



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



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

As we end 2017, I would like to thank each of you for your support and passion for the Submarine Service. Your membership in USSVI, and here at the Base level, does a lot to keep alive the memory of those on eternal patrols, as well as preserve the fun and individual adventures we shared aboard submarines. We are not only guardians of the past, but also today's educators who spread knowledge about the important role submarines play in today's Armed Services.

Much of our success this year has come from the dedication of members like yourself. Many of you have donated money to our new base, and continue to do so. Your continued investment in the USS Illinois Base is greatly appreciated. As a new Base, we struggle to grow our base treasury. "Timing is everything," as some people say.

USSVI's temporary IRS war veteran status loss makes it harder for us to solicit funds when we can't offer donors an IRS donation receipt. If we all work with USSVI to expand our recruitment efforts to seek out Active Duty or Reserves from any branch, or those who served during the IRS defined war years, we will have one obstacle removed for the upcoming year.

Collectively however, we have done a lot this past year, and I know we are capable of more in 2018.

In reflecting over the past year as your new Commander, I thought it was appropriate to recognize those who I believe have gone above and beyond in support of our Base. For this reason, I have chosen to initiate an annual special Commander's award,

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

**15 members present:** Tom Ramsay, Chuck Mongan, Bruce Pickering, Kate Ramsay, Dick Martin, Renee Martin, Bob Fleck, Kep Preble, Phil Owens, John Stines, Dave Spencer, Terry Elmeier, Mark Dykstra, Wayne Orrison.

**Guests present:** Jan Spencer.

**Tolling of Bells Ceremony** with special moment of silence for crew of Argentina's ARA San Juan S42.

**Reading of Creed and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** by Chaplain Bob Fleck.

**Introductions** of members/guests.

**Minutes.** Copy of minutes were e-mailed to members via the newsletter and posted online. Motion made by Terry Elmeier, seconded by Dave Spencer to approve minutes as posted. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** by Bruce Pickering.

- Beginning balance for November was \$1,159.92. November deposits totaled \$252. Leaving ending bank balance as of 10/24/2017 at \$1,411.92. Money on hand at end of November was \$1,162.92 (with \$150 in uncleared checks, and a \$99 cleared check entered after the statement date.)
- Reminder that the deadline for National and Base dues is nearing. National will remove members who have not paid by 1/31/2018. Bruce will be available before and after the January meeting to collect dues.

**CDR Report** by Tom Ramsay.

- A "Christmas wishes" letter to be sent to the Skipper of the USS

Illinois was shared. The letter also invited USS Illinois SSN-786 crew to join the USS Illinois Base. A Christmas card signed by members was included. A motion was made by Bruce Pickering to send this letter to CDR Neil Steinhagen, seconded by Terry Elmeier. Motion carried.

- **Wisconsin Maritime Museum** work party update. The commander joined three other sub vets Nov. 13-15 to help restore a portion of the USS Rasher's sail (a Manitowoc boat). The museum sends out a call for volunteers who have electronic or systems related skills to help on the Cobia. Call Karen, Cobia Curator, at the Museum for details. This special work can be done at any time or day.

#### **Other Reports:**

**District Commander's Report** by Phil Owens.

- National reports the **Groton Base** issues have been settled between all parties. USSVI owns the Club Building.
- Veterans of any branch can be brought into USSVI as associate members to increase **USSVI's war veteran (IRS) status**. Active duty or reservists are also welcome. Until our war veteran percentage increases we cannot provide donors with a "not-for-profit" IRS ID letter.
- Check your info on **USSVI.org** for accuracy before data transfers to the new website this month.
- Bases encouraged to review **National's Awards Manual** to see if any of our members qualify.

**Storekeeper's Report** by Terry Elmeier. National will soon be releasing bulk manuals to bases to help them promote USSVI's National Storekeeper stock at the base level.

