



"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. DECEMBER 20
 - b. JANUARY 17, 2015
 - c. FEBRUARY 21
2. Duty Cook Roster:
 - a. DECEMBER – CLAY HILL AND CHRIS GAINES
 - b. JANUARY – FIFTH ANNUAL CHILI DUMP
 - c. FEBRUARY – SEE YOUR NAME HERE; VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME
3. **December Birthdays:** Jim Anderson 1st; Greg Miller 10th; Charlie Kruger 15th; Ron Spooner 19th; Ed Dowling 19th; Allen Tuider 22nd; Pete Tzomes 30th; and John Stines 30th. 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.
6. Fiber arts groups (quilting, sewing, knitting, etc.) looking for a project might consider sewing pillowcases for the USO. See Minutes item 5.d. on page 2.

Crash Dive Meeting Minutes November 15, 2014

1. Attendees:
 - a. Clay Hill
 - b. Frank Voznak, Jr.
 - c. Ed Dowling
 - d. Rich Behnke
 - e. Ray Ratliff
 - f. Mary Miller
 - g. Greg Miller
 - h. Dick Anderson
 - i. Frank Walter
 - j. Larry Warnke
 - k. Tom Polzin
 - l. Herman Mueller
 - m. Chris Gaines
 - n. Glenn Barts
 - o. Ron Spooner
2. Meeting was called to order by Clay Hill at 1107 followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
3. Secretary's Report given by Chris Gaines. Frank Walter moved to accept; Dick Anderson seconded; vote was unanimous.
4. Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts. Savings \$1173.69; Checking \$4,687.58; Memorial Checking \$16,751.62; Memorial Savings \$5.00; Held by National \$5,240.00. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Ed Dowling seconded; vote was unanimous.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Newsletter – no news
 - b. Membership – Accepting dues payments. Send to Tom.
 - c. Charitable Service – next month Greg Miller will provide a plan for 2015.
 - d. Community Outreach – Greg Miller will visit Manitowoc tomorrow; keep donating toiletries; Mary Miller reported that on Thursday they delivered 65 more pillowcases for a total of 98. Awaiting information from USO about how many they need. Continue to spread the word; Mary has the dimensions and instructions. Hanover Park Senior Sewing Center and the Embroiderer's Guild have embraced the project. Glenn Barts will find out if the Thrift Store is accepting donations.
 - e. Hospitality – Toys for Tots boxes are here; will deliver after December 20 meeting; Wild Game Feast coming up in January.
 - f. Webmaster – recently updated; check from time to time.
 - g. Storekeeper – 2015 calendars for sale;

- ordering jewelry for stock and the Ball; has some dolphin car flags.
- h. Procedures – Two are written and approved by officers.
- i. Eagle Scout – Presentation coming up.
- j. Memorial – Attempting to file a grant request with Illinois Department of Tourism. Scale model builder at WMM is interested. Frank asked the architect about model builders. Referred us to a company in Chicago. Can view a sample before ordering. Frank created a Facebook page and linked it to GoFundMe. Reevaluating letter campaign with a review of the letter. “Future site of” sign pending a city permit.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. None.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Election
 - i. Accepting nominations from floor.
 - ii. Treasurer –
 - 1. Larry Warnke nominated Glenn Barts; Frank Walter seconded. Glenn agrees to serve if elected. Approved by acclamation.

- iii. Commander –
 - 1. Herman Mueller nominated Clay Hill; Frank Voznak seconded. Clay agrees to serve if elected. Approved by acclamation.
- b. Chris mentioned USS Illinois Commissioning Committee's crest contest and tax check-off request.
- c. Delivering presentation to NLUS Aurora Council on Tuesday.
- d. Submarine Birthday Party 2015 tentatively set for April 11 in Manitowoc. Greg notes that there is a base in Superior, WI that we should invite.
- e. USS Chicago Base has been using *Manitowoc Submarine* booklets for \$25 donations and *Freshwater Submarines* book for \$50 donations at fundraising events. WMM usually orders 500 copies of *Freshwater Submarines* per year. Frank Walter moved and Ed Dowling seconded to fund 500 copies for the WMM if they dedicate a portion of the proceeds to benefit the memorial.
- 8. Good of the Order item:
 - a. Eternal Patrol news:
 - i. Walter Murray

