



#### CRASH DIVE BASE Lake Bluff, IL



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

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### Lest We Forget — "The USSVI Submariner's Creed"

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

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#### **News Brief**

- 1. **Next Meeting**: At 1100, third Saturday of each month at the Knollwood Sportsman's Club. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:
  - a. October 18
  - b. November 15
  - c. December 20
- 2. Duty Cook Roster:
  - a. OCTOBER LARRY WARNKE
  - b. November Frank Walter Fish Fry
  - c. December see your name here
- 3. **October Birthdays:** Tom Polzin 13<sup>th</sup>; Edward Mokos 30<sup>th</sup>; William Derse 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. Watch your mailbox for your **2015 dues statement**. Help Crash Dive achieve a 100% renewal rate by sending yours in as soon as you receive the letter. Send to Membership Chair Tom Polzin; contact info on page 9.

#### Crash Dive Meeting Minutes September 20, 2014

- 1) Attendees:
  - a) Clay Hill
  - b) Frank Voznak, Jr.
  - c) Greg Miller
  - d) Ed Dowling
  - e) Ray Ratliff
  - f) Dick Anderson
  - g) Martin Salvador
  - h) Larry Warnke
  - i) Gus Yakes
  - i) Ted Rotzoll
  - k) Ron Spooner
  - I) Herman Mueller
  - m) Glenn Barts, Sr.
  - n) Chris Gaines
  - o) Frank Walter
- 2) Meeting was called to order by Clay Hill at 1105 followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
- Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Larry Warnke moved to accept; Glenn Barts seconded; vote was unanimous
- 4) Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts. Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4,649.01; Memorial Checking \$14,659.62; Memorial Savings \$5.00; Held by National \$5,240.00. Ray Ratliff moved to accept; Martin Salvador seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 5) Committee Reports
  - a) Newsletter No news.

- b) Membership Dues letters by end of September.
- c) Charitable Service -
  - i) Nice Thank You letter from USO regarding donation of toiletries.
  - ii) Nice Thank You from USO for the spectacular 92 pillowcases crafted by Mary Miller's Eagle's Nest Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America.
  - iii) Cobia working party was small; bow plane rigging in Forward Torpedo Room; worm and worm wheel back in place after a struggle. More work to do.
  - iv) Contact Greg with your interest in the next working party and he will coordinate.
- d) Community Outreach
  - i) Next Saturday is Welcome Home All Veterans at Cantigny Park. Great location with museum and gardens.
  - ii) Fisher House sent 10 tickets for a 50-50 raffle; tickets are \$1 each.Greg Miller will find out if he can get more tickets.Deadline is November 1.
- e) Hospitality Corn Roast was a huge success. Building Fund event with food and music October 25 at

- 8:00pm. Starting January Wild Game Feast planning.
- f) Webmaster Shipmates are reminded to check the Website periodically.
- g) Storekeeper Will order fewer calendars due to flagging interest.
- h) Procedures Review takes much time.
- i) Eagle Scout Eagle Court of Honor two weeks ago; Scout is interested in the Naval Academy. If a troop offers a donation to offset our expense, Ted will ask that the funds be forwarded to the memorial fund.
- i) Memorial
  - i) Sign "Future Site of"
    discussion with general
    contractor and
    architects finally got to
    the City. Obtaining
    permits may help. Will
    prepare drawings and
    apply for permits that the
    City is offering gratis.
  - ii) Tawani Foundation is related to Pritzker Military Library (PML) and USS Chicago Base has a connection with PML. Ken Tupman will continue to pursue.
  - iii) New ideas and approaches from a roundtable with Gary Walters.
- 6) Old Business a) None.

- 7) New Business
  - a) Tentatively plan for a
     Birthday Ball in Manitowoc
     in April 2015. Decide at the
     October meeting.
  - b) Chris Gaines provided a report of the national convention.
  - c) Shipmates are asked to RSVP to Clay their attendance plans to assist the duty cook in planning quantities.
- 8) Good of the Order item:
  - a) Ron Spooner noted that Tom Polzin has the first Silent Service TV series on some media.
  - b) Duty Cook
    - i) October Larry Warnke
    - ii) November Frank Walter Fish Fry.
  - c) Plan joint meeting with Chicago Base for the memorial.
  - d) Frank Walter is going to the \$\$349 reunion in Branson next week.
- 9) Benediction
- 10) Adjourned at 1310.

