



"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. MARCH 15
  - b. APRIL 19
  - c. MAY 17
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
  - a. MARCH – FAMOUS FLECK FAMILY BRISKET DINNER
  - b. APRIL – SEE YOUR NAME HERE!
3. **March Birthdays:** Mike Barney 3<sup>rd</sup>; Chris Gaines 13<sup>th</sup>; Richard Huntinghouse 14<sup>th</sup>; Charles Wedel 17<sup>th</sup>; Tom Oker 17<sup>th</sup>; Richard Smiskol 26<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Cobia Working Party** March 17, 18, and 19. For more information or to volunteer, contact Greg Miller, [fourkats4me@yahoo.com](mailto:fourkats4me@yahoo.com), 630-543-7855. Shipmates in the past report enjoying the event along with watching some sub flicks and sleeping on the boat.
5. Crash Dive **Submarine Birthday Ball** April 5, 2014, Kenosha, WI. See attached flyer.
6. Crash Dive has produced a **directory of members** that is based on information available to all at [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org). If you would like a copy of the directory, please contact Chris Gaines; see page 9 for contact information.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes February 15, 2014

- 1) Attendees:
  - a) Glenn C. Barts, Sr.
  - b) Herman Mueller
  - c) Tom Polzin
  - d) Dick Anderson
  - e) Frank Walter
  - f) Cris Pascual
  - g) Ray Ratliff
  - h) Rich Behnke
  - i) Clay Hill
  - j) Greg Miller
  - k) Chris Gaines
  - l) Gus Yakes
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1107 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 3) Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Greg Miller moved to accept; Frank Walter 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. Ray Ratliff moved to accept; Herman Mueller seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Committee Reports
  - a) Newsletter – no news
  - b) Membership – One new member joined yesterday.
  - c) Charitable Service --
    - i) Donation to Fisher House qualifies us as 'member'
    - ii) Wounded Warrior Project acknowledgement letter. Some question of percentage actually reaching intended recipients.
    - iii) Donated the previously-approved \$50 to

- [www.WelcomeHomeAllVeterans.org](http://www.WelcomeHomeAllVeterans.org)
- iv) Cobia Working Party scheduled for March 17-19. Notify Greg of your interest and attendance plans.
  - v) [www.WelcomeHomeAllVeterans.org](http://www.WelcomeHomeAllVeterans.org) is hosting a spectacular brunch at Addison VFW Sunday, February 16 from 0900-1400; \$12.95. Greg will present our donation check at the brunch.
  - d) Hospitality – Corned Beef Dinner at KSC March 15.
  - e) Webmaster – Preparing for training and turnover.
  - f) Storekeeper – no news
  - g) Bylaws – no news
  - h) Memorial Committee – In Frank's absence, Clay read his written report.
  - i) Community Outreach – no news
- 6) Old Business
    - a) Attendees do like 1100 start time.
  - 7) New Business
    - a) Ball
      - i) Speaker confirmed
      - ii) Music confirmed
      - iii) Cake sourced.
      - iv) Menu confirmed.
    - b) Membership directory publishing – Could announce in newsletter and invite any interested shipmates to request a copy from the secretary. Chris Gaines moved to create a directory electronically, announce its availability in the newsletter and respond to requests. Herman Mueller seconded; Vote was unanimous.
    - c) National convention solicitation for 2017 and 2018. Manitowoc could be a prime location. Could cooperate with other nearby bases. Several shipmates support the idea.

- d) Newsletter of the Year competition – No interest
- 8) Good of the Order
  - a) Duty Cook
    - i) March –Bob Fleck confirms the Fleck Family Famous Brisket Dinner.
    - ii) April – open
  - b) Frank Walter
    - i) Casimir Pulaski Post 25 in North Chicago is able to remain open for only one more year at which time it will close its doors due to financial concerns (liquor license, taxes, building maintenance, etc.)
    - ii) American Legion Post 771 in Gurnee is closing this year.
    - iii) Fleet Reserve Great Lakes Branch 53 most likely will close this year.
  - c) Membership Scholarship Fund – Frank feels it is a good idea to keep the shipmate’s membership current by paying his dues anonymously. Greg notes that this falls within the scope of the Charitable Committee. Several members anonymously donated \$37 to CC for use to pay for existing member dues.
- 9) Benediction
- 10) Glenn moved to adjourn; Frank seconded; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1249.