- ii. Paul Watkins
 - iii. Teddy Pierce
 - iv. Herman Mueller will research ordering more medallions. Frank Voznak moves to acquire six additional medallions. Glenn Barts seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- b. "Crash Dive" name appears to have been coined by a movie and has no historical basis. With the upcoming commissioning of the USS Illinois, it may be a convenient time to consider changing the base's name, or not. Another choice could be S-44 since it is the Illinois boat assigned by USSVWWII. Interesting idea, but sentiment leaning toward no change.
- c. Duty Cook
- i. December – Clay and Chris.
 - ii. January – Fifth Annual Chili Dump by Frank Walter and Larry Warnke. Chili donors include Ray Ratliff, Glenn Barts, Clay Hill, Sally Walter, Chris Gaines, and Linda Voznak.
 - iii. February – see your name here.

- iv. March – Corned Beef dinner by Chris Gaines and Tom Polzin.
9. Glenn Barts moved to adjourn, Rich Behnke seconded; vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 1308.

Lost Boats

USS Capelin (SS-289)	12/2/43
USS Sea Lion (SS-195)	12/10/41
USS F-1/Carp (SS-20)	12/17/17
USS S-4 (SS-109)	12/17/27

Eternal Patrol Notices

Crash Dive Shipmate **Paul Watkins**, Shelbina, MO, went on Eternal Patrol on October 26, 2014.

Paul joined the Navy in 1942. He qualified in submarines on the USS Gabilan (SS-252) in 1943 and was a TMC(SS) when he left the Navy in 1963. Sailor, rest your oar.

Crash Dive Shipmate **Teddy Wilkison**, Cuba City, WI, went on Eternal Patrol on April 15, 2014.

Teddy joined the Navy 1943. He qualified in submarines on the USS Flasher (SS-249) in 1944. He was a Lieutenant when he left the Navy in 1967.

Sailor, rest your oar.

Toys for Tots

Crash Dive is again collecting new, unwrapped items for the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program at our December 20 meeting. Help our kids.

Christmas Dinner Invitation

You're Invited !!

SUNDAY - DEC. 14th. - SILVER STALLION RESTAURANT, LEE & ALGONQUIN, Des Plaines, IL

1:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
2:00 PM FAMILY STYLE - BEEF & CHICKEN plus all the TRIMMINGS
3:00 PM Door Prize Raffle

Cost \$10.00 Pre Reserve or \$20.00 at the Door.
Send Reservation & Check to Gene Weisbecker, 8181 Hess Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525-5217

Bring a gift for Manteno and/or Fisher House.
Check made out to: Greater Chicago Chapter USSUBVETSWWII.

Seats Limited. Sign up EARLY.

Bob K.

Nuclear Sub Atmosphere Analyzer Could Save Lives

Wed, 12/03/2014 - 9:23am



Image credit: BAE Systems

[BAE Systems](#) and scientists from [The Open University](#) have worked together to design new atmosphere monitoring technology for the UK's future submarine program, based on lessons learned from the [European Space Agency's Rosetta Mission](#).

The analyzer continuously monitors the precarious environmental atmospheres

found on-board submarines and is capable of analysing dozens of gas species simultaneously with a response time of less than a minute.

This new atmosphere analyser far exceeds the capabilities of the current system and shares many of the attributes of the instrument that recently landed on a comet.

It needed to be much smaller and lighter than the current system and work in extreme environments, yet remain robust and operate for long periods with minimal human interaction.

The proven prototype analyser is now being developed for manufacture by Analox Military Systems after it was awarded a £1million contract from BAE Systems. The final system will offer a significant increase in performance, improved reliability and lower procurement and through-life costs.

