



"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. MAY 17
 - b. JUNE 21
 - c. JULY 19
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. MAY – CHRIS GAINES
 - b. JUNE – LARRY WARNKE
3. **May Birthdays:** Clay Hill 2nd; Ed Potts 12th; Bob Fleck 13th; Gus Yakes 16th; Brian Dawson 20th; Stephan Robich 20th; Larry Warnke 28th.
4. **Cobia Working Party** June 16 & 17. For more information or to volunteer, contact Greg Miller, 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. **The USO at O'Hare Airport needs pillowcases.** The pillows are approximately 14" x 9". The pillowcases are approximately 16" x 12". Cotton material with a pattern such as something patriotic is preferred. If you can sew, or know someone who can, please make some pillowcases and deliver to Greg Miller at a regular monthly meeting.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes April 26, 2014

- 1) Attendees:
 - a) Clay Hill
 - b) Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - c) Steve Benicke
 - d) Gene Weisbecker
 - e) Cris Pascual
 - f) Greg Miller
 - g) Ron Spooner
 - h) Glenn Barts, Sr.
 - i) Larry Warnke
 - j) Dick Anderson
 - k) Herman Mueller
 - l) Chris Gaines
 - m) Chuck Molitor
 - n) Ted Rotzoll
 - o) Gus Yakes
 - p) Tom Polzin
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 1104 by Clay Hill, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- 3) Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Tom Polzin seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts, Sr. Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$6,139.48; Memorial Checking \$6,463.30; Memorial Savings \$5.00; Held by National \$5,000.00. Larry Warnke moved to accept; Greg Miller seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a) Newsletter – no news
 - b) Membership – Welcome guest Chuck Molitor.
 - c) Charitable Service -- Thrift Store is temporarily full; still collecting especially kitchen stuff and linens; if doing spring cleaning, bring discards to the meeting for Greg. Always collecting toiletries, especially complimentary items from hotels. Always need crew neck T-shirts.
 - d) Hospitality – New Board and officers at KSC. Will introduce subject of wi-fi at next board meeting. Cleanup May 3; mark your calendar. Usually starts about 0900; lasts 2-3 hours. Will be an indoor field day; outside is pretty well done.
 - e) Webmaster – Recommend that shipmates visit the Website periodically; www.crashdivebase.com. Clay Hill is exploring adding PayPal to the Website primarily for memorial donations.
 - f) Storekeeper – Herman has anniversary patches and coins for sale as well as 2014 calendars.
 - g) Bylaws – Writing procedures based on authority in bylaws.
 - h) Memorial Committee – ABC7 interview; see link here <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/video?id=9514151>,

- Awaiting reply from McDonald's.
- i) Community Outreach – USO donation date needed. Collect for Navy Relief at each meeting.
- 6) Old Business
- a) Ron Spooner renewed his offer to loan us his copy of Silent Service TV series. Herman Mueller has some old films too. USS Chicago Base has a library-in-a-box that Steve Benicke oversees. Clay Hill offers to be our librarian. Herman Mueller will provide a list of his materials that are available for loan.
- 7) New Business
- a) National Convention; mild interest in exploring further. Awaiting news from Ken Tupman's conversation with Vic VanHorn and Wayne Standerfer on May 3.
 - b) WWII Memorial Project -- Received and replied to an inquiry from the WWII museum in New Orleans regarding oral histories.
 - c) Ball review – It was a delightful evening with a powerful speaker, good food, and remembrance of our shipmates. Attendance was far below previous Balls resulting in a loss of about \$335. Attendees and shipmates will be surveyed

- to determine whether to continue.
- 8) Good of the Order
 - a) Next meeting is May 17.
 - b) Duty Cook
 - i) May – Chris Gaines
 - ii) June – Larry Warnke.
 - c) Cobia Working Party June 16, 17. May include an overnight trip on the SS Badger to Ludington. Cost to be determined. Picnic August 23 at Hines Picnic Pavilion.
 - d) USS Chicago Base invites shipmates to participate in the City of Chicago Memorial Day parade; details to follow.
 - 9) Larry Warnke moved to adjourn; Dick Anderson seconded; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1304.

