



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

Career sailor welcomed into Holland Club

“Join the Navy and see the world,” the Navy recruitment posters said, but one new Holland Club inductee, Command Master Chief Sherman “Sherm” Buetsch (MNCM) saw a little more than he anticipated during his 30+ years in the Navy.



Sherm Buetsch (above left) was inducted into the Holland Club on the deck of USS Cobia, docked at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, in Manitowoc. Pictured with him is USS Illinois Base CDR Tom Ramsay (ctr), and fellow Holland Club inductee Rudy Kraut following the July 13, 2018 ceremony.



Pictured right is the official boot camp graduation photo of young Sherm Buetsch.

Like many young men in the mid 60's, the writing was on the wall for Sherm, a resident of Rockford. He graduated from High School in 1964, and the draft was nearing his number in 1965. He made the decision to find a place in the military that would give him the best opportunity for an education, therefore, he chose a career in nuclear power with the Navy.

He went to the Chicago Induction Center and joined the Navy on Dec. 5, 1965. As luck would have it, he had the fortune to go to Great Lakes Recruit Training Command in cold February 1966, and later attended the Electrician's Mate “A” School there.

His travels around the globe started with his first duty station in 1966

at the Naval Station in Mayport, Fla., followed by time in Rota, Spain, and then to the USS Saratoga CVA-60 for a cruise on the Mediterranean.

In 1967, he was assigned to the Naval Shipyard, Norfolk, Va., and later for schooling at the Naval Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, Md., and then to the Nuclear Power Training Unit (S1C) in Windsor, Ct.

The submarine service snagged him in 1968 when he reported to Submarine School in New London, Conn. Upon graduation he served on the USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN-631) on which he qualified to wear Dolphins. At the time, the USS Grant held the distinction as the only Boomer to come to Pearl Harbor. It turned out to be a “good” place to visit—this is where he met his soon-to-be wife, Carol, whose father was stationed at Hickam AFB.

The boat also spent time in “Guam is Beautiful,” and then came back to Bremerton, Wash., in 1969 for an overhaul and conversion.

The “official USN travel agents” sent Sherm and his boat through the scenic Panama Canal, with a stop at the Naval Station Roosevelt Roads

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



Newly-elected
 USSVI CDR
 Wayne
 Standerfer



New
 Central
 Region
 Director
 Tom
 Williams

Other than election results, we haven't yet received other news from last week's USSVI National Convention. I will keep you posted as soon as I hear something.

I can report on our new slate of USSVI officers for the coming year. First, let's welcome our newly-elected Central Region Director **Tom Williams**, from the Brazos Valley Base, in Texas.

At the same time let's give a round applause to outgoing USSVI Central Region Director **Dave Farran**, of the Iowa Base, who did an outstanding job for our region. Even though he has hung up his Central Region hat, we hope we'll still see him at future SubFests in Manitowoc, Wis. Dave has been, and will remain a good friend to the Bases and sub vets in this District.

Your newly 2018-2019 National officers and the vote count are as follows:

CDR Wayne Standerfer: 1293 votes
 Senior Vice-CDR Jon Jaques: 1284 votes
 Junior Vice-CDR Steve Bell: 1291 votes
 Treasurer Paul Hiser: 1292 votes
 Secretary Ray Wewers: 1281 votes

The USS Illinois Base had a small but mighty voice in this year's elections. We had 26.09% of our members voting in National's recent election. To our 9 members who voted, I thank you!

Why am I applauding this small number? Hard as it is to believe, we are in the top 77% of USSVI Bases for percentage of members voting. Out of 153 USSVI bases, only 33 bases have a higher percentage of member votes cast. We topped other bases in both Illinois and Wisconsin.

While I would have liked to see a larger number of our members casting votes, we did OK.



NEWS from
NATIONAL

National Commander John Markiewicz called a special Emergency Executive Session of the USSVI Board of Directors, via teleconference, on Aug. 3, 2018. The USSVI Board of Directors met in Emergency Special Executive Session and unanimously approved a loan of \$20,000 to

the Groton Base to cover expenses for maintenance of the Clubhouse. The Loan is to be paid back commencing in 2019 on a quarterly basis over the next two years. National Treasurer Paul Hiser was asked to prepare a loan agreement to be signed by the Groton Base Commander and Treasurer.