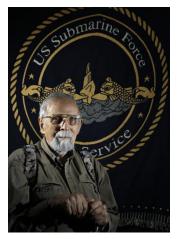
#### **Lost Boats**

USS Seawolf	(SS-197)	10/3/44
USS S-44	(SS-155)	10/7/43
USS Wahoo	(SS-238)	10/11/43
USS Dorado	(SS-248)	10/12/43
USS Escolar	(SS-294)	10/17/44
USS Shark II	(SS-314)	10/24/44
USS Darter	(SS-227)	10/24/44
USS Tang	(SS-306)	10/25/44
USS O-5	(SS-66)	10/29/23

## Missouri man chronicles losses on WWII submarines

AP By JIM SALTER | Associated Press – Sun, May 25, 2014

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Serving aboard an American submarine was one of the most dangerous assignments in World War II, with nearly 1 in 5 crew members losing their lives somewhere in the ocean depths.



Paul Wittmer of suburban St. Louis has spent years working to ensure that those men — more than 3,600 sailors — are remembered, including a book that has been years in the making.

Wittmer, a

submarine veteran who turned 90 last week, has conducted research for eight years at the National Archives at St. Louis, which houses millions of military personnel records. He compiled biographical information on every man lost aboard a submarine during the war. The research fills six volumes.

The painstaking effort even helped correct history. The Navy previously listed 3,505 submarine officers and sailors lost on 52 subs downed during World War II. Wittmer calculated a larger number — 3,628.

The duty was highly risky, Wittmer said, and about 20,000 men volunteered.

"When you go on a patrol, you are essentially alone," Wittmer said. "You didn't have any support group, and you went deep into the enemy harbor. You rescued people. You plotted enemy mine fields. That was a very nasty business."

Wittmer has been active in submarine veteran organizations, helping to get monuments erected to honor the dead. For years, he wanted to compile their life history in a book, but much of the personnel information wasn't available to the public. Wittmer tried Freedom of Information requests, but to no avail.

In 2007, the government made public personnel records for all veterans discharged as of 1945, the end of World War II.

"Mr. Wittmer was right there at the door waiting for us," said Whitney Mahar, the archives' research room manager, who says 10 to 20 people show up each day to do research. "He's very persistent, very serious about his research and what he's trying to accomplish."

Wittmer poured through thousands of documents, compiling information such as the name of each veteran, his date of birth and birthplace, parents' names, service dates and dates — or approximate dates — of death. In some cases, he was able to find photos of the men, who came from all across America.

Wittmer, who grew up in New York City, joined the Navy in 1942. Curiosity led him to enlist on a submarine.

"They had the best diesel engines, and I wanted to know about diesel engines," he said. "I actually learned quite a bit — how to operate them and take them apart and put them back together again."

After the war, Wittmer worked as an engineer in New Jersey and Connecticut. He moved the family to St. Louis in 1978 to work at Ferguson Machine Co.

Five years earlier, a fire at the archives destroyed records of thousands of servicemen, including about 80 percent of Army personnel discharged between 1912 to 1960 and countless Air Force personnel discharged from 1947 to 1964.

Fortunately for Wittmer and families of submarine veterans, the Navy records were intact.

The latest edition of Wittmer's self-published, six-volume set of the hardbound books, "United States Submarine Men Lost During World War II," was published earlier this year. It is coauthored with Charles Hinman, curator of the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum in Hawaii.

The set is available for \$300. Wittmer said the information in the books will not be posted on the Internet. Wittmer has sold 11 sets and donated one to the records center. He would like to get one in every state library and archive.

It wasn't easy, he said, but it needed to be done.

"It was labor-intensive," Wittmer said. "It was the equivalent of a 40-hour week job at my personal expense. But it was a labor of love, really."

#### **Appointed Positions to Fill**

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

Shipmates,

I am looking for a few good men to help USSVI and volunteer for Committee Chairmen and appointed positions in USSVI. These positions are:

National Chaplain – this shipmate should have some computer skills, chaplain or Ministry experience.

Binnacle List Manger- This position will require some computer skills and is a position to assist the National Chaplain with the Binnacle List posting on the National website and other duties to help the National Chaplain

National Lawyer- This is a new position and I am looking for a shipmate who is a lawyer

who can be the Corporate Lawyer for USSVI.

Investigative Committee Chair – I am looking for a shipmate with some legal experience to be our Judge Advocate General to put together an Investigative Committee on an as needed basis and to look into issues of concern for USSVI when required.

National Parliamentarian- This position will require a good working knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order, and possibly some legal or political experience.

The Corporate Lawyer, Judge Advocate general and Parliamentarian will become our new USSVI Legal team. All of these positions and candidates for these positions require USSVI E-Board approval by the USSVI C&Bs.