Lost Boats

USS Lagarto	SS 371	5/ 3/45
USS Scorpion	SSN 589	5/22/68
USS Squalus	SS 192	5/23/39
USS Stickleback	SS 415	5/30/58

Chaplain's Corner

Cris S.L. Pascual, Base Chaplain

“Why Godly Mothers Are Important

The United States of America has been celebrating Mother's Day in nearly 150 years. Anna Jarvis was an Appalachian homemaker. One day, she organized a day to raise an awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers only. She first called it “Mother's

Work Day” but later became “Mother’s Day” as it is known today.

Anna Jarvis’ hard work paid off when in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother’s Day as a national holiday. It has been since then, celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

I believe that mothers do deserve the best. For this reason, I was prompted to pay tribute to all mothers in the month of May.

My tribute to all mothers is to name at least the 10-top-reasons why they are so important in our lives. In reality, there are actually endless numbers of reasons to explain the greatness of a godly mother.

I am not a professional writer. To make it more exciting and to make my tribute more respectful to all mothers, I choose to use the professional writing and ideas of Dr. Barton Goldsmith, PhD, an internationally known multi-award winning psychotherapist, a syndicated columnist and radio host of Westlake Village, California.

Dr. Goldsmith wrote an article on how we can show to our mothers our gratitude and appreciation that she is in our lives. Here are the reasons why mothers are important according to him:

- “If it weren’t for your mom, you wouldn’t be breathing right now. If nothing else, you should thank her for that.
- Mothers are the emotional backbones of the family. They provide the holding place for everyone’s feeling and do their best to keep us from being hurt.
- Who would kiss you boo-boos to make it all better if she weren’t around? Mothers have the magic touch (and kiss) to help us heal our wounds, physical and emotional.
- Truly, our mothers worked hard and made sacrifices, so our lives would be better. There are not a lot of people willing to do that, so let her know you appreciate it.

- Mothers are forgiving—so forgive her in return. Perhaps nothing will be as valuable a gift to both of you as forgiveness. Open your heart and drop your resentments. Now that’s love.
- When you want to climb the tallest mountain, your mother will make your lunch for you. She is the one who will support your dreams when no one else will. She will also remind you to wear clean underwear.
- Her boundaries made you a better person. You may not have liked some of her decisions, especially when you wanted to party with your friends, but she did keep you out of trouble. Look at some of your friends without a mom who has cared that much.
- A mother’s ears and eyes hear and see everything. They also have a computer-like memory for all the good (and some of the bad) that came your way. It’s nice to have someone with whom you can reminisce about your whole life.
- Mom taught you to be a functioning adult. That was her job, and without that, making it through the modern world would be very hard. Your mom may have forced you to do your homework, but now you see how important it was.
- A mother’s smile, when it is directed toward you, makes your day a whole lot better. All she needs is to know that she has helped you to be and feel your best. Say thank you.”

As with most holidays, Mother’s Day comes only once a year. Make it special for her, and it will come back to you. There is something beyond words to express to the person who helped you to walk and talk, who gave you your first puppy, who helped you with school, and who gave you all the love she possibly could, show her you care by acknowledging her value in your life.

A belated “Happy Mother’s Day” to all Moms! May the good Lord continue to bless all our mothers and all mothers of our children.

Cobia Party

Submitted by: Ron Takacs, Great Lakes Base

Good evening all you Submariner's,

For those who were asking about how the boat faired with the cold weather, all in all it was pretty rough this past winter. The ice packed 3' thick between the boat and the pier, and the pressure pushed the gangway back 8 or 10" with all the lines getting pretty tight. The solution was to put an aerator in the ice where the drilled holes were and lo and behold it broke up the ice and the 3 degree port list that was on the boat, came back to zero bubble.