**Membership Report** by David Spencer. Current membership: 26.

**Chaplains Report** by Bob Fleck. Reminder to pass on names of folks who are sick so cards can be sent.

**Event Committee Report** by Richard Martin

- The **Christmas for Vets** program started last week and runs through Christmas. Members were invited to join him and other local veterans as they visit area rest homes this season to give out gifts and Christmas cards, and more importantly to spend time sharing memories with fellow vets.
- **After Holiday Party.** Richard and Renee Martin offered to host the Base's 2018 After Holiday Party at their home. A sheet was circulated asking members to note what they would like to bring to this pot luck party. The Martins will provide pulled pork. The party will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 13th. More information coming.

#### **Old Business.**

**Base Promotions.** Kate Ramsay shared several designs of "book-mark" size promotional items and other pieces that can be distributed at functions to help promote the Base. Discussion followed. With information gathered Kate will tweak the designs and resubmit them for approval. She was asked to also check with local printers to see what their costs would be.

**New Business.** None.

**Good of the Order.** None.

**50-50 Raffle.** Money collected--\$75. Kep Preble won the Raffle and donated his share back to the Base.

#### **Adjournment/Next Meeting.**

Following a closing prayer by Bob Fleck, a motion made and carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Next meeting January 2, 2017 at Mustang Bar & Grill, South Beloit, IL, at noon. Remember the Holiday Party at 2:30 p.m. on January 13 at the Martin's home in Machesney Park, IL. More info coming.



## CDR's Column Continued

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called the **Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award**.

The 2017 Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award goes to Richard Martin for his dedication and energy in “basically getting us off our butts” and introducing us to the community. He was an “idea man” and was just what we needed.



A bright red truck, strikingly painted trailer, patriotic music, and sub sailors on board have made our parade entry a definite crowd pleaser.

There was a reason I named him Base Events Coordinator, because he was already doing the job. I remember one meeting, he came in so excited because he had painted the sides of his enclosed trailer with the USSVI logo and USS Illinois Base name and website. The back of his

truck was wired to play music, and he already had two parades scheduled for us. Before long, we were entered into numerous parades, and found folks excited to see us. At one parade, one woman was heard telling her young son, “Look! Submarine sailors! We’ve never seen them here before.” The Base is getting recognition today thanks to Richard’s selfless gift of time and resources.

Richard also volunteers as a member of the Winnebago Veteran’s Commission representing USSVI.

He is an exceptional spokesman and “go-getter,” for not only USSVI, but also for many other area veterans organizations. He has been involved in the local *Christmas for Vets* program for many years, and welcomed other Base members to join him this year as he visited veterans living in local rest homes. It was a humbling experience, and our visits were welcomed by the vets who enjoyed sharing their own stories. Cookies, lap blankets, socks, and Christmas Cards just added to the merriment.

Join me in giving Richard a pat on the back, and say, “Thank You!”

## Base Activities

### *Christmas for Vets -2017*



From the end of Thanksgiving to Christmas Day, groups visited 2 to 4 rest homes a day, sharing time and gifts with veterans--many without families. The treasures are finding WWII Navy Vets, as Richard Martin (above rt) did at Fairhaven Rockford.



## Hawaii welcomes USS Illinois



The USS Illinois SSN-786 arrived at its new homeport at Pearl Harbor, HI, on November 26, reports the United States Navy News Service (NNS). The Pearl Harbor submarine community welcomed the crew and families of the newly commissioned Virginia-class fast-attack submarine to Hawaii following a homeport change from Groton, Connecticut on November 22.

“Settling into a new home is always a challenge, but the Navy has an outstanding support structure in place for service members and their families, which greatly reduces the stress,” said CDR Neil J. Steinhagen,



commanding officer of the USS Illinois. “Programs like these allow us to focus more of the ship’s resources toward mission preparedness.”

“The crew and families are ready and anxious to get here and enjoy this weather year-round,” said Steinhagen. The members of the USS Illinois Base wish they were there too with record numbers of below zero temperatures throughout the Midwest this holiday season.

