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 15**
   b. **AUGUST 19**
   c. **SEPTEMBER 16**

2. **Duty Cook Roster**:
   a. **JULY** — **GLENN BARTS**
   b. **AUGUST** -- SEE YOUR NAME HERE!
   c. **SEPTEMBER** – SEE YOUR NAME HERE!

3. **July Birthdays**: Ray Ratliff 4th; Paul Eory 14th; Cris Pascual 24th; Ed Para 28th; and Herman Mueller 31st. Happy Birthday, Shipmates!

4. Meet the public at **farmer’s markets** and other events to raise funds for our WWII Memorial. It is great fun to wear your vest and chat with passers-by. Sign-up today by contacting Greg Miller (see contact info on Page 9).

5. **Picnic** – See details on Page 7.

6. **USS CHICAGO Base Invitation**: All shipmates interested in attending our August 5 meeting at the Tinley VFW are invited.

   We will be paying tribute to Vic Van Horn as he moves to AZ. We welcome everyone who wants to attend but we need a head count for food purposes; **BarnacleBill1948@sbcglobal.net**.
Crash Dive Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2017

1. Attendees:
   a. Clay Hill
   b. Greg Miller
   c. Ed Dowling
   d. Maurice Young
   e. Frank Voznak, Jr.
   f. Vic Van Horn
   g. Jan Van Horn
   h. Frank Walter
   i. Larry Warnke
   j. Ted Rotzoll
   k. Herman Mueller
   l. Glenn Barts, Sr.
   m. Chris Gaines

2. Meeting was called to order by Clay Hill at 1105 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, and a round of introductions.

3. Secretary’s Report was given by Chris Gaines. Herman Mueller moved to accept; Ed Dowling seconded; vote was unanimous.

4. Treasurer’s Report given by Glenn Barts. Savings $1,173.69; Checking $3,769.22; Sub Memorial Checking $74,659.31, Savings $5.00 and held by national $54,094.70. Frank Walter moved to accept; Ed Dowling seconded; vote was unanimous.

5. Committee Reports
   a. Newsletter – Posted on Webpage.
   b. Membership – no news
   c. Charitable Service – no news
   d. Community Outreach – Keeping Cobia healthy. Supporting SubFest.
   e. Hospitality - Corn Roast in late August. Great family event.
   f. Webmaster – Check regularly for new info, especially the newsletter.
   g. Storekeeper – no news
   h. Procedures – no news.
   i. Eagle Scout – Conducted two Courts of Honor recently; very well received.
   j. Memorial – Paver information is posted on the Memorial Website. Still working to reconcile with national office.
      i. Progressing with $5000 donation from Wargaming.net.
      ii. Continuing conversation with Chicago Navy Memorial committee.
      iii. Relocated water-tight door per general contractor’s request.
      iv. Local 15 verbally committed to a $5,000 donation.
   v. Fundraising event June 24 beer tasting 1500-2000; Gary Meyer’s home, 450 North Marley Road, New Lenox.
   vi. Tom Sasgen reports another $1,080 raised from various public market booths.
   vii. Verbal commitment from Bret Zacher’s son for a $5,000 donation to be matched by his employer Exelon.
   viii. Rockford WWII days September 23 and 24. We are committed to the Civil War show.
   ix. Need a few volunteers for SubFest for inside museum table staffing. Wear caps and vests. Need base volunteers to support this function.
   x. Need volunteers to explain our project to VFW and American Legion posts with respect to pavers.

6. Old (Unfinished) Business
   a. None discussed.

7. New Business
   b. Senator Karen McConnaughay replied to Ted Rotzoll’s letter regarding specialty license plates. A legislator must propose a bill. If approved, must
receive 1500 signatures of people who would buy it. Attempted for USS ILLINOIS unsuccessfully.
c. District Commander Vic VanHorn inducted Larry Warnke and Glenn Barts into the Holland Club.
d. Vic VanHorn reviewed national convention sponsorship coordination with the national office.
e. Our Central Region District Two Commander position is open. Interested shipmates can contact Vic to throw their hats into the ring.
f. Frank Voznak noted that we have some dolphin statues, books, and other gear suitable for fundraising.
g. Glenn Barts reported on a conversation with the PAO Community Outreach at the Naval Base. Graduation remains at RTC. Getting on-base requires two-week prior registration.
h. Larry Warnke stated that Franzia Wines is a staunch supporter of Fischer House and donates a portion of the proceeds.

