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## An amazing life & fulfilling career

Young Wayne Orrison joined the Navy in 1965 to ride submarines. The Navy took him on a few side trips, however, on a fascinating career that lasted 21 years.

Wayne grew up in a military family, with a dad who was a Navigator/ Bombardier in the U.S. Air Force. "As a kid, I attended 17 schools," he recalls. He never made it overseas with his Dad, even though they went through "all the shots" in preparation for an upcoming overseas billet. However, his dad went to Japan without the family.

The mid-60s were a decisive time for many young men. Wayne decided not to follow his dad into the wild blue yonder, choosing the deep blue sea instead. His folks, while proud of his decision to enter the Navy, were understandably nervous as well. His dad's plane was shot down by the Germans, and he spent almost two years in a prisoner of war camp.

Wayne, then a resident of Tucson, Ariz., went to the recruiters and told them he wanted to be on a submarine. "They had appeal and excitement for me," he explains.

So, after boot camp, the Navy sent him to a WW11 cruiser, the USS Galveston (CLG3). He was a seaman apprentice and spent three months as a mess cook. The Chief of the Mess Hall came to him and said he was being sent elsewhere. My submarine career was on its way, he thought.

Not so. He was sent to the fleet under something called PSI . . . Pre-School Indoctrination so he could be exposed to sonar. The Galveston did not have any sonar, so he was sent to the USS Sutherland (DD-743), a WW11 destroyer. He made a West Pac to Vietnam on this

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Senior Chief Wayne Orrison (lft) was inducted into the Holland Club in May by Phil Owen.



**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

Our young base may still be small in numbers, but we can be “Big at Heart” and make a lasting impact on our communities. As your new Commander, I would like to make my mark at helping the USS Illinois Base spread the word about our organization throughout northwest Illinois and southwest Wisconsin.

The back of USSVI’s 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin, says it all for me: “Friendship, Remembrance, and Compassion.” All submariners are friends for life—a very unique experience from other veterans. Our creed is tied to remembering those who have gone before us, as well as saluting the valiant dedication of all sub vets, and those on active duty. And finally, compassion—something each of us can give on our own or as a group.

An outcome of my goal hopefully will be that we can attract local submarine vets and friends to our Base. Our presence in community activities through individual or group volunteerism only adds to our recognizability throughout our region.

To help accomplish these goals, I am looking for volunteers to serve on a special Base Task Force. I am calling it the “Idea Task Force,” because I want it to become the brains

behind our success. I’m not asking for a lot of your time, but only a “lot of ideas.” The Task Force can meet anytime, anywhere between meetings—even by phone if you prefer. No idea is too small, too unattainable, or too off the wall.

I started this conversation about “ideas” at the last meeting, and I want to thank those of you who shared your ideas—they give us a good starting point.

What ideas are we looking for? (Here are some examples)

- Base fundraising opportunities.
- Wearing USSVI hats, shirts in public and carrying business cards with you.
- Getting involved in local community charitable events.
- Seeing booth and/or parade opportunities to help spread the word.
- Getting involved in USSVI youth programs, such as the Boy Scouts & Kaps 4 Kids.
- Seeking speaking opportunities at such groups as Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, ROTC programs, etc.

We have had a remarkable year thus far, thanks to many of you offering your time, donations, and enthusiasm to the Base. Your generosity will not be forgotten.

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**Meeting called to order** at 12:04 p.m. by Tom Ramsay, Base Commander

**14 members present:** Tom Ramsay, Bruce Pickering, Kate Ramsay, Richard Martin, Renee Martin, Jim Helsell, Kep Preble, John Stines, Connie Stines, Jim Helsell, Dave Spencer, Don Bosetti, Terry Elmeier, Joseph Jones.

**Guests present:** Jan Spencer, Josh Pickard, and Terry Johnson (Chattanooga-Carbonero Base, TN)

**Tolling of Bells Ceremony:** by Dick and Renee Martin.

**USSVI Creed** read by Bruce Pickering.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Invocation** by Associate Chaplain Connie Stines.

