



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

Holland Club Inductees join revered group

This year, the USS Illinois Base had the privilege of welcoming four new members into the revered USSVI Holland Club. While each member was inducted with the same fan fair and pride -- each honoree deserves even more special recognition.

As you know, we feature each inductee in the *Green Board*, sharing the member's Navy highlights.

We will continue this tradition starting in our next newsletter, where we will individually honor the USS Illinois Base's 2018 Holland Club inductees who are celebrating their 50+ years since earning their submarine Dolphins.

Rudy Kraut -- qualified aboard the Manitowoc boat, the USS Lizzardfish (SS-373), in 1945. Perseverance paid off for Rudy--we were just 28 years late in bestowing Holland Club

honors on him. His induction took place on the deck of the USS Cobia in Manitowoc during the 2018 Subfest.

Sherman Buetsch -- qualified on the USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN-631) in 1968. He joined Rudy Kraut in being inducted atop the USS Cobia in July. It was a memorable induction for both inductees and visitors alike.



(Lt to Rt.) Wayne Orrison welcomes Sherman Buetsch and Rudy Kraut to the Holland Club while aboard the USS Cobia.

Dave Spencer -- qualified on the USS Remora (SS-487) in 1968. Dave was inducted into the Holland Club at our July meeting.

Patrick O'Brien -- qualified on the USS Tenah (SS-417) in 1959. Being new to our base and to USSVI, Patrick's induction was nine years past due. Induction ceremonies were held in August at the Base Meeting.



Family Picnic
September 8, 2018
at Thresherman's Park
Edgerton, WI
(See attached page for full details!)



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 Commander.

18 members present: Tom Ramsay, Chuck Mongan, Kate Ramsay, Mike Barney, Bob Bates, Don Bossetti, Mark Dykstra, Terry Elmeier, Jim Hessel, Archie Holte, Richard Martin, Patrick O'Brien, Wayne Orrison, Phil Owens, Dave Spencer, Jan Lindquist-Spencer, John Stines, Connie Stines.

Guests present: Chuck "Bump" Bailey (*Great Lakes Base*), Joshua Pickard, Monica Pickard.

Tolling of Bells Ceremony by Phil Owens, District #2 Commander.

USSVI Creed by VCDR Chuck Mongan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Wayne Orrison. Introductions of members/guests.

Special Presentations:

- **Holland Club.** Patrick O'Brien inducted into the Holland Club by VCDR Mongan and CDR Ramsay.
- **Honorary Submariner Award.** Presented to Joshua Pickard by CDR Ramsay, and John Stines, Joshua's grandfather. A recognition certificate, challenge coin, and USS Illinois Cap were presented in honor of Joshua winning two gold medals in the Special Olympics.

Minutes by Secretary Kate Ramsay. With corrections noted, motion was made by Dick Martin to accept the July minutes as published; seconded by Wayne Orrison. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Assistant Treasurer Kate Ramsay. Beginning balance on 7/1/2018 was \$1,719.26, Cash received: \$100. Deposits: \$0. Checks issued: \$0. Cleared

checks: \$0. Bank Account Balance: \$1,719.26. Held as cash on hand \$100. Available balance: \$1,819.26. Motion made by Wayne Orrison to accept the report as presented and seconded by Terry Elmeier. Motion carried.

CDR's Report by Tom Ramsay.

- **The 786 Club.** CDR attended July's 786 Club meeting in Chicago. The Club provides support to the crew and families of the USS Illinois SSN-786. The speaker was CAPT John McGunnigle, chief of staff of the Underseas Warfighting Development Center.
- **USSVI Elections.** Online voting is now available. Paper applications are in the last issue of the *American Submariner* magazine.
- **Committee vacancy list** was redistributed. Members were encouraged to offer their support.
- Rudy Kraut and Sherm Buetsch were inducted into the **Holland Club** atop the USS Cobia during SubFest before family and friends.
- **Update on Board Meeting.** The Board approved spending \$220 for 1,000 bookmarks/palm cards and 1,000 tri-fold brochures to help promote the USS Illinois Base at community events.

District #2 CDR Report by Phil Owens. None.

Events Committee Report by Richard Martin. Dick updated members about various upcoming veteran events:

- August 14th **Veteran's Claim** event in Belvidere.
- **Roscoe Parade** slated for Sept. 9 (line up at 10 a.m. and step off at 11 a.m.). Members and families welcome to ride and/or walk with base.
- Sept 15 **Annual Motorcycle Ride.** Starts at Rockford VA Clinic (registration 9 a.m.; step off 10 a.m.), and ends in Janesville.

