



"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. APRIL 26
  - b. MAY 17
  - c. JUNE 21
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
  - a. APRIL – GLENN BARTS AND TOM POLZIN
  - b. MAY – SEE YOUR NAME HERE!
  - c. JUNE – SEE YOUR NAME HERE!
3. **April meeting delayed** one week to avoid conflict with Easter. New date is April 26. May's meeting will be on the third Saturday as usual.
4. **April Birthdays:** Rick Roton 14<sup>th</sup>; Dave Cribbins 20<sup>th</sup>; Brent Basara 21<sup>st</sup>; Mike Slattery 23<sup>rd</sup>.
5. **Cobia Working Party** June 16 & 17. 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.
6. **Crash Dive Submarine Birthday Ball** April 5, 2014, Kenosha, WI. See attached flyer. Still time to register. Contact Chris Gaines; see page 7.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes March 15, 2014

- 1) Attendees:
  - a) Clay Hill
  - b) Frank Voznak, Jr.
  - c) Terry Elmeier
  - d) Steve Benicke
  - e) Rich Behnke
  - f) Greg Miller
  - g) Ray Ratliff
  - h) Gene Weisbecker
  - i) John Stines
  - j) Frank Walter
  - k) Dick Anderson
  - l) Kep Preble
  - m) Bob Fleck
  - n) Bill Fleck, Sr.
  - o) Bill Fleck, Jr.
  - p) Martin Salvador
  - q) Tom Polzin
  - r) Herman Mueller
  - s) Glenn Barts
  - t) Chris Gaines
  - u) Gus Yakes
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1102, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 3) Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Kep Preble moved to accept; Frank Walter seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4856.48; Memorial Checking \$6163.30; Memorial Savings \$5.00. Terry Elmeier moved to accept; Tom Polzin seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Committee Reports
  - a) Newsletter – no news
  - b) Membership – four HC-eligible this year. Tom Polzin and Clay Hill will plan the induction.
  - c) Charitable Service -- Cobia Working party Monday has about eight volunteers so far. Wounded Warrior disbursement will be reallocated.
  - d) Hospitality – No news
  - e) Webmaster – Training scheduled. Website is running.
  - f) Storekeeper – No news.
  - g) Bylaws – No news.
  - h) Memorial Committee –
    - i) Applying for grant from McDonald's; need to provide start date – suggest date of city approval.
    - ii) Recent contact with Alderman Reilly. Seeking letter of support to provide to potential donors.
    - iii) CCG to find out how Russ Rutowski relates to the SS Badger; is he a captain or engineer? Find out and relay information to Frank Voznak.
    - iv) John Stines suggested contacting Woodward Governor.
    - v) Sent 29 funding requests to-date plus contacting all 168 USSVI bases.

- vi) Bob Fleck moves to research a professional fundraiser for a proposal; Glenn Barts seconded. 13 in favor, one opposed, two abstentions. Motion passed. Bob will report back at the May meeting.
- vii) Bob Fleck amended his motion to have a detailed report of his research into professional fundraisers by May. Frank Walter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- viii) Bob Fleck's cousin has coverage at Channel 26. He offers to make the contact.
- i) Community Outreach – USO donation date needed. Collect for Navy Relief at each meeting.
- 6) Old Business
  - a) Steve Benicke discussed the offer of books written by a former CO of the Clamagore for the benefit of the memorial.
- 7) New Business -- none
- 8) Good of the Order
  - a) Next meeting is April 19, the day before Easter. Clay moves to meet April 26; Frank Walter seconded; vote 19 in favor; one opposed; motion carries.
  - b) Duty Cook
    - i) April – Frank Walter suggests sandwiches.

Glenn Barts and Tom Polzin will provide cold cuts.

- c) Picnic August 23 at Hines Picnic Pavilion.
- 9) Frank Walter moved to adjourn; Terry Elmeier seconded; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1321.

## Lost Boats

USS PICKEREL (SS-177)	4/3/43
USS SNOOK (SS-279)	4/8/45
USS THRESHER (SSN-593)	4/10/63
USS GUDGEON (SS-211)	4/18/44
USS GRENADIER (SS-210)	4/22/43

## Chaplain's Corner

By Cris S.L. Pascual  
Base Chaplain

Title: What Actually Is "The Palm Sunday?"