**Introductions** of members and guests.

**Minutes.** Secretary Kate Ramsay explained minutes were sent earlier to members in both the Base newsletter, as well as an email attachment. With this advance communication, going forward minutes will not be read at the meeting. Extra copies will be available prior to meetings if needed. She passed a form to members asking about their computer communication capabilities, and if they required mailed documents. A motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed by Dick Martin, and seconded by Kep Preble. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** by Bruce Pickering, who gave individual reports for August and September.

August. Beginning balance \$1,021.45. After a check for \$96.53 for our banner cleared, our end of month balance was \$924.92. September. Beginning balance of \$924.92. After a deposit of \$90 for dues, our end of month balance

was \$944.92. Terry Elmeier made a motion to approve both reports, seconded by Don Bosetti. Motion carried.

**Commander's Report.** USSVI's Associate Member moratorium is still in place until USSVI's wartime veteran numbers increase. We are short 138 wartime veterans, which prohibits USSVI donations from being tax deductible. USSVI has a program in place to pay 2018 dues for first year membership for active-duty military (any branch). In addition any veteran who served during Congress' war veteran dates is eligible to join.

**Membership Report** by Acting Membership Chairman Kate Ramsay. Current membership stands at 26.

**Chaplains Report.** None.

**Storekeeper's Report.** None.

**Event Coordinator Report** by Dick Martin. Parades this year were successful. Dick ask members to share ideas about locations we can set up a booth to promote our Base at community events. Much discussion took place with ideas about Brat Stands, meat sales, etc. It was suggested that we develop tent cards and/or bookmarks that could be distributed. Kate Ramsay said she could help with the design.

**Old Business.**

**Fairbanks Morris Tour.** Bruce Pickering provided an update. The plant has been in the middle of union negotiations. Now these are resolved, Union Reps are again pursuing our request to tour the facilities.

**Program.** Dick Martin introduced our guest speaker, Pastor Bob Theroux, Chaplain for Rockford's VetNow. Pastor Bob, a licensed ordained minister and chaplain for several organizations, discussed the Christmas for Vets program he stated in 2001. The group reaches out to numerous people and organizations in the area to provide gifts (lap blankets, cookies, crew socks, Christmas cards, and above all friend-

ship) to area veterans in rest homes and other senior institutions. They visited 1,400 vets last year and delivered more than 28,000 cookies. They serve Winnebago, Boone, and Ogle counties in Illinois, and the Beloit area in Rock County. They are asking for volunteers to help them deliver Christmas gift packages and spend a few minutes greeting area vets.

**New Business.** CDR Ramsay explained the Base has received several funding requests from other sub vet groups. While our Treasury is still in its infancy, it is up to the Base on what, if any, donations the Base would like give. Much discussion followed.

- USSVI has donated \$990 to the USS Scorpion's 50th Anniversary Family Reunion slated for 2018. Bases were encouraged to donate \$99 for the 99 lost if they can. Kep Preble personally donated \$99 on behalf of the Base to the USS Scorpion.
- The USS Ling (SS-297) in Hackensack, NJ, has received national attention to its deteriorating condition at the New Jersey Naval Museum. A motion was made by Dave Spencer and seconded by Dick Martin to send \$50. Motion carried.
- Terry Elmeier explained the Crash Dive/Chicago Base memorial to be placed in Chicago. Bruce Pickering personally donated \$50 on behalf of the Base. Dick Martin made a motion, seconded by Joe Jones for the Base to send an additional \$50 for a total \$100 donation. Motion carried.

**Raffle.** Joe Jones won the 50-50 Raffle. He donated it back to the Base. Base deposit \$65.

**Adjournment/Next Meeting.** Motion made and carried to adjourn at 1:22 p.m. following a closing prayer by Pastor Bob Theroux.

Next meeting Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 at Mustang's, South Beloit, IL, at noon.

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## Treasurer's Report

Bruce Pickering  
USS Illinois Base Treasurer

It's USSVI dues time again for both National and the Base. National annual dues for members and associates are \$25 per year (3-year terms are available for \$70 and 5-year terms available at \$115). USS Illinois Base dues are \$10 per year.

