



CRASH DIVE BASE Lake Bluff, IL



"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. December 21
 - b. January 18, 2014
 - c. February 15
- 2. Duty Cook Roster:
 - a. December Clay Hill and Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - b. January Kep Preble and the Fourth Annual Chili Dump
 - c. February SEE YOUR NAME HERE!
- 3. **December Birthdays:** Jim Anderson 1st, Greg Miller 10th, Charlie Kruger 15th, Ron Spooner 19th, Edward Dowling 19th, Allen Tuider 22nd, Pete Tzomes 30th, and John Stines 30th.
- 4. Crash Dive Submarine Birthday Ball April 5, 2014, Kenosha, WI
- 5. Remember the Chili Dump!
- 6. **Dues letters** were delayed but will be mailed by December 23. Please help us out by watching for yours and submitting your dues payment promptly.
- 7. Crash Dive has an ongoing program to collect and transport donated items to both the **Navy Relief** office at Great Lakes and to the **USO** at Chicago O'Hare Airport. Contact Greg Miller for information.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes November 16, 2013

- 1) Attendees
 - a) Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - b) Clay Hill
 - c) Steve Benicke
 - d) Dick Anderson
 - e) Ray Ratliff
 - f) Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - g) Larry Warnke
 - h) Gus Yakes
 - i) Chris Gaines
 - i) Kep Preble
 - k) Tom Polzin
 - I) Cris Pascual
 - m) Frank Walter
 - n) Herman Mueller
 - o) Greg Miller
 - p) Mary Miller
 - q) Ron Spooner
- The meeting was called to order at 1209 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Frank Voznak moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by.
 September statements: Savings
 \$1173.69; Checking \$4621.91;
 Memorial checking \$3692.00;
 Memorial Savings \$5. Herman
 Mueller moved to accept;
 Steve Benicke 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 letters out by end of week.
- c) Charitable Service Greg is ready to make donations totaling \$400. Ron Spooner donated \$100 for use by CSC. Individual members are encouraged to support relief efforts in the Philippines. Greg increases donations to Fisher House and Wounded Warrior projects to \$150 each. There is an additional \$100 that remains undesignated. Continue to collect toiletries for the USO.
- d) Hospitality Wild Game Feast January date TBD.
- e) Webmaster Purchased www.crashdivebase.org.
- f) Storekeeper Boomer calendars available.
- g) Bylaws postal mailing to all members this coming week.
 Will vote at December meeting.
- h) Memorial Committee –
 Fourteen letters have been sent. Exelon Nuclear will donate. Meet with architect 11/22 to finalize drawings and establish how to recognize major donors.
- i) Community Outreach -
- 6) Old Business

- a) Holland Club Clay has a few certificates to mail out.
- b) Ball
 - i) Clay will apply for the Navy Band
 - ii) Looking for keynote speaker.
- 7) New Business
 - a) Election
 - i) VCDR Frank Voznak by acclamation.
 - ii) Secretary Chris Gaines by acclamation.
 - b) Meeting improvement ideas
 - i) Show old submarine shows or movies
 - c) Encourage wives to attend
- 8) Good of the Order
 - a) Duty Cook
 - i) December Clay Hill and Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - ii) January Kep Preble will host the Fourth Annual Chili Dump. Chili makers: Frank Walter, Glenn Barts, Clay Hill, Chris Gaines.
 - b) Toys for Tots collection box is in the KSC bar area.
- 9) Benediction
- 10) Next meeting December 21 at KSC.
- 11) Glenn Barts moved to adjourn; Tom Polzin seconded; unanimous. Adjourned at 1340.

Lost Boats

USS Capelin (SS-289) 12/2/43 USS Sea Lion (SS-195) 12/10/41 USS F-1/Carp (SS-20) 12/17/17 USS S-4 (SS-109) 12/17/27

Chaplain's Corner "THE TRUE REASON FOR THE SEASON"

By Cris S.L. Pascual, Base Chaplain

I like to take this opportunity to wish the staff and members of the USSVI, staffs and members of all individual Base Groups particularly my very own Crash Dive Base and all active duty submariners of the United States Navy, the "Happiest Holiday" of all. Others will prefer "Merry Christmas." Others who love the tropical island of Hawaii would like the sound of "Mele Kalikimaka" and to those with Spanish background would like to hear, "Feliz Navidad!"

Whatever mood you are in, each time we celebrate this holiday, we are reminded that something very special took place thousands of years ago. To some of us, the day brings "Good News." Depending on what your belief is, on this day God Himself has come to live with us.

