



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 1100, third Saturday of each month at the Knollwood Sportsman's Club. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:
 - a. February 15
 - b. March 15
 - c. April 19
- 2. Duty Cook Roster:
 - a. February Frank Walter
 - b. March Famous Fleck Family Brisket Dinner
 - c. April See your name here!
- 3. **February Birthdays:** Donald Robbins 4th; Leon Lemma 6th; Rich Behnke 8th; Eric Hansknecht 11th; Larry Heckelsmiller 12th; Steve Benicke 12th, and Scott Jaklin 17th.
- 4. Crash Dive **Submarine Birthday Ball** April 5, 2014, Kenosha, WI. See flyer on Page 9.
- 5. **Submarine Model** and **Book Event in Milwaukee** see article on page 6.
- 6. 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 January 21, 2013

- 1) Attendees
 - a) Glenn C. Barts, Sr.
 - b) Kep Preble
 - c) Steve Benicke
 - d) Ray Ratliff
 - e) Clayton Hill
 - f) Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - g) Dick Anderson
 - h) Cris Pascual
 - i) Martin Salvador
 - i) Frank A. Walter
 - k) Charlie Kruger
 - I) Herman Mueller
 - m) Bob Zorn
 - n) Greg Miller
 - o) Tom Polzin
 - p) Rich Behnke
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1103 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- Secretary's Report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. Greg Miller moved to accept; Martin Salvador seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. December statements: Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$3,877.28; Memorial Checking \$5362.00; Memorial Savings \$5.00. Frank Walter moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a) Newsletter Each shipmate is welcome to submit articles of general interest from other sources.

- b) Membership 12 dues pending. Has been calling shipmates.
- c) Charitable Service Chart for 2014 plan for \$500. Ray Ratliff moved to accept; Charlie Kruger seconded; vote was unanimous. \$50 carryover to www.welcomehomevets.org at some time; Herman Mueller moved to accept; Martin Salvador seconded; vote was unanimous.
- d) Hospitality Wild Game Feast \$15 January 25.
- e) Webmaster Test version ready for training soon
- f) Storekeeper no report.
- g) Bylaws Charlie Kruger moved to accept; Martin Salvador seconded; vote was unanimous.
- h) Memorial Committee Frank Voznak provided update including the map. Website to be created. Kohler limits its charitable work to Sheboygan County and graciously declined.
- i) Community Outreach Still supporting USO and Navy Relief.
- 6) Old Business
 - a) None
- 7) New Business
 - a) Clay reviewed Ball status. Still seeking music and keynote speaker.
 - b) Frank Voznak asked about member directory; will vote at next meeting whether to publish a printed directory.
 - c) Cantigny Greg mentioned this September event that he suggests we setup a table to

publicize our group and memorial.

- 8) Good of the Order
 - a) Duty Cook
 - i) February Frank Walter.
 - ii) March Charlie Kruger volunteers if no one else steps forward.
 - iii) April open
- 9) Benediction
- 10) Next meeting February 15 at KSC.
- 11) Tom Polzin moved to adjourn; Herman Mueller seconded; unanimous. Adjourned at 1249.

Lost Boats

USS Barbel (SS-316)	2/4/45
USS Shark I (SS-174)	2/11/42
USS Amberjack (SS-219)	2/16/43
USS Grayback (SS-208)	2/27/44
USS Trout (SS-202)	2/29/44

Chaplain's Corner

"WE WERE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE" by Cris S.L. Pascual, Base Chaplain

In Genesis 1:27, the Bible states, "God created man and woman in His own image; in His own image God created man and woman." In last month Newsletter, I suggested that I will explain how it can be possible to be created in the likeness or image of God. Please bear in mind that one man's interpretation can be interpreted in many different ways by others.

The first question that every one will have in mind is, "How can human be like God if from the beginning of time we were told that God is "spirit?" Indeed, God is spirit (John 4:24). And because God is spirit, no one has ever seen Him (1 John 4:12).

It is in God's spiritual characteristics that man and woman were created to be like. The crown of God's work was the creation of human in His image and according to His likeness. It simply means that man was placed on earth to represent God. In certain ways, man resembles God. Just as God is a Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), so man is a tripartite being (soul, spirit and body). Like God, man is intellectual, has moral values, has power and the ability to communicate, and possesses an emotional nature that transcends instinct. There is no thought of physical likeness insinuated or compared here.

In relation with animals, I will not under any circumstances compare human to animals as science does. Human are by far superior to animals to merit being compared to them. Does it make any sense that God would create man in His image only to be compared to animals? In contrast, man is a worshiper, an articulate communicator, and a creator. Man knows the difference between good and evil. That's what makes human the superior being of all God's creations.¹

Cobia Working Party

We hear that the harsh winter weather has taken its toll on the boat and that our volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated.