A number of guys from the Chicago and Crash Dive bas, and others, got the boat ready for the Navy inspection, of which they found only minor items and they were corrected. It took a lot of elbow grease, with wiping down the bilges and storing items. Removing the old shelving in the after batter compartment and install some new shelving gave us some needed room to get the parts off the deck and onto the shelving, and a general clean up took place, I say, thank you guys for "A JOB WELL DONE".

This past weekend Pat and Jud started up the air compressor and also moved the after engine room clean fuel oil pump to the forward engine room, this took up a great deal of time, but job completed.

Pat also help Bud and myself checking out the 1 & 2 MB system, from Control, Conning tower and maneuvering room. We found lights out in the 1MB in control and the alarm bells weren't working, (overhauling them now, will reinstall next time to the boat). We also installed two missing sound powered phones, and checked out all the XJA plugs using the new head set, and all are working properly. We also found other hand held phones that aren't work properly,(will make the necessary repairs next time). Between the 4 of us, helping each other it was a very good day, we accomplished all that we wanted to do for the day.

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Pride Runs Deep

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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

March in Chicago Memorial Day Parade

Submitted by: Ken Tupman, USS Chicago Base

Just a reminder, May 24th is the Chicago Memorial Day parade. The step off is at Noon or thereabouts. Train riders meet at the public parking lot by the Tinley Park VFW at 0830 or the train station. Let me know who is riding the train so I know who to look for. We take the train at Tinley and then switch at Blue Island. On the way home we take the train from LaSalle Station which deposits us right at Tinley.

May 26th we pass out programs at ALNC, be there at 0900.

Ken

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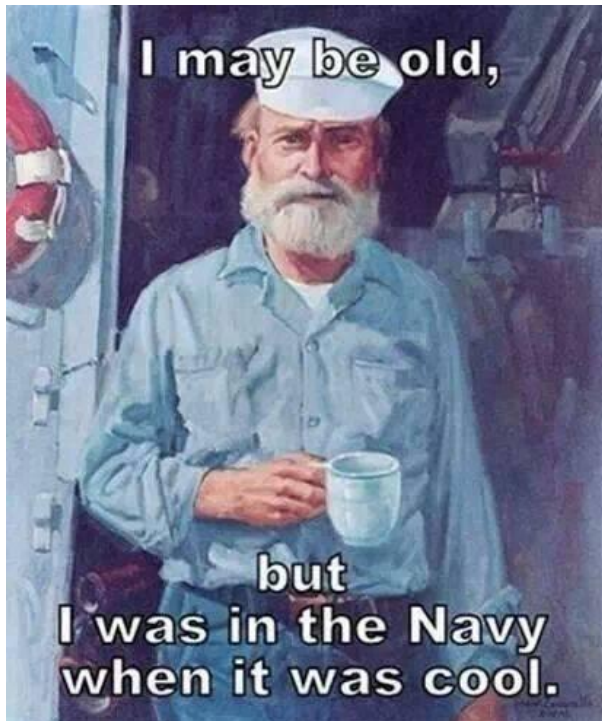
Navy Has Finalized Specifications for New Ohio- Replacement Boomer

Submitted by: Office

The Navy has completed the specifications and has set the length for its next generation nuclear ballistic missile submarine, the head of the Navy's submarine construction program told attendees at the Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition 2014 at National Harbor, Md. on Monday.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://news.usni.org/2014/04/07/navy-finalized-specifications-new-ohio-replacement-boomer>



USO Needs Pillowcases

Know a sewer? See News Brief, Item 5 on Page 1 for instructions.

