



"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. OCTOBER 19
 - b. NOVEMBER 16
 - c. DECEMBER 21
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. October – Larry Warnke
 - b. November – see your name here!
 - c. December -- see your name here!
3. **October Birthdays:** Bud Atkins 5th; Tom Polzin 13th; Edward Mokos 30th; William Derse 30th.
4. **Call for Nominations** for secretary and vice-commander. Election will occur at the November meeting. Submit nominations to the secretary before Saturday, November 2. Members in good standing may request an absentee ballot from the secretary prior to October 17. Ballots must be received by the secretary before November 15.
5. **Crash Dive Submarine Birthday Ball** April 5, 2014, Kenosha, WI
6. Welcome our **new chaplain, Cris Pascual**. See article on page 3.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes August 17, 2013

- 1) Attendees
 - a) Glenn C. Barts, Sr.
 - b) Frank Voznak
 - c) Vic Van Horn
 - d) Jan Wolkow - guest
 - e) Gus Yakes
 - f) Clay Hill
 - g) Tom Polzin
 - h) Cris Pascual
 - i) Herman Mueller
 - j) Allen Tuidor
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1208 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 3) Secretary's Report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Tom Polzin seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts. June statements: Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4299.91; Memorial checking \$395; Memorial Savings \$5. Tom Polzin moved to accept; Frank Voznak seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a) Newsletter - Each shipmate is welcome to submit articles of general interest from other sources.
 - b) Membership - Dues notices will be mailed by November
 - c) Charitable Service - no report
 - d) Hospitality - annual KSC building raffle tickets are available. Price is \$100 each. Frank Voznak made a motion

- to buy one ticket; Herman Mueller seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- e) Webmaster - Frank Voznak agreed to serve as interim Webmaster. Herman Mueller moved to reimburse Frank Voznak for the GoDaddy service; Cris Pascual seconded; vote was unanimous.
 - f) Storekeeper - no 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) General Contractor will attend our October meeting.
 - ii) The capital campaign has been launched.
 - i) Community Outreach - no report.
- 6) Old Business
 - a) Holland Club induction will be in October.
 - b) Holiday Party
 - i) Open invitation from Bob Krautstrunk to join them **Sunday, December 15th**; Silver Stallion Restaurant; Des Plaines, IL; 1:00 PM Social Hour; \$10.00 per person plus gift for Manteno Vets' Home.
 - ii) Herman Mueller moved to decide about holding a party after the holidays at the October meeting; Clay Hill seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 7) New Business

- a) None
- 8) Good of the Order
 - a) We will collect Toys for Tots.
 - b) Duty Cook
 - i) October - Larry Warnke.
 - ii) November -
 - iii) December -
- 9) Benediction
- 10) Next meeting October 19 at KSC.
- 11) Adjourned at 1330.

Lost Boats

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| USS Seawolf | (SS-197) | 10/3/44 |
| USS S-44 | (SS-155) | 10/7/43 |
| USS Wahoo | (SS-238) | 10/11/43 |
| USS Dorado | (SS-248) | 10/12/43 |
| USS Escolar | (SS-294) | 10/17/44 |
| USS Shark II | (SS-314) | 10/24/44 |
| USS Darter | (SS-227) | 10/24/44 |
| USS Tang | (SS-306) | 10/25/44 |
| USS O-5 | (SS-66) | 10/29/23 |

Chaplain's Corner

MEET YOUR NEW CHAPLAIN

Submitted by Cris S.L. Pascual,
Base Chaplain

I do not know how many of you read the Base Newsletter. Because I came from nowhere, I believe it is only proper that my fellow shipmates know about me, your new chaplain.

On December 1960, I graduated from Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. My first duty was aboard the U.S.S. Bang (SS-385), which only lasted for six months. Then, I was transferred to U.S.S. Triton (SSN-586) where I received my silver dolphin on March 1963. I was also assigned to other

submarines, various surface ships and shore installations.

