



Publication for members of USS Illinois Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

'What was what' at USSVI National Convention

The 2017 Annual USSVI Convention is now over. It wasn't as well attended as they had hoped, but Hurricane Harvey and then Irma didn't help with attendance. The USS Illinois Base was well represented with Tom and Kate Ramsay, Phil Owens, and Bob and Rita Fleck. The convention was both fun and informative.

age is over, we can only bring in new Associate Members who have served in the military (any branch) between Aug. 2, 1990 and present. (Note: USSVI announced a new enrollment strategy following the convention. See page 9 for details.) Total membership in September in 2016 was at 12,942, and 12,700 this September.

Phil Owens sworn in as USSVI District 2 Commander during the recent USSVI National Convention in Orlando, Fla.



A highlight of the Business Meeting was the swearing in ceremony for Phil Owens, the Illinois Base's immediate past commander, who took the oath of office as USSVI's new District 2 Commander. Phil's

territory includes Bases in Illinois and Wisconsin. We wish him well as he takes on this prestigious role.

Here are some other highlights from the convention:

- **USSVI's membership** is still short 138 war veterans. Until this short-

- Attendees saw snapshots of **USSVI's new Website**. It is user friendly, and has more capabilities such as searching for "any" sub sailor, not just USSVI members. To make this happen USSVI has taken over the data collection program, "Deck Log." Base commanders asked for an opportunity to review and test the site before it was opened to the membership. USSVI agreed. The site will be opened to all members in the next two months.

1. The change will require a change of your logon to make

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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 accomplishment. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

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Tom Ramsay
USS Illinois Commander
MS1(SS), USN Retired

Of all the branches of men in the forces there is none which shows more devotion and faces grimmer perils than the submariners.

-- Winston Churchill

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I am honored to be elected as your new Commander. For those who don't know me, I retired from the Navy after serving 21 years--18+ of which I served aboard submarines. I am a longtime member of USSVI, and in the early 90s served as commander of the Great Lakes Base. But, so much for me.

I want to get to know you better. Life sometimes gets in the way, and some members find it hard to attend our meetings. As you know, we meet at noon on the first Saturday of each month at the Mustang Grill & Bar in South Beloit. You'll find good food, but more importantly, you will find good friends and even better sea stories awaiting you.

Fun welcome

Each Commander officiates in different ways. Those who know me understand my love of sea stories, and know that above all, I encourage and welcome "fun." If there is anything that Bubbleheads know is how to find "fun," -- or does it find us?

You'll find I have a more relaxed method of operation; plus, I look for the opportunity to involve as many of you in our meetings and overall organization. I look forward to hearing your suggestions on:

- How to improve our meetings and member attendance.
- Type of speakers/programs you would like to see at the meeting?
- What type of meeting format do you like best?
- What kind of social events and/or activities would you like to see for you and your family?
- Would you like to have allocated time at the meeting to share a fun story or two?

- How can we best raise money to improve our treasury?

After all, it is your meeting. I care what you think.

Membership important

If you are involved in other veteran groups, you know that membership is not just a USSVI or individual base problem. All veteran groups face the same dilemma—our memberships are aging, and we need younger blood. USSVI's goal is not to pull people away from other organizations, such as the American Legion, Viet Now, etc., but to engage those who wear dolphins to recognize the value of participation in USSVI as well.

At this upcoming meeting I would like to spend time talking about membership, funding requests, and the charitable goals of USSVI. We have before us a number of requests for donations: 1) 50th Anniversary Memorial Service for the Scorpion, 2) the Chicago & Crash Drive's Manitowoc Memorial fund, and 3) plight of the museum boat USS Ling (SS-297), 4) and local charitable requests.

Plan needed

As a new base, we still have limited assets and need to wisely look for ways to help our fellow submariners, while looking for ways to build our own treasury. USSVI's creed speaks about helping fellow sub sailors, as well as honoring those on eternal patrol. Ways we can impact our communities best is through, not only dollars, but through volunteer support. Let's get ready to kick off 2018 with a viable plan in place.

I hope each of you can be at this meeting, as we have some important issues to address.





Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Phil Owens, Base Commander.

