



"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. JULY 18
  - b. AUGUST 15
  - c. SEPTEMBER 19
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
  - a. JULY – LARRY WARNKE AND CHRIS GAINES
  - b. AUGUST – SEE YOUR NAME HERE
  - c. SEPTEMBER – SEE YOUR NAME HERE
3. **July Birthdays:** Ray Ratliff 4<sup>th</sup>; Paul Eory 14<sup>th</sup>; Cris Pascual 24<sup>th</sup>; Ed Para 28<sup>th</sup>; and Herman Mueller 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy Birthday Shipmates!
4. **Picnic** sponsored by USS Chicago and Crash Dive Bases to support our SVWWII shipmates is scheduled for August 8, 2015 at the picnic pavilion on the grounds of the Hines VA Hospital (same site as in previous years). Mark your calendars. **Contact Frank Voznak** with your **RSVP**; see Page 9 for his phone and e-mail information.
5. Special **gift baskets** for sale by Crash Dive Storekeeper Herman Mueller. See page 7 for more information.
6. **Need some beer money?** Our 12 annual members can pay ahead to avoid the 2016 increase in national dues. See the article on page 7.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes June 20, 2015

1. Attendees:
  - a. Glenn Barts
  - b. Tom Polzin
  - c. Ron Spooner
  - d. Frank Walter
  - e. Cris Pascual
  - f. Ed Dowling
  - g. Dennis Thezan (guest)
  - h. Greg Miller
  - i. Ray Ratliff
  - j. Frank Voznak
  - k. Clay Hill
  - l. Gus Yakes
  - m. Chris Gaines
  - n. Ted Rotzoll
  - o. Maurice Young
  - p. Dick Anderson
  - q. Herman Mueller
2. Meeting was called to order by Clay Hill at 1103 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a round of introductions.
3. Secretary's Report was given by Chris Gaines. Ray Ratliff moved to accept, Ed Dowling seconded; vote was unanimous.
4. Treasurer's Report given by Glenn Barts. Savings \$1,173.69; Checking \$2,868.70. Memorial Checking \$30,509.85; Memorial Savings \$5.00; Held by National \$5,240.00. Ed Dowling moved to accept; Dick Anderson seconded; vote was unanimous.
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Newsletter – no news.
  - b. Membership – still pursuing some dinks.
  - c. Charitable Service – Preparing for delivery of toiletries for USO. SubFest July 10-12 is a regional event; volunteers welcome to stand compartment watches; Chris Gaines moved to spend up to \$75 for a Table of Remembrance poster; Frank Walter seconded; unanimous. Glenn Barts reported on setting up a table at the Commissary to promote the memorial; will pick dates and asks for three volunteers to assist. Volunteers include Herman Mueller, Frank Walter, Maurice Young, Chris Gaines, Cris Pascual, offered to help.
  - d. Community Outreach – Always seeking complimentary toiletries from hotels.
  - e. Hospitality – Corn Roast August 20; good time for all, especially kids, and shows support for KSC.
  - f. Webmaster – Always good to check for updates.
  - g. Storekeeper – may sell stock in conjunction with Commissary table.
  - h. Procedures – Recent progress reviewing.
  - i. Eagle Scout – Participated in four recent Courts of Honor; planning more presentations.
  - j. Memorial – Awaiting reply from WTTW's Geoffrey Baer; Walter E. Smithe rejected our request despite encouraging

- wording on their Website; solicited local bank that is being considered; shipmates may contact Frank Voznak for literature to solicit their local businesses; upcoming meeting with Representative Jim Durkin to acquaint him with the Memorial and the USSVI Highway Recognition Project.
6. Old Business
    - a. Herman's feedback on Facebook progress. No news.
  7. New Business
    - a. WWII Picnic
      - i. Someone to take RSVPs. Frank Voznak will take RSVPs.
      - ii. SUGGEST salad or dessert.
      - iii. TAKE white elephant gift per person.
    - b. Dennis Thezan researched a Candlelight Bowl fundraiser; August 8 in Westmont; 1900-2100; can have raffle basket(s) (movie tickets, oil change, etc.) or silent auction. Consider deferring to February or March to allow time to create lots of baskets. Dennis also suggested a dinner-dance perhaps in October.
    - c. Dennis Thezan will research a list of VFW Posts in IL for a letter campaign.
    - d. Crash Dive has a presentation for the memorial available for groups and organizations that need a program speaker.