A Sailor's Thoughts

Submitted by: Tom Polzin
Original source unknown

- A sailor will walk 10 miles in a freezing rain to get a beer but complain mightily about standing a 4 hour quarterdeck watch on a beautiful, balmy spring day
- A sailor will lie and cheat to get off the ship early and then will have no idea where he wants to go.
- Sailors are territorial. They have their assigned spaces to clean and maintain. Woe betide the shipmate who tracks through a freshly swabbed deck.
- Sailors constantly complain about the food on the mess decks while concurrently going back for second or third helpings.
- Some sailors have taken literally the old t-shirt saying that they should "Join the Navy. Sail to distant ports. Catch embarrassing, exotic diseases."
- After a sea cruise, I realized how much I missed being at sea. We are now considering a Med cruise visiting some of my past favorite ports. Of course I'll have to pony up better than \$5,000 for the privilege. To think, Uncle Sam actually had to pay me to visit those same ports 25 years ago.
- You can spend two years on a ship and never visit every nook and cranny or even every major space aboard. Yet, you can know all your shipmates.

- Campari and soda taken in the warm Spanish sun is an excellent hangover remedy.
- E5 is the almost perfect military pay grade. Too senior to catch the crap details, too junior to be blamed if things go awry.
- Never be first, never be last and never volunteer for anything.
- Almost every port has a "gut." An area teeming with cheap bars, easy women and partiers. Kind of like Bourbon St., but with foreign currency.
- If the Guardia Civil tell you to "Alto," you'd best alto, right now. Same goes for the Carabinieri, gendarmes and other assorted police forces. You could easily find yourself in that port's hoosegow. Or shot.
- Contrary to popular belief, Chief Petty Officers do not walk on water. They walk just above it.
- Sad but true, when visiting even the most exotic ports of call, some sailors only see the inside of the nearest pub.
- Also under the category of sad but true, that lithe, sultry Mediterranean beauty you spent those wonderful three days with and have dreamed about ever since, is almost certainly a grandmother now and buying her clothes from Omar the Tent maker.
- A sailor can, and will, sleep anywhere, anytime.
- Do not eat Mafunga, ever!

- Yes, it's true, it does flow downhill.
- In the traditional "crackerjack" uniform you were recognized as a member of United States Navy, no matter what port you were in. Damn all who want to eliminate or change that uniform.
- The Marine dress blue uniform is, by far, the sharpest of all the armed forces.
- Most sailors won't disrespect a shipmate's mother. On the other hand, it's not entirely wise to tell them you have a good looking sister.
- Sailors and Marines will generally fight one another, and fight together against all comers.
- If you can at all help it, never tell anyone that you are seasick.
- Check the rear dungaree pockets of a sailor. Right pocket a wallet. Left pocket a book.
- The guys who seemed to get away with doing the least, always seemed to be first in the pay line and the chow line.
- General Quarters drills and the need to evacuate one's bowels often seem to coincide.
- Speaking of which, when the need arises, the nearest head is always the one which is secured for cleaning.
- These people you never mess with: the doc, the paymaster, cook and the ship's barber.

- In the summer, all deck seamen wanted to be signalmen. In the winter they wanted to be radarmen.
- Do snipes ever get the grease and oil off their hands?
- Never play a drinking game which involves the loser paying for all the drinks.
- There are only two good ships: the one you came from and the one you're going to.
- Whites, coming from the cleaners, clean, pressed and starched, last that way about 30 microseconds after donning them. The Navy dress white uniform is a natural dirt magnet.
- Sweat pumps operate in direct proportion to the seniority of the official visiting.
- Skill, daring and science will always win out over horseshit, superstition and luck.
- We train in peace so that in time of war the greater damage will be upon our enemies and not upon ourselves.
- "Pride and professionalism" trumps "Fun and zest" any day.
- The shrill call of a bosun's pipe still puts a chill down my spine.
- Three biggest lies in the Navy: We're happy to be here; this is not an inspection; we're here to help.
- Everything goes in the log.
- Rule 1: The Captain is always right.
Rule 2: When in doubt refer to Rule 1.

- A wet napkin under your tray keeps the tray from sliding on the mess deck table in rough seas, keeping at least one hand free to hold on to your beverage
- Never walk between the projector and the movie screen after the flick has started.
- A guy who doesn't share a care package from home is no shipmate.
- When transiting the ocean, the ship's chronometer is always advanced at 0200 which makes for a short night. When going in the opposite direction, the chronometer is retarded at 1400 which extends the work day.
- If I had to do it all over again, I would. Twice.
- When I sleep, I often dream I am back at sea.
- Good shipmates are friends forever.