- **Word War II Re-enactment Days** in Midway Village, Rockford. Base to have a booth at event. Base members are being asked to donate a couple of hours during the event slated for Sat., Sept. 22, and Sun, Sun. 23. Discussion held.

- **Top of Illinois Veteran's Stand Down** on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Mendelsson Center in Rockford. Base has been enrolled in this unique veterans' helping hands program. Discussion followed. More details coming.

- **Veterans Dinner**, Nov. 3 in Rockford. Tickets \$30 per person for vets, \$40 for others. Discussion held. Dick was asked to reserve three tables, we had two tables last year. Members will be surveyed before final table reservation purchases.

Storekeeper's Report by Terry Elmeier. None

Chaplain's Report by CDR Ramsay. Rudy Kraut was in the hospital a week ago following emergency surgery. He is doing fine now and is currently in Rehab at the St. Anne's Presence Rehab Center in Rockford. The Base will send him a card. You are welcome to visit him.

Old Business.

Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC). Richard Martin announced we need a new VAC alternate. Meetings are held monthly. Wayne Orrison volunteered to serve as the Base's alternate.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order. Wayne announced that the Baymont Inn, next to the Manitowoc Museum, can now take reservations for the 2019 SubFest. CDR Ramsay reminded those members who are retired military to ask for their "military/government" rate, which can save considerable money. Discussion followed.

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

UPDATE:

The NJ Naval Museum found storage for their museum containers and other artifacts left behind by the vandals.

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There are times when things are so grievous that you cannot just sit back and turn the other cheek. I recently received word from National about the criminal acts and damages against the USS Ling. My heart goes out to the loved ones of lost USS Gudgeon family members, to USS Ling shipmates, to the New Jersey Naval Museum, and even to the residents of Hackensack, NJ.

In particular I send me prayers to our many shipmates who have worked so hard to bring life back to the USS Ling, and to construct a

fitting memorial for their lost USS Gudgeon shipmates.

The real losers are the residents of New Jersey. I know how strongly I feel about the USS Cobia, in Manitowoc, and I know those of you who went to SubFest this year know that this living Memorial is a true treasure. A lot of hard work and a lot of heart goes into these restorations.

I can only hope that the perpetrators can be located and punished for these cowardly actions. Please read National's full message below:



NEWS from **NATIONAL**

(Editor's Note: This message was forwarded by National. The news title says it all: "A sad day for the WWII lost submarine memorial USS Ling and the NJ Naval Museum." Your Base CDR forwarded this email to Karen Duvalle at the Manitowoc Maritime Museum in case there was something they might be able to do.)

Shipmates,

This is a sad day for us in Hackensack. Over this past weekend our USS Gudgeon WWII Submarine Memorial was vandalized, and the four bronze plaques for the 52 Lost Boats and the names of USS Gudgeon sailors lost when the Gudgeon was sunk in WWII were stolen.

However, the vandalism didn't stop there. A person or persons unknown boarded the USS Ling opened all of the hatches, and somehow (unknown at this time) was able to flood out the

whole submarine. All of the watertight doors that were previously shut were also open, and we estimate about 10 feet of water in every compartment. Until the water is pumped out, the authorities are unable to go below into the sub.

And if that wasn't enough, today was the last day the NJ Naval Museum had to vacate the property to make way for luxury condos and a hotel to be built on the site where the museum has been since 1972. As of today, we have moved everything from the museum and other trailers to one 40' and two 20' containers. We still don't know where we will be able to store those containers until a new home can be found for the museum.

We still have a few torpedoes, a WWII torpedo mover, an Army missile and a few other large items that need a home ASAP before the property owner "Disposes" of them.

If you are interested in any of the items and are able to move them please contact me via email or call NE Region Director, Les Altschuler at 917-748-2275.



Minutes continued

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50-50 Raffle. \$75 collected. The raffle won by Terry Elmeier, who donated his share back to the Base.

Closing Prayer by Kate Ramsay.

Adjournment at 1:12 p.m. A motion was

made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next Base Function: Family Picnic, Saturday, Sept. 8, at 11 a.m., Thersherman's Park, Edgerton, WI.

Next Base Meeting: Oct. 6, 2018 at Mustang Bar & Grill, South Beloit, IL, at noon.



World War II Days at Midway Village



We need your commitment to participate at World War II Days. Please contact Richard Martin at pops1945@comcast.net or call him at 815-505-7674 if you would like to help your Base.