- e. USS Illinois Commissioning Committee
    - i. Donation check-off on IL state tax returns for 2015 and 2016.
    - ii. Launching
      1. Date deferred at request of White House; no alternate date offered.
      2. Chris Gaines to take names; NEED e-mail address.
  - f. IL Driver's License designation VETERAN starting July 1, 2015.
  - g. Dennis Thezan suggested researching [www.IndieGoGo.com](http://www.IndieGoGo.com).
8. Good of the Order item:
    - a. Thanks to Ted Rotzoll for a fine chili dinner.
    - b. SVWWII picnic will be August 8, 2015.
    - c. Duty Cook
      - i. June – Ted Rotzoll
      - ii. July – Larry Warnke and Chris Gaines
      - iii. August – see your name here.
    - d. RSVP meeting attendance plans to the duty cook.
    - e. Next Meeting is July 18, 2015 at KSC.
  9. Adjourn - Ted Rotzoll moved to adjourn; Glenn Barts seconded; Adjourned at 12:47.

## Lost Boats

USS S-28 (SS-133)	07/04/44
USS Robalo (SS-274)	07/26/44
USS Grunion (SS-216)	07/30/42

## USSVI HIGHWAY RECOGNITION PROJECT

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr

Shipmates,

As we are all aware a portion of our purpose in USSVI is to promote and make the public citizenry aware of the existence of and the history of the United States Submarine service.

To that end I am pleased to inform you that the USSVI Board of Directors has approved a Highway Project that each and every Shipmate, Base, District, and Region can be actively involved in supporting and pursuing. There are a multitude of levels that can be attained and it only takes one shipmate (while more can easily be involved) to make it happen.

The project is rather simple in scope which is to get local, county, state, and federal authorities to accept and put into action the naming of Highways as

### THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Each level of authority must be approached individually and the approach will differ with each state, although the federal system will be pretty much the same in each case. The federal highways are best approached by contacting your favorite

Congressman or Senator and getting them to initiate a bill making it happen in your area. The state highways would be similar in approaching a State Congressman or Senator and getting a Bill passed at the state level. The political contact approach is most likely the best way and less work for our shipmates.

Another manner of using the Highways and Byways is to contact the Department of Transportation at the various levels and getting your Base signed up and the signs posted that your Base has the responsibility for the "CLEANLINESS" of a particular part of a strip of asphalt, thereby giving your Base immediate roadside publicity, along with Burma Shave. This is known as the Adopt-a-Highway program. There are companies who do the cleaning by contract and they even provide a list of roads available for the signs and participation.

Consideration should be also given to the naming of Bridges, Overpasses, Underpasses, etc.

The object is to get our name into the public domain, to make people aware that we might be the "Silent Service", but we do not have to remain the "Invisible Service".

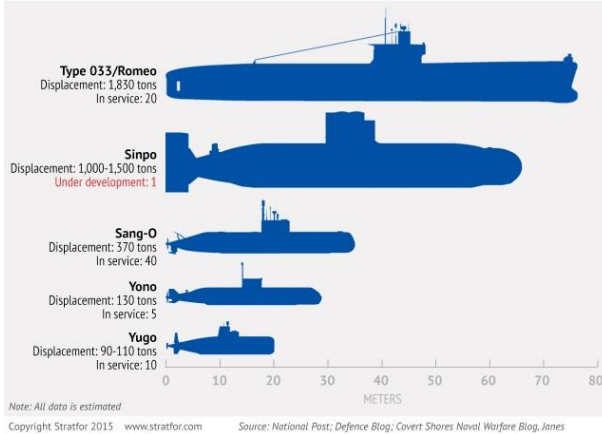
There is at least one Shipmate in every Base who is looking for something to do, just ask, you could get lucky.

Submitted by:  
T Michael Bircumshaw  
Past National Commander 2010-2014

# North Korea's Submarine Problem

StratFor; May 19, 2015 | 19:23 GMT

## NORTH KOREAN SUBMARINES



## Analysis

North Korea recently tested its new KN-11 submarine-launched ballistic missile, part of a program to develop weapons technology beyond ground-based systems.

Submarine-launched ballistic missiles would give North Korea two distinct advantages. First, they would extend the reach of North Korea's missile systems, theoretically enabling it to strike targets outside of ground-based missile range. Second, submarine-launched missiles, because they are offshore and mobile, would give North Korea a second-strike capability, allowing it to retaliate against attacks on its land-based nuclear bases and launch pads.

These benefits assume, however, that North Korean submarines have two important characteristics:

sufficient size to carry ballistic missiles and an adequate level of endurance, or the amount of time a vessel can remain at sea unsupported.