Swedish firm Saab bids to design new Royal Australian Navy submarines

by: By IAN MCPHEDRAN
From: News Corp Australia
April 12, 2014 12:00AM

SWEDISH defence giant Saab is making a bold, secret play for a slice of Australia's \$30 billion future submarine project.

As Federal Government placed all options for the navy's future submarine back on the table this week, [News Corp Australia](#) can reveal that [Saab](#) and the Swedish Government have been engaged in secret talks with the [Defence Department](#) about the design of the new boats.

A Swedish delegation travelled to Canberra in March for first round talks.

Sweden has long history in submarines but it moved away from the business about 15 years ago when its shipbuilder Kockums — the company that designed the Collins Class submarine — was sold to German company [Thyssen Krupp MS](#) (TKMS).



Much criticised ... The Collins Class Submarine HMAS Farncomb arrives in Hobart, Tasmania. *Source: News Limited*

The Swedish Government last month cancelled a deal with Kockums to buy its future submarine and since then it has contracted Saab to examine options for the nation's sub-surface fleet.

One option is buying the submarine builder back from TKMS and possibly expanding operations in Australia.

Saab has hired almost 100 submarine experts from Kockums during the past month and its spokesman Anders Carp hinted that the hi-tech defence company could make a bid for Adelaide based submarine maker ASC if an when it came up for sale.

"We are impressed with the company," Mr Carp said.

When asked if Saab might buy the company and build the Swedish submarines in Adelaide he did not rule it out and he added that 80 per cent of the company's popular Gripen fighter jet was built elsewhere.

He said discussions between Saab and Australia had involved the design of the vessel and not the combat

management systems. Australia favours an American combat system.

Saab already has crucial safety systems installed in the Collins Class fleet.

Mr Carp said the option for an evolved Collins Class vessel would be the most cost effective solution for Australia.

Saab executives met with government staffers on the sidelines of this week's ASPI submarine conference in Canberra.

Defence Minister David Johnston told the conference that all options were on the table as the government developed its first Defence White Paper for release early next year.

He said the favoured option was to build the boats in Adelaide but "not at any cost".

Options also include a possible partnership with the world's biggest and most capable diesel-electric submarines the 4200-tonne Japanese Soryu Class boat.

Discussions with the Japanese are well advanced, but Senator Johnston refused to elaborate saying they were "commercial-in-confidence".

There is strong interest in the Swedish designed Stirling engine and its air independent propulsion system that allows the vessel to remain submerged for long periods of time.

The biggest drawback with a diesel-electric boat compared with a nuclear vessel is the need to "snorkel" for air to feed the diesels that recharge the batteries.

The advantage of conventional powered vessels is their silence and that they can operate in shallower waters than nuclear submarines.

J-50, A Little Piece of Heaven

by Bob 'Dex' Armstrong

In the old days when the boats pulled in, there wasn't any place for single guys to go. No place to haul off to for a hot shower, clean sheets... A real pillow and ten hours of uninterrupted sleep in peace and quiet.

In the late 50s... The days when an E-3 could blow his bi-weekly pay on two pitchers of beer, six Slim Jims, a long distance phone call, his laundry and a shoe shine... In the 50s, a bluejacket Seaman First spent a helluva lot of time broke. Big time busted.

Short of part-time bank robbery or selling the wardroom silver, there was no way he could bankroll a room at the Cavalier Hotel... Or even a cheap flea bag motel out at Ocean View.

Sailors today would never believe what a smokeboat non-qualified, non-rated bluejacket lived on... Or that the United States Navy paid less than the minimum wage of Polish potato diggers.

So when diesel boats in Submarine Squadron Six put their lines over and the married animals went bouncing across the brow for a hot shower, clean sheets and an armload of momma, the single idiots changed their mattress covers and went up to "T" Division on the Orion to catch a hot shower... A 45 minute shower... After a sixty-five cent, tender haircut.