I will be available to accept 2018 National and/or Base dues 15 minutes before and after the November, December and January Base meetings. You may also mail me a check for your dues made out to "USS Illinois Base" before January 6, 2018. Send it to my attention at 1702 Calumet Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. Bases cannot accept credit card payments.

I encourage you to pay your dues early, rather than waiting for the last

minute. According to the USS Illinois Base By-Laws:

*Article 2, Section 2:*

*"National and Base Dues are due and payable on or before January 1st. A non-renewed member will be considered in arrears. National annual dues not paid by 31 January results in a member being dropped from all USSVI National and Base Rosters. Base dues not paid by those who are NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS on or before 31 January are lapsed. Members whose dues are lapsed on 31 January of a current year may be dropped from the Base roster if not paid by the last day of February of the calendar year."*

## News from your Storekeeper

Terry Elmeier  
USS Illinois Storekeeper



Help your Base. Buy your submarine shirts (from dress to tee shirts), patches, hats, and other memorabilia from your Base store. As your Storekeeper, I can buy the items directly from the USSVI store at a considerable discount and can pass a low rate to you, plus have a little extra to pass on to our Base treasury. In addition, I have many other items available to you that you cannot view on National Store's website. Help us build our Base treasury—"buy local" as they say.

- Did you know, USSVI's National Storekeeper is Barrie Commons, owner of B.C. Patch? Did you also know that he gives B.C. Patch orders placed through USSVI ("your

Storekeeper") a 35% discount, allowing Bases to retain a small stipend, while still passing on a discounted price to our members.

- To help both members and storekeepers, USSVI announced at the recent Convention it is developing two, new, full-color catalogs: a retail catalog, and a wholesale catalog for shopkeepers so Bases have quick and easy access to prices. The release is expected later this year.

You can help me build our personal store. Let me know what kind of items you would like to see available in your store.

Need something now? Email me with the item name/description to Terry Elmeier at [insp184@yahoo.com](mailto:insp184@yahoo.com). Include your phone number in case I have a question.

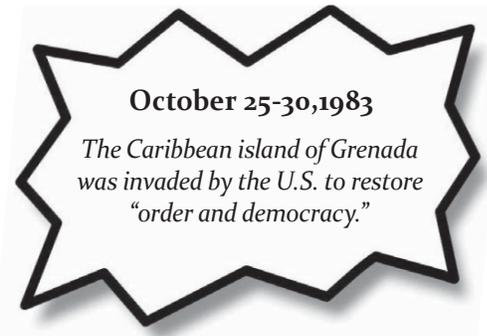
## News from your Webmaster

Kate Ramsay  
Editor/Webmaster

Our aim is to make your website at [ussillinoisbase.org](http://ussillinoisbase.org) both informative for prospective members, but also to be a fun site for you. Help me make this happen by first, review-

ing your information on the Contact page to make sure I have it correct. Two, sharing photos of yourself "as you were in the Navy"—it makes our [Contact page](#) more fun.





**WWI sub found with 23 aboard**

*INDEPENDENT DIGITAL NEWS (London, UK) --* After being lost over a century ago, an intact German First World War submarine was found with 23 people aboard off the coast of Belgium in an undisclosed location.

The impact damage was at the front, but the submarine remained closed encasing 23 sailors on board.

“The UB II-type dive boat that was found is 88 feet long and almost 20 feet wide, and is lying at about a 45-degree angle, between 82-98 feet below the surface,” it was reported. It appears the sub was struck by a mine.

Video images show the sub encrusted with barnacles, seaweed and adorned with fishing gear and nets.

**If it barks . . . it must be a dog**

The Navy Times posted an article online this month about a special ceremony held Oct. 11, 2017 on Capitol Hill (D.C.). Five military dogs were presented with a Medal of Courage. These canine heroes were honored for their perilous duty as bomb and munitions detectors and for their courage in service.

