



"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. SEPTEMBER 20
 - b. OCTOBER 18
 - c. NOVEMBER 15
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
 - a. SEPTEMBER – TED ROTZOLL
 - b. OCTOBER – LARRY WARNKE
 - c. NOVEMBER – SEE YOUR NAME HERE
3. **September Birthdays:** Ted Rotzoll 8th; Charles Daniels 17th; Bob Krautstrunk 18th; and John Kidwell 27th. Happy Birthday to All!
4. Crash Dive Commander Clay Hill asks each Base member to **commit to donating \$100** by December 31, 2014 to the Submarine Memorial Project. Each shipmate who donates strengthens and demonstrates our commitment to the project. Do your part. Make your commitment today.
5. **Welcome Home All Veterans** – see Item 8.b in the minutes on page 4.
6. **Submariner** to head Sixth Fleet; see article on page 7.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes August 16, 2014

1. Attendees:
 - a. Clay Hill
 - b. Jan Hill
 - c. Frank Voznak
 - d. Larry Warnke
 - e. Steve Benicke
 - f. Greg Miller
 - g. Ray Ratliff
 - h. Ted Rotzoll
 - i. Ron Spooner
 - j. Tom Polzin
 - k. Gus Yakes
 - l. Cris Pascual
2. The meeting was called to order at 1112 by Clay Hill, followed by the, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
3. Secretary's report given by Clay Hill. Ted Rotzoll moved to accept, Steve Benicke seconded; vote was unanimous.
4. Treasurer's Report given by Clay Hill. Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4,588.01; Memorial Checking \$11,165.82; Memorial Savings \$5.00; Held by National \$5,240.00. Larry Warnke moved to accept; Greg Miller seconded; vote was unanimous.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Newsletter – no news
 - b. Membership – no news
 - c. Charitable Service –
 - i. 24 pillow cases delivered to the USO by Greg Miller, Mary Miller and Frank Voznak. Thanks to all who volunteered their time & effort to produce pillowcases.
 - ii. WMM invites sub vets to serve as docents in a given compartment on the Cobia; contact Karen Duvall to volunteer.
 - d. Hospitality – Corn Roast August 23; great fun especially for kids. Larry has tickets at \$10 each.
 - e. Webmaster – good to periodically check the Website. Recent posting includes Cobia working party & pillowcase delivery to the USO.
 - f. Storekeeper – no news.
 - g. Procedures – To be picked up again in Sept.
 - h. Eagle Scout - Ted Rotzoll is reaching out to other Scout Troops in area.
 - i. Memorial Committee – Frank gave update of the memorial. We solicited Acuity Insurance & Mortenson Construction who recently installed the world's tallest flagpole dedicated to fallen Wisconsin Veterans and have produced a video.

Frank also has posters available as a PDF file to place at businesses. Better response to a personal conversation than a mail piece. Print and show to local businesses. Frank brought up that maybe some businesses would like a plaque for a donation? Ron Spooner asked about placing a sign at memorial site indicating "future site of".... Frank will try to find out if city would accept.

- j. Community Outreach – no news
- 6. Old Business
 - a. National Convention – Chris Gaines is only Crash Dive attendee.
 - b. Cobia work party scheduled for Aug 24.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Clay Hill officiated at the Holland Club Inductions for Ray Ratliff and Ted Rotzoll. (check website)
 - b. Clay invites and asks each member to commit to making a donation of at least \$100 to the Memorial by December 31, 2014. We need to show our own commitment as we solicit corporations and other sources.

- 8. Good of the Order
 - a. Greg Miller may enlist some help for the Cobia bow plane operation project.
 - b. Greg Miller notes September 27 at Cantigny is *Welcome Home All Veterans* sponsored by Villa Park VFW. Numerous veteran service organizations are present to assist veterans with benefits. See www.welcomhomeallveterans.com or .org.
 - c. Duty Cook
 - i. September – Ted Rotzoll.
 - ii. October – Larry Warnke
 - d. Next Meeting – Sept 20
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Larry Warnke moved to adjourn; Ray Ratliff seconded; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1300.

Lost Boats

| | | |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| USS S-5 | (SS-110) | 09/1/20 |
| USS Grayling | (SS-209) | 09/09/43 |
| USS S-51 | (SS-162) | 09/25/25 |
| USS Cisco | (SS-290) | 09/28/43 |

Binnacle List

- Rich Behnke

Appreciate a call or card from Shipmates.