But in the summer, with the sun beating down on the boat all day, the inside of a fleet snorkel boat got hot enough to forge horseshoes. There was no way to sleep inside one of the rascals... You could drown in your own sweat.

So after the sun went down we would drag our mattresses topside and rack out aft of the sail. The topside watch would keep guys returning with 'a load on' from stepping on you... And when the Krispie-Creme truck showed up the next morning, he'd get the below decks watch to pass up hot coffee... Wake you up so you could sit up and have breakfast in bed, wrapped in a dew-soaked blanket.

After a couple of cups of coffee and four or five doughnuts, we engaged in a little known evolution known to E-3s

as 'tampon drill'... Where you folded up your mattress like a hot dog bun and poked it down the after battery hatch. The morning messcooks would return them to the bunks. It was a little sloppy, but it worked unless it rained. Rickover would have had cardiac arrest if he had ever come waltzing down Pier 22 after dark. Hell, if he had, he would probably have built us a Howard Johnson out in the parking lot. Yeah, you bet.

One night Admiral Elton W. Grenfell, SubLant... The Big Kahoona himself, came down after dark. He came aboard the inboard boat in the forward nest... And spoke to the topside watch.

"Good evening son."

"Good evening sir."

"Why are those men sleeping on deck?"

"With all due respect sir, it's hotter'n two mice screwin' in a wool sock, down below."

"Why don't they go to their barracks?"

"Barracks? What barracks sir?"

"Your Squadron barracks."

"Squadron barracks? We've got a Squadron barracks? Where is it? No one ever told anyone in the Squadron about it... I've been riding boats in SubRonSix for damn near five years and I've never heard about any barracks, sir."

And that was it.

I have no idea if this is true. (Not that THAT has been a major obstacle to the writing in any other part of this literary masterpiece.) But, scuttlebutt had it that the Navy appropriated a wagonload of money to build barracks for each Submarine Squadron. When the money reached Norfolk, it was intercepted by DesLant and used to build a honking big tin can rec center.

It didn't take Admiral Grenfell long to Dick Tracy out the situation.

According to what we heard, Admiral Grenfell went into DesLant and told him that either he came up with some quality barracks space for his lads or he was going to form the damnedest working party Norfolk had ever seen and start tossing pool tables, ping-pong tables, pinball machines, coke machines and any other inappropriate furniture out the windows of his gahdam tin can playpen and fill the sonuvabitch with racks for the men that he or his predecessor had shortchanged.

Grenfell was a salty World War II submarine skipper, tough as nails. A no bullshit guy who wasn't going to play 'Mother-May -I' with any tinhorn can sailor... And DesLant knew it.

The next day we were given the top floor of a modern, brand new barracks on the Main Naval Operating Base... J-50. The first night, Admiral Grenfell came up to the top deck with the Chief Master At Arms in charge of the lower decks.

"Gather' round... For those of you who don't know me, I am Vice Admiral Grenfell, Submarine Force, Atlantic. On behalf of the Force, I would like to apologize for the delay in providing this barracks space. From here on out you'll have a place for your ashore gear, so you can get your civilian clothes out of the locker clubs. I will expect you to police this space and change these racks regularly... And turn in your dirty linen and draw fresh changes at least once a week. I will hold you senior petty officers responsible for maintaining order up here. Any nonsense and your skippers will get a personal call from me and have to make a detailed report on the action taken. Believe me, you don't want that. When I light up a three-striper, he isn't very happy and adverse consequences usually run down hill. Am I fully understood?"

"Yessir..."

"Yessir, yessir..."

"Yessir..."

" My advice would be to settle differences somewhere other than here, take care of your drunks, hold down the grab-ass and racket and keep your chippies out of here. Use common sense lads... You're all grown men... Act like it. And one last thing... From here on in, don't let me catch any of you men dragging mattresses topside... Looks like hell. Carry on gentlemen."