The months of March and April are holy and sacred to both the Christian and the Jewish faiths. It begins with the Orthodox Lent on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Christians celebrate Palm Sunday on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Jews observe Passover on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Good Friday is observed on the 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, both religious faiths celebrate Easter Day and Orthodox Easter.

As Christians, we know that, on that hot Friday afternoon, around 3:00 o'clock, thousands of years ago, Christ was crucified, died and buried. According to the Scriptures, He rose from the dead three days later. That took place the following Sunday the secularists called "Easter Sunday" and the Christians "The Resurrection Day." I prefer to call the day, "The Resurrection Day" because not only that Easter is not mentioned in the Bible, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is.

I would like to go back in that moment of time just before Christ was betrayed, mocked, humiliated, spat on the face, flagellated and finally, crucified on the cross. The day was, “*The Palm Sunday*.”

At that point of time, Jesus and His disciples were not too far from Jerusalem. He sent two of His disciples to Bethany to get a donkey and a colt. It was not clear how the owner of the animals would consent to this idea, but Jesus instructed His disciples to go, untie the animals and bring them to Him. If challenged, the disciples were instructed to explain to the owner that the Lord needed the beasts. The clue must be in that statement for the owner to agree and give his consent to the disciples to take the animals. Some scholars believed that this incident may have demonstrated the omniscient power of God or the supreme authority of the Lord. Everything happened just as Jesus had predicted.

The acquisition of the animals and the entry of Christ to the City of Jerusalem sitting on a donkey were prophesied by Prophets Isaiah and Zechariah in the Old Testament (Isaiah 62:11; Zachariah 9:9). The entry to the city on the back of a donkey was done deliberately by Jesus to claim for Himself to be the Messiah. The Lord rode to the city on a carpet of clothes and palm branches, with the acclamation of the people ringing in His ears. For a moment at least, He was acknowledged as King, but not for long.

The multitudes shouted for joy in hailing the One whom the people thought would lead them and saved them from the Roman oppressors. “*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,*” people chanted. This quotation from Psalm 118:25, 26 obviously applies to the Messiah’s advent. Both statements clearly indicate that Jesus was being recognized as the Messiah. He is the blessed One who comes by Jehovah’s authority to do His will.

Inside the city, there was bewilderment and confusion among the people as to His identity. Those who were braved enough to asked were

told only that He was Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee. From this scenario, it seems that few people really understood that He was the Messiah they were expecting.

Jesus went to the courtyard of the temple. He did not go inside the temple He called the “House of Prayer.” Jesus felt uncomfortable and strange, because the priests and the people would not give Him His rightful place. After looking around briefly, He retreated to Bethany with the twelve. It was late Sunday evening.

In less than a week, this same unpredictably changeable crowd who were cheering and adoring Him, would be the same people who would be demanding and crying, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him.”

That’s what happened on that day, thousands of years ago in the City of Jerusalem. Jesus was presented as the Messiah but soon rejected by His own people. The celebration that we observed today is not all about the palm branches that were used to greet the King and carpeted the road. It is the celebration of Christ’s triumphant entry to the city as predicted in the Holy Scripture. The event is “*The Palm Sunday*” that we know today. Amen!

--- The Holy Bible (NIV)

## **Base Commander Note**

*As those of you who attended know, March's meeting became quite raucous.*

*I apologize to the crew for the loss of control of both the meeting and my own temperament in trying to maintain good order.*

*The decorum expected of a group such as ours should not be so compromised and I will do my best in the future to see that it won't.*

R/

Clay

## 50th Anniversary

United States Submarine Veterans  
Commemorative coins and patch  
**Order now!**

Our NSK is now taking orders for the USSVI 50th Anniversary Coin and Patch. The profits from the sale of the 50th Anniversary Coin and Patch will help offset the cost of the 2014 USSVI 50th Anniversary Memorial Day activities in Washington, DC. The USSVI 50th Anniversary Coin is \$15.00 ea, the 50th anniversary Patch is \$7.50 ea, or in a combination set for \$ 20.00.



Base storekeepers should go to the USSVI NSK website to order quantity coins or patches for their base.

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## Cold War Certificate Program

Submitted by: Office

US Army Awards and Decorations  
Branch - Cold War Certificate  
Program

In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991, are eligible.