Cantigny Park

Submitted by: Greg Miller

On Saturday, September 27, 2014 a major event will be held at Cantigny Park in Winfield, IL. Mark the date on your calendar. It's called "Welcome Home All Veterans," and it's a full day designed to treat every veteran like a rock star. Good food and fine entertainment are provided as well as supporters whose sole purpose in being there is to ensure that every vet gets every benefit he is entitled to with no runaround or BS.

If you have never been to Cantigny, you are in for a treat as not only are the veterans' services abundant, but you and your family will also enjoy touring the First Division Museum (it's awesome), viewing their tank collection (the kind with treads), touring the grounds which feature some of the most breathtaking gardens to be found anywhere, and touring the McCormick mansion. It's a great place to spend the day for the entire family.

It's a day organized by vets for vets. For further information, check the website at www.welcomehomeallveterans.org. It's an event not to miss. It opens at 9:00 with the opening day. Be there.

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Iran to launch indigenous submarine in November: Navy cmdr.



A file photo of Iran's domestically-manufactured Ghadir submarine

Source:

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2014/08/18/375762/iran-to-launch-indigenous-submarine/>

Mon Aug 18, 2014 1:32PM GMT

Iran's Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari says the country plans the launch of an indigenously-manufactured submarine in the near future.

"Fateh (Conqueror) submarine will be launched during the first ten days of [the Persian month of] Azar [starts on November 22]," Sayyari said on Monday.

He noted that Iran acquired the technology for building submarines two decades ago, adding that the country is already manufacturing Ghadir submarines.

Fateh weighs nearly 500 tons and is Iran's newest semi-heavy submarine.

Sayyari also stated that Iran has been making headway in the development of destroyers, adding, "We have to acknowledge that manufacturing destroyers is no small task, particularly a destroyer equipped with state-of-the-art technology."

The Iranian Navy launched its first domestically-built destroyer, Jamaran, in the waters of the Persian Gulf in February 2010.

The country is also planning to unveil a new destroyer in the near future. The destroyer dubbed Damavand is undergoing tests and will officially join the Iranian naval fleet this year.

The 1,420-ton destroyer is equipped with modern radar systems and other electronic warfare capabilities with a top speed of up to 30 knots and a helipad.

In recent years, Iran has made major breakthroughs in its defense sector and attained self-sufficiency in producing important military equipment and systems.

Iran says its military might poses no threat to other countries, stating that its defense doctrine is based on deterrence.

Russian Navy 'forces US submarine out' of Arctic boundary waters – report

Source: <http://on.rt.com/q9ddnr>

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[Navy](#), [Roman Kosarev](#), [Russia](#), [USA](#)

A supposed US submarine was detected and "forced out" by the Russian anti-sub forces after it violated the country's boundary waters in the Arctic, a high-ranked source within the Russian Navy's headquarters said.

"On August 7, a foreign submarine, presumably belonging to the US Navy's Virginia class, was detected in the Barents Sea by the alert forces of the Northern Fleet," the source told Russian media.

According to the source, a group of anti-submarine vessels and an anti-submarine Il-38 aircraft were sent into the area on a search and trace mission.

"The vigorous action of the anti-submarine forces of the Northern Fleet resulted in the submarine being forced out of the boundary waters of the Russian Federation," the source said.

"Contact with the submarine lasted for about 27 minutes and then the American sub left the area," he added.

The source gave a reminder that it's not the first case recently of a foreign submarine being spotted in the Barents Sea.

Such actions by the NATO undersea fleet have led to a number of navigation incidents in the Arctic.

"A collision with US nuclear submarine, Toledo, was one the main explanations of the Kursk submarine tragedy in 2000," the Navy source said.

All 118 crewmembers died after Russia's Kursk nuclear submarine sank in the Barents Sea on August 12, 2000.

In 1992, USS Baton Rouge collided with Russia's K-276 submarine, while 1986 saw a crash between the British Royal Navy's HMS Splendid and the Soviet Taifun vessel.

U.S. Denies Attack Submarine 'Expelled' From Barents Sea

By: [Sam LaGrone](http://news.usni.org), <http://news.usni.org>



An April 2014 photo of a Russian Ilyushin Il-38 Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) aircraft. The U.S. denied reports a similar aircraft chased off a U.S. Virginia-class submarine from the Barents Sea.

Reports that a U.S. Navy submarine was chased from away from Russian controlled waters by Russian anti-submarine warfare (ASW) aircraft on Aug. 7 are false, U.S. European Command (EUCOM) officials told USNI News on Monday.