If you are interested in any of these positions please give me a call at 518-355-2119 or e-mail me at al@ssbn657.com Thank you in advance for your considerations.

Pride Runs Deep, NC Al Singleman, Jr.

#### **Vice Commander's Corner**

Submitted by: Frank Voznak

I am reminded that several months ago, at a regular base meeting, our Commander put out an appeal for all base members to try to donate \$100 towards the memorial fund by Dec 31. We have mentioned this previously. It may seem like a lot, and to some, it may be. But one way to look at it is it might be just one nights expense out on the town. My wife and I recently went and picked up a pizza from a local pizzeria. A small, thin crust with pepperoni came to over \$18.00. If we had stayed there to eat, with

drinks (non-alcohol - or not) and tip, the bill, for just the two of us, could have come in closer to \$30. Do that three times before Dec. 31, and it's close to a donation.

As an update, just recently, the Crash Dive Memorial Committee met with the like committee from the USS Chicago Base. We are going to try several different new approaches to continue to solicit donations. As of right now, we are closing in on the \$25,000 mark; still a long way from where we had hoped to be. With that, there is a way for everyone to help. If you care to, contact me, and I will send you a PDF file of our current flier and handout. The "flier" can be used as a small poster. Any time you go to your local restaurant, auto repair shop, or other, that you frequently or infrequently go to, consider showing the poster and ask if you can leave it there for the public to view. You might also want to ask if they would consider a donation to the memorial. \$100. -\$250. would work just fine. Whatever you think might work or aet. You do not have to handle any cash or checks, as the information to donate is on our website, and the address for the website is on the flier / poster. Also, earlier, Gary Walters who is a member of our base, met with us with an idea to have two scale models built of the memorial. to use in our fundraising appeals. We could use them if we meet with a potential donor who might get a better "feel" for the memorial, rather than using pictures or a drawing. That is one of our "new" considerations, having an actual

face to face meeting, rather than sending funding request letters. You can check our website at <a href="https://www.crashdivebase.com">www.crashdivebase.com</a> to check donation progress and view the donors list.

We are still waiting for approval from the City of Chicago, to install on the memorial site a signpost denoting "Future Site Of." That topic was brought up several months ago at a regular base meeting and we tried to initiate it right away, but it is apparently tied up with the engineers. The architects were on it, and applied for the necessary permits, but they need some engineering drawings to be able to finish with the city. However, I read an article recently in one of the local papers, that because of the signage on Trump Tower, Alderman Reilly, who has backed us in the past, is trying to get a resolution passed to prohibit certain signage along the Chicago River that mostly concerns businesses. However, there is one part that mentions "off premise" signs that may be affecting us.

I did finally hear back from Mr. Rolf Johnson on Oct 6. He promised to look into a potential donation from Kohler Co. towards the memorial. I have not heard anything since. Previous contact had been in May.

I am in the process of applying for a grant from the Illinois Dept. of Commerce, Tourism Bureau. I have to first receive a DUNS number before I can complete the application. I have written to National requesting any information

reply. I have also set up a Facebook page for the memorial, in conjunction with setting up an account with "GoFundMe," a crowd funding and fundraising website. Check it out and pass it around: the Chicago WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial: HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PA GES/CHICAGO-WWII-SUBMARINE-VETERANS-MEMORIAL/671774252929945?s KIP\_NAX\_WIZARD=TRUE&REF\_TYPE=B OOKMARK Don't forget to "LIKE." It is one of the GoFundMe requirements. Once we get past some of their other rules and requirements, we should be good to go. Any questions, feel free to ask at anytime.

pertaining to this and am awaiting a

Continue to support Greg Miller with providing for the USO, Navy Marine Corp. Relief, and Cobia work party's. Check with Greg if you have any questions.

Frank

#### The Typewriter

Leroy Anderson (1908-1975) was an American composer of short, light concert pieces, many of which were introduced by the Boston Pops Orchestra under the direction of Arthur Fiedler.

As with all his other compositions, Leroy Anderson wrote The Typewriter for orchestra, completing the work on October 9, 1950.

This particular orchestration was performed in a June 12, 2011

concert by members of the National Orchestra and Chorus of Spain in Madrid. The (typewriter) soloist is Alfredo Anaya. Watch his expressions and actions throughout the video...wonderful!

Many of the younger crowd who may see this video won't remember the ol' typewriter. But we geezers remember it well. That was a long time ago.

You will find this rendition absolutely delightful.

If you aren't at least smiling at the end, you REALLY MUST BE HAVING A VERY BAD DAY!