8. Good of the Order item:
a. Thanks to Larry Warnke, Ed Dowling, and Frank Walter for a tasty lunch.
b. USS LING is up for salvage in New Jersey. WI Maritime Museum may try to salvage the deck gun.
c. Chris Gaines mentioned the upcoming meeting of the 786 club on July 12 in Chicago.
d. Duty Cook
   i. June – Larry Warnke, Frank Walter, and Ed Dowling.
   iii. August – SEE YOUR NAME HERE!
e. Next Meeting is July 15, 2017 at KSC.


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Lost Boats

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

Chicago WWII Submarine Memorial Fundraising

Legacy Pavers are available for ordering. Honor your service, your boat, a family member’s service, your VFW post, your company.

See www.crashdivebase.com for information and an order form.

Special location for corporate donations of $5,000 and up.
On a Tiny Norwegian Island, America Keeps an Eye on Russia

VARDØ, Norway — The population of the Arctic island of Vardo has shrunk to half of what it was 20 years ago, and the fishing industry that sustained its residents for generations has mostly collapsed.

But the local power company, citing a mysterious surge in electricity demand, began work last month to increase energy supplies, laying a thick new cable in a tunnel under the icy waters that separate the island from the Norwegian mainland.

The new electricity cable, along with the recent appearance of earth-moving equipment atop a rocky plateau overlooking Russia across the sea, points to one business that is flourishing in this part of the Arctic: snooping on Russia’s expanding fleet of nuclear submarines armed with ballistic missiles in the Barents Sea.

The extra electricity is needed to power an American-funded radar system under construction on an island in sight of the Kola Peninsula, a frigid Russian territory studded with high-security naval bases and restricted military zones.

President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia has made strengthening his country’s military and economic role in the Arctic a priority. He has vowed to make Russia the dominant player in the high north as climate change opens up new shipping routes from Asia to Europe, new gas and oil prospects and a new arena for great power rivalry.

The bedrock of Russia’s Arctic ambitions, said Katarzyna Zysk, an associate professor at the Norwegian Institute of Defense Studies, is the role of the region in Russia’s nuclear deterrence and naval strategies. At the center of these is the Borei submarine, a new generation of strategic weaponry that can carry at least 12 ballistic missiles, each armed with multiple nuclear warheads.

The first of at least eight Borei class submarines that Russia plans to build, the Yuriy Dolgorukiy, is now part of Russia’s Northern Fleet. Russia operates more than 200 submarines, including six Delta IVs armed with multiple ballistic missiles, from a string of bases on the Kola Peninsula, which is just 40 miles across the churning sea from Vardo.

“This place is very, very important for America and for the Western world so that they can keep an eye on what the Russians are doing,” said Lasse Haughom, a former mayor of Vardo and a veteran of Norway’s military intelligence service.

“Russia wants to look into our secrets, and the United States and Norway want to look into their business,” Mr. Haughom added. “That is the way the game is played.”

The game began in Vardo in the early stages of the Cold War with the construction of a primitive early warning radar. But instead of calming with the end of the Soviet Union more than a quarter-century ago, this perilous contest has now entered a new and, for Russia, alarming stage with the start of work in Vardo on a sophisticated new radar system known as Globus 3.

The joint American-Norwegian radar project, which will cost hundreds of millions of dollars and consume substantial amounts of electricity, has infuriated Moscow, which sees it as part of a Pentagon drive to encircle and contain Mr. Putin’s resurgent Russia. The Russian ambassador in Oslo, Norway’s capital, recently warned Norway
that it should “not be naïve” about Russia’s readiness to respond.