Mark Scaife, an Engineering Manager at BAE Systems Submarines said: "Nuclear submarines are amongst the most complex machines ever devised, patrolling a hostile environment 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in some of the most remote places known to man. The Atmosphere Analyser is capable of giving real-time readings to crews so they can react quickly to any dangerous build-up of gases, an invaluable safeguard and one that can potentially save lives."

Martin Bean, Vice Chancellor of The Open University said: "The project is a great example of how the expertise and know-how of the best research groups in British Universities can be harnessed by British industry and Government

departments and applied into new areas that have significant national impact in strategically important areas. We are delighted that this work has been awarded a highly prestigious BAE Systems Chairman's Silver Award for innovation - a wonderful recognition of the project's success."

Mark Lewis, Managing Director of the Analox group said: "We are incredibly proud to be awarded this contract. Analox have been working with navies for over 20 years now and we are excited to be developing a product which will propel our relationships with navies for the next 20 years. The atmosphere analyser uses new exciting technologies to ensure we remain at the very forefront of the gas detection industry."

The system has been very successful in sea trials to date.

How I Became a Submarine Sailor

When I was young I decided to go to Medical School.

At the entrance exam we were asked to rearrange the letters PNEIS and form the name of an important human body part which is most useful when erect.

Those who said SPINE are doctors today.

The rest of us are retired submarine sailors sending jokes by email...



Treasurer's Corner

Submitted by: Glenn Barts

Hi Everyone,

The Numbers for the Base and Memorial fund will be noted elsewhere in the newsletter.

I usually don't write an article for the newsletter but a few problems have come up that need to be addressed.

First is the people do not always put the correct title on the check when sending in a donation. Checks should be made payable to the "Chicago Submarine Memorial Fund ". The Credit Union will not allow us to put money in if it doesn't have the proper title on the check.

Second is that donations should be sent to Chicago Submarine Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 27, Mazon, IL 60444.

By doing these two things it will be a lot easier for us to account for these much needed funds.

In closing please if you have not sent in your donation please do so ASAP. We are hoping for a \$100.00 from each Crash Dive Member. If you cannot afford that, anything would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You!

Glenn Barts, Treasurer

Boat Sponsorship Program Renewal Time

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman

Shipmates,

The 2015 Boat Sponsorship Program (BSP) renewal season is upon us. The Program Manager, Jack Messersmith (messer109@q.com or 928-759-9544) wishes to thank all who sponsored in 2014 and hopes that all of you will continue to do so in 2015. This is a great way to get the word out about USSVI and to support our magazine. The cost is \$30.00 per year (3 each of the 4 annual volumes) and you can add the current year's Submarine Veterans Calendar for seven dollars more per sponsorship. Both Bases and individuals are encouraged to become sponsors. There are 6 levels of Boat Sponsorship:

1. Special-1-2 boats, commands or locations.
2. Silver-2-3 sponsorships.
3. Gold-4 - 6 sponsorships
4. Platinum- 7-11 sponsorships
5. Diamond- 12- 20 sponsorships
6. Double Diamond-20+ sponsorships

You can contact Jack Messersmith at:
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Thank you for your support of the Boat Sponsorship Program.

Pride Runs deep,

Al Singleman, Jr. NC



CENTRAL REGION DISTRICT 2

COMMANDER'S CORNER: NOV 2014

It has been a WARM, and sunny summer since my last correspondence, and there are a lot of activities to report on.

The National Convention in San Mateo, California is now history. It marked our Organization's 50th year anniversary! WOW, where has the time gone?

COD base had a great Memorial Day celebration in Cleveland, Ohio, as did Escolar Base in Muskegon, Michigan. Visit their websites for more info.

Wisconsin Base and Great Lakes Base participated in Flag Day parades in June and again visit their websites for more info.

Hoosier Base has several parades that gets the USSVI Banner out into the public's eye, as does Columbus base, Peoria Base, and USS CHICAGO Base.