Roscoe Parade!

Join us for the Roscoe Parade on Sunday, September 9. Line up at Bridge St. and Main at 10:00 a.m. Someone will be there to direct you to our spot. Parade steps off at 11:00 a.m.

The USS Illinois Base has a major community outing planned, and we need the help of all of our members. The Base has obtained table space at this event, giving us the opportunity to get our name out to the public as thousands of guests attend this event.

World War II Days, takes place Saturday-Sunday, September 22-23, at Midway Village Museum, 6799 Guilford Rd, Rockford, IL. We need volunteers to host our table for two-hour increments. This gives you time to not only support USSVI and our Base, but also time to take your family to this annual exhibit and re-enactment.

The event engages in elaborate 1940's displays in historical buildings on the museum's 148-acre campus.

Festivities include encampments of Allied and Axis troops in the Midway Village woods and realistic skirmishes integrated in the historic village complete with tanks, artillery, armored vehicles, and exciting pyrotechnic displays. More than 1,000 uniformed re-enactors representing soldiers from the United States, Great Britain, France, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Japan, Italy, and Germany along with 70 to 80 vintage tanks, half-tracks and other 1940s military. Other event features:

- Over 60 authentic military vehicles

- 1940s-style Live Musical Entertainment
- Skirmishes, Demos & Displays
- Militaria Sales Vendors from the Midwest
- General Patton's Command Center
- Affordable Local Food Vendors
- Vet Tank available for individuals with limited mobility
- Special Admission for Veterans and Active Duty Personnel (ID Required)
- Golf Cart Shuttles available for guests with special needs

Richard Martin, our Base Events Coordinator, reports that volunteers will receive preferred parking. A small entrance and parking fee may be charged--more detailed information will follow.



Photo taken at World War II Days by Brian Shultz, freelance photographer. He specializes in people and event photography. See more of his photos at <https://brianschultz.myportfolio.com/ww2>





Top of Illinois Stand Down



Photo by Brad Rachford, Independence KY, U.S. Marine Corps, Gulf War Era. Part of a VA image contest to help raise awareness for Homelessness Veterans. Photo credit: VA.GOV

The USS Illinois Base has dropped anchor to participate in the 2018 Top of Illinois Veteran’s Stand Down. Leading the charge are USSVI members Richard and Renee Martin, who have been volunteer partners in prior Stand Downs. The Base elected to join their efforts on behalf of area veterans and their immediate families.

The Top of Illinois Veterans Stand Down will be held at the Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center, at 406 N. Main St., Rockford, IL, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 27.

Birth of Stand Down

The original Stand Down for homeless veterans, held in San Diego, CA, in 1988, was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Battle-weary soldiers had the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being.

The program is successful on the local level because it brings outreach services to one location. But, achieving these objectives requires a wide range of support, services, and volunteer time.

Outreach services

Many dedicated local service providers, volunteers, military service organizations, community-

based organizations and representatives from city, county, state and federal agencies will be available to assist our nation’s veterans. Homeless veterans will find assistance in the areas: health, counseling, employment; vocational rehabilitation counseling, and assistance with VA claims.

The Winnebago County Health Department will be offering free blood pressure checks and flu shots, and free haircuts will be provided by area professionals. The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be onsite to issue Drivers Licenses and State ID’s. The Social Security Administration will also have a representative on hand.

New underwear, socks and personal hygiene items will be available to registered veterans , as well as free “New to you” jackets, coats, sweaters, blue jeans, gloves, hats, scarves, sweatpants and shirts, shoes and boots.

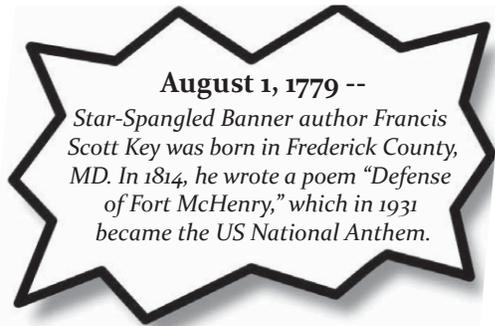
“Here is where our USSVI Base can help out,” states Richard Martin our event coordinator. USS Illinois Base members are asked to look through their closets for coats, sweaters, blue jeans, gloves, hats, or other clothing that can be distributed to veterans and their families in need (ladies’ clothing is also needed). In addition to assistance on that day, Richard explains that a number of people are needed prior to the event to help segregate the clothing by size for ease in later distribution.