“No one has to believe that after becoming an outpost of NATO, it will have to face head-on Russia and Russian military might,” the ambassador, Teimuraz Ramishvili, told Norway’s state broadcaster, NRK. “Therefore, there will be no peaceful Arctic anymore.”

The new radar system at Vardo will merely upgrade an earlier American-built radar system and continue its mission, Morten Haga Lunde, the chief of Norway’s military intelligence agency, said in a cryptic statement last year. That mission, he added, is to track space debris like defunct satellites and to “monitor our national area of interest in the North.”

But Russia’s generals and many Norwegians have dismissed the space-trash story. They say they believe that the new Globus 3 radar is part of the Pentagon’s efforts to develop a global missile-defense system, making it a prime target for attack in the event of a conflict.

“Russia views Vardo as a high-value target,” said Lt. Col. Tormod Heier, faculty adviser at the Norwegian Defense University College in Oslo. “In a crisis it will be one of the first places to be blown up.”

What most alarms Russia, he added, is that a role for Vardo in missile defense would severely undermine Moscow’s last indisputable claim to great power status — its nuclear arsenal and the ability to launch a retaliatory second strike from its submarine fleet in the Arctic.

Mr. Putin has put missile defense at the top of a long list of grievances against the United States, telling reporters in St. Petersburg on June 1 that the American program “destroys the strategic balance in the world.”

Vardo’s mayor, Robert Jensen, said he saw no reason for alarm and supported the new radar project because of the jobs it would generate. “I never thought that Russia will start World War III here,” he said.

Residents, he added, are far more bothered by the closing of fish processing factories than by the arrival of yet another American radar.

Dan Tore Jorgensen, a reporter with Vardo’s local newspaper, Osthavet, said that was true up to a point. But he said open discussion had been hindered by a “vow of silence” about what was really going on up on the plateau, which is sealed off by security fences and dotted with “keep out” signs declaring in English, Norwegian and Russian that the area is a forbidden military zone.

Though the current radar system is operated by Norwegians, he said that Vardo’s main hotel is often filled with American technicians and spies masquerading as bird watchers.

Aksel Robertsen, a 34-year-old fisherman, said Vardo badly needed jobs to keep the population of about 2,100 from further shrinking and was grateful to the military intelligence operation for providing work.

But walking through the crumbling, waterlogged ruins of the fish processing plant where he worked as a young man, Mr. Robertsen cursed the authorities for treating Vardo “like the Belgian Congo,” a dependent territory that provides labor but has no real say in, or even knowledge of, its fate. “We want to live off fishing, not secret radars,” he said.

The secrecy surrounding the radar systems has spawned fears that officials are covering up health hazards and other possible dangers.

The electromagnetic pulses emitted by the current radar system interfere with television and radio reception and have
been blamed by some residents for a rash of miscarriages and cancer cases in a civilian district next to the fenced-in security zone.

Mr. Haughom, 72, the former mayor and intelligence veteran, dismissed the health worries. “I worked on the site for nearly 30 years, even inside the domes when the transmitter was on and, well, I’m still alive,” he said.

May-Sissel Dorme, one of three women on a single street near the radar system who suffered miscarriages in 2000, said she was not sure whether radar radiation played a role but was certain about one thing: “If war breaks out we will be the first place the Russians bomb,” she said.

The United States insists that its plans for missile defense aim only to counter the missiles of “rogue” states like Iran and North Korea.

All the same, Russia, which is far weaker than the United States in conventional military forces, views American efforts to develop a missile shield as a direct threat to the one area in which it can still compete — nuclear deterrence.

“There is a new Cold War but it is more threatening than the old one because Russia is so much weaker, and because of that much more dangerous and unpredictable,” Colonel Heier said in an interview in Oslo. “The risk of nuclear war is much higher now than in the old Cold War when the Soviet Union had a whole range of different weapons.”

Theodore Postol, a radar expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said putting a high-powered radar like Globus 3 in Vardo “makes no sense if the main goal is tracking space junk.” He said that a far more likely role was monitoring Russian missiles.