What about submarines? Any dogs there? Star Trekkies remember Capt. Archer’s small beagle, named Porthos, aboard the Federation star ship Enterprise. If he can have a dog on board, what about a submarine? Seems it happened in *World War II*.

According to Aquilinfocus.blogspot.com, Bacchus (a “Heinz Variety mutt”)

served with two Navies in wartime aboard the Rubis, a French submarine, which later became property of the British.

“In June 1940, while the Rubis was mine-laying, France and Germany signed an armistice. Winston Churchill ordered the seizure of all French vessels docked in English ports. The Rubis crew was given a choice of repatriation or in joining the Free French naval forces.

Only one officer and a few seamen chose repatriation.” Bacchus stayed.

At the end of the war, Bacchus received the National Canine Defense League medal, as well as a Valiant Dog Medal.



Meet Porthos (real name Prada), star of the Federation ship Enterprise. He went where other dogs dared not go!



*Bubblehead Bacchus “He gave us courage,” and has a medal to prove it!*

**Sea Stories wanted - looking for good animal stories aboard your boats?**





*Submitted by Kep Preble--for laughs.*

When two boys, who served on submarines together were discharged, they agreed to meet every 10 years in Florida and play golf.

One moves to New York state , the other to Texas.



At age 30, they finish their round of golf and go to lunch.

“Where you wanna go?”

“Hooters.”

“Why?”

“Well, you know, they got the girls with the big racks, the tight shorts and the legs.”

“OK.”



Ten years later at age 40 they play and go to lunch.

“Where you wanna go?”

“Hooters.”

“Why?”

“Well, you know, they got cold beer and the big screen TVs, and everybody has a little action on the games.”

“OK.”



Ten years later at age 50, they play a round of golf.

“Where you wanna go?”

“Hooters.”

“Why?”

“The food is pretty good and there is plenty of parking.”

”OK.”



At age 60 they play a round of golf.

“Where you wanna go?”

“Hooters.”

“Why?”

“Wings are half price.”

“OK”



At age 70 they play a round of golf.

“Where you wanna go?”

“Hooters.”

“Why?”

“They have 6 handicapped spaces right by the front door.”

“OK.”



At age 80 they play a round of golf.

“Where you wanna go?”

“Hooters.”

“Why?”

“We’ve never been there before.”



**It's for Real!**

*Sea Stories are a sub sailors' most important form of communication. Share your stories for a future issue. Make a few notes about one of your best memories and send it to your editor at [kateram@jcwifi.com](mailto:kateram@jcwifi.com). Don't worry if you aren't a writer, Kate can help you.*

**The 2018-2019 Academic Year Scholarship** application package has been posted on the [USSVI.ORG website](http://USSVI.ORG) and may be downloaded. The Scholarship page is found by going to the Charitable Fund section, then Scholarship Tab, Then Application Tab - all located on the left side of the home page of USSVI.ORG.

The three documents located in the Scholarship Application page must be downloaded.



## NEWS from NATIONAL

Interested sponsors and applicants are encouraged to read through the instruction and procedure document followed by the application form and then the guidance pages to ensure they understand the process and the due dates for the submissions and supporting documentation.

The student applicant must be related to and sponsored by a USSVI “SS” qualified regular member in Good Standing or, if not “SS” qualified, must in addition be a current regular member of Submarine Veterans of WWII.

The student can be the son or daughter, stepchildren, grandchildren, or a court appointed to a guardian of the sponsoring member. Visit USSVI’s website for **full qualifying details**.



## Orrison joins Holland Club



In 2014, the DSRV-1 Mystic was installed at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, Wash.



The DRSVs were specifically designed to fill the need for an improved means of rescuing the crew of a submarine immobilized on the ocean floor. Mystic and Avalon are the first submersibles that can be transported by land, sea and on or beneath the sea. They can operate independently of surface conditions or under ice for rapid response to an accident anywhere in the world.

The DSRV can be transported by truck, aircraft, surface ship, or on a mother submarine.

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ship, and spent time going up Vietnam's rivers manning a 5" gun mount in the after gun. In 1966 while in Subic Bay, he was sent back to the States to attend surface school for sonar. Surface school was complete, so where best to send him? Of course, "let's send him to a submarine." And, that is what happened.