I was there... Hemming was there... Stuke was there. When the old girl put her lines over we had a place to go... Place to drown our fleas in 45-minute sessions under water two degrees below live steam. A place to listen to a radio... Play records... Lose money in all-night poker games... Tell lies half the night... Read and catch up on sleep.

J-50 was as close to heaven that a raghat could get without dying.

Subvet Conventions Question

Submitted by: Office

Our national conventions are held to assist members to reconnect with each other, have a good time, to carry out and report on the business of USSVI, and to install the new officers following national elections.

Your answers in the brief survey about Conventions will help us focus our future course and help us direct our efforts to where they are most effective. Thank you in advance for your help!

Use either tinyurl.com/USSVI-Convention-Survey or the underlined link.

Thanks, Shipmates!

www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=57b5dbad-632a-4ba3-b03e-a9380b994951

Sea Story



There's an old sea story about a ship's Captain who inspected his sailors, and afterward told the first mate that his men smelled bad...

The Captain suggested perhaps it would help if the sailors would change underwear occasionally. The first mate responded, "Aye, aye sir, I'll see to it immediately!" The first mate went straight to the sailors berth deck and announced, "The Captain thinks you guys smell bad and wants you to change your underwear." He continued, "Pittman, you change with Jones, McCarthy, you change with Witkowski, and Brown, you change with Schultz."

USSVI National Election News

From time to time, individual candidates for national office provide biographical and other information to bases for further distribution. The practice is at a candidate's choice.

In order to remain neutral and only encourage all of our members to participate by voting, Crash Dive does not

automatically forward information regarding each candidate.

One candidate for national office has provided supplemental background information to the base. If you would like to read it, please contact our secretary, Chris Gaines. As additional candidates provide such information, an announcement such as this will be published in the newsletter.

Navy Preparing To Wind Down SLBM Launch Capabilities

Scott Maucione, InsideDefense.com, May 7

Despite tensions between the United States and Russia, the U.S. Navy is preparing to reduce its capability to deploy Trident II D5 missiles on ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) as part of the follow-on Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed by the two countries.

The treaty, which went into force in 2011, requires the United States and Russia to reduce the number of their deployed and non-deployed launchers of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), submarine launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) and heavy bombers to 800 by 2018, according to the treaty.

As part of the reduction, the Navy will be rendering 56 of the SLBM tubes on its Ohio-class submarines incapable of launching missiles. Four tubes on each of the 14 Ohio-class submarines will be permanently fitted with a steel ballast closure. Each submarine currently has 24 launch tubes with the potential for all 14 boats to deploy 336 missiles. The total number of launch tubes will be reduced to 280, according to John Daniels, public affairs

officer at Navy Strategic Systems Programs. At any given time 40 of the launchers will be receiving maintenance and overhaul, leaving only 240 deployable.

There is no schedule for when the closures will be installed on the tubes, but they are expected to be put in as each submarine goes in for maintenance, Daniels said.

The Ohio-class fleet has 18 submarines; however, four were fitted with guided-missile launchers about 10 years ago, making them exempt from the treaty.

The reduction is expected to cost almost \$254 million from fiscal year 2013 to FY-18, which includes transportation and storage, support equipment for the missiles and Navy exhibitions and inspections. The service

is expected to take the money from the Navy operations and maintenance fund, contract fund, weapons procurement fund and its other procurement fund to pay for the treaty compliance, according to Daniels.

In addition to reducing launch capabilities, the United States and Russia must limit the total number of deployable warheads to 1,550 under the treaty. Inside the Air Force reported April 18 that the Air Force could begin removing 50 Minuteman III ICBMs from their operational missile silos as soon as next year.

The missiles would not be pulled from a single location, but rather would be taken from the operating wings at Malmstrom Air Force Base, MT, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, WY, and Minot Air Force Base, ND.

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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)
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The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____
 Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 90.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 55.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 20.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 25.00
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Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ **If other military service, What Branch?** _____

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4. _____ **Hull#** _____ **From Yr.** _____ **to Yr.** _____

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