Mr. Postol said he doubted a missile-defense system would ever really work, but added that Russia had good reason to be anxious, despite Pentagon assurances that the United States was not trying to weaken Moscow’s nuclear deterrent.

“If you have a neighbor walking up and down the fence line with a shotgun, he can tell you it’s not loaded but it raises all kinds of questions about his intentions,” Mr. Postol said. “It creates the appearance that the United States is doing everything it can to gain intelligence about new Russian missiles and figure out all the measures it can to counter them.”

But Ms. Zysk of the Norwegian Institute of Defense Studies said that “compared to the scope, and pace, of the Russian military buildup in the Arctic, the strengthening of the Norwegian intelligence gathering capability is a rather modest move.”

Suspicions that the radar systems in Vardo have little to do with monitoring space junk have been heightened by a series of statements over the years by American officials that seemed to contradict the official line.

In an account posted — and then deleted — from its website, Raytheon, the manufacturer of the previous Globus 2 radar system in Vardo, said it “was originally designed to collect intelligence data against ballistic missiles.”

Bard Wormdal, a journalist with Norway’s national broadcaster who lives near Vardo, has written a book, “The Satellite War,” charting gaps in the official story. In an interview, Mr. Wormdal said he understood that “intelligence is difficult to discuss in public” but worried that the extreme secrecy and obfuscation surrounding the radar systems were creating a “separate state within the state.”
**Combined Submarine Veterans Picnic**

August 12, 2017 1000 Hours

- USS Chicago Base provides the **meats**
- Crash Dive Base provides **liquid refreshments**
- SVWWII provides **desserts**
- Guests are encouraged to take their **favorite side dishes or chilled salads** to share.

Location; on the grounds of Hines VA Hospital. 5000 S. 5th. Ave. Hines, IL. 60141 (Enter off Roosevelt rd. @ 5th. 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.

SVWW II, USS Chicago and Crash Dive base members, Please RSVP on/or before August 9, 2017.

Thank you, Barnacle Bill
USS Chicago base fundraiser / function coordinator
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**Passing Dolphins**

*SUBLANT Public Affairs, Navy.mil, July 11*

**The Dolphins**

I wait patiently in a dimly lit ball room as crowds gathered around tables are called to stand. The few lights that offer illumination seem to gather on me as a camera flash suspends the proceeding moments in time.

My chin is held high with pride. My eyes are affixed without blinking and the greeting waves around me stop in motion. Those in attendance cheer as I receive my recognition, honoring a Navy tradition practiced by countless submariners before. The glint of gold light spills off of me as I take my place center stage.

I embody a level of professionalism and knowledge to which only those in the submarine force know the extent of. I know the full might of the submarine as a weapon, from its bow to its stern, and the damage control actions necessary to save her when called to. My crew mates instantly recognize me at a glance, as well as the captain, knowing that they can trust me with the safe operation of the boat.

I didn’t know the name of the man joining me on the stage until it was called out, but for him to be here, I know he has been tested, tried and found worthy. I am present in recognition of this achievement.

He is qualified.

I am the dolphins of the United States submarine force and have been pinned countless times since my inception was cast into silver and gold 93 years ago.

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**The Submariner**

The significance of this ceremony was not lost on Lt. j.g. Jeremy Brown, as he stood at attention while the commander of the submarine forces pressed the golden pins into the breast of his uniform. The son of a submariner, Brown knew he would need to call his father first to tell him the news.

"It was a great honor," said Brown. "As soon as I could, I told my dad about it and he wanted the pictures. He got the opportunity to embarrass me a little bit. They recently held the USS Ray reunion, which is one of his submarines, and they came aboard and toured John Warner. So I talked to his old submarine buddies and they brought it up..."
and talked about it. So it's just been humbling."

Brown enlisted in the Navy in 2004 and earned his enlisted submarine warfare "Dolphins" pin prior to being selected for the STA-21 program and attending the University of South Carolina. He now serves as the assistant operations officer aboard USS John Warner (SSN 785) and has earned a special set of the gold dolphins.