After twenty-one years of military service, I retired. Upon my retirement, I worked for another twenty years at Abbott Laboratories, where I also retired.

In 1989, I received my Associate degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from the College of Lake County. Having served the secular world most of my life, I switched to the service of God. I went back to school and pursued an education in Christian ministry.

In 2002, I earned my Bachelors degree in Christian Ministry from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. I also received a Certificate of Completion in Biblical Counseling from the American Association of Christian Counselors. In the spring of 2009, I received my Masters degree in Biblical Studies from Louisiana Baptist University in Shreveport, Louisiana.

In 2010, I was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel and assumed the position of Associate Pastor of the Family Bible Church, a local church located in Park City, Illinois.

On March 2013, I met Mr. Glenn Barts, the treasurer and chaplain of the "Crash Dive Base." He invited me to attend the meeting and I did. I became a member of the association, the USSVI and the Holland Club as well. In our next meeting, Mr. Barts offered me the

position of the Chaplaincy with the approvals of the Base Commander and the Vice-Commander. And that's how I became your new chaplain.

This is my first article posted in our Base Newsletter. I asked my predecessor if it is all right to take this opportunity to introduce myself first and he said "yes" but, I must be brief. I understand that this Base has seventy-one registered members. But, only a handful of dedicated members show up at the monthly meetings.

It is my prayer that through this article, every member of our association will come to know me and accept my greetings. It is also my prayer that in due time, I will have the opportunity to meet every member in person, preferably at our monthly meeting. May the good Lord bless you and keep you.

R-12 Project

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

Shipmates, As you recall in May, 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 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 contribute \$ 1,000 towards the

completion of this project, which has been done.

At that time Ocean Outreach, headed by explorer Tim Taylor, was fundraising through an innovative pledge system through KICKSTARTER online. It turned out that many of our members were uncomfortable with Kickstarter and wanted to directly contribute to this documentary project called "Twice Forgotten." In addition, Tim discovered that some major corporations willing to contribute could not/would not do so through that website, so they decided to cancel participation and directly solicit donations instead.

The board endorses and encourages ALL bases and members to join with us in providing financial support towards completion of this project. Our collective participation will help empower them to finally tell the story of the USS R-12 Submarine's tragic sinking, help the families left without any information and try to solve the mysteries that have been unanswered after all this time.

Several prominent endorsers include:

Naval historian Dr. Norman Friedman, author of "US Submarines Through 1945", did an interview for "Twice Forgotten". He is a fascinating man and added a great deal of valuable insight into their quest to find answers on what happened to the R-12. Don Walsh is an American oceanographer, explorer, submariner and marine policy specialist. He and Jacques Piccard were aboard the bathyscaphe Trieste when it made a record descent into the Mariana Trench on January 23, 1960, the deepest point of the world's oceans. We are proud to announce that Don has endorsed the R-12 project.

Ric Hedman is the USSVI Point of Contact for questions at ric@pigboats.com

How does it work:

You can mail your check to Ocean Outreach, Inc. C/O R-12 Project, 1107 Key Plaza #299, Key West, FL 33040 (Please notate that you are a USSVI member)

Or

Donate directly to the R-12 fund by Credit Card at <http://www.oceanoutreach.org/>

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 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.

As a war grave, the submarine wreck will not be entered. The team continues

to work under Navy permits and needs to return to site for filming underwater. They have been assembling a documentary of their 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.

Patrick Householder IPNC

RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO KROGER'S

Submitted by: Clay Hill

Yesterday I was at my local Kroger's grocery buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for my loyal pet, Jake, the Wonder Dog, and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think...I had an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms. I told her that it was

essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Kroger's won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

American Submariner Editor position open

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/2/2013

Continuing personal and family medical issues have sadly led to the resignation of Gordon Palmer as Editor of American Submariner magazine and this call for another Sub Vet with good writing skills and an interest to serve our shipmates by continuing to produce our quarterly magazine.