Mark your calendar today for the main event on October 27, and watch for future newsletters and other communications about support opportunities. We may be a Base small in size, but let’s show our communities that we are large in heart--volunteer to help.

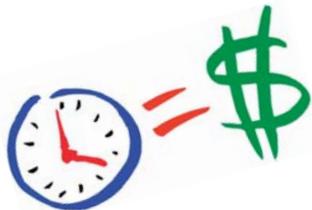
Veteran Homeless Demographics

- 11% of the homeless adult population are veterans
- 20% of the male homeless population are veterans
- 68% reside in principal cities
- 32% reside in suburban/rural areas
- 51% of individual homeless veterans have disabilities
- 50% have serious mental illness
- 70% have substance abuse problems
- 50% are age 51 or older, compared to 19% non-veterans





Navy's top priority faces set back



Defense News (Washington) – The U.S. Navy's new Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine is facing quality control issues during construction. "Faulty welding was discovered in several missile tubes designed for both the Columbia and Virginia-class programs," it was reported.

Twelve missile tubes manufactured by BWXT Technologies, headquartered in Lynchburg, Va., have been

scrutinized for substandard welds. Of these, seven have already been delivered to General Dynamics Electric Boat and are "in various stages of outfitting." Five of the tubes are still under construction. A spokesman from the Navy Sea Systems Command stated that the Navy has launched an investigation.

This set-back puts a question mark on the Navy's ability to fast-track the launch of these new submarines.

RIMPAC 2018 deemed a success



USNI News (Annapolis, MD) -- "The biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise wrapped up in Hawaii in early August, giving 25 participating nations a chance to work with partners they couldn't otherwise afford to collaborate with, perform roles they otherwise would struggle to learn and perform naval missions at a scale unseen anywhere else in the world," reported Megan Erkstein aboard *HMAS Adelaide* off the coast of Hawaii.

RIMPAC gave participants the opportunity to better understand their resources in an emergency situation, as well as to improve communications between ships and planes, as well as sharpen command and control, warfare tactics, and relationships.

Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle, commander of submarine forces in U.S. Pacific Fleet, told *USNI News* in an interview that, in addition to three

U.S. submarines – USS Hawaii (SSN-776), USS Illinois (SSN-786), and USS Olympia (SSN-717), "two partner countries sent their submarines too: ... from South Korea, the Park Wi (SS-065), and the Australian attack boat Rankin (SSG-78).

Harpoon missiles may find way back onto attack subs

USNI News (Annapolis, MD) – The Navy may once again arm its attack submarines with the Harpoon anti-ship cruise missile, after the USS Olympia (SSN-717), a Los Angeles class sub, fired a Harpoon during a recent RIMPAC sinking exercise. This was the first time a Harpoon had been fired from a U.S. submarine in more than 20 years.

Commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet's Submarine Force Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle said he expects that the cruise missile will be added back into the SSN's regular armament.



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 for \$115). USS Illinois Base dues remain at \$10 per year.

I will be available to accept 2019 National and/or Base dues 15 minutes before and after our October, November, and December Base meetings. You may also mail me a check for your dues made out to "USS Illinois Base" before Dec. 15, 2018 to ensure time for your dues to reach National before December 31st. Send it to my attention at 1702 Calumet Ave., Beloit, WI 53511.

Bases cannot accept credit card payments. Credit card payments for

Renew your
**MEMBERSHIP
DUES**

National memberships only are accepted only through National's website. Local Base dues must be presented in cash or by check directly to your Base Treasurer.

I encourage you to pay your dues early, rather than waiting for the last minute. While USSVI states that National dues can be paid through January 31st, last year we found that National was removing member information on its website if dues were not paid before January 1.

Remember, Annual Base dues payments are required for all members, including National Life Members. Members whose Base dues are not received by the last day of February, will have their name removed from the Base's membership list.

Josh Pickard earns Honorary Submariner award

During the August Meeting Tom Ramsay and John Stines were honored to recognize a friend of the USS Illinois Base with an Honorary Submariner certificate, an Honorary Submariner wooden challenge coin, and an official USS Illinois (SS-786) ball cap.