Congratulations to the USS Illinois on this new leg of your journey. We appreciate all you do for our country.

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### Notes for Veterans

## Bill seeks to improve veteran health care eligibility

The American Legion and several other veterans service organizations (VSO) recently delivered more than 180,000 signed petitions to Congress urging lawmakers to pass bipartisan legislation that will expand caregiver benefits for all disabled veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Comprehensive Caregiver Assistance Program.

The bill, passed by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs on Nov. 29 by a 14-1 vote, would help improve existing health care and services provided under the VA by expanding eligibility for veterans of all generations, including Vietnam-era service members. It would also provide permanent, streamlined access to health care and services with a new Veterans Community Care Program.



The petitions were delivered at a press conference on Dec. 6 at the U.S. Capitol. VSO reps spoke about the importance of ensuring equal benefits to veterans of all generations. House and Senate leaders, including sponsors of the Caring for Our Veterans Act of 2017, were also present to voice their support.

“Far too many veterans and their caregivers have been denied access to VA’s comprehensive caregivers benefits for the wrong reason,” said American Legion National Legislative Deputy Director Derek Fronabarger. “The American Legion believes eligibility for veterans’ benefits should not be based on when a veteran served, but rather how they served and their physical and mental condition upon returning home.”





# NEWS from NATIONAL

## 'Lest we Forget'

At 0748 Hawaii Time (1248 Eastern Standard Time) on Sunday 7 December 1941, 353 attack aircraft (high-level bombers, torpedo bombers, dive bombers and escort fighters) of the Imperial Japanese Navy Fleet Air Arm staged a preemptive surprise attack on the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

With all this carnage, there was a hopeful sign. Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC), Admiral Chester Nimitz observed that the Japanese, while scoring an incredible tactical victory, made four strategic blunders, among which was they failed to attack and destroy the U.S. Naval Submarine Base adjacent to the Navy Shipyard. Consequently, the only effective U.S. Navy fighting forces available to take the fight to the Japanese on 8 December 1941 were the 3 U.S. Carriers that were at sea, their supporting Battle Groups and 62 submarines of the U.S. Submarine Force.

From 8 December 1941 until the end of hostilities on 16 August 1945, the U.S. Submarine Force, comprising less than 2% of the total manpower and materiel assets of the U.S. Navy, waged the most successful undersea warfare campaign in history. U.S. subs sank more than

30% of the Imperial Japanese Navy, and, just as importantly, virtually destroyed the Japanese merchant marine fleet, sinking 2,400 ships and sending 4.9 million tons of critical supplies, oil and other war materiel to the bottom of the sea.

The cost of this outstanding victory was high: 52 boats and one out of four submarine sailors (3,507) did not return and are still honored by the submarine community as being on Eternal Patrol—the highest loss ratio of any U.S. military unit in WWII.

*--John Markiewicz  
National CDR*

## Election Clarifications!

1) What will the Base CDRs be able to see? The Base CDRs will only be able to see how many members have voted to date as a number only, with no names and what percentage of their Base members voted. When I presented the Online Voting over many BOD meetings, it was decided to only show the percentage of base members voting to preserve the member's privacy and to keep the voting by a truly secret ballot as per the C&B's. Another feature was mistakenly turned on for a very short time and is now turned off. This elections online/paper ballot system was made so individual member could vote on his own to make sure his vote would be counted. It is now the member who sends in his vote and not the base CDR.

2) Trust in the Election Master! Prior to opening the Online Voting, both candidates for the National Commander stated that the Election Master was beyond

reproach and did not need to have someone looking over his shoulder when he entered paper ballots into the Online system.

3) We are now running on the 2006 revised C&B's. The new C&B's are known by the 2008 revised C&B's as a naming convention for when the C&B's were voted on. By the present C&B's we have to consider PA's from the membership during a voting cycle.

