous roots, berries, and other protein sources available at their destinations. If restaurants must be utilized, travelers should use "all you can eat" salad bars. This is especially effective for employees traveling together as one plate can be used to feed the entire group. Military Personnel are also encouraged to bring their own food on business travel. Cans of tuna fish, Spam, and Beefaroni can be consumed at your leisure without the bother of heating or costly preparation. Cost of these items will not be reimbursed.

Miscellaneous:

In order to facilitate acquisition of lodging and meals as prescribed above, the government has mandated viewing of the entire Survivorman series prior to travel. The TSA will issue waivers allowing Government employees traveling on orders to carry multi-tools through airport security checkpoints. In addition, all DOD personnel are encouraged to devise innovative

techniques in effort to save tax dollars. One enterprising individual has already suggested that money could be raised during airport layover periods that could be used to defray travel expenses. In support of this idea, red caps will be issued to all personnel prior to their departure so that they may earn tips by helping others with their luggage. Small plastic roses and ballpoint pens will also be available to personnel so that sales may be made as time permits. Any remaining proceeds must be turned into the DOD finance section at the conclusion of the TDY.

USSVI Job Opportunities Forum

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

Announcing a new USSVI Job Opportunities Forum at <http://bod.subvets.net>.

Suggested by Richard McPherson, This is a place for job opportunities posted by Submarine Veterans for Submarine Veterans. No login required. This forum will be maintained by the honor system, with the shipmate posting the position monitoring it until it is filled, then notating that when the position is filled. At that time or shortly thereafter, the position will be from the listing. The Shipmate posting the Job Opportunity should a new Thread for each new Job availability. Minimum info must include location, when available, minimum requirements, who to contact for more info and how to do so.

Pride Runs Deep,
Patrick Householder IPNC



First Sailors Report to PCU Illinois

Lt. j.g. Jeff Prunera, Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs, Navy.mil, June 25

GROTON, Conn. – The first group of Sailors reported to the Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Illinois (SSN 786), a fast attack submarine currently under construction in Groton, Conn.

The commanding officer's arrival June 17 marked a major milestone in the construction phase of the submarine and sets the crew training phase in motion. The ship's sponsor is First Lady Michelle Obama.

Approximately 35 Sailors or one-fourth of the total crew have reported to Illinois over the past few weeks, including Commanding Officer Cmdr. Jess Porter; Engineering Officer Lt. Anthony Wilson; and Master Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) Steve Houk, the engineering department master chief.

"This is my first opportunity to be in command of a boat," said Porter. "It's a fantastic opportunity to be able to set the boat up well for its operational life in building the initial culture on board the submarine. Setting the initial culture is really what sets the boat up for a fantastic operational career."

Illinois is the 13th Virginia-class attack submarine and is under construction at General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) and Huntington Ingalls Industries - Newport News Shipbuilding (HII-NNS).

Porter further reflected on the challenges he and the crew face with a unit under construction compared to an operational boat.

"On a PCU you have a whole bunch of new guys all at once coming to learn a new boat, where on an operational boat you have about one-third new crew members each year." Porter said.

"That's the biggest challenge for me is to get those guys up on the step and ready to go to sea to fully operate the warship."

Illinois will be the second U.S. Navy vessel named after the 21st state and is the third Block III Virginia-class submarine.

Illinois is being built under a teaming arrangement between General Dynamics Electric Boat and Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, in Newport News, Va.

Upon completion, the submarine will displace 7,800 tons of water at a length of 377 feet and a beam of 34 feet. It will be able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots while submerged.

Initial construction on the submarine began in March 2011 and it is contracted to be delivered in August 2016.

Virginia-class submarines are designed to dominate the world's littoral and deep waters while conducting anti-submarine, anti-surface ship, strike, irregular and mine warfare missions. They also support special operation forces in addition to covert intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

Federal Benefits for Veterans Dependents and Survivors 2013 Edition

Lots of good information here:

<http://publications.usa.gov/USAPubs.php?PubID=1050>

USSVI National is looking for Volunteers!

Shipmates,

I have been asked by the National Commander to put out a call for volunteers who might be qualified in Insurances, Taxes, Book Keeping, Editing and Publishing, Computers and Computer Programs, and Data Base Management.

If you would like to volunteer in any of the above fields please contact National Junior Vice Commander Al Singleman, Jr. at al@ssbn657.com or call me at 518-355-2119.

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

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Thai Navy celebrates Submarine Day

The National News Bureau of Thailand, 5 Sep 13

BANGKOK, 5 September 2013 (NNT) – The Royal Thai Navy has celebrated the 76th anniversary of Submarine Day, saying that submarines are vital to the country's strong military foundation.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Adm. Narong Pipatanasai, during the celebration of Submarine Day, said the navy has to have submarines in order to defend the country against a threat, especially in closed sea areas. If those areas are invaded, the country's water transport will be cut off completely.

Although submarines are considered important weapons, the Thai Navy does not have one in possession. However, groups of marines have been sent to foreign countries like South Korea, Germany, and Spain, to learn about submarines.

Adm. Narong has, however, assured that despite the fact that Thailand does not have a submarine, the Thai Navy has already prepared armaments in case of emergency. In addition, Thai marines have undergone heavy training and drills in order for them to be well prepared to fight off submarine threats.

The best strategy to fight against a submarine is to use a submarine, said the Admiral, while affirming that the procurement of armaments will be conducted based on transparency and the rule of law, not a decision to be made by any single individual.



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