Bruce Pickering
 USS Illinois Base Treasurer

Don't forget to pay your 2019 National and Base membership dues for the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI). I will be available to accept your 2019 dues 15 minutes before and after our November, and December Base meetings.

National dues for both qualified and associate members are: 1-year term is \$25; 3-year term is \$70; 5-year term is \$115. Life-time memberships are associated with your age: Age 76+ is \$100; 66-76 is \$200; 56-65 is \$300; 46-55 is \$400; and 45 and under is \$500.

Need to pay your national dues by credit card? Then you must do so online at www.ussvi.org. Base dues cannot be paid by credit card.

USS Illinois Base dues are \$10. Multi-year options are not available.

Make your check out to "USS Illinois Base" and bring it to our meeting, or mail it to my attention: Bruce Pickering, 1702 Calumet Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. Make your payment before Dec. 15, 2018 to ensure time for your dues to reach National before USSVI's December 31 cut-off.





Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Tom Ramsay, Base Commander.

16 members present: Tom Ramsay, Bruce Pickering, Kate Ramsay, Sherm Buetsch, Don Bosetti, Mark Dykstra, Terry Elemeier, Jim Helsell, Richard Martin, Bob Fleck, Patrick O'Brien, Wayne Orrison, Phil Owens, Kep Preble, John Stines, Daryl Rorabaugh

Guests present: None.

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

USSVI Creed by Bruce Pickering.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Chaplain Bob Fleck.

Introductions of members and guests.

Minutes by Secretary Kate Ramsay. Motion made to accept the August minutes as published by Sherm Buetsch and seconded by Richard Martin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Bruce Pickering. No change in accounts since last report in August. No deposits or withdrawals made since then. Bank Account Balance: \$1,719.26, with available balance of \$1,819.26. Motion made by Kep Preble to accept the report as presented and seconded by Wayne Orrison. Motion carried.

Commander's Report by Tom Ramsay.

- **National Elections.** Members encouraged to vote in national elections if they haven't done so already.

- **News from National:** Kate has been asked by the incoming USSVI Commander to chair USSVI's Marketing/Publicity and Long-Range Planning Committee. Our CDR was asked to join this committee as well. Reminded members of the upcoming USSVI National Convention Oct. 21-28. The Base submitted two nominations for awards this year: A Meritorious Award for Richard Martin recognizing his extensive work with local veteran groups; and an issue of the *Green Board* for the small base newsletter competition.

- **Thanks.** Our successes this year was the result of the support and participation of Base members. We couldn't have done it without you.

Events Committee Report by Richard Martin:

- **WWII Re-enactment Days** at Midway Village in Rockford was well received. We have asked to be included in next year's event.
- **Hometown Heroes** at Midway Village Museum on Nov. 10, recognizing Vietnam Era veterans. Event begins at 1 p.m. We will have a table at this event and need volunteers.
- **Homeless Veteran Stand Down** will be October 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mendelson Center in Rockford. Winter clothing will be distributed, as well as other veteran support on hand for those in need.
- **Annual Veterans Dinner** on Nov. 3rd at Giovanni's Restaurant in Rockford. Tickets are \$30—must be purchased in advance. Contact Richard Martin for tickets. Members at the last meeting voted to lock in three tables (8 people each). We still have a table to fill.

Storekeeper's Report. None.

Chaplain's Report. None.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

- The Mongans have volunteered to host this year's Holiday party at their home. More information will be coming.
- Members were asked if they were interested in helping on a Cobia working party in November. More info to come.

Good of the Order. None.

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

Closing Prayer by Bob Fleck.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m. Motion made by Richard Martin and seconded Don Bosetti. Motion carried.

Next Base Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting (preceding Base meeting) at 11 a.m.

Regular Base Meeting at Noon, at Mustang Bar & Grill, South Beloit.

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'I saw more of the world as a Reservist': Buetsch tale continues

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in Puerto Rico. The boat's new home port became The Naval Station, Charleston, S.C., where the boat and its crew participated in missile shots outside Cape Canaveral, and Sherm attended sound and vibration analysis school.

Like many Atlantic boomers, the USS Grant also worked out of Holly Loch, Scotland.

In April 1973, Sherm was discharged from activity duty as an EM1 (SS), and headed back to Rockford. Once there, he joined the US Naval Reserve in Rockford, where he began his far-reaching tour of the world.