Dates for our next working party are March 17-19, 2014. Stay for a day or the full three days; sleep on the boat if you like.

Contact Greg Miller for information and to let him know of your plans.

¹ Source: Holy Bible. New International Version. Copyright 1989 by The Zondervan Corporation, Grand Rapids, MI.



CENTRAL REGION DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER'S CORNER FEB 12/2014

It has been a cold, cold winter since my last correspondence, and there is a lot of upcoming activities to watch for..

- The National Convention in San Mateo, California is filling up fast so get your room reserved now, if you plan on attending.
- Crash Dive base is having a "SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY" event on April 5th, and I hope you can attend. Advance ticket sales will be in the mail by end of February, or send an email to Chris Gaines via the USSVI website.
- USS Chicago Base is having it's 10th anniversary party on March 1st and having Wayne Standerfer as guest speaker. Should be a hoot!!
- COD base always has a great Memorial Day celebration, as does Escolar Base. Visit their websites for more info.

 Wisconsin Base and Great Lakes base participate in Flag day parades in June and again visit their websites for more info.

A last reminder..... please submit your End Of Year financial reports to me prior to the end of March. This is a new system of doing this, so it involves the District Commander, and Regional Director, as proof readers, of sorts.

As usual, I will give Certificates and booklets to all the Holland Club inductees of a base that I visit. This gives the families a chance to see where "Gramps" has been and some history of the boats he was on. Seems to be a big hit, so I will continue to do so.

Upcoming events are
Nationally= On Memorial Day, the
USSVI and its members have a
chance to march in the Washington
D.C. Memorial Day parade. This is a
special day, as it commemorates our
50th year as an organization. Look in
the American Submariner for detail
and who to contact if you are
interested in marching in it. There is
also going to be a tree and plaque
dedication at Arlington National
Cemetery in remembrance of all
Navy Submariners who gave their
lives in the line of duty.

You can now purchase a 50th anniversary patch and coin from National Store keeper as a keep sake.

Please pass on to our members, that I wish them a terrific, but safe valentine's day, and please do something special for your spouse, or significant other, or both!!.

Keep the WWII guys in your prayers. They are dwindling fast and we owe them so Very, very much.

Remember...... The National Awards nominee has started as of February 1st. Please submit your nomination for those deserving of recognition.

And lastly, I want you to know that it is a joy and an honor to work along side you all and I hope your 2014 is one to remember. Thank you for all you do for USSVI.

HIGH REGARDS: VIC VANHORN D2/CDR

Wild Game Feast Report

Submitted by: Glenn Barts, Sr.

The Knollwood Sportsman's Club put on one great Wild Game Feast on 25 Jan 2014.

My Son, JR., and I attended and the people were extremely friendly, as usual, and made us feel right at home. Gus was the mainstay in that effort.

The Food was Great and plentiful. The menu consisted of venison, goose, alligator, Frog Legs, salmon, and other meats and fish. There where plenty of sides to go along. The deserts were great also.

They even had a drawing for gift certificates to a sporting goods store.

Maybe next year we can get a few more of the Sub-Group to join them. They will have fun and plenty to eat. I know I will be there.

Glenn

Analysts: US Should Cut Carriers, Buy Subs, and Work with Allies

Submitted by: Office on 2/6/2014

During a briefing held in the Dirksen Senate Office building on Wednesday, a group of well-known budgetary and strategic thinkers from the four think tanks coalesced around a roughly similar options for the Pentagon over the next decade: The venerable A-10 attack plane should be retired, along with the U2 spy plane and the F-18C/D models, while the Navy should lose two to four of its current aircraft carriers.

While all four teams cut carriers and destroyers from the Navy's arsenal — they only did so in order to preserve funding to add to the Navy's submarines and also to replace the current carriers with newer models — keeping the industrial base happy—instead of giving mid-life overhauls to existing flattops.

Go to the link for the story... www.defensenews.com/article/2014020 6/DEFREG02/302060023/

Submarine Losses in WW II

Submitted by: Office on 2/8/2014

The submarines paid heavily for their successes in World War II. A total of 52 submarines were lost, with 374 officers and 3,131 enlisted men.

These personnel losses represented 16% of the officer and 13% of the enlisted operational personnel.

Of the 52 losses, two submarines, Dorado and R-12, were lost in the Atlantic, S-26 was sunk in a collision off Panama and S-28 was an operational loss in training at Pearl Harbor. The remaining 48 were lost either directly or indirectly as the result of enemy action, or due to stranding on reefs during combat operations. S-39, S-36, S-27 and Darter were lost as the result of such strandings. In all these strandings all personnel were rescued.