This is in fulfillment of what was concealed in the Old Testament that a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son. In the Book of Isaiah 9:6, the Bible tells us, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (KJV)

Then, the Gospels of Matthew and Luke of the New Testament reveal what was prophesied in the OT. "I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a

Savior, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11, KJV)

The birth of Jesus is not the way we would have planned it. No one, no matter how poor, should have to be born in the house of the animals. No luxury hospital, no delivery room, no doctor. There was no air conditioning, smelly animals all over the place, the animal mess on the ground and its horrible odor filled the crowded stable. This is not at all a place for a royal birth!

But God always sees things in different ways. God have chosen a manger over a mansion. He created a silent night of quiet coming over a grandeur celebration. Ask yourselves, why would God, the creator of heavens and earth, send His Son to be born in a lowly and disgusting place?

Jesus is the epitome and the ideal example of what humility is. He visited our planet in the Person of a helpless Baby and in the poverty of an ill-smelling stable. He exemplified to those whose lives may look like one that there is always hope available to them.

This holiday, unique in every ways from other holidays, means only one thing. The date is questionable. Nevertheless, it is the birth of Christ, the Lord and the Savior.

I wish you all a "Happy Holiday!" May this special "Holiday" bring peace, prosperity, hope, joy and love to the living room of your home. God bless you all!

Cold War sub to go on display at museum as its military missions remain secrets

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In this Feb. 2007 file photo provided by the U.S. Navy, the research submarine NR-1 is moored at U.S. Naval submarine base, in New London, Conn. The nuclear-powered NR-1, launched in Groton in 1969, was one of the most secretive vessels in the U.S. undersea force. It was taken out of service in 2008 and disassembled, its reactor disposed of. Now the Navy has collected pieces of it for an exhibit at a submarine museum in Groton, where it was based for the duration of its service life. (AP/US Navy)

GROTON, Conn. – It could dive deeper than any other submarine, and when it reached the ocean floor, the one-of-a-kind Navy vessel could roll on wheels with lights illuminating the depths outside its windows.

The nuclear-powered NR-1, launched in Groton in 1969, was one of the most secretive vessels in the U.S. undersea force. It was taken out of service in 2008 and disassembled. Now the Navy has collected pieces of it for an exhibit at a submarine museum in Groton, where it was based for the duration of its service life.

It was known primarily as a research vessel, but it also carried out a range of military missions that remain under wraps even today. Veterans who served aboard the tiny sub during the Cold War say that it was one of the most fascinating assignments of their careers — but that not even their wives know all the details.

Toby Warson, who served as commander from 1970-73, said he once led the sub on a hazardous military operation in the Mediterranean. The mission, code-named "Raccoon Hook," earned him a distinguished service medal, he said, but he has had to keep the details to himself.

"I finally had to quit wearing the ribbon because when I walked into the officers' club, everyone asked how I got it, and I couldn't tell them," said Warson, who lives in Camas, Wash. "They thought I was being cute. I wasn't being cute. I just didn't want to go to jail."

The missions that have been declassified include work on an undersea submarine-detection network, mapping of the ocean floor, and the salvage of parts of the space shuttle Challenger, which exploded over the Atlantic in 1986.

The 140-foot-long submarine — a pet project of Adm. Hyman Rickover, the father of the nuclear Navy — was powered by a custom-built miniature nuclear reactor and could dive to 3,000 feet. The crew of about 10 men could stay at sea for as long as a month, but they had only frozen TV dinners to eat, bathed once a week with a bucket of water and burned chlorate candles to produce oxygen.

The sub was so slow that it was towed to sea by a surface vessel, and so tiny that the crew felt the push and pull of the ocean's currents.

"Everybody on NR-1 got sick," said Allison J. Holifield, who commanded the sub in the mid-1970s. "It was only a matter of whether you were throwing up or not throwing up."

It carried no weapons, but it had unmatched capabilities. In an era when submarine crews tapped undersea cables and deployed with spies in a cat-and-mouse game with the Soviet fleet, NR-1 set itself apart with a narrow, deep-diving hull and a retractable arm with a claw that could grab objects on the ocean floor.

Retired officers who served on NR-1 during the Cold War said as many as half its missions were of a military nature. The Navy's History and Heritage Command in Washington and submarine force headquarters in Norfolk, Va., said they searched but could not find mission records requested by The Associated Press, and the veterans say they have to assume details remain classified until they are told otherwise.