17 members present: Phil Owens, Tom Ramsay, Chuck Mongan, Bruce Pickering, Kate Ramsay, Bob Bates, Terry Elmeier, Bob Fleck, Joe Jones, Jim Helsell, Richard Martin, Renee Martin, Wayne Orrison, Kep Preble, John Stines, Bruce Weigel

Guests present: Rudy Kaurt, Archie Holte, Jan Spence, Sherman Buetsch, & Rick Kolk (Rockford Vet Center)

Invocation by Chaplain Chuck Mongan.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence by Base Commander.

Oath of Office Ceremony: CDR Phil Owens administered the Oath of Office for our new base officers: CDR Tom Ramsay, VCDR Chuck Mongan, Treasurer Bruce Pickering, and Secretary Kate Ramsay.

Immediate Past CDR Report: Phil Owens reported he was asked to run for a USSVI opening as District 2 Commander to replace Vic Van Horn, who is moving to Arizona. District 2 is being divided into two regions to make the area more manageable. The Base's new District 2 area will consist of Illinois and Wisconsin. Phil is running unopposed. He asked members who have not yet voted, to do so. Ballots were made available.

Commander's Report: CDR Tom Ramsay thanked members for their attendance at today's meeting which mark's the Base's 2nd Anniversary. In appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Phil Owens to the USS Illinois Base, CDR Ramsay presented Phil with a Plaque of Appreciation, honoring our Base's first commander.

Tolling of the Bells. The names and number of lost were read by Dick Martin. The bell was tolled by Renee Martin.

Introductions of members and guests.

Minutes of the July 1, 2017 meeting read by Past Secretary Bruce Weigel. Motion made to accept the minutes as read by Phil Owens, and seconded by Dick Martin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Past Treasurer Tom Ramsay. June's beginning balance was \$698.48. With \$323 in deposits, we ended the month at \$1,021.45. Motion by Dick Martin to accept the report as presented, and seconded by Chuck Mogan. Motion carried.

Other reports.

Other reports suspended to allow time for a special Anniversary Celebration at the end of the meeting.

Old Business.

- **Parade Updates:** Dick Martin invited members and their families to join us for the 100th Centennial Parade in South Beloit on Sept. 26. Riders and walkers welcome. We also need volunteers to carry the Base's new banner. Dick encouraged everyone to be on the lookout for other parade opportunities in their areas.
- **Subfest Overview.** Members shared their personal experiences at Manitowoc's 3rd Annual Subfest in July. The overall attendance showed 2,000 to 2,200 people toured the USS Cobia, with several USS Illinois Base members serving as guest tour guides. Bruce Pickering shared his reunion highlights of the USS Baya, which was held in conjunction with Subfest festivities.

New Business.

- **Veteran Banquet.** Dick Martin announced that the 77th Annual Veterans Banquet, sponsored by the Winnebago County Veterans Association will be at Giovanni's in Rockford, on Nov. 4, 2017. The cost is \$30 per person. More information will be coming.
- **Guest Speaker.** Rick Kolk, Outreach Program Specialist, Rockford Veterans Center. Rick explained

that the Veterans Center, a part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, offers health, administrative, and a full-range of benefit information and resources important to veterans and their families. The Rockford Vet Center is located at 7015 Rote Rd. He welcomes veterans to contact the Center for any assistance or support they might need.

- **Next Meeting.** There is a date conflict with the Base's September meeting due to USSVI's Annual Convention. The membership voted to cancel the September meeting. The next meeting will be October 7. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Good of the Order.

- Rudy Kaurt and Archie Holte welcomed sub vets to join them for their monthly luncheon gathering of **WWII Submarine Veterans**. This group has been meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at Backyard Bar & Grill in Loves Park, at noon. Rudy, a Pecatonica resident, served aboard the Manitowoc boat, the Lizardfish. Archie, a member of USSVI's Peoria Base, served on the US Gabilan (SS-252) and the USS Blue Fin (SS-222) as a Gunner's Mate. He lives in Machesney Park.
- A fundraiser for Aiden Dunn, a local boy, was held at Mustang's the day of the meeting. Aiden had undergone several brain surgery's thus far, and was expected to undergo yet one more. Hearing his story, members collectively donated \$120 in lieu of the regular 50-50 raffle and presented the proceeds to the family on behalf of the Base.