The smallest submarine to ever carry a submarine-launched ballistic missile is the Soviet Zulu IV-class. It displaces approximately 2,000 metric tons of water carrying its one to two nuclear ballistic missiles. It is also heavier than the Type 033, currently North Korea's largest model. Pyongyang will need bigger vessels in the future to carry one to two missiles in an operational capacity. To carry more would require a new and entirely different class of submarine.

Submarines would also need to be able to continue without support long enough to reach targets beyond the range of land-based missiles. In order to fulfill a second-strike role, vessels would need to be deployed for months far from vulnerable ports and be ready for counterattack. Even with modifications, North Korea's Type 033 submarines cannot meet these endurance requirements.

Without an adequate submarine, the resources Pyongyang is investing in new missile technology will not improve the capability of its existing land-based missile program, and a suitable ballistic missile submarine would take several years to complete. Until then, the missiles under development will not provide the major benefits associated with a submarine-launched system.

## Wanted: New Associate Editor-Advertising for the America Submariner

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr.

Your American Submariner is produced each quarter by myself and two associate editors. We need to immediately fill a vacancy for one associate, the Associate Editor-Advertising. The position DOES NOT HAVE TO WRITE (so you can keep reading!!) for the magazine. But what he (or she) does do is keep track of the advertising space we sell for each issue and make sure I have the right ones when I start the production each quarter.

To do this, an applicant needs knowledge of Microsoft Word (letters to advertisers) and Excel (where we keep track of each advertiser's account and payment history.) This job is vital to the magazine and ensures I have the correct ads for each issue and advertisers are paying for their space. The shipmate who does this job must have both Word and Excel software programs on their computer.

We can't do all this for free. The current Associate Editor-Advertising, with my input, came up with a rate schedule for selling ads including approved specific discounts available to advertisers. Using this schedule, the Associate Editor receives & records ad payments. Checks are deposited or mailed to the American Submariner Treasurer.

If you can help USSVI by being a vital part of the American Submariner team, contact me no later than July 30, 2015. And don't worry that we'll dump you into this cold. Our current Associate Editor Diane Singleman will provide a detailed turnover.

Chuck Emmett, EDITOR  
[American-Submariner@cox.net](mailto:American-Submariner@cox.net)  
623-478-2653

## Combined Submarine Veterans Picnic

**Date: August 8 @ 1000 hours**

**Location;** on the grounds of Hines VA Hospital. 5000 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hines, IL. 60141. Enter off Roosevelt Rd. @ 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. South bound-to security gate and ask Guard for direction to "Pavilion".

### **Many family activities to enjoy!**

Bring a White Elephant type gift wrapped in newspaper for the famous card game.

Freshly cooked Bar-B-Q favorites, chilled salads and more on the menu.

- USS Chicago Base providing main meal
- Crash Dive Base providing Beer and Water
- Any desserts or salads or condiments brought in will be appreciated

We will be paying tribute to all our WWII Veterans.

Please RSVP on/or before August 5, 2015 to Frank Voznak; contact information on Page 9.



## 2016 National Dues

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr.

Shipmates,

Some of you are starting to send in National Dues for 2016. The Board of Directors voted for a \$5.00 dues increase for 2016 to cover the increased cost of the American Submariner Magazine. This dues increase does not take effect until January 1, 2016. If you pay your 2016 National dues during 2015 you DO NOT have to pay the \$5.00 increase. 2016 National dues paid in 2015 are \$20.00 and the current multi-year discounts are still in effect. There is no change to the Life Member Rates. Dues after the convention (Sept. 13, 2015) will be \$5.00 for the last quarter of 2015 and \$20.00 for 2016 because the dues increase is not in effect yet! Pass the word around, renew now or before the January 1, 2016 deadline and save \$5.00.

Pride Runs deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

## SK Gift Baskets

Submitted by: Herman Mueller

We are introducing 4 gift baskets that are now available for sale at \$20 each. Each basket features an assortment of jewelry and a small box of chocolates. Whether it is a birthday, anniversary, or just saying "I love you!" our Gift Baskets are ready to give, for your shopping convenience.

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Order yours by contacting Crash Dive Storekeeper Herman Mueller; his contact information appears on Page 9.

## 2015 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION PITTSBURGH, PA SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2015

The 2015 Submarine Veterans National Convention is on schedule and ready to go.

Starting with the Labor Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh. The parade forms in front of our host hotel The Westin. USSVI members who are in town can feel free to march in the parade and showcase our organization.