In the Navy's "silent service," every submarine operates in secrecy, but Rickover protected his NR-1 in particular by sharing details of its development and capabilities on a need-to-know basis. The cloak was pulled back by publicity of exploits including a 1976 mission to recover an F-14 fighter with a newly developed missile that had rolled off the deck of an aircraft carrier.

Rickover envisioned multiple submarines like NR-1, but the cost got in the way. In today's Navy, unmanned submarines have come so far that the sub force commander, Vice Adm. Michael Connor, said they could carry out operations that once might have gone to NR-1.

"That's the type of thing that an unmanned vehicle can do much more efficiently than designing a new class of submarine for that specific mission," Connor said in an interview. "That's a prime example of how we leverage things like unmanned vehicles."

Michael Riegel, a former commander of the Groton base who also served as an officer aboard NR-1 in the 1970s, said he would expect a range of reactions if and when all the submarine's secrets are revealed.

"Some will probably say 'Gee, that wasn't out of the ordinary,'" he said. "Some will say 'Gee, that was really slick what they did.'"

Human skeletons, artifacts recovered from WWII Nazi U-boat discovered off Indonesia

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Nov. 21, 2013: Markings on a plate found by Indonesian archaeologists at the site of a sunken German submarine from the World War II era. (National Archaeology Centre/AFP)

A World War II German U-boat believed to be an infamous submarine that sank several Allied vessels has been discovered off the coast of Indonesia after local divers tipped off officials to the wreck's existence. Agence France-Presse reports the wreck contains at least 17 human skeletons, as well a trove of priceless historic artifacts that could shed new light on the naval conflict that was waged decades ago in the Pacific theater.

"This is the first time we have found a foreign submarine from the war in our waters," Bambang Budi Utomo, head of the National Archaeology Centre research team that located the sunken vessel, told the news agency.

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"This is an extraordinary find that will certainly provide useful information about what took place in the Java Sea during World War II."

Upon first inspection, Indonesian researchers told Agence France-Presse they believe the wreck to be the German submarine "U-168," which records show sank numerous Allied vessels before a Dutch submarine torpedoed it in 1944 off the archipelago nation's main island of Java.

The German news magazine <u>Der Spiegela</u>, citing the newspaper Die Welt, writes that only one of the six torpedoes fired by the Dutch submarine at U-168 from a range of 900 meters detonated.

Der Spiegel writes 23 of the 50 people on board U-168 at the time of the encounter perished in the attack.

The news magazine also quotes a second German newspaper, which wrote that the Indonesian wreck could also be that of the doomed U-183, also sunk in the Java Sea in April 1945. Both U-boats were reportedly part of World War II Germany's "Monsoon Group," which was tasked with intercepting enemy shipping in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

Already, divers have reportedly retrieved dinner plates bearing swastikas from the submarine, along with batteries, binoculars and a bottle of hair oil, although officials said it is unlikely the wreck will be raised anytime soon.

"There could be more people in there," Budi Utomo told Agence France-Presse. "We are open to assistance from the German government to research this area of their history."

Now We Know What the Navy's Next Submarine Will Look Like

Submitted by: Office

Options for the so-called "Block V" Virginias range from a nearly 480-foot-long behemoth to a simpler model that's just 450 feet from bow to stern. But all five proposed designs are longer than today's standard Virginias, which measure just 380 feet.

Go to the link for the rest of the story...

medium.com/war-isboring/781439bbd214

December Memorial Update

Submitted by: Frank Voznak, Jr.

December 4th. Chris Gaines and Frank Voznak Secretary and Vice Commander respectively, of Crash Dive Base, along with Steve Benicke, Vice Commander of USS Chicago Base, met with representatives of Exelon Generation at Cantera located on Winfield Road, in Warrenville Illinois. The purpose was to pick up a check for \$5000 that was donated towards the Memorial. This is the first corporate donation so far. The hope is that we will start picking up momentum after the first of the year.

December 15 was the SVWWII
Christmas Party held at the Silver Stallion
Restaurant in Des Plaines Illinois. Crash
Dive members Thomas Polzin, Greg and
Mary Miller, Steve Benicke (dual Member
from USS Chicago Base) and Frank
Voznak were present. Various members
of USS Chicago base were in attendance
also. At this event, SubVets WWII, Illinois
State Commander Robert Krautstrunk
presented a check for \$1000 to Vice
Commander Frank Voznak for the
Memorial, which was gratefully
received.