The ideal candidate will be retired with editorial and/or publishing experience and have a familiarity with the Adobe InDesign program (InDesign is a professional desktop publishing application we use to produce AMERICAN SUBMARINER magazine.)

Please contact Michael Bircumshaw for more information on this position at nc@ussvi.org or 951-308-6479.

Washington D.C. Parade Memorial Day 2014

Submitted by: Al Singleman NJVC

Shipmates,

I have finally gotten most of the information on the Washington, DC National Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014. We have to apply for it and be APPROVED to march in the Parade. The National Memorial Day Parade is our nation's largest Memorial Day event. Each year, more than 250,000 spectators and 3000 participants convene in Washington, DC to honor our heroes who have worn the uniform.

I need to know how many bases and base members of each base are willing to march in the Parade. At the present time there will be very limited space for those members who cannot walk the one mile length of the parade. Parking will be very limited anywhere near the parade and most of us will have to use the Metro subway to get to the parade and walk maybe a half mile or more to the location where we form up for the parade. I also need to know how many bases would be willing to bring a float and I need a picture of the float with the tow vehicle. I am also in need of a color guard for our unit in the parade. This information needs to be sent to me at al@ssbn657.com no later than October 24, 2013, as I want to put our Parade Application in before the end of October. This information is also needed so we can start looking into hotels and transportation from the hotels to the parade in Washington, DC. Note: Bases do not have to put in an application for the parade as this is being handled by National and would cause problems with our approval process. After I put in our

application we will not be informed if we were accepted until mid-January 2014.

This is a professional parade put on by a production company from Pennsylvania that just got through doing the Miss America Parade in Atlantic City, NJ. There is a limit on the number of floats we can have and this will not be finalized until after March, 2014 when they start setting up the Parade order and formations. We also need to have a uniform of the day so we all look similar as this is a professional parade. Black shoes and socks, khaki pants, base polo/golf shirt, vest if you have one and either a base/boat ball cap or garrison hat is a starting idea at the moment.

You can see the 2013 parade information sheets on our website: https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_2013_DC_Memorial_Parade_info_sheet.pdf

If you need more information please call me at 518-355-2119 or e-mail me at al@ssbn657.com

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

U.S. Navy Worried About Submarine Gap in the Coming Years

[Defence Watch, Ottawa Citizen, Sep 17](#)

The U.S. Navy and the House Armed Services Committee Subcommittee on Seapower are warning that the Navy's current plans to build submarines are insufficient to replace vessels at the rate they are being retired, according to a report from CBC News. The report points out that the submarine force will become

stretched over the next 15 years. Concerned officials say that the current fleet of 55 submarines will drop below an early stated goal of 48 vessels in 2025 as the current Los Angeles class is retired. There are also concerns that funding may not be sufficient to fully support the incoming Virginia-class attack submarine and Ohio-class replacement ballistic missile submarine programs, according to the report.

WWII Supports Fisher House



Bob Krautstrunk, IL State Commander WWII, presenting \$500.00 check to Julie Fernandez for Fisher House at Hines.

Custom-Built Submarine Launched at Milford Lake

[Gary Demuth, Salina Journal, Sep 18](#)

Ever since Scott Waters watched the Disney movie classic "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," he's wanted to build his own submarine.

"I watched it over and over, and I got blueprints for a submarine back in the first grade," he said. "I actually knew back then how a submarine was built."

Now, at age 27, the rural Salina resident has finally fulfilled his lifelong dream to build an actual working submarine.

For the past five years, Waters has been building, piece by piece, a 14-foot-long, 6-foot-tall, 4-foot-wide, 4,500 pound, steel-plated two-man submarine.

It's completely custom-built using boiler-grade steel and equipped with a high-pressure air system, enforced framing and bumpers, acrylic plastic windows, exterior mounted tanks filled with compressed air to raise and lower the sub, an exterior lighting system, global positioning system, underwater communication devices and sonar system with a 180-foot radius.