During his "civilian" life, Sherm didn't rest upon moving back to his birthplace in Rockford. He worked for seven years as a maintenance supervisor for Quaker Oats. He also enrolled in Rock Valley College to earn a degree in electricity and electronics. "They must've liked what I did," he said. "They hired me in 1978 as a part-time instructor in those fields." He was hired as a full-time instructor in January 1980—a position he held until retiring from RVC in July 2008.

Sherm's career in the Reserves, however, took him on yet a different path. ("Not much call for submarines in Rockford"), so he found his future calling in a new field—mines! That meant he was again off to Charleston to a Coastal Mine Sweeper in 1974. In 1975 he attended the Navy's Career Counseling School, at Great Lakes, graduating first in his class.

The "fun" really began when Sherm was assigned to a Mobile Mine Assembly Group (MOMAG), headquartered at the Naval Reserve Center at Great Lakes, Ill., in 1976. To hone his new skills, he made numerous trips back to Charleston for additional Mine Warfare training. He converted his rank from EM1 to MN1 in June 1977, and he quickly made rank over the next 10 years to Command Master Chief (SS) of MOMAG 1813 at Great Lakes in July 1987.



Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN-631) launched on Nov. 2, 1963.

Sherm explains that many people think Reserve service is a one weekend a month, and a two-weeks a year kind-of-job. "But, that's not what happens for MOMAG teams. I saw more of the world as a Reservist than on active duty," he said. "I was overseas almost every year, and my unit was gone from two to three weeks a year, and several times from four to five weeks."

The MOMAG teams were activated most weekends for

training, in between their multiple tours overseas, he said.

During overseas tensions, the teams had a critical rate that required them to report within two hours of the call. Their job was to augment overseas active duty teams whose staffing was cut short. Living in Rockford—a two-hour drive away from Great Lakes—required Sherm to keep a packed sea bag by his front door at all times.

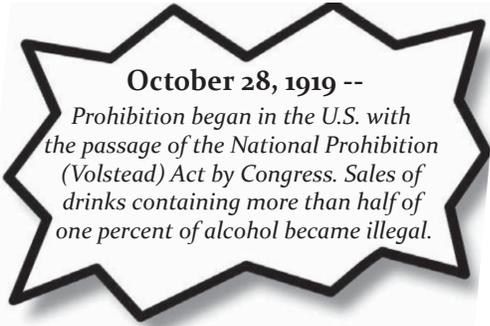
Here is just a short list of duty stations he served in as a MOMAG team member (often visiting them multiple times):

- Machrihanish, Cambeltown, Scotland
- Charleston, S.C.
- NWS Subic Bay, Philippines
- NWS Seal Beach, Calif.
- NAD West Loch, Oahu, Hi.
- AFB Kaden, Okinawa, Japan
- NAD Guam
- NAS Dallas, Tex.
- NAS Sigonella, Sicily
- NWS, Yorktown, Va.
- Naval Station Great Lakes

After that whirlwind tour, he set his sights back on Rockford, when he retired from the Navy Reserve as a MN1 (SS) on Sept. 1, 1996 to enjoy full-time family life.

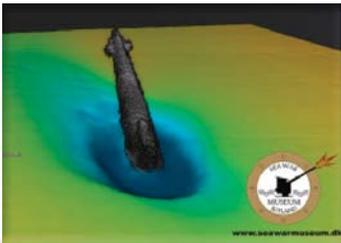
"I enjoyed my job and time in the Reserves," he added. "It was just like being on submarines. That was my job."





Missing Nazi sub discovered

Smithsonian.Com (Washington, D.C.) – You might have missed this article about the discovery of a missing sub rumored to have taken Nazis leaders to South America.



Wreckage found embedded into the sea floor.

A British B24 Liberator bomber claimed that on May 6, 1946, it had sunk the U-3523, a new and highly designed vessel (Hitler’s TYPE XXI submarine). However, the location of this downed submarine could not be located, creating rumors that the sub was able to take

the defeated Nazi leadership to South America.

The rumors were finally put to rest 73 years later with the discovery of the wreck “ten nautical miles north of Skagen – Denmark’s northmost town – nine miles west of the position reported by the British bomber,” it was reported. It appeared this is long-range submarine, and its 58 crew members, was not heading to Argentina with valuables as thought, but was headed to Norway when sunk by the British bomber.

Two Virginia class Subs christened

Navaltoday.com (Washington, D.C.) – The US Navy christened two Virginia-class submarines in two separate ceremonies on Saturday, October 20.