Meeting Adjourned. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m. following a closing prayer by the Chaplain. Motion carried.

2nd Anniversary Celebration. Members celebrated the Base's 2nd year with an Anniversary Cake donated by Dave and Jan Spencer. We have grown from 9 members on our charter date to 25 members today.



USS Illinois Base making a difference



Dave & Jan Spencer proudly march with our new Base Banner.



Dick Martin, our parade master extraordinaire, who creates memories for us all.

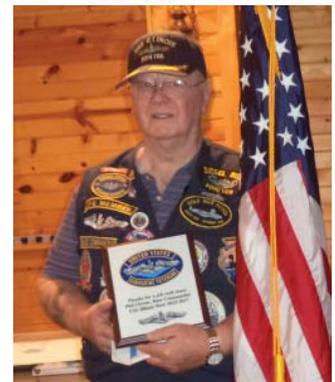
Salute to parade participants (lt to rt) Donald Bosetti, Bruce Pickering, Phil Owens, and Chuck Mongan.



Honoring South Beloit on it's 100th Birthday on Aug. 26, 2017. Proud to be representing South Beloit veterans.



Base CDR Tom Ramsay



Happy 2nd Anniversary USS Illinois Base!





NEWS from NATIONAL

War Veteran Dates

War Veterans are defined as those serving 12/7/1941 thru 12/31/1946; extended through July 25, 1947 for veterans in service on 12/31/1946; June 27, 1950 thru 1/31/1955; 8/5/1964 thru 5/7/1075, but the period begins on 2/28/1961 for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period; and 8/2/1990 through today.

No dues for active duty personnel joining USSVI for first year of their membership

By John E. Markiewicz
USSVI National Commander

(9/8/2017) -- Earlier this year the Board of Directors authorized a change to our membership dues that: "Any active duty member of any of the armed services who wish to join USSVI as a regular or associate member will not be charged dues for their first calendar year of membership."

This new policy had been placed on hold until the new website went live, however, with the latest delays to that happening, we have decided to implement it effective immediately for the 2018 calendar year.

This means any active duty person who joins for 2018, commencing immediately, will not be charged dues until or unless they renew in December 2018. Their dues will be listed as paid in full until December 31 of 2018.

There are some restrictions:

1. An application must be sent to the National Office as usual.
2. They will not receive a membership card until their first renewal in December 2018.
3. They will receive only the electronic version of the American Submariner.

Note from your Commander

The above is a great recruiting tool for any active duty military (from any branch) interested in joining as a qualified submariner or as an associate member. This policy change is extremely important as a means for National to solve our War Veterans Status, which impacts Bases in accepting tax free donations. As you know, our War Veterans Status is defined

by dates outlined by Congress.

USSVI is short 138 War Veterans. Let's see if as a Base we can help our organization in seeking out new members, either submariners or friends of submarines.

CAUTION: Please carefully note the wording in USSVI's email – "will not be charged for their first calendar year of membership."

DO NOT reword that statement.

Memorandum of Understanding USSVI & Groton Base

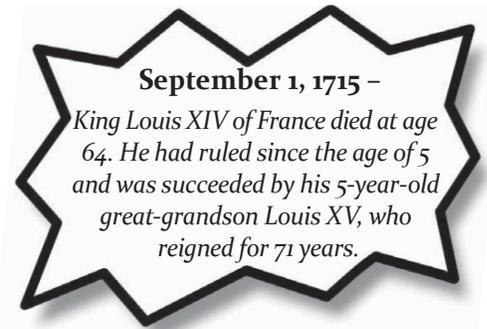
By John E. Markiewicz
USSVI National Commander

(9/27/2017) -- This morning, Wednesday the 27th of September 2017, Jeff Walsh, Groton Base Commander, and I signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) spelling out our agreement on how the Joe Negri Clubhouse and the Bar operation existing therein will be operated and managed in the years to come.

This MOU was negotiated and approved by the Board of Directors of USSVI and the Executive Board of the Groton Base after being reviewed by the attorneys for both Boards to ensure that everything contained therein is legal and proper.