There are 3 Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and NO proposed amendments for the Bylaws. The 3 PA's on the Ballot are the PA's to be considered for the new Constitution if it passes or for the present Constitution, if the new one gets voted down. The PA's are not part of the new revision. What you are voting on here is a new revision for the Constitution, a new revision for the Bylaws and 3 PA's for the old or new Constitution depending which is voted in.

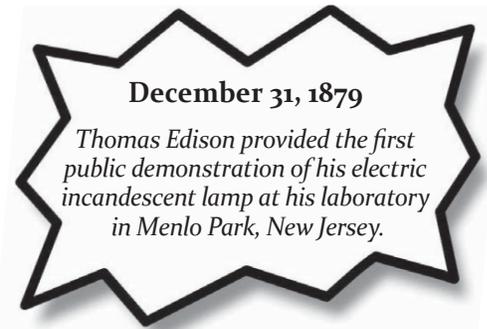
4) There has been a minor name change on the online ballot concerning the PA's naming convention. On the paper ballot they go by the C&B change convention C01/08-C03/08.

A change on the online voting page was made to reflect this. They now show C01/08 etc after the PA's name to match the paper ballot. This has no effect on the voting.

This is a new voting system that was put in place to increase voter participation, to have a fair election, and for you the voting membership to have a voice in USSVI.

*--Al Singleman  
Immediate Past Nat'l CDR*





**Russian Subs focus on North Atlantic cables**

*Washington Post (Brussels/NATO)*—“Russian submarines have dramatically stepped up activity around undersea data cables in the North Atlantic,” it was reported. Officials feel the attraction to these communication lines to North America and Europe is seen as a way for the Kremlin to tap into vital data lines.

“We are now seeing Russian underwater activity in the vicinity of undersea cables that I don’t believe we have ever seen,” said U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Andrew Lennon, the commander of NATO’s submarine forces. “Russia is clearly taking an interest in NATO and NATO nations’ undersea infrastructure.”

**103-year mystery over**

*The Australian (Sydney, Australia)*—“This is a great day for Australian maritime history,” said Brendan Nelson, director of the Australian War Memorial. The wreck of Australia’s first submarine, the HMAS AE1, commissioned from England in February 1914, was found near Rabaul on the island of New Britain. The find puts a 103-year mystery to rest.

of an Australian expeditionary force to seize what was then German New Guinea. The boat was sunk on Sept.14, 1914, while patrolling for German warships.



Found by a mini-sub some 984 feet below the surface.

A short few weeks after the new boat arrived from England, it was deployed early in World War I as part

For years researchers conducted numerous unsuccessful recovery missions. Dr. Nigel Erskine, the Australian National Maritime Museum’s head of research, fears that with the international publicity surrounding the discovery of AE1 this month, “it would not be hard for an interested party with some technology to find the vessel”. Any new search would, require the permission of the PNG government.

**Once ever 72 minutes!**



*Fox News (New York)*--Every 72 minutes. That’s how often U.S. military veterans kill themselves.

VA Secretary David Shulkin has labeled the figure “an unacceptable statistic,” according to The Hill.

“We’re reaching out to community groups, to academic groups,” Shulkin was quoted as saying. “We’re doing research in this area. We’re trying

new therapies and treatments. And I certainly hope that we can have a big impact on this problem.”

There were 71 active duty suicides, 20 reserves suicides and 31 National Guard suicides in the first quarter of 2017. Experts are currently attempting to reduce those numbers by evaluating a series of factors, and by educating people to recognize risks before it becomes too late.





## Treasurer's Report

**Bruce Pickering,  
Base Treasurer**

It's not too late to pay your National and Base dues for 2018. Bases have until January 31, 2018 to submit your 2018 dues to national.

If you have a life-time USSVI membership, you owe only for Base dues which are \$10. We do not have multi-year members for the Base.