The rest of the week is exciting and eventful. There will be a chartered bus trip and SSMC ride to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA on Tuesday. The golf outing at the Lakeview Golf Course and concluding with the Welcome Aboard Party at the Westin Hotel.

Crash Dive Base  
Rondout - Lake Bluff, IL

On Wednesday, we present the Duquesne Incline and National Avery tour, Strip District Walking Food tour and a fun filled Brewery tour.

Thursday is the fabulous Dinner Cruise on the Gateway Clipper.

Friday is special, with the 9-11/Tolling of the Boats Memorial Service followed by touring the USS REQUIN and The Carnegie Science Center. Walking Food/Brewery Tours have been added to complete your daylight enjoyment. A Pittsburgh Pirate baseball game has been added in the evening.

Saturday has the annual Film Festival and concludes with the USSVI Awards Banquet.

An extra attraction will be the WWII LST 325. She will be docked on the Ohio River just forward of the USS REQUIN SS-481 from September 6-9, 2015.

Pittsburgh has a wealth of cultural attractions and points of interest to explore at your leisure. So if you have a hobby or something special you wish to pursue, take time to check it out before you arrive.

Check out our convention website for all the details  
[www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org](http://www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org)

We are anxious to see all of you at what promises to be a very special National Convention.

## **All The Wacky Submarine Terms You Never Knew You Wanted To Know**

Submitted by: Len Wass

*(This note was circulated prior to a reunion that CAPT Wass is hosting in Chicago. Ed.)*

**In preparation for our Subbie Reunion, and to help others better understand submarine terminology. Best for men's eyes because of terminology used.**

<http://foxtrotalpha.jalopnik.com/all-the-wacky-submarine-terms-you-never-knew-you-wanted-1708297555>

## **Navy's New Missile Submarine**

Submitted by: Len Wass

Good interview with RADM Tofalo who is in charge of Undersea Warfare for the Navy. Just click on the link below:

(Defense News) Rear Adm. Joseph Tofalo, director of Navy undersea warfare, on core missile sub requirements.

<http://www.defensenews.com/videos/defense-news/2015/05/03/26838979/>

**Buying Subs Better Than Having Funds Misappropriated: Thai PM**  
[Staff, Defenseworld.net, July 8](http://www.defenseworld.net)

Defending the proposed purchase of Chinese submarines, Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha has said that state funds can be



better utilized in purchasing the three subs than leaving it open for misappropriation.

The Prime Minister's comments yesterday quoted in the Thai media have kicked off a storm in Thailand as it implies loose check over state finances and the possibility of corruption.

Amid questions raised by some experts about the wisdom of buying Chinese submarines as they feel the nation's navy is well off with surface ships and the funds allocated (US\$1.1 billion) for the purchase can be used for a national healthcare project, the Prime Minister has defended the proposed purchase as necessary for the country's security adding that the procurement will take several years and an adequate budget will be earmarked for the project.

The purchase proposal is yet to reach the cabinet for consideration.

The submarines will not be used to wage war, but they can make other countries "stand in awe of us", Prayut Chan-o-cha was quoted as saying by the Bangkok Post daily.

Protection of trade routes and territorial disputes are just some of the things the navy has to think about in planning maritime strategies and missions, he said.

"If we don't buy submarines, don't we need to protect those routes?" Gen Prayut asked reporters.

"Or do you want to keep the money to be misappropriated by some people?" in response to several articles in the Thai media that questioned the purchase.

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**Base Historian** – Frank Voznak, Jr.



# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

- I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (Yr)  
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)
- I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in \_\_\_\_\_ (Yr)

**Name:** (Print /Type) \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Your E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Base/Chapter Desired:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Please indicate your term preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 90.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 55.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 20.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 25.00  
 Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00  
 Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Crash Dive Base dues are \$15 annually.

How did you find USSVI?  Friend,  Boat Assn,  Local Event/News,  Internet,  Other (\_\_\_\_\_)

## YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

**Date Of Birth** (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **If other military service, What Branch?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Rate & Rank Attained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mil Retired (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_ **On Active Duty? (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_

**YR entered Mil Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YR left Mil Service** \_\_\_\_\_ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

Check here if your Military Service falls within these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946; June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7,1975; and Aug 2, 1990 to date.

Check here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next of Kin: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, Parent, Other)

**Addr:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

Upon completion, give this form, including your National and Base membership dues to the appropriate base officer, or mail to: Crash Dive Membership Chairman Tom Polzin, 12463 Foxtail Ln, Huntley, IL 60142; Cell 847/867-8668 Fax 847/669-2444