We are moving forward with a spirit of cooperation and look forward to a successful and positive business relationship in the clubhouse and bar operation.





Drones set to fly beneath the sea

WASHINGTON POST (Washington, D.C.) -- Airborne drones have been over the skies of battlefields, why not below the ocean's surface, reports the Washington Post in a recent article.

"The Navy recently opened up a competition for unmanned submarines that can navigate autonomously. Chicago-based Boeing has

taken an early lead in the fledgling market developing a 51-foot-long vessel called the Echo Voyager to compete for the contract, and last year it bought a company called Liquid Robotics that focuses on smaller unmanned subs.

"Bethesda-based competitor Lockheed Martin is also competing.

Banger sub flies Skull & Crossbones

FOX NEWS excerpts (Bangor, Washington) -- If you want to become front-page news around the world, ask the USS Jimmy Carter, a Seawolf-class submarine how it's done?

On Sept. 13, 2017, this submarine, designed to conduct covert sea operations, was spotted flying a "skull and bones" flag beside the American flag as it headed home through the Hood Canal in Washington state.

"The black flag emblazoned with skull and crossbones is of significance, says Scottish journalist Ian Keddie, who posted one of the photos on Twitter. The tradition of flying it dates to 1914, during World War I,

when a British submarine, the HMS E-9, sank the German battle cruiser Hela. When the boat returned to port, Lt. CDR Max Horton raised the iconic pirate flag to signal that its crew had sunk an enemy warship. British naval fleets have honored the tradition sporadically ever since," Fox News reported.

Speculation spread across the globe with posts wondering the significance of the USS Carter's act.

"Awe" . . . the silent service at its best. It could have meant nothing, something, or was just for fun. We will never know—"gotta love the submarine service."

Recruitment dilemmas

NAVY TIMES (Vienna, VA.) -- Recruiters today face a unique challenge with the millennial-generation having "no memories of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists' attacks on New York and the Pentagon."

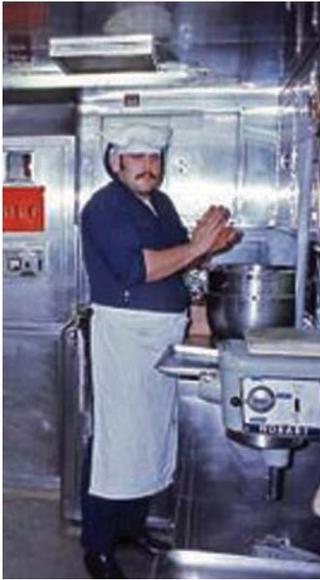
"More people enlisted in the military in the 12 months following the Sept. 11 attacks than they have in any of the 16 years since," reports

Tara Copps. "During fiscal year 2002, which started three weeks after the attacks, 181,510 enlisted in the active-duty ranks and 72,908 joined the enlisted reserves."

Today's recruiter finds some young recruits following their family military heritage, but most choose to serve for "the opportunity to travel and the ability to pay for school."



Ramsay joins Holland Club



16 Patrols on USS Tecumseh .
Meet the night baker.

Another USS Illinois Base member, Tom Ramsay, of Pearl City, Ill., joined the Holland Club ranks this year.

Like many young men in the mid-60s, Tom enlisted in the Navy upon the arrival of his third draft letter.

He went to the Army recruiter in Chicago in December 1965 with his letter in hand, only to find all the Army recruiters out to lunch. The Navy recruiter spotted him, and said “Join the Navy. If you join the Army you will be in Viet Nam in six months.” So, he joined the Navy, but as no surprise, he ended up in Viet Nam six months later.

Before joining the Navy he attended Washburn Trade School’s culinary arts program (only one of two chef schools in the country at that time), and was working in Chicago’s Playboy Club when he was drafted.

The Navy sent him to San Francisco for his physical in the Oakland area, forcing him to walk over protesters to enter the building. He was shipped to San Diego for boot camp to join Company 069. During his 8-week boot camp, they were reducing camps to 6 weeks. The problem was, during the transition, they lost track of companies 068, 069 and 070. “We spent 13 weeks in boot camp,” Ramsay recalls.