The first ceremony was held at Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, in Newport News, Va., for the future USS Delaware (SSN 791).

Dr. Jill Biden, former second lady of the United States, served as the ship’s sponsor.

The second ceremony, held at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., marked the christening of the future USS Vermont (SSN 792). The boat’s sponsor was Gloria Valdez, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Longest-serving Submarine retires



Navy Times (Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Wa.) – We bid farewell to the longest-serving Submarine in the Navy’s history, the USS Bremerton (SS-698). The “old” boat now sits at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, near her namesake’s Washington town. No longer will see her Hawaiian home port.

“It sailed more than a million miles underwater while the world above it change,” according to CDR Travis Zettel, the boat’s commander.

When the Bremerton was commissioned on March 28, 1981, Blondie’s “Rapture” topped the charts, and the TV show Dallas ruled the airwaves. And, a few short days later, President Ronald Reagan would survive an assassination attempt.

Ahead, the Bremerton faces its decommissioning and dismantlement. CDR Zettel said, “an effort is underway to get the boat’s sail turned into some sort of local monument.



Military presence in Congress dropping

The number of veterans in the 115th Congress reflects a trend of steady decline in recent decades in the number of Members who have served in the military, the *Military Times* reports.

Today, 8.8% of U.S. Representatives have served, or are serving, in the military. This was “one more than the beginning of the 114th Congress in 2017,” it was reported.

With a total of 172 veterans winning primaries in this year’s mid-term session, experts say “more veterans are running credible campaigns for congressional seats this year than ever before.”

How this does this stack up from prior years? “For example, 64% of

the Members of the 97th Congress (1981-1982) were veterans, and in the 92nd Congress (1971-1972), 73% of the Members were veterans.”

As an interesting side-bar, let’s look at some local State House Reps. In Illinois, 7% of seated State Reps have a military background, and 13% in Wisconsin. Only Utah (5%) and California (6%) had a number lower than Illinois. In the bottom third ranking with Illinois was Massachusetts both at 7%.

The states holding the highest number of veterans serving in their respective State Houses are: Nebraska at 27%, New Hampshire at 23%, and North Dakota at 21%.

New National Veterans Museum opens in Ohio

Traveling through Ohio in the future? You might want to make a point to stop by Columbus, to view the new National Veterans Memorial and Museum that opened last Saturday.

The ground was broken for this impressive structure in 2015 with the backing and support of the late John Glenn, who was a founding force behind the museum that opened in his home state. He insisted that the building design have a curved façade to allow for a wheelchair-friendly interior to allow handicap veterans and family members access to the displays.



National Veterans Memorial & Museum in Columbus, Ohio.

Glenn did not live to see his dream unfold. However, this new museum is getting “WOW!” comments from those who have already visited this unique structure.

It’s not just for veterans, either, the MOAA (Military Officers Association) news article points out. “Part of the mission is to connect with and educate civilians, including pro-

grams that can translate the veteran experience for visitors from kindergarten through high school.”

Active duty benefit erosion

The Military Officers Association (MOAA), a major legislative advocate for active and retired military, is fighting hard on Capitol Hill to help active duty families, states Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, USAF, Ret. and Deputy Directory for Financial Information for (MOAA). He provided a legislative update to over 100 retired military at the Rock Island Arsenal in the Quad Cities earlier this month.

“We need to be diligent,” he said. He noted that military families are seeing higher Tricare fees, as well as seeing their housing benefits, commissary and exchange benefits erode.” He added that there are some in Congress who are seeking a way to replace commissaries and exchanges with private sector box stores such as Walmart.

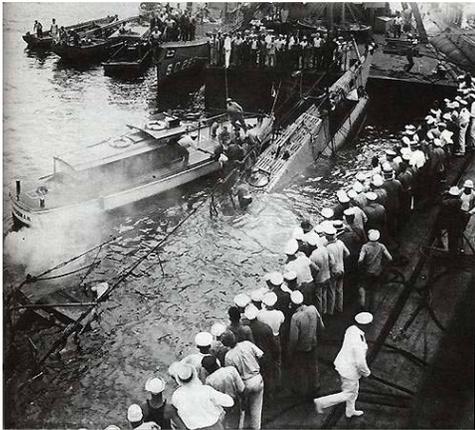


Tolling of the Bells for Lost Boats

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



October



In 1923 the only way the salvage crew could get the men out of the submarine was to lift it physically from the mud using cranes or pontoons. (US Navy Photo)

USS O-5 (SS-66) lost on October 29, 1923 when it sunk after collision with SS Abangarez (United Fruit) off Panama Canal. Loss of 2 crew. Torpedoman's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Henry Breault received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.

