



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

New Base officers take the helm

Welcome our newly elected Base officers, who took their Oath of Office at our August 3rd meeting. They will serve for a two-year term.

Assuming command of the helm are CDR Richard Martin EN3(SS), Sr. Vice CDR Wayne Orrison SSTC (SS), Jr. Vice CDR Mark Dykstra EM2(SS), and Bruce Pickering EN2(SS) as



Newly elected CDR Richard Martin (left) accepts the Base Gavel from Immediate Past CDR Tom Ramsay.



Terry Elmeier, USS Illinois Base Scout Coordinator (left) and CDR Richard Martin, presented Joseph Thuma, of McHenry County, with a USSVI Eagle Scout Certificate and patch. Congratulations!

Treasurer. Our new Secretary is Patrick O'Brien (MM2) (who was elected at the November meeting to replace Kate Ramsay, who has stepped aside). Moving into the Immediate Past CDR's position is Tom Ramsay.

To fill the vacancy of Membership Committee Chairman, Jr. Vice CDR Mark Dykstra has added this position to his current duties as Junior Vice CDR.

CDR Martin has made quite an impact in our Base before taking over the Base gavel. In December 2017, CDR Tom Ramsay presented Richard with a Volunteer Achieve-

ment Award for his work in introducing the Base to the community.

The Base submitted Richard's name for a USSVI Meritorious Award for his work throughout our community. He was presented this award at the 2018 USSVI National Convention.



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Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. by CDR Richard Martin.

13 members present: Richard Martin, Wayne Orrison, Mark Dykstra, Bruce Pickering, Bob Bates, Don Bosetti, Sherm Buetsch Terry Elmeier, Jim Helsell, Renee Martin, Chuck Mongan, Patrick O'Brien, Phil Owens, Kep Preble, Kate Ramsay, Tom Ramsay.

Guests present: Jim Hill, Chuck Bailey, and Dick Watermolen (Guest Speaker)

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Tolling of Bells and Reading of USSVI Creed held over for next meeting.

Member/Guest Introductions.

Minutes. Renee Martin, acting secretary, read the minutes of the October 5th meeting. Motion made and seconded to approve as presented. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Bruce Pickering reported status of the Base Treasury for September & October. Reminder that National and Base Dues must reach National prior to Dec. 31. Bruce can accept dues before and after the December meeting. A motion was made by Wayne Orrison, and seconded Tom Ramsay to accept the report as presented.

Chaplain's Report. Bob Fleck is still under the weather. We wish him well.

Storekeepers Report. None

Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS) Report by JVCDR Mark Dykstra. Discussion held about Base continuing a relationship with the American Children's Hospital in Madison, Wis. Other opportunities are being explored by Mark and Theresa Dykstra. Kate provided Mark with documents from the Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS) program she attended at USSVI's National Convention.

CDR's Report. Discussion held on various locations for January's Base Holiday party. A motion was made by Wayne Orrison and seconded by Kep Preble to hold the event on January 4 at Boundaries Bar & Grill in Beloit. More info to follow.

Guest Speaker: CDR Martin introduced Dick Watermolen from Vet2Now who talked about a special performance and

fundraiser for 1st responders, veterans, and military set for October 23, 2020 at the BMO Center in Rockford courtesy of Gary Sinise & the LT Dan Band foundation. Guest speaker to be retired MAJ GEN John Borling (USAF). Proceeds will go to various area police and sheriff depts projects, homeless programs, and Vet Roll. The Base was asked to participate by helping place fundraising donation containers (*to be provided*) around the city in nice restaurants. We would then collect the funds monthly. Tickets for the event will be \$25. Gold Star families free. Marketing will be throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, and Western Iowa.

New Business.

- **Election/Appointments.** Two vacancies required action—Secretary and Membership Chairman. Our current Secretary, Kate Ramsay, had asked to step down to allow her time for her work with National and her other Base duties. Patrick O'Brien offered to assume this position. Mike Dykstra accepted an appointment by CDR Martin to Membership Chair. A motion was made by Chuck Mongan to appoint Patrick O'Brien as our new Secretary and Mark Dykstra as Membership Committee Chair. Seconded by Wayne Orrison. Motion unanimously accepted.

- **USS Cobia Overhaul Project.** The Base participated in several functions in support of this fundraising project, but weather did not cooperate, as several fundraising events were cancelled.

- **Janesville Patriotic Society.** JVCDR Mark Dykstra reminded us of upcoming Janesville Patriotic Society activities