He was “highly encouraged” to join the submarine service. “You have training as a cook. If you join as a steward on a submarine, you’ll cook for officers.”

Unlike the typical sub sailor, he by-passed Sub School and was a direct input to the USS Halibut SS-587 in Hawaii. To Ramsay’s puzzlement, the boat’s skipper, CAPT Hank Clay, later transferred him to the USS Tecumseh SSBN-628 (the T-Cup), the boat on which he qualified. Coming

back from his first West Pac, on the T-Cup there was a change of command—the new skipper was CAPT Clay. Ramsay moved from the Pacific to the Atlantic with the boat, and holds the record with 16 patrols.

The Stewart rate was a frozen rate, he explains. After missing only two questions on the test where he passed but was not advanced (*only two Steward’s in the entire Navy were advanced*). CAPT changed his rate from a TS to a CS. He moved to E5 quickly, but then the Navy combined the Steward’s and Cook’s rates, creating an MS (Mess Management Specialist).

The rate refroze again. “I believe I was the longest E5 in captivity,” he said.

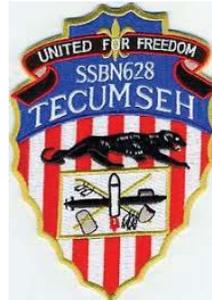
From the T-Cup he saw his first shore duty in 10 years. He was sent to the Naval Ammunition Depot in Hawthorne, Nev., to cook for Marines. NAD Hawthorne was turned over to the Army 9 months after he arrived—so much for shore duty, it was back to the boats.

He was the Lead Petty Officer for his division on the T-Cup, and did the same for his next two boats, the USS

Omaha SSN 692, and the USS Indianapolis SSN 697.

“With the MS rates still frozen, the CO of the Omaha meritoriously promoted me to an E6,” he explains. “I was doing the job of an E6 already.”

His final duty station was at Great Lakes Hospital Corpsman School, where he managed the girl’s dorm. After retiring in November 1985, he went back to school and earned an Associate Degree in Business Management. He then cooked for a Convent for Nuns, and later was the Food Service Director at Marmion Military Academy in Aurora, Ill.



Tolling of the Bells for Lost Boats

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country."



AUGUST

USS S-39 (SS-144) lost August 13, 1942 on her 3rd war patrol when it was destroyed after grounding on reef south of Rosel Island in the Louisiade Archipelago. The entire crew was able to get off and onto a reef, and was subsequently rescued by HMAS Katoomba.

USS Flier (SS-250) lost August 13, 1944 during her 2nd war patrol when she struck a mine while riding the surface in the Balabac Strait area of the Philippines. Fourteen of 68 crewmen escaped the sinking boat, but only 8 survived the subsequent long swim to reach shore. Protected by local people, the men were evacuated at the end of the month by the USS Redfin (SS-272). Loss of 60 crew.

USS Harder (SS-257) lost August 24, 1944 when was sunk off Caiman Point, Luzon during her 6th war patrol during a depth-charge attack. Loss of 79 crew.

USS Bullhead (SS-332) lost on August 6, 1945 on her 3rd war patrol when she fell victim to a depth charge attack by a Japanese Army plane in the West end of the Lombok Strait. Loss of 84 crew.

USS Cochino (SS-345) lost on August 26, 1949 after a battery explosion and fire forced her to be abandoned in the Norwegian Sea. The nearby USS Tusk came to her rescue. Loss during rescue opera-

tions: 1 crew member from Cochino and 6 from the Tusk.

SEPTEMBER

USS S-5 (SS-110) lost on September 1, 1920 during sea trials when she accidentally sank 40 miles off the Delaware Capes. The crew escaped through a hole cut in her hull in the tiller room. All crew escaped. Refloated, she was lost when she sank again five miles from the accident point while being towed by the battleship USS Ohio. Metal from the hole rests in Navy Memorial Museum.