Go to the link for the story...

www.history.navy.mil/library/online/sublosses/sublosses intro.htm

Milwaukee Submarine Event

Mel Douyette, model maker and Great Lakes Base shipmate is holding a Sub-Culture event on Saturday, February 22. The event will be at Greenfield News & Hobby, 6815 W. Layton Ave., Milwaukee, WI.

Schedule of events: 1200-1300 Submarine Model Display 1300-1400 Submarine History Presentation 1400-1500 Book Signing and questions

Mel will be signing copies of his new book, *Cold War Submarines*. You may enjoy reviewing his Website http://www.coldwarsubmarines.com.

Ever A Submariner

Submitted by: Dan Anderson, ETCS(SS) ret.

I liked popping the hatch at the top of the sail (submarine's bridge) at sunrise and being the first to savor the scent of fresh air for the first time in 8 weeks... watching dolphins race in the bow wave on the way back home to Pearl... the tear-drop hull of the boat beneath me silently slicing through the sea.

I liked the sounds of the submarine service (sounds that we alone could hear, as we were the Silent Service where others were concerned) – the ascending whine of the dive alarm sounding, and the haunting echos of "Cayooogah, cayooogah... Dive! Dive!"

from the boats yesteryear, the gruff voice of a Chief headed aft... "Down ladder; Make a Hole!", the indescribable creaking sound of hull-steel compressing at depths that remain classified to this day.

I was impressed with Navy vessels – bracketed in the aperture of Periscope #2, the crosshairs gently rising and falling across their silhouette on the horizon, while obtaining range, bearing and angle off the bow.

I liked the names of proud boats of every class, from the "pig boats" of WWI to the sea creatures of WWII, like Barbel, Dorado, Shark and Seawolf, and the Cold War boats that bore with honor the names of these and 48 others that are "Still on Patrol." Boats honoring national heroes, statesmen and presidents: Washington, Madison, Franklin and more. Whole classes of boats honoring cities and states: Los Angeles, Ohio and Virginia.

I liked the tempo of opposed piston diesels and the "pop" in your ears when equalizing to atmospheric when the head valve first opens to ventilate and snorkel. I miss the "thrill" of riding an emergency blow from test depth to the top at a nice steep bubble.

I enjoyed seeing places I'd only dreamed of, and some of which I'd heard from my grandfather who had seen them under very different circumstances and conditions... places like Pearl Harbor, Guam, Truk Island and Subic and Tokyo Bays.

I admired the teamwork of loading ships stores, the "brow-brigade" from pier to boat, and lowering them vertically through a 24" hatch to the galley below. I relished the competition of seeing who could correctly guess how many days underway before the fresh eggs and milk ran out and powder prevailed upon us henceforth.

I loved my "brothers," each and every one, whether their dolphins were gold or silver and regardless of rate or rank. We shared experiences that bonded us evermore, and knew each other's joys, pains, strengths and weaknesses. We listened to and looked out for each other. We shared precious little space in which to live and move and work, and we breathed, quite literally, the same recycled air.

After weeks in cramped quarters, my heart leapt at the command, "Close All Main Vents; Commence Low Pressure Blow; Prepare to Surface; Set the Maneuvering Watch." When safely secured along the pier, the scent of my sweetheart's hair evaporated the staleness emanating from my dungarees.

Exhausting though it was, I even liked the adrenaline rush of endless drills, and the comfort in the knowledge that any dolphin-wearing brother had cross-trained just like I had... not only on basic damage control, but to the point of having a basic working knowledge of every system on the boat, such that when real emergencies inevitably arose, the response was so automatic and efficient they were almost anti-climactic.

I liked the eerie sounds of "biologics" through the sonar headphones, the strange songs of the sea in the eternal night below the surface of the deep blue seas.

I liked the darkness – control room rigged for red or black, the only illumination that of the back-lights compass and gauges of the helm and myriad of buttons and indicator lights across the BCP. I liked the gentle green glow of the station screens in the Sonar Shack and Fire Control. I grew to like coffee, the only way to stay awake in the numbing darkness of the Control Room with the constant rocking of the boat

during countless hours at periscope depth.

I liked "sliders" and "lumpia" and pizza at "Mid-rats" at the relieving of the watch. I liked the secure and cozy feeling of my rack, my humble little "den," even when it was still warm from the body-heat of the guy who just relieved me of the watch.

I liked the controlled chaos of the Control Room, with the Officer of the Deck, Diving Officer and Chief of the Watch receiving and repeating orders; the sound of Sonar reporting: "Con-Sonar: New Contact, submerged, designated: Sierra 1, bearing: 0-1-0, range: 1-0-0-0 yards, heading 3-5-0, speed: 1-5 knots, depth: 4-0-0'."