The sub is powered by eight Marine batteries placed inside sealed cylinders on the bottom half of each side of the sub.

When fully operational, the sub is designed to travel at 4 nautical knots, or 4.5 miles per hour, operated by a pilot who sits in a conning tower on the upper cylinder of the sub.

"The pilot drives it like an airplane and sits on the top so you can drive around on the surface," Waters said.

Waters, who earned his Eagle badge as a Boy Scout, decided to name his sub "Trustworthy" after the first Scout law.

"But if I had known how long it was going to take, I would have named it 'Persistence,'" said Waters, who is vice president of Waters True Value Hardware in Salina.

On Saturday, five years of persistence paid off as Waters and several volunteer workers and divers successfully launched Trustworthy from the Milford Marina at Milford Lake.

"We'll start with a pre-dive inspection of every part of the sub to see that there's nothing we've forgotten," he said. "We'll put it in the water with a trailer, like they do a motor boat, then drive around the surface to see if the motors are functioning properly."

Before that, Waters said, a ballast test would take place, where weight is added and subtracted so it is distributed evenly.

"The last thing we'll do is dive it with me inside, with divers hanging onto it," he said. "I can use a slate or sign language if anything goes wrong, or if I have to bail out, I have a full scuba system inside."

Divers assisting Waters in his launch were Radley Ramsey, a veteran diver/scuba instructor and owner of Frontier Scuba Center in Manhattan, and Manhattan resident Pat Cox, a veteran rescue diver who also has worked 44 years as an environmental engineer.

"We're here to support Scott," Cox said. "I've done diving all over the world, but this is the first time I've done this around a submarine."

Similar to the NASA space shuttle launch, a single setback can delay the launch for hours, and that was the case with the Saturday sub launch. The electrical system was not grounding properly and delayed the sub's launch time from 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m.

Once the sub was put in the water, Waters said everything checked out and the launch went smoothly. Although the sub has the ability to dive as deep as 350 feet and support life for 72 hours, Waters said the sub dove just a few feet at Milford Lake.

Waters' next step is to take the sub to the Florida Keys for the annual convention of PSUBS, which stands for "personal submersibles." It's an organization of like-minded amateur submarine builders who have built and operate their own personal submarines.

"There's about 60 of these in the whole world and (this is) the only one in Kansas," he said.

Waters started on his personal sub in April 2008 at age 22 when he bought existing blueprints from PSUBS. He began building the sub with boiler-grade steel ordered from steel suppliers and welded it together himself and with the help of willing volunteers who

put in "thousands of hours" through the years, he said.

"A lot of pieces were high-pressure welded," Waters said. "It has to be perfect welds."

Waters said he doesn't know the total cost of the sub, since some of the materials were donated and all of the labor was volunteer, but he would guess it's somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Waters' friend Carl Boyer was recruited for a couple of good reasons ~ he's an electrician and a dive master. Boyer designed the electrical system for the sub, which powers and lights the vehicle.

"I'm definitely working in a tighter space, but it's exciting," he said. "I mean, we're building a sub in Kansas!"

Waters said he knew it would be hard to build a submarine, but he didn't expect it to be as difficult as it was.

"It was a fight and a struggle at times," he said. "But if something feels impossible, I keep punching at it until it's done."

Waters hopes that when his sub is fully operational, it can be utilized for underwater search and rescue operations.

One thing Waters wants to clear up is the color of the sub. Yes, it's yellow as in The Beatles' famed "Yellow Submarine," but that wasn't meant to reflect the Fab Four's famous tune.

"Actually, it was supposed to be orange, but the paint got screwed up and mixed wrong," he said. "But it worked out, because the sub has to be visible so people can see it."

So now that he's built a fully operational two-man sub, the culmination of his childhood dream, what could Waters possibly do for an encore?

"I'm working on my pilot's license," he said. "So I think I'm going to build an airplane. I just can't stop."

Crash Dive Base Contact Information

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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.)

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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