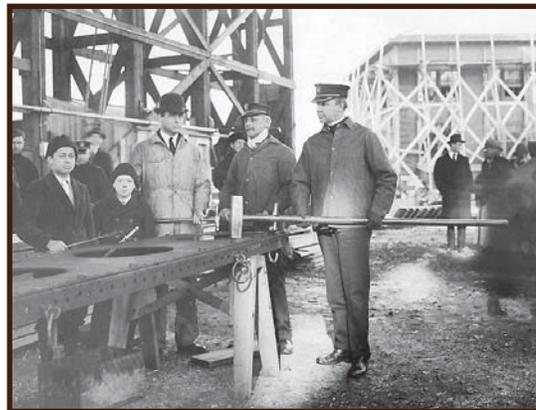
USS S-51 (SS-162) lost on September 25, 1925 when it sank after colliding with the SS City of Rome off Block Island, Rhode Island. Loss of 33 crew.

USS Grayling (SS-209) lost on September 9, 1943 on her 8th war patrol when it was sunk in or near Tablas Strait, Philippines. Her loss remains a mystery. Loss of 76 crew

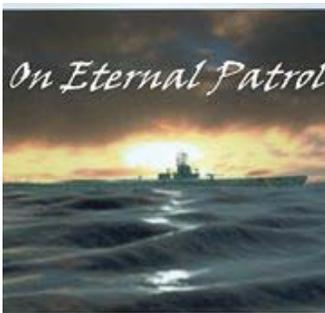
USS Pompano (SS-181) lost on her 7th war patrol, possibly on September 17, 1943, when it was sunk off the northeast coast of Honshu. The exact cause is unknown. Loss of 77 crew.

USS Cisco (SS-290) lost on September 28, 1943 on her 1st war patrol when it was sunk

in the Sulu Sea west of Mindanao Island group in Philippines. Based on Japanese reports, Cisco appears to have unknowingly had a leaking fuel tank that created an oil slick trail. On a calm sea, this "trail" enabled a combined air and surface antisubmarine force to locate and sink her. Loss of 76 crew



Keel laying of the S-5 (SS-110) at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Kittery, Maine, Dec. 4, 1917.



More from Convention floor



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it unique. There are a lot of “jsmiths” now, so your USSVI logon (user name) will become your email address on the new system. This change also will allow USSVI, District Commanders, and Base Commanders to broadcast bulk email to members. Bases will need to get information to those who don’t have emails.

2. The Website can now be easily accessed and used by all Browsers, Macs, phones, iPads/Tablets, etc. You also can download into Excel.
- Due to problems involved in inter-changing date files, **no Base name changes** will be allowed going further.
 - Contributions for support, such as the **Hurricane Relief**, etc. can be made through the Charitable Foundation. These donations are tax deductible, since the Foundation is a 501(3)C. Checks can be either as individuals or as a base.
 - Cost for the printing and mailing of the **American Submarine Magazine** is increasing. Members are encouraged to sign up for electronic delivery. The magazine downloads as a PDF file allowing you to print your own copy.
- **2018 Convention** will be October 21-28, aboard a Holland American Line cruise for a cruise in the Western Caribbean. It will depart from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Meals and shows included. The cost will be as low as \$669 per person. Visit <http://www.ussvicruise.com> for details.
 - The **2019 Convention** will be in Austin, Tex.
 - With low attendance in Florida this year, the Board is looking at ways to restructure conventions, such as negotiating with hotels to give discounts for all boat reunion attendees. Other ideas are being researched.
 - The National CDR encouraged Bases to donate to the \$99 for 99 (men lost on the Scorpion). National authorized a donation of \$990 for 50th Anniversary of the Sinking of the Scorpion. Donations should be sent to USSVI’s Charitable Foundation.



Mark your calendar for the next USS Illinois Base, USSVI, meeting.
We meet monthly on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Next USSVI Illinois Base Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2017
Time: Noon
Location: Mustangs Bar & Grill
 482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular Life Associate

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

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

I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ - _____ **Tel:** (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your E-Mail Address _____ **Base/Chapter Desired:** _____

Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____
Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 115.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 70.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 25.00;
 (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 30.00
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. Consult the local base for those figures.

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

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) _____

Associate Applicant is: Veteran Spouse of Veteran Other (specify) _____

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 if your Military Service falls within any of 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 from August 2, 1990 to date.
- Check 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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Upon completion, please deliver to: Your Base Chapter Secretary, or if you do not know of a base location near you,
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