This is for all the ancients who remember what a typewriter was! Enjoy!

http://www.youtube.com/watch\_popu
p?v=G4nX0Xrn-wo&sns=em

## New York City Veterans Day Parade

Submitted by: William C. Andrea

All Hands: For the fourth year, USSVI has been invited to participate in the New York City Veterans Day Parade. The parade always takes place on Veterans Day, rain or shine. For a complete overview of the parade, go to <a href="http://americasparade.org/">http://americasparade.org/</a>. In order to coordinate with the parade organizers, we need to get the approximate number of participants, and a firm number of float participants. Please consider joining our ranks and promoting the United States

Submarine Service and USSVI in this monumental event. Please contact me as soon as possible by email (wcandrea@bellsouth.net) or phone (561-790-1287 or 561-389-3032) if you plan on marching or bringing a float. I will need to submit float information, including make & model of towing vehicle, approximate length of towing vehicle and float, and brief description of float. All vehicles must have proof of registration and insurance upon request and all drivers must be legally licensed for the vehicle they will be driving. Please don't drag your feet on this one. There are thousands of participants, and the parade organizers need as much time as possible top the lineup, staging, police, security, etc. Contact me at the above email or phone #'s for questions or info.

Let's make USSVI shine, and I hope to see you in New York.

Bill Andrea, NJVC

# Japan defense forces to ramp up support of American military



TOKYO -- Japan's Self-Defense Forces will provide more support to the U.S. military, including protecting American ships, under revised defense guidelines the two countries are negotiating.

An interim report on the revision was issued Wednesday at a meeting of senior foreign affairs and defense officials from both countries.

The new guidelines aim to reflect new threats posed by China's military expansion and maritime ambitions, as well as respond to America's strategic "rebalancing" toward Asia. North Korean nuclear missile development and the military use of space and cyberspace will also be incorporated.

The interim report calls for seamless defense cooperation from peacetime to emergencies. This marks a clear departure from the current guidelines, which spell out Japanese and American responsibilities separately for three circumstances: peacetime, contingencies in areas surrounding Japan, and emergencies involving Japan.

The existing guidelines cover cooperation in such fields as information collection, monitoring, reconnaissance, and facilities usage. The new ones will add protection of assets, such as American ships on guard against ballistic missiles; maritime security, which includes mine removal in sea lanes during a conflict; and air and missile defense.

Back in July, the cabinet reinterpreted the Japanese constitution to let the country exercise the right to collective self-defense. The revised guidelines will reflect this by outlining cooperation in cases where Japan can use force when an ally is under attack. Details will be included in the final report.

By stating that Japan and the U.S. will work together for global peace and security, the revised guidelines will make clear that they will cooperate even in situations not directly linked to Japanese security. The partners hope to revise the guidelines by the end of the year.

The guidelines were created in 1978 to deal with a possible attack by the Soviet Union and revised in 1997 in response to possible hostilities on the Korean Peninsula.

#### **2015 Scholaoship Program**

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

The USSVCF Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we are now taking request for scholarship applications from high school seniors and those who are in the freshmen to Junior year at college. If your a five year student program and your 23rd birthday is before 31 December 2015 you can apply also. Any Grand child from a USSV WWII, USS Thresher and USS Scorpion can also apply.

Last call for requesting a USSVCF Scholarship application is 15 March 2015. All scholarship applications must be in my Hands on 15 April 2015. Our Maximum scholarship is \$1500.00 and lowest is \$950.00. There were 34 scholarship given out last year (2014). You can request a scholarship package by emailing me at hogan343@aol.com and tell me your status as a high school senior or college student, and address to mail it to. Also you can contact me at hogan343@aol.com and tell me you school status as high school or college student and an address to mail it to. You can also down load from the USSVI web page at: https://www.ussvi.org/Documents.asp?Typ e=Scholarship|Application. If you do this use only the top three parts and do not down load the fourth one it will get you now where. If you have any problems please contact me and I will help you any way I can to get a scholarship package.

Thank you.

Paul Orstad Scholarship Chairman (23rd yr)

#### **Crash Dive Base Contact Information**

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#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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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 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? $\Box$ Friend, $\Box$	Boat Assn, □ Local Even	t/News, □ Internet, □ Other	()				
YOU	R U.S. NAVY BIOGRAF	PHICAL DATA					
Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY)/	If other military	service, What Branch?					
Highest Rate & Rank Attained:	Mil Retired (Y/N	N): On Active Duty?	Y (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.)							
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3.	Hull#	From Yr to	Yr				
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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