If you have a multi-year USSVI membership (3 years or 5 years), you may not have to pay National this

year. Please contact me if you have questions regarding your National membership status. You will still owe \$10 for Base membership. Memberships not in receipt at National by Jan. 31, 2018, will be removed from the USSVI membership roster.

I will be available at our Jan. 6, 2018 Base meeting at Mustang Bar & Grill 15 minutes prior and after the meeting to accept payments.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us for a fun After-Holiday Party for you and your spouse/partner. It is a pot luck "type" party being held in the home of USSVI members Richard and Renee Martin in Loves Park. Renee is compiling a list of items members have offered to bring. Give her a call if need suggestions on what you can bring.

DATE:

Mark your calendar for

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

LOCATION:

Home of Base members Richard & Renee Martin

534 Gershwin Ln., Machesney Park, IL

Phone: 815-505-4856

ENTERTAINMENT:

***Good, fun company! FOOD!!***

***White Elephant gift exchange***—it is a good way to get rid of that special "unwanted" gift given to you during Christmas, or even 10 years ago. Wrap it "petty" and bring it. No need to put your name on the package. Gift costs should not exceed \$15—less is preferable. Strange is welcome. Funny is even better.

**An email will be coming soon with more detailed information.**



## Online Update

**by Kate Ramsay, Base Webmaster**

Have you visited our website at [www.ussillinoisbase.org](http://www.ussillinoisbase.org) lately? If not, you should. After all, it is your website.

I am looking for photos of you and your boats, and reunion shots, etc. I want you to visit our site often and to share it with your friends and families.

Browse through the website and let me know what new photos of boats and events you would like to see, as well as what improvements we can make. In other words, I want you to be proud to share this site with others.

Of course, one of the best, and fun pages on the website, is the Sea Story section. We need to refresh this area by adding your stories too!

Help me help you promote our Base's Website. Email me your ideas at [kateram@jcwifi.com](mailto:kateram@jcwifi.com), or call me at 815-443-2535. Thanks for your help!





**In memoriam  
ARA San Juan**



*(Editor's Note: USSVI received the below article from the International Submariners Association and thought you might like to see it.)*

**by Bruce Rule**

An analytical review of all information released by the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization on the acoustic signal associated with the loss of the Argentina Submarine, ARA SAN JUAN confirms the following:

That acoustic signal originated near 46-10S, 59-42W at 1358Z (GMT) on 15 November 2017. It was produced by the collapse (implosion) of the ARA SAN JUAN pressure-hull at a depth of 1275-feet. Sea pressure at the Collapse depth was 570 PSI. The frequency of the collapse event signal (bubble-pulse) was about 4.4 Hz.

The energy released by the collapse was equal to the explosion of 12,500 Pounds of TNT at a depth of 1275-feet. That energy was produced by the nearly instantaneous conversion of potential energy (sea-pressure) to kinetic energy, the motion of the intruding water-ram which entered the SAN JUAN pressure-hull at a speed of about 1800 mph.

The entire pressure-hull was destroyed (fragmented/compacted) in about 40 milliseconds (0.040s or 1/25th of a second), the duration of the compression phase of the collapse event which is half the minimum time required for cognitive recognition of an event.

Although the crew may have known collapse was imminent, they never knew it was occurring. It is reasonable to assume the sailors did not drown or experience pain. Death was instantaneous.

The SAN JUAN wreckage sank vertically at an estimated speed between 10 and 13 knots. Bottom impact would not have produced an acoustic event detectable at long range.

The open question is: why was no corrective action - such as blowing ballast - taken by the SAN JUAN crew before the submarine sank to Collapse depth? According to Argentine Navy spokesman Gabriel Galeazzi, the Commanding Officer of the SAN JUAN reported a "failure" in the submarine's "battery system." The time of that report was 0730 on 15 November, assumed to have been GMT. Subsequently, the problem was reported to have been "fixed." The SAN JUAN intended to submerge and continue its transit north. The SAN JUAN pressure-hull collapsed at 1358 GMT on 15 November.