I liked the rush of "Man Battlestations; Rig for Quiet" announced over the 1MC, and the "outside of my rate" role I played as CEP plotter during war games, and later... SpecOps – the window to another world that I was allowed to peer through... the tactics, stealth and tenacity of our Captain making prompt and purposeful decisions to see us safely and successfully through the mission.

I appreciated the fact that I was a 19 year old kid, entrusted with operating some of the most sophisticated equipment in the entire world, and the challenge of doing those tasks in a 33' x 360' steel tube, several hundred feet below the surface, in potentially hostile waters.

I admired the traditions of the Silent Service, of Men of Iron in Boats of Steel, where you were just a NUB until you were "Qualified" and had EARNED the respect of the Officers and crew. I revered past heroes like inventor John Philip Holland and innovator Hyman G. Rickover. Such men and those that followed, both Officer and Enlisted, set precedents to follow, standards to uphold, and examples of bravery and

self-sacrifice like the world has seldom seen. We were taught to honor these traditions. Somewhere far below the ocean's surface, I became a man... and not just any man. I became... a Submariner.

Decades now have come and gone since last I went to sea. The years have a way of dimming things, like looking at the past through a smoky mirror. I went, as many others, my separate way... raised a family, and moved on... but a part of me, my Sailor's Soul, will always be underway... somewhere... in the darkness, in the deep, making turns for twenty knots and a pushing a hole through the water.

Written By:

Jody Wayne Durham, MM2/SS USS Los Angeles (SSN-688), '85 – '88

New Submarine Book

I'm pleased to report that my new sea stories book is now in print and available at http://www.friesenpress.com/bookstore/title/119734000012813535 where it ships immediately. It is also listed online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble where shipping takes longer.

Steely Eyed Killers of the Deep is a joint effort between myself and many Nautilus shipmates, written by submariners for submariners, and anyone interested in submarines and the sailors who live beneath the sea. Any submariner will relate to the stories and may even recognize a shipmate by name.

A Special Note: All proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

If you believe worthwhile, please share this notice with your district bases and shipmates.

Fraternally,

Tommy Robinson Life Member - USSVI & Bremerton Base President – Nautilus Alumni Association

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Base Historian - Frank Voznak, Jr.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular		Life		Associate	
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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 u	=		ce) in (Yr)		
Name: (Print /Type)	Addres	ss:			
City:	State: Zip Code:	Tel: () _			
Signature:		Date:			
Your E-Mail Address		Base/Chapter Desired:			
The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1 st thru Dec 31 st . 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? \Box Friend, \Box	Boat Assn, □ Local Event/Ne	ews, □ Internet, □ Other ()		
YOU	R U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHI	CAL DATA			
Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY)/	If other military se	ervice, What Branch?			
Highest Rate & Rank Attained:	Mil Retired (Y/N):	On Active Duty? (Y	/N):		
YR entered Mil Service: YR le	eft Mil Service (Active	lnactive reserve time also	counts.)		
□ Check here if your Military Service falls within these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946; June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7,1975; and Aug 2, 1990 to date.					
□ Check here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal					
Submarines and ships serve	ed aboard as ship's company	ر (Use back if you need mo	re 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.			
Next of Kin: Name:	Relationship:	(Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, P	arent, Other)		
	State: Zip:				

Upon completion, give this form, including your National and Base membership dues to the appropriate base officer, or mail to: Crash Dive Membership Chairman Tom Polzin, 12463 Foxtail Ln, Huntley, IL 60142; Cell 847/867-8668 Fax 847/669-2444

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS





CRASH DIVE BASE Lake Bluff, IL



"To Honor Those Who Serve, Past, Present & Future"

Submarine Birthday Ball Saturday, April 5, 2014 Parkway Chateau, Kenosha, WI

ALL PRESENT AND FORMER SUBMARINE PERSONNEL, MILITARY PERSONNEL, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED

DRESS: MILITARY: SERVICE DRESS BLUES with RIBBONS CIVILIANS: SEMI-FORMAL (Jacket and tie or vest and tie)

CASH BAR AT 1700, PROGRAM and DINNER AT 1800 Guest Speaker: Pete Tzomes, CAPT, USN (ret.)

Parkway Chateau at the Brat Stop, 12304 75th Street, Kenosha, WI 53142 (I-94 & Hwy 50)

Tickets are \$40 each; reduced child rate; Make checks payable to "Crash Dive Base" Send the check, the form below, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Chris Gaines, 513 W. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60506; 630-319-8110; ccgaines@mindspring.com

None	Dinner Entrée Selection:
Name	Orange Roughy
Spouse/Guest Name	Chicken Marsala
	Prime Rib
Street Address	Pasta Primavera
City, State ZIP Code	Restrictions
	Total Enclosed: x \$40 =
Phone	Cutoff date is April 3, 2014
E-mail	No refunds after March 5, 2014