"The silver enlisted dolphins and the gold submarine dolphins are a little bit different," said Brown. "Enlisted dolphins mean that you can save your shipmates and the officer dolphins mean that you can fight the ship in times of war. They both have a lot of significance to me. I wouldn't compare one to the other, but I am very proud of both."

"For those future qualified officers who find themselves standing in front of the submarine community during the birthday ball, please enjoy it, appreciate what it means, and share the memory," imparted Brown.

"It was a great honor, but also very humbling," said Brown. "It gives a personal connection to USS Thresher. Every submariner knows how significant the loss of the Thresher was and how it changed how we operate and think about submarine safety, so just being able to wear the captain's dolphins makes it personal and that much more important to me.

**The Legacy**

When USS Thresher (SSN 593) sank below the surface for the final time in April 1963, the commanding officer, Lt. Cmdr. John "Wes" Harvey was wearing one of his two sets of dolphins. The other was left behind with his wife, Irene.

Six years later, Irene Harvey decided to pass those dolphins on to her niece's husband, Ted Hack, when he graduated from submarine school. Ted Hack, who retired as a captain in 1997, would pass the dolphins on at the Thresher 50th anniversary ceremony held in remembrance of the boats sinking. They were then passed to Lt. Chris Miller, the most recently qualified submariner at the 2013 Submarine Birthday Ball in Washington, D.C., with the condition they be passed on to the newest qualified submarine officer every year after. This year they were passed to Lt. j.g. Jeremy Brown.

The Thresher Dolphins, as they have become known, rest with the newest submarine officer, carrying on the mission of protecting our undersea domain, the mission that Lt. Cmdr. Harvey began 54 years ago.

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**Pardon Request Denied For Former Groton Sailor In Submarine Photos Case**

*Julia Bergman, The Day, July 11*

The Justice Department has denied a pardon request from a former Navy sailor currently in prison for illegally taking pictures on a nuclear attack submarine.

Kristian Saucier, 30, is about nine months into his 12-month sentence at the Federal Medical Center at Fort Devens in western Massachusetts for being convicted of one count of unauthorized retention of national defense information, a felony.

Jeffrey Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's Law School in Texas, who said he is offering his services pro bono, submitted petitions for a presidential pardon and clemency on behalf of Saucier in January. Addicott also had to submit an application to waive the required five-year waiting period before anyone convicted of a federal offense is eligible to apply for a presidential pardon. That period starts from the time someone is released from confinement.
The waiver was denied, but the clemency request still is pending. The response from the Office of the Pardon Attorney says that the office has concluded it would "not be appropriate" to grant a waiver in Saucier's case.

"We do not believe that Mr. Saucier's circumstances in this regard are so unusual as to justify a waiver of the waiting period. Waivers are infrequently granted and then only for particularly compelling reasons," the response says, in part. "It may ultimately be to Mr. Saucier's benefit to wait the full five years to demonstrate that he has become fully rehabilitated and is a contributing member to society."

Addicott said the response from the office, which is dated May 30, 2017, and unsigned, wasn't sent to him and was sent instead to a lawyer who previously worked on Saucier's case. He initially thought the letter must be fraudulent but later was able to authenticate it once he received a copy.

"This is extremely unprofessional and indicates not only a shocking level of incompetence at the Office of the Pardon Attorney but signals clearly that our hard work received a only pro forma look and never got out of that office to the Department of Justice or to President Trump," he said.

Addicott also pointed to remarks made by Trump during a televised interview in late January with Sean Hannity of Fox News, indicating that he was "looking at the case." Addicott said he asked Hannity to bring up Saucier's case during the interview.

Saucier was a machinist's mate aboard the USS Alexandria when on at least three different occasions in 2009 he used his cellphone camera to take pictures of various technical components of the submarine's nuclear propulsion system while it was docked at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton.

During Saucier's sentencing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Vanessa Richards, a prosecutor for the case, said the photographs documented the submarine's entire propulsion system. "The technology that's documented in these photographs is, quite literally, an engineering and a scientific wonder," she said.

The government sought a sentence of 63 months in prison.

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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.”

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