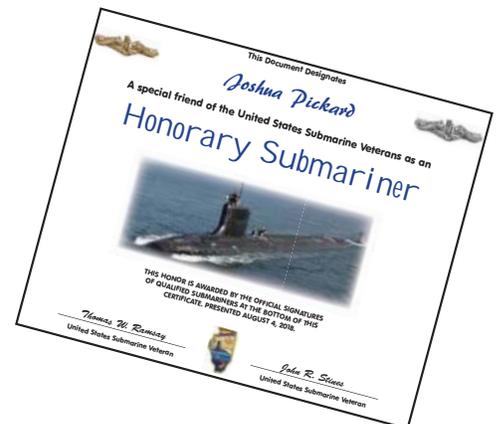
This honor was bestowed on Josh by the USS Illinois Base in recogni-

tion of Josh's achievements in winning two (2) Gold Medals in the recent Special Olympics.

Helping Base CDR Ramsay present the award was Josh's very proud Grandfather and submariner, John Stines. At the ceremony was Josh's Grandmother and USSVI Associate Member Connie Stines, and his mother Monica Pickard.



Josh Pickard (ctr) now holds the title of Honorary Submariner. To his left is his grandmother, Connie Stines, and standing, his grandfather, John Stines.



A well deserved honor for an exceptional young man.



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VIP treatment at VIP Reception



District Commander's Desk



Tour guides with knowledge to share.



Base members & family await Tolling of Bells Ceremony.



Memories in Photos

We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun



Family memories & Sub memories are all the same.



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."



July & August

USS Robalo (SS-273) at her Manitowoc launching on May 9, 1943. Side launchings were unique to Manitowoc boats.



REMINDER: There will be no regular meeting on September 1. Instead, we are having a Family Picnic on September 8, the 2nd Saturday of the month.

JULY

USS Grunion (SS-216) lost on July 30, 1942 near the entrance to Kiska (Alaska) Harbor due to unknown causes. Loss of 70 crew.

USS Runner (SS-275) declared lost July 1, 1943 during her 3rd war patrol. She sank one freighter and one passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles, when it was sunk, possibly by mines, between Midway Island and Hokkaido, Japan. Loss of 78 crew.

USS S-28 (SS-133) lost July 4, 1944 when it foundered off Hawaii during training exercises with the USCGC Reliance. After diving for a practice torpedo approach, the Reliance lost sound contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. The cause remains a mystery. Loss of 49 crew.

USS Robalo (SS-273) lost on July 26, 1944 on her third war patrol when she struck a mine about two miles off the west coast of Palawan. Four men survived the sinking and swam ashore. They were captured and imprisoned by the Japanese, but managed to get a note smuggled out via local guerrillas. Unfortunately, they were removed by a Japanese destroyer on August 15 and subsequently were lost when that destroyer was sunk. Loss of 77 crew.

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 Rossel 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 operations: 1 crew member from Cochino and 6 from the Tusk.

Mark your calendar

Next USSVI Illinois Base Event

Family Picnic

Date: Saturday, September 8, 2018

Time: 11 a.m. -- Bring a dish to pass

Your family & friends are welcome!

Location: Thresherman's Park, 31 E. Cox Rd., Edgerton, WI

(located off Rt. 51, between Janesville & Edgerton)

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Share this application with a fellow submariner!



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.)

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:** _____
(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





2018 USS Illinois Base FAMILY PICNIC

**JOIN US
and bring
the family to**

**Thresherman's
Park**

**Saturday,
Sept. 8, 2018
11:00 a.m.**



The picnic will be inside the Small Engine Building. A playground is on site for youngsters, and a special "engine" will be turned on for the "oldsters." This is a unique opportunity to see a bit of Navy history, as well as a peek to the past for some of the finest steam engines in one location.

RSVPs are needed ASAP so meat (brats, hot dogs and hamburgers) can be ordered. Bring a dish to pass. An updated list of items being prepared has been sent to everyone. For a verbal update on items you can bring, contact Kate Ramsay.

Directions: Here are detailed instructions to Thresherman's Park via I-90/39 coming from the South. It is located off Hwy 51 between Janesville and Edgerton, Wisconsin.

- Take I-90/39 toward Janesville.
- Exit at Janesville exit #171B.
- Turn left onto Hwy 14 West.
- Go west 2.6 miles on Hwy 14 to Hwy 51 North.
- Turn right onto Hwy 51 North and go north 3.6 miles to East Cox Road.
(There is a large V style snow plow just beyond Cox Road)
- * Turn right on East Cox Road. Go .2 miles and enter Thresherman's Park. **DO NOT** use the main gate on County Hwy M. We are entering through the vendor gate for this private event.)
(The entrance is marked by a large vertical boiler on each side)
- Cross the railroad tracks and take the left fork in the road.
- The Small Engine Building is around the corner.

Contact Kate Ramsay to RSVP, or for an email copy of the updated food list.

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