He reported to his first submarine, the USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643), in 1967 as a STG sonar man. It was a unique position to be in, he recalls. He not only made rate as a 3rd Class while aboard, but also qualified and earned his dolphins. As promotions in his career continued, his rank was transferred to a STS(SS) Submarine Sonar Technician.

He later served as leading petty officer on the USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN 631) as a STS1 (SS) from 1970-1973.

While stationed on shore duty in San Diego, Wayne tells about visiting a friend who worked at North Island Naval Air Station on DSRV 2 (Avalon). Wayne was so impressed with the work being done there, he made a request to BUPERS to be stationed there on his next duty station. He eventually got his wish and reported to the DSRV 1 (Mystic). Spending almost seven years with the Mystic, he was trained and served as both the pilot and chief of the boat (COB).

While classified as a rescue vehicle, DSRV's also undertook extensive research projects with a crew of 14. "It took all of us to make it happen." Besides the crew, we had a large support system for this community. "I am so blessed and honored to have been able to do so many things," he explains about his career. "Clearly sub service was the high point, followed by almost seven years in the deep submergence community.

When it was time for him to move on, submarine sonar technology and equipment had passed him by, so rather than reprogramming him again, the Navy sent him to be an instructor in Millington, Tenn., for the Navy's new Organizational Development and Leadership program. Millington was the Admiral's Flag for Naval Education and Training, located north of Memphis.

He earned a Master Training Specialist designation and taught senior officers and senior enlisted men organizational development and consulting skills during a three-month training program. Upon completion, attendees were awarded nine graduate school hours.

Upon leaving Millington, he was given a choice to serve as a COB on two different boats, or to retire. He chose to retire in 1986 after 21 years of duty. It was a hard decision. "The people I worked with were close and we had fun," he added. "Too, the technology was fascinating."

He moved his family (wife Phyllis and their daughter) to take a job in Rockford at Sundstrand, within the company's training and development department — primarily the same thing he was doing in Millington. He especially enjoyed managing their co-op program that including going around the country on recruiting trips to attract "bright" engineering students. "These young people brought intelligence and energy to the company," he said.

Wayne retired from Hamilton Sundstrand in 1999.

"I just can't tell you how grateful I am to have had the opportunities to do what I have done. It has been an amazing life for me," he added. "It was a privilege."



## 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."



### September



USS Cisco (SS-290)

USS S-5 (SS-110) lost on September 1, 1920 during sea trials when she accidentally sank 40 miles off the Delaware Capes. All crew escaped by cutting a hole through her hull in the tiller room. 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.

## Story within the Story

(Excerpt from U.S. Submarine Museum Groton, Conn.)

The U.S. Navy commissioned USS Cisco (SS-290) on May 10, 1943, at Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. Soon after, the boat set out for Darwin, Australia, arriving in the middle of September. While there, Chief Radioman Howell B. Rice became sick and was sent to the local Navy hospital. On September 18, his boat set out on her first war patrol without him.

A leak in Cisco's hydraulic system forced her to turn back for repairs. Two days later she again headed out to sea--never being heard from again.

On September 28 Japanese records indicated the discovery of a submarine: "found a sub trailing oil." After the bombing, the Japanese reported that "oil continued to gush out even on tenth of October." After numerous failed attempts to contact the boat, the U.S. Navy ultimately declared the Cisco lost.

The irony is that she was probably destroyed at least in part by one of her sisters: USS Luzon (PR-7), a U.S. gunboat, that was captured and renamed the *Karatsu*.

Rice, who recovered from his illness, was the crew's only survivor.

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, November 4, 2017  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** Mustangs Bar & Grill  
482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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## 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nat'l 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: \$ 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.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
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5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **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, please deliver to: Your Base Chapter Secretary, or if you do not know of a base location near you,  
 Mail to: USSVI National Office, P.O. Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383-3870

**Questions: Call 1-877-542-DIVE or email office@ussvi.org**