USS S-44 (SS-155) lost October 7, 1943 when it was sunk during her 5th war patrol off Paramushiro, Kuriles (Northern) during a gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroy. Loss of 56 crew. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.

USS Wahoo (SS-238) lost on October 11, 1943 during her 7th war patrol. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft in or near La Perouse Strait off northern Japan. Loss of 80 crew.

USS Dorado (SS-248) lost on October 12, 1943 when it was sunk in the Southwestern Atlantic, possibly near Cuba. Cause of her loss remains unknown. Loss of 76 crew.

USS Seawolf (SS-197) lost on October 3, 1944 on her 15th war patrol in tragic error when sunk by her own forces in a submarine safety zone just

north of Morotai, between Philippines and Indonesia. Loss of 82 crew and 17 U.S. Army troops.

USS Escolar (SS-294) lost on or after October 17, 1944 on her 1st war patrol when it was sunk in the Yellow Sea of China, most likely by a mine. Loss of 82 crew.

USS Shark (SS-314) lost on October 24, 1944 on her 3rd war patrol in the channel midway between Hainan and Bashi when it was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POWs on board. Loss of 87 crew.

USS Darter (SS-227) lost on October 24, 1944 when it became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation. The boat was destroyed. Entire crew rescued by USS Dace.

USS Tang (SS-306) lost on October 25, 1944 on her 5th war patrol. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes and sunk in the north end of Formosa Strait near Turnabout Island. Nine of the crew were saved and taken prisoner. Loss of 78 crew, all prisoners, including CDR R.H. O'Kane, survived the war.

Story within the Story



President Calvin Coolidge presented the Medal of Honor to TM2 Breault on April 4, 1924.

Story of heroism and devotion to duty while serving on board the USS O-5 (SS-66) at the time of the sinking of that vessel. On the morning of Oct. 28, 1923, the O-5 collided with the steamship Abangarez and sank in less than a minute.

When the collision occurred, TM2 Henry Breault was in the torpedo room. Upon reaching the hatch, he saw that the boat was rapidly sinking. Instead of jumping overboard to save his own life, he returned to the

torpedo room to the rescue a shipmate whom he knew was trapped in the boat, closing the torpedo room hatch on himself.

Breault and EMC Lawrence T. Brown remained trapped in this compartment until rescued by the salvage party 31 hours later.

PO Breault was the first submariner to receive the Medal of Honor, and to this day, is the only enlisted man to receive this Medal for heroism while serving as a submariner.





Local Hometown Heroes: Vietnam Era



Saturday, November 10th from 1 to 4 p.m., the USS Illinois Base has been asked to participate with a booth at Midway Village's Hometown Heroes event. We will be the only veteran group with a table.

Our Events Coordinator, Richard Martin, has procured submarine documentaries that will continuously run at our booth on a television screen. He explains that this year's Hometown Heroes event at the Village is different from the past. Instead of all the veteran groups having booths, this year students from the Harlem Veteran's Project will share their compelling and professionally-developed documentaries of Rockford's Vietnam Veterans.

We invite you to come and help man the Base's booth and answer questions about life on submarines

from the many students that will be at the museum. People don't think about submarines when they think of the Vietnam War, so this is a good educational opportunity for the community.

Bring your family and friends to view this remarkable student-made documentary. Meet several of our local heroes, talk with the students documenting their experiences, and see Vietnam era artifacts up close. Admission to the Museum Galleries is included.

Vietnam Era Veterans get in FREE. The cost for adults is \$7, and \$5 for children age 12-17.

If you can help the Base at this event, give Richard Martin a call at (815) 505-7674, or email him at pop1945@comcast.com.

Wayne Orrison (lft), and Richard Martin (rt) greet Senior Chief Prophet Yusuf (Ctr) at the October 26 Veterans Stand Down. Senior Chief Yusuf was aboard the USS Glennon (DD-840) when it located the downed USS Thresher.



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 3, 2018

Time: Board of Directors Meeting - 11 a.m.

Regular Base Meeting - Noon *(lunch available during or after meeting)*

Location: Mustang Bar & Grill
482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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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.** ____
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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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