I am working on and with submariners in the Beloit, Wisconsin area to initiate a new base there. Kudos to Bob Fleck for his help in this endeavor.

The USS ILLINOIS (SSN-786), is being built at EB in Groton, Conn. And several of us are planning on attending the Commissioning in the summer of 2015.

As usual, I will give Certificates and booklets to all the Holland Club inductees of a base that I visit. This gives the families a chance to see where "Gramps" has been and some history of the boats he was on. Seems to be a big hit, so I will continue to do so.

Please pass on to our members, that I wish them a WARM, and Joyous Holiday Season. Keep the WWII guys in your prayers. They are dwindling fast and we owe them so very, very much.

And lastly, I want you to know that it is a joy and an honor to work alongside you all and I hope your 2014 is one to remember. Thank you for all you do for USSVI.

HIGH REGARDS:
VIC VANHORN D2/CDR

Navy: Women Secretly Filmed In Shower Aboard Sub

Meghann Myers, Navy Times, Dec 3

Some of the first female sailors to serve on Navy submarines were secretly recorded while they undressed. The women were recorded aboard the ballistic missile submarine Wyoming, which is home ported in Kings Bay, Ga. Navy officials are investigating an unidentified 24-year-old male who is accused of making and distributing the videos, according to a Nov. 14 incident report circulated among the service's most senior leaders. The sailor

was identified only by his rank: second class petty officer.

The videos are believed to show at least three female officers while showering or undressed that were recorded over more than a year, according to a source who has spoken to one of the alleged victims.

It amounts to a huge scandal for a community that has prided itself on an otherwise smooth integration effort, begun four years ago when women first entered submarine training. And it comes as the Navy moves toward its next milestones, integrating Virginia-class attack subs and then the enlisted submarine ranks.

A ballistic missile sub typically has 15 officers and 140 enlisted on board, with unisex heads in "officer country." When a woman is using the shower, for example, she puts up a sign to indicate the head is in use by a female officer, and men must wait to enter until it's unoccupied.

It's possible that the cameras caught both men and women showering, but the source in touch with an alleged victim believes only the videos of women were distributed.

Some of the women are upset with leadership's handling of the situation, citing a lack of sensitivity toward those affected.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is investigating, according to the unclassified incident report, which characterized the incident as a "privacy violation." But a retired supply officer who's in touch with at least one of the victims said this was more like a case of clear-cut "sexual harassment."

Lt. Leslie Hubbell, spokeswoman for Submarine Group 10 in Kings Bay, said the Navy would hold individuals involved accountable if the allegations prove factual but said it would be inappropriate to comment further while the investigation is ongoing.

Hubbell described the allegations as "criminal activity" and said they came to light last month.

"The Navy became aware of the alleged criminal activity in November 2014 and promptly began an investigation, which is ongoing," she said in a written statement.

Details of how many videos were made, how widely they were distributed, or how many women were filmed were not included in the message. The petty officer accused of filming and distributing the videos is assigned to Trident Training Facility, according to the incident report.

A report was initially filed after an officer on a different submarine received the videos, according to the retired supply officer.

The Wyoming was one of the first submarines to take on women in 2011, beginning with 12 female supply and line officers. The retired officer said this

incident should give women pause about seeking such jobs.

The videos' discovery comes just weeks before the Navy's next round of integration, the first time women will be assigned to Virginia-class attack boats.

In January, six female officers, two supply and four nuclear-trained, are set to report to the subs Virginia and Minnesota in Groton, Conn. Two Pacific Fleet submarines are due to be announced soon as the next round of subs to take on female officers.

There are now 14 crews with women on three Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines and four guided-missile subs.

Enlisted women are also scheduled to join the submarine force at large within the next few years. According to the Navy's integration plan, women will make up 20 percent of the enlisted crew on seven of the 18 Ohio-class submarines by 2020.

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Base Historian – Frank Voznak, Jr.



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)
(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