“There is no truth to this story; there was no U.S. submarine in the area,” read a statement from EUCOM.

“Unknown on other nations, but it was not U.S., and we had nothing in any boundary area on the day in question.”

The EUCOM statement follows a weekend report from Russian newswire Interfax that said Russian anti-submarine warfare (ASW) forces had chased off a U.S. Virginia-class nuclear attack boat from the Barents Sea.

Surface and air elements — including at least one Ilyushin Il-38 ASW aircraft — of the Russian Navy’s Northern Fleet

had expelled the submarine from Russian “boundary waters,” a Northern Fleet spokesman told Interfax.

“The Northern Fleet anti-submarine forces’ active maneuvers expelled the submarine from the Russian Federation’s boundary waters,” the spokesman said.

The Barents Sea is on the Russia and Norway’s Arctic shore.

The weekend’s back and forth between the Russian Navy and EUCOM is the latest indicator of rising tensions between Western allies and Russia since the Russian seizure of the Crimea region of Ukraine in March.

Last week, Russian [fighters attempted to interdict an U.S. Air Force Boeing RC-135V/W Rivet Joint](#) over the Baltic Sea. In April, [two Russian fighters buzzed USS Donald Cook \(DDG-75\)](#) in the Black Sea.

In the last two years, the Russian Navy has expanded its presence in the Arctic. The service has reactivated ten bases along the so-called North East Passage.

Likewise, the U.S. Navy often operates in the Arctic. U.S. nuclear attack boats frequently travel under the icepack to transit back and forth between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

Vice Commander’s Corner

Towards the Memorial project, we ask each member to try to commit to making a donation of at least \$100. to the memorial by Dec. 31st. We need to show our own commitment as we continue to solicit funding from corporations and other sources.

Thanks,
Frank

Aid and Attendance for War Era Veterans and Surviving Spouses

The VA Aid & Attendance Benefit

Veterans, 65 years and older who served during war time, may be eligible for a tax-free benefit called the *Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefit* awarded by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This *Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefit* was designed to provide financial aid for war era veterans and their surviving spouses to help cover the cost of long-term care at home, in a board and care, or in an assisted living community.

Go to this link for further information and to view benefit amounts:

http://www.americanveteransaid.com/landing/lp_2/aid_and_attendance_2.html?gclid=CLLAlqeXssACFU4F7Aod3yoAcw

Or call to see if you qualify: (877) 427-8065

Submariner Tapped To Lead 6th Fleet

David Larter, Navy Times, Sep 17

Rear Adm. James Foggo has been tapped to lead 6th Fleet and get a third star, the Defense Department announced Wednesday.

Foggo, who was nominated by President Obama, is currently the assistant deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy at the Pentagon.

If confirmed, Foggo will relieve Vice Adm. Phil Davidson, who is heading to Fleet Forces Command, a post that comes with a fourth star.

Sixth Fleet is a prestigious billet whose office holders have often gone on to four-star postings. In addition to Davidson, previous 6th Fleet bosses include Adms. Harry Harris and James Winnefeld.

A submariner and 1981 Naval Academy grad, Foggo spent most of his career on attack submarines, including the Sea Devil, Narwhal and Oklahoma City. He also did a tour on the ballistic missile submarine Mariano G. Vallejo.

He is also a seasoned hand in the Sixth Fleet area, having commanded Submarine Group 8 out of Naples, Italy, and also served as the operations officer for Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn, the 2011 campaign against the Libyan dictator's regime.

Foggo has also been an in-house critic of the Navy's recruiting slogan, "America's Navy: A global force for good." Foggo took to the United State Naval Institute's blog in August, 2012, saying the motto should appeal not just to millennial recruits but to all the Navy's stakeholders, including industry, lawmakers and the taxpayers.

Navy Secretary Predicts more Submarines in Visit to Electric Boat

[Greg Smith, The Day, Sep 17](#)

GROTON— Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus wrapped up a tour of the Virginia-class submarine Illinois (SSN 786) Wednesday by reiterating his commitment to an increased Naval submarine fleet.

Mabus addressed a crowd of several hundred Electric Boat workers along with the crews of both the Illinois and the USS Minnesota (SSN 783), which was commissioned in September and is at EB for regular maintenance.

"Thanks for what you do here," Mabus said. "Thanks to the crews here, we own the undersea. Nobody else is

even close. And because of the work you're doing now, that's not going to change."