## Lost Boats

USS Perch	(SS 176)	3/3/42
USS Grampus	(SS 207)	3/5/43
USS H-1	(SS 28)	3/12/20
USS Triton	(SS 201)	3/15/43
USS Kete	(SS 369)	3/20/45
USS S-4	(SS 23)	3/25/15
USS Tullibee	(SS 284)	3/26/44
USS Trigger	(SS 237)	3/26/45

## Chaplain's Corner

By Cris S.L. Pascual  
Base Chaplain

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Title: "Sibling Rivalry"  
Ref: "Genesis 25, 37"  
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Have you watched the TV game show, "The Family Feud?" It is one of my favorite game shows and it is not literally what it sounds like. There is no fist-fighting or war of words of any kind, but rather, it is a game between two families [not related] using not their physical strength but rather the strength of how many correct responses they can give to questions with multiple answers. The first family to receive a score of 300 points or more comes to play the second segment of the game where the family can win \$20,000.00. Five consecutive wins, the family brings home all the cash they won from each game and a brand new car.

I brought this out because, would it not be great if all actual family feuds, problems, fights or sibling rivalries in real life can be settled like the Family Feud game show? Unfortunately, some family differences end-up with hating each other. Some family fight even comes to the point of not talking to each other for the rest of their lives. These unfortunate circumstances remind me of several biblical events whereas jealousy and greed caused brothers to forget who they were.

*"It must be very difficult for a family who is facing difficult problems. When a family is in pain, the family members hurt deeply. Parents mourn when their children rebel. Siblings may struggle with rivalry. There are as many types of family problems as there are families. Usually a family embroiled in a problem feels as though they are the only ones who have ever suffered in that way. But even the great families of the Bible had problems." --- David Snoop, Author*

No families are exempt from these types of problems. Perhaps the most common family problem is sibling rivalry, which is sometimes

exacerbated by parental favoritism. Two of the most known stories happened during the Old Testament era. In both instances, Jacob was involved.

Isaac and Rebekah had two sons; Esau, the oldest and Jacob. Isaac loved Esau but Rebekah loved Jacob. The pattern of family favoritism is clearly showed here. In the old Hebrew tradition, the male firstborn son had the birthright and the blessing privileges from the family. Privileges included double portion of the inheritance and the right of family headship (Genesis 25:31-34; Deuteronomy 21:15-17).

Esau had the rights in his hands in lieu of being the firstborn son, but the more opportunist Jacob with the aid of his mother, stole the birthright from Esau for a bowl of stew. Having lost his birthright, the only hope Esau left was the blessing from his father, but that was not secure either.

One day, when Isaac was old and his eyes were failing that he could no longer see clearly, he called his older son and told him to go hunt some animal and cook his favorite savory food. After he eats his favorite food, Isaac would then give his blessing to Esau.

Every words of Isaac to Esau were heard by Rebekah. While Esau was out hunting, Rebekah immediately told Jacob to bring in two goats. She prepared it the way Isaac liked it. Using Esau's clothes, Rebekah dressed Jacob exactly like Esau. She also put the skins of the baby goats to Jacob's hands, arms and on the smooth part of his neck, because Esau was a hairy man. Then, she gave the savory food and the bread into the hand of Jacob to be given to Isaac.

Isaac was completely deceived and fooled by his own wife and own son. After, he ate his favorite savory food; Isaac gave his blessing to Jacob. The blessing was irreversible and Esau lost both his birthright and his father's blessing because of his mother and brother's greed and jealousies.

Our second story also happened in Jacob's family several years after he stole his brother's birthright and blessing. Joseph was the first son of Jacob's favorite wife Rachel (Gen. 30:22-24). Instantly, he became his father's favorite child, leading to family feud fueled by jealousy. Joseph's brothers despised and hated his favored status with their father, symbolized by his multicolored tunic specially made for him (Gen. 37:3).

When Joseph revealed his dreams to his half brothers, they became even angrier at him (Gen. 37:5-1). Tragically, their jealousy resulted in Joseph being sold as a slave to the Midianite merchants headed to Egypt (Gen. 37:28). Then, the father was informed that his favorite son was killed by some ferocious animal (Gen. 37:33).

We all know the happy ending of Joseph's story in Egypt. Both of our stories were the results of parents who consciously or subconsciously show affection to their children in an unfairly way we called "favoritism." Favoritism is evil and should not be practiced anywhere. It will quickly cause division in churches, work places, among friends, and families like in our stories. A family where parents favored a particular child more than the other children will cause problems among children for years to come. In some cases, it might even be traumatic to some of our children.

Favoritism should not be allowed to take place in any family. Parents must:

- Understand that their children are different and appreciates those differences.
- Love every child in the family equally in all levels.
- Not overtly show favoritism but be very careful to treat them fairly and squarely.
- Always tell your children, "I love you."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations and stories are taken from the Holy Bible.

## 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; 630-543-7855 or [fourkats4me@yahoo.com](mailto:fourkats4me@yahoo.com).

## DBF Insignia

Submitted by: Office

Ever wonder about the origins of the DBF insignia?

The Diesel Boats Forever Insignia was an unofficial uniform breast pin worn in violation of uniform regulations by some officers and men of the United States Navy's Submarine Service in the 1970s.

The United States Navy authorizes the Submarine Combat Patrol Insignia for war patrols in any submarine, and the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia for any patrols in a nuclear ballistic missile submarine. However, there was no way for a diesel boat submariner to earn a recognition pin in peacetime, a situation that exacerbated the natural rivalry between the two groups of submariners. (Regulus missile patrols did not earn the SSBN patrol pin at that time.)

During the 1950s and 1960s, the early classes of nuclear submarines suffered reliability problems, and on occasion were unable to complete their various missions. In 1969, USS Barbel (SS-580) was ordered to Japan to relieve a nuclear attack submarine that

suffered such a casualty. As the crew celebrated the nuclear boat's misfortune, they held a contest to design a pin recognizing when a diesel boat needed to take a "broke-down nuke boat's" mission.

The winning design, submitted by former commercial artist ETR3 (SS) Leon Figuredo, showed a guppy submarine embraced by two mermaids (sea hags), along with the letters "DBF." Holes in the scroll allowed for stars to be added for subsequent awards.

Upon arrival at Yokosuka, the design was taken to "the Thieves' Alley" where a local craftsman made up one thousand pins, some gilt for the officers and some in natural (gray) color for the men. When the Barbels picked up their pins, they made the mistake of leaving the die with the craftsman.

The original intent of the Barbels was that the pin (and subsequent stars) would be awarded to the crews of diesel boats that relieved nuke boats. The Yokosuka craftsman, however, began producing and selling the pins to anyone who wanted one.

In 1970 a drawing was sent to the Navy Department for official approval, which was never given. Without official support, the "proper" display of the pin was impossible to enforce, even with the cooperation of lenient commanders. The original intent of "times a diesel relieved a nuke" was lost, and the most common meaning of the stars became "number of diesel boats served on."

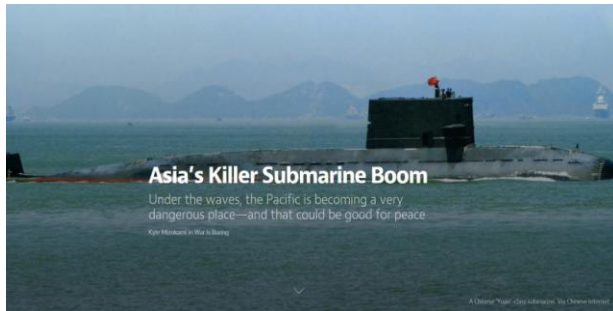
## Good or Bad AA Battery Test

Pretty cool test to see if your AA is any good:

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/Y\\_m6p99I6ME](http://www.youtube.com/embed/Y_m6p99I6ME)



## Asia's Killer Submarine Boom



Under the waves, the Pacific is becoming a very dangerous place—and that could be good for peace

By Kyle Mizokami in [War is Boring](#)

In early January, the heavylift ship *Rolldock Sea* entered the Vietnamese port of Cam Ranh Bay towing a submarine. The sub, *HQ-182*, is a Russian-made *Improved Kilo*-class boat, one of six ordered by the Vietnamese navy in 2009.

*HQ-182*, also known as the *Hanoi*, is Vietnam's first submarine.

Displacing 4,000 tons underwater, the diesel-powered *Kilos* have six tubes for launching guided torpedoes or supersonic [SS-N-27 "Klub" anti-ship missiles](#). So quiet that they're called 'black holes' by the U.S. Navy, the subs can sit silently off Vietnam's coast, waiting in intercept and sink any attackers. The six *Kilos* will be Vietnam's capital ships.

And Hanoi isn't the only Asian government buying submarines. Malaysia has also purchased two. Thailand just built a new submarine headquarters—now it just needs the actual subs. South Korea is doubling its undersea fleet, while Japan is growing its sub force by more than a third.

Across Asia and the Pacific, defense budgets are going up and the money is going deep ... very deep. To keep the peace and win at war, the region's navies are betting on submarines.



The Japanese sub JDS 'Kuroshio' docks in Pearl Harbor.  
Via Naval Photos

### China's second-order effects

As Asian nations grow economically, it's natural for them to build up their navies. Many of them are heavily reliant on sea shipping to import natural resources and export finished goods. Japan imports 96 percent of its energy. South Korea imports 90 percent of its food. For many of these countries, losing the sea would mean disaster.

China is no exception. Traditionally a land power, as China's economy grows its interests are becoming global. Among other things, China is now dependent on Mideast oil, raw materials from Africa and Australia and the whole world as a market for its goods.

As a result, Beijing's navy is growing at breakneck speed. China commissioned its first aircraft carrier *Liaoning* in 2011—and is reportedly building several more flattops along with destroyers, frigates and amphibious ships.

Undersea, China's submarine fleet has expanded to include both nuclear- and diesel-powered boats—some manufactured domestically, others purchased from Russia.

At the same time, Beijing has been using its new political and military might to pursue

longstanding territorial claims. It has called dibs on virtually all of the South China Sea, putting it in direct conflict with Taiwan, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, [Malaysia](#), the Philippines, Brunei and Indonesia.

And Beijing's claim on Japan's Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea put it in direct conflict with Japan *and* Taiwan.



Vietnamese Improved Kilo submarine Hanoi.  
Militaryphotos.net photo

### Keeping up with the Tanakas

Those countries finding themselves in the way of Beijing's territorial ambitions understand there's no point trying to match China ship for ship. China can out-build any rival except for the United States.

The answer, then, is to add submarines. Undersea boats are low-profile, deadly killers that can lurk in disputed areas and deny them to the enemy. Difficult to detect, they can destroy ships many times their own size.

Submarines also flip the script on China, which has been advancing an "anti-access, area-denial" strategy for keeping the the United States out of the Western Pacific. The idea behind A2AD is to make it too dangerous for a hostile power to enter a certain area. Smaller Asian powers [can fashion similar strategies](#) to keep the Chinese navy out of their own backyards.

This is what Japan has in mind as increases its sub force from 16 to 22 boats. Japan's undersea fleet is considered one of the best in Asia, and Japan's geography means its subs could easily prevent the Chinese navy from using many of its traditional approaches to the open ocean.

Direct confrontation with China doesn't explain everything, though. South Korea, while concerned by China's buildup, is not particularly motivated by any sense of crisis. South Korea is more likely interested in maintaining some level of parity with its neighbors China and Japan, without regarding either as a looming threat.



Republic of Korea Navy submarine ROKS 'Nadaeyung' at the RIMPAC 2012 exercise. U.S. Navy photo

### Domestics and imports

A handful of Asian countries have the know-how to build their own submarines. Russia is slowly rejuvenating its sub fleet after decades of neglect. America's submarine fleet is the gold standard, with the latest technology, nuclear power in all boats and the advantage of sheer numbers.

Australia, Japan and India can build their own subs, with varying degrees of success. The Australian *Collins*-class diesel submarines [have been dogged by technical problems](#), and India

is [just beginning to build submarines](#) with Russian assistance. Even high-tech Japan uses certain Swedish technologies to allow its submarines to stay submerged longer underwater.

Those governments that can't make subs buy them—and they buy from Europe. The largest exporter of submarines to Asia is Russia, which is doing gangbusters selling *Kilo*-class boats such as *Hanoi*. Vietnam, India and China all operate some version of the *Kilo* submarine, an irony considering that both Vietnam and India have gone to war with China in just the last 50 years.

The *Kilo* is Russia's most successful submarine export. A Cold War design dating back to the late 1970s, it's been updated to keep it relevant in 21st-century waters.

India has nine older *Kilos* purchased in the 1980s. It had 10 until 2012, when INS *Sindhurakshak* [was destroyed in an explosion](#). China operates 10 *Improved Kilos*, and last year placed a further order for four Russian *Lada*-class submarines. This suggests that China is not entirely happy with the performance of its latest locally-built boats, the *Yuan* class.

Germany is the next largest exporter. South Korea, which already has nine German-designed Type 209 diesel subs made in both Germany and South Korea, is expected to license-build nine newer Type 214s, effectively doubling its submarine force. South Korea will also build three modified Type 209s for Indonesia.

France also exports diesel submarines to Asia. Paris' export submarine, the *Scorpen* class, has six tubes for firing Black Shark torpedoes and Exocet anti-ship missiles and can stay at sea for 50 days. Malaysia received two

*Scorpenes*. India has an on-again, off-again order for six *Scorpenes* that has been snarled by budgetary issues and bureaucracy.



Indonesian navy Type 209 submarine 'Cakra.' Via Indonesian Defense

### Invisible deterrence

Do all these new submarines make war in Asia more likely or less? Will an increasingly aggressive China be discouraged by a proliferation of subs along its coastline, or will that spur China to build up its own navy even further?

Even with the hindsight of a century of submarine warfare, it's hard to tell. Subs typically do very well in war until the other side becomes proficient in anti-submarine warfare. China has no tradition of anti-submarine warfare, which is a bonus for its smaller rivals.

If Asia's burgeoning submarine fleets prove to be a credible deterrent, they could go a long way toward maintaining peace in the region.



## The Nurse and the Submarine

Submitted by: Martin Salvador

*This is such a great and very exciting WWII story I like to share it with everybody. I think it is true and authentic.*

*The submarine trip reminded me - exactly - of my first experience on subs shortly after graduating from sub school. We conducted war-like anti-submarine exercises as a target by anti-submarine patrol aircrafts off the coast of Florida and the Caribbean.*

*It was in the late 50's and I was in a WWII Guppy type sub. It is identical to the sub in the nurse's story and I have felt the sweat, the smell of diesel and others but the good thing about submarines, as the nurse very correctly said, is that they have the best cooks in the fleet. They work miracles with very little they have so we enjoyed our meals. The crew eat what the officers eat and this is only true on submarines.*

*I hope you all enjoy it.*

By Education Specialist on Friday, 7 March 2014

Posted in [Submarine History](#)



Ann Agnes Bernatitus was born in **Exeter, Pennsylvania**, on 21 January 1912. She trained as a nurse, even returning to school for a postgraduate class in operating-room technique and management, but could find no steady job in the depths of the Depression. She worked in a few short-term positions and then was accepted into the Navy Nurse Corps in 1936. "In those days we were neither fish nor fowl," she recalls. "We were not officers and we were not enlisted. We were in between. We did not get the pay of an officer but we got more than the enlisted." Still, Bernatitus did well at her job and was given more and more responsibility. In 1940 she decided she wanted to be assigned to the Philippines. "I had no idea what the Philippines looked like," she says, "I hadn't read up on it or anything. .But life was very good out there.. We went to work at 8 o'clock. You went to lunch and then didn't have to go back on duty." But the plum assignment didn't last long.

When the personnel at the hospital in Canacao learned of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, they sprang into action, shoring up the rickety three-story building and moving the patients beneath it, where they would be protected by sandbags that had been shifted into place for that purpose. Soon after, hospital officials decided the patients should be moved to Manila under the care of two corpsmen and two nurses. One nurse volunteered; Bernatitus literally drew the short straw (though it was, in actuality, a cotton-tipped applicator swab). Just a few weeks later, she was chosen to make another move, this time to Bataan. She was the sole Navy nurse among 50 others, half from the U.S. Army, half native Filipinos. The convoy arrived at their new location, Camp Limay, on Christmas Eve, 1941.

Just a few months later, in the spring of 1942, Bernatitus was transferred to Corregidor as the Japanese drew closer to Bataan. The hospital there was in a long, narrow cave. "I was less scared on Bataan than I was on Corregidor," she says. "When the Japanese bombed, the whole place just shook." She remained in the subterranean hospital for a month until she was one of the lucky ones selected to evacuate. "I don't know how I was picked," she says, but she did know that she didn't want to go by plane. Submarine was the only other choice. So when USS SPEARFISH (SS-190) pulled up on 3 May, she headed down to the beach. "When we got down there we got on a boat that was even smaller than the one that took us to Corregidor," Bernatitus recalls. "Then we shoved off. We had to go through our own mine fields to get to the submarine. We learned later that it was taking us so long to get out there that the submarine wasn't sure Corregidor hadn't already fallen. Finally we saw this dark shape and we came alongside of it. You could hear the slapping of the water between the two objects. Then someone said 'Get your foot over the rail.' And then someone just pulled me, and then the first thing I knew I was going down the hatch. I got down there awfully fast." Altogether, over 20 people accompanied Bernatitus onto SPEARFISH.

"When they first said 17 days [the length of the trip to Fremantle, Australia], I thought I couldn't make it. But I did," Bernatitus continues. "When we first got aboard I was in the control room. Everything was lighted up and there were all these valves and what have you. They took us into the officer's mess. That's where we sat and they gave us tea and chocolate cake. We hadn't seen chocolate cake and tea in a long time. The chefs gave up their quarters for us. It was

just a cabin with a sink in it." She shared the space with three other women. "Our luggage we brought with us was on the deck in that same room. I was one of the four picked to go to bed right away. The next morning when my 8 hours were up four others went to sleep.

You just had to kill time any way you could. Most of our time was spent in the crew's mess. Someone had a Victrola that was playing all the time. The crew would come with magazines they had stashed away someplace. We would sit and talk. And of course, the boys loved it. The crew was fed first. Anything they served was wonderful for us. We hadn't seen food like that.

They gave us one bucket for four of us when we went to bed. And that was for bathing and washing. Of course, if you went to the john you had to have an escort.

Down in that submarine, the only thing you heard was the sound of the screws turning. You know, after a while the gals were cooking for the boys.

"They initiated us when we went under the equator. I had just gotten up and I had to stand in a pan of water or something.

"You know, while we were on that submarine we remained submerged during the day and at dusk we would surface to charge our batteries. When we came up we came up at an angle.. And then someone opened a hatch and we felt this gush of nice fresh air come through. We had hardly done this when whish, down we went again. Well, that was an experience. They thought they sighted something. Everything was turned off and everybody was sitting around doing nothing. You could watch the men. Those who had shirts on you could

just see those shirts gradually turning from tan to brown with perspiration. We must have been submerged for several hours just barely crawling. But everything turned out okay."

Ann Bernatitus, who, soon after her return to the United States, became the first American to receive the newly-created Legion of Merit, continued to serve in the Navy until 1959. In 1976 she donated her medal to the Smithsonian. She passed away on 3 March 2003.

## Cold War Spy Secrets Under the Sea

Submitted by: Office

Submarine related history during the Cold War and the role of the SOSUS network.

Click on the link to watch the video.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDdEq6GGCEo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDdEq6GGCEo)

## Welcome to Nuclear Submarine 101!

Submitted by: Office

Rick Campbell, who is a member of Capitol Base and the author of submarine fiction says Submarines play a central role in "The Trident Deception", as well as "Empire Rising", so I thought it'd be a great idea to provide an introduction to the U.S. Navy's nuclear powered submarines from someone who spent four tours aboard them. Sort of a "Submarine 101" introductory course.

The topics are broken down into 15 segments:

Go to the link...

[www.rickcampbellauthor.com/styled/index.html](http://www.rickcampbellauthor.com/styled/index.html)

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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 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 (\_\_\_\_\_)

## 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.)

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 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.** \_\_\_\_\_

**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)

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