In the case of the loss of the US nuclear submarine SCORPION (SSN 589), hydrogen out-gassed by the main battery exploded at 18:20:44 GMT on 22 May 1968 incapacitating/killing the crew with an atmospheric over-pressure in the battery well estimated to have been 7-10 times the fatal value. The pressure-hull was not breached. This assessment was based on analysis of acoustic detections of the event and damage observed in pieces of the fragmented battery recovered from the wreckage at a depth of 11,100 feet by the US submersible TRIESTE, e.g., microscopic, spectrographic and x-ray diffraction analyses. (There was no flooding of the pressure-hull before the battery exploded.) SCORPION lost power and sank slowly over nearly 22 minutes to collapse at a depth of 1530-feet at 18:42:34 GMT on 22 May 1968. There is the possibility that a similar sequence of events occurred Aboard the SAN JUAN. If the wreck is located and efforts are made to recover components; emphasis should be placed on the battery system.

The author of this assessment was the lead acoustic analyst at the US Office of Naval Intelligence for 42 years, analyzed acoustic detectors of the loss of the USS THRESHER (SSN 593) on 10 April 1963 and testified Before that Court of Inquiry. The author expresses his appreciation to those who supported this assessment with research and calculations.



## 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."



**December**

USS F-1 [ex-CARP] (SS-20) lost on December 17, 1917 when it was sunk after collision with USS F-3 off San Clemente, Calif. Loss of 19 crew

USS S-4 (SS-109) lost on December 17, 1927 when sunk after ramming by USCG Paulding off Provincetown, Mass. Loss of 40 crew. All but 4 men died within hours in engine room and motor room due to asphyxiation. Four trapped in torpedo room survived for possibly 60 hours. Hull raised and used for study in submarine escape. Scuttled off Hawaii in 1936.

USS Sealion (SS-195) lost on December 10, 1941 when it was scuttled in Manila Bay after damage at Cavite Navy Yard during bombing. Damage was sufficient to preclude removal to home waters when Philippines surrendered. Scuttled on December 25. Loss of 4 crew.

USS Capelin (SS-289) lost on or after December 3, 1943 on her 1st war patrol, sunk in the Celebes Sea in western Pacific. Cause of loss unknown. Loss of 76 crew.

Interior view of the S-4 (SS-109), Crew's Quarters (Battery Room), Dec. 25, 1919. Taken by the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Kittery, Maine. Note folding chairs, table, benches and berths; also Christmas decorations.  
*Official USN Photo*



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, January 6, 2018  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** Mustangs Bar & Grill  
482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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## Story behind the Story

### USS S-4 on Eternal Patrol

Shortly after 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 17, 1927, the *USCG Hiram Paulding* (CG-17), a small lightweight destroyer, steamed at the moderate speed of 18 knots around the shores of Cape Cod, Mass. The *Paulding* was on her regular patrol approaching Provincetown Harbor. Following normal procedures at the time, patrol orders were given verbally, but the Navy was not informed the *Paulding* was in the area.

That day, the *S-4* was performing standardization trials in the area following a refit. Per routine procedures, she had submerged with just her twin periscopes sticking above the surface of the water.

The two ships had no idea the other would be there. The collision was inevitable. The *USS S-4* (SS-109) sank immediately with all hands lost in spite of valiant lifesaving efforts by the *Paulding's* crew.

While the two captains shared blame, there was no guilt, but the tragedy had many lessons for both the Navy and the Coast Guard. Communications between the two services were improved to inform each other of their operations, when possible, to prevent such tragic accidents.

Even in death, the *S-4* continued to teach. After she was raised in 1928, she was repaired and refit as a test bed for submarine rescue and salvage devices. Some of the equipment and techniques developed through the experiments with *S-4* helped aid in the successful rescue of sailors from the *USS Squalus* in 1939.



# Share this application with a fellow submariner!



## 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.** \_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_

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

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