Mabus made his remarks and answered questions in a cavernous Electric Boat construction facility housing portions of both the Illinois and Colorado (SSN 788), two Virginia-class submarines currently under construction. Mabus' daughter, Annie, will be the sponsor of Colorado.

Mabus was to receive briefings on the submarine-construction process and visit test facilities during his visit.

He thanked EB leadership and its workforce for their part in helping drive down the cost of submarine building and allowing the Navy to sign a \$17.6 billion contract earlier this year for 10 Virginia-class submarines to be built over the next five years — "10 for the price of nine."

"The Congressman up here, Joe Courtney, says he wants to be known as 'Two Subs Joe.' I'd sort of like to be known as '10 Subs Ray,'" Mabus joked.

Asked about the future size of the Navy's submarine force, Mabus said, "I sure don't see it decreasing."

On Sept. 11, 2001, Mabus said, the U.S. Navy had 316 ships in its fleet, a number that had decreased to 278 by 2008 and was continuing on a downward trend.

"That wasn't enough to meet the missions we needed," he said.

In the five years before he became secretary of the Navy, Mabus said, 27 ships were commissioned. He said 70 ships were put under contract since he took over five years ago.

"Thanks to leadership at Electric Boat and thanks to the proud workforce we've got here, we're building another 70 boats with a smaller top line than when we were building 27," he said.

In a related question, Mabus was asked about the likelihood of the Navy

seeking funding outside its shipbuilding budget in order to fund future replacements for the ballistic missile-carrying Ohio-class submarines. Design of the submarines are under way, and the first boat is expected to be built in 2021, Mabus said. Billions are already budgeted for the design and other preliminary work, he said.

"We've got to have this conversation," Mabus said. "If we just take this straight out of the Navy shipbuilding budget, it'll take more than half of our shipbuilding budget for 12 straight years. It's got the potential to gut the rest of the shipbuilding programs, including the Virginia class."

Mabus said an effort is under way to seek an alternative funding source.

Mabus also addressed the possibility of another Base Realignment and Closure process, saying he expects a request for a base closure in every Pentagon budget. The Groton base was nearly closed in the 2005 round. Mabus said that while there are some savings to look at, the Navy has "gotten down to the footprint we need."

He said he suspected the Navy and Marine Corps are not likely to be the focus of any future BRAC proceedings.

Before leaving, Mabus took part in a traditional ceremony in which Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Petty Officer Kevin Sullivan earned his "dolphins," which means he met all the requirements of an enlisted submariner. A passage from the book "Thunder Below!" written by World War II naval hero Eugene Fluckey, was read as Mabus pinned the Submarine Warfare Insignia onto Sullivan's uniform.

Cmdr. Brian Tanaka, of the USS Minnesota, said the ceremony was the culmination of a year's worth of submarine training. Takana said the visit by Mabus offered a great opportunity.

Watch: Future USS John Warner launched into the James River

Matt Knight, WTKR, Sep 17

Newport News, Va. – Huntington Ingalls Industries announced today that the Virginia-class submarine John Warner was launched into the James River on Sept. 10 at Newport News Shipbuilding

The launch kicked off the final outfitting, testing and crew certification phase of construction prior to sea trials next year.

“The John Warner team has made tremendous progress over the last year,” said Jim Hughes, Newport News’ vice president of submarines and fleet support. “To see the submarine afloat in the James River just days after the christening is testament to the dedication and hard work of both the shipbuilders here at Newport News, as well those at our partner yard, Electric Boat.”

Newly-christened submarine John Warner will be based in Norfolk

John Warner will be the sixth Virginia-class submarine to be delivered to the Navy by Newport News.

Since construction began in 2010, nearly 4,000 shipbuilders have worked on Warner. The submarine, the first Virginia-class submarine to be named for a person, is on schedule to be delivered to the U.S. Navy in 2015.

Once floating, the approximately 7,800-ton submarine was moved with the help of three tugboats to the shipyard’s submarine pier, where final outfitting, testing and crew certification will take place over the next six months.

“Having the submarine in the water allows us to test the remaining systems and improves the fidelity of the training that we are doing in preparation for crew certification,” said Cmdr. Dan Caldwell, the submarine’s prospective commanding officer. “The ship’s launching is an important milestone that puts us one step closer to our ultimate goal of taking this ship out to sea.”

See <http://youtu.be/PVn8-zKxBLw>

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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 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
 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