Gifting to your Charitable Foundation

Submitted by: Office

As you find yourself surrounded by family and friends during this busy holiday time, take a moment to reflect on your philanthropic goals for the year. A year-end gift can be tax-smart and beneficial for you and the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation.

Your donations help support the "Brotherhood" fund to provide emergency relief to USSVI members in the case of catastrophic situations and to support the Sub Force Caring and Sharing Program with annual donations, "Scholarships" to

help USSVI member children advance their education, Submarine Memorials financial support and the USSV reference library collection, located in North Little Rock, AR.

https://www.justgive.org/basket?acton=donate&ein=95-4830806

We also hope you'll consider including a gift to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers these main benefits:

- Simplicity. Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share the sample bequest language for the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation with your estate planning attorney:
- "I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Federal Tax ID #95-4830806 (\$______ or _____% of the estate or description of property) for its unrestricted use and purpose"
- Flexibility. Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.
- Versatility. You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.
- Tax Relief. If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

Dues

Please submit your dues upon receipt of your letter from Tom Polzin. We want 100% renewal. We are counting on you.

USSVI Member Questions and Comments BBS

Submitted by: Office

Shipmates:

This is a reminder that USSVI has a new Bulletin Board System (BBS), the USSVI Member Questions and Comments BBS at http://bod.subvets.net/category-view.asp

This is a place where any member can ask a question, comment or make a complaint.

Ground rules, identify yourself, keep it clean and fraternal. Got a problem? Offer a solution.

We want to build a better and more satisfying organization for all our shipmates.

Our mission is to remember our fallen shipmates, encourage fraternalism between subvets and benefit our submarine family.

Your questions and suggestions to help achieve these ends will be very much appreciated.

Your National E-Board

http://bod.subvets.net/category-view.asp

Some Great Submarine Videos

Submitted by: Bill Andrea, SE District 5 CDR

Hours and hours of fun.

- Secret Russian Sub Mission Invisible http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXqzwWDqZ2g
- The Largest Submarine in The U.S. Navy http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxB11eAl-YE
- How to build a Nuclear Submarine (2010) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkNhBC9lrcU
- How a World War II Submarine Works (720p http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ljr_t220OmM
- NEW SUBMARINE! U.S. Navy Takes Delivery of PCU Minnesota

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vej09uueWN4

- Megastructures Super Submarines http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2-4GGOu-dw
- Submarine nucleare (DOCUMENTAR) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC6rdzBL9qA
- Русские субмарины История подводного флота России

(Russian language & sub titles only, but good watch)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWg2EIA4ahQ

- Submarine Patrol 3/3 Chasing the Enemy http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCEoXOwYyX8
- (41) Megastructures Soviet Doomsday Submarine

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CifAGql4NeY

 Submarines - Sharks of Steel Episode 1 – Submariners

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAnrLw3zS1o

 Submarines of World War 1 (Full Documentary)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYmGRgW60YI

 History.Channel.Submarine.Attack.Plans.Of.W orld.War.II Full Episode

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-Ey9riwgSo

- The Silent Service (in color) U.S. Navy WWII http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXGnov5YLq0
- Submarine Service In The 1970s

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jw9IN8WLeJ4

 OUR CRUCIAL DETERRENT POSEIDON PART 1 2081

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfiSuNkg8y8

 Seconds From Disaster - S03E03 - Sinking Of Kursk (Russia's Nuclear

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNv9q1laBM8

Raising the Kursk Part 1

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTcogT-m2mk

• The Kursk Cover Up – Russia http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxZZrNtK -k

 Inside Russia's Nuclear-powered Typhoonclass Submarine, TK-20

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqMIH3t3XEA

- The Cold War- Submarines: In Enemy Depths http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qy8l3Flqj_q
- Raising the Kursk Part http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tYY5nxovXE 2
- Cold War Spy Secrets Under the Sea (Full Documentary)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDdEq6GGCEo

• 41 For Freedom Part 1 – Polaris Submarines http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wecxZ7fmMcc

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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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.

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☐ I certify that I received a discharge					
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How did you find USSVI? □ Friend, □	o yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$es are separate and additional. ☐ Boat Assn, ☐ Local Event/	300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400. Crash Dive Base dues an News, □ Internet, □ Oth	00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00 re \$15 annually. ner ()		
Who is your sponsoring USS Associate Applicant is: ☐	SVI Regular Member?: (Mand Veteran				
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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