This is the only official site on which to request Cold War Recognition Certificates. This site is operated by the United States Army, the executive agency for the Cold War Recognition Program.

Cold War Recognition Certificates are available to qualified individuals at no cost. Any other site offering these certificates or replicas for sale or purchase are not official sites and are not approved or endorsed by the US Army.

There is no authorized medal or ribbon for the program.

[www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Awards%20and%20Decorations%20Branch%20-%20Cold%20War%20Certificate%20Program](http://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Awards%20and%20Decorations%20Branch%20-%20Cold%20War%20Certificate%20Program)

## When a USSVI shipmate goes on Eternal Patrol

Submitted by: Office

When a USSVI shipmate goes on Eternal Patrol please notify the National Office by email at [ussvi@telebyte.net](mailto:ussvi@telebyte.net), who will modify the deceased member's record in the online database to reflect his date of death.)

The death notice is then automatically emailed to your Base Commander, the National Chaplain and your Base Chaplain.

The information is also automatically transferred to the Eternal Patrol section on our National Website, to your own base's eternal patrol section and reported to the American Submariner Magazine for publication.

The information is also automatically logged in a listing of members on eternal patrol since the last magazine publication, and prior to publication, the A/S editor downloads and enters the latest EP formatted data into the Eternal Patrol section of the magazine.

Whenever in doubt about who to contact, call the USSVI Natl Office at 877-542-3483 or email [office@ussvi.org](mailto:office@ussvi.org) and they will give you good information.

## Politics and USSVI

Submitted by: T Michael Bircumshaw, Natl Cdr

Our members cover the entire political spectrum, and I can think of no better way to destroy the fraternalism within USSVI than to start arguing politics at meetings and through official USSVI communications.

USSVI is a non-political veterans fraternal organization and must remain so.

This is not to say that individual members like you or I should not or cannot hold strong political viewpoints.

As American citizens, you are free to participate in political discourse and express those views as you see fit among your friends and acquaintances, and you will reap the rewards (or the brickbats) which come with the sharing of those expressions.

However, I expect those political viewpoints to be kept out of official USSVI meetings, communications and base activities, because they damage the warp and woof of our fraternal association, which is based on our creed, to honor those submarine men who gave their lives in the service to our country.

There are over 4,000 men who have given up their precious lives while serving in 65 US Submarines since 1900. We owe it to them to see they are never forgotten and always honored. Political bickering diminishes our ability to carry out this mission.

Any questions or concerns about this, please get back to me at [nc@ussvi.org](mailto:nc@ussvi.org)

## USS Miami Decommissioned

Submitted by: Office

KITTERY, Maine — A ceremony was held Mar 27, 2014 (Thursday) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to formally decommission the USS Miami submarine, which sustained hundreds of millions of dollars in damage as the result of arson in May 2012.

There has been speculation in some quarters that USS Miami should be added to the USSVI Tolling Ceremony as a lost boat, but this is not the case. A submarine has to be lost at sea to be considered a lost boat.

A submarine decommissioned pier-side is never considered to be a lost boat, regardless of the reason for the decommissioning.

Reference the link for a complete explanation of lost boats.

[www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Manuals\\_Lost\\_Submarine\\_Listings.pdf](http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Manuals_Lost_Submarine_Listings.pdf)

### **Confessions of an SSBN Sailor**

Submitted by: Office

Written by CDR John Elnitsky

Fellow Submarine Warfighters, Admittedly, I came by it honestly: the concept that SSNs were somehow more prestigious, more glamorous, and even better than SSBNs.

Perhaps it was the clichés most of us have heard, "Fast Attack Tough," "SSN:

Saturdays, Sundays, and Nights," and "Ain't no slack in Fast Attack" - as opposed to "Boomer Weenies," "Part-time Sailors," and "On patrol going two knots to nowhere."

So are SSBN Sailors really very different from our SSN brethren? Maybe we're more just differently evolved than actually different. We maintain our ships as national assets, practice many of the same warfighting skills, and exercise many of the same tactics. The only real distinction is that we've had to learn the additional complexity of operating strategic weapon systems.

Go to the link to read all of this thought provoking letter...

[www.navy.mil/navydata/cno/n87/usw/issue\\_5/confessions.html](http://www.navy.mil/navydata/cno/n87/usw/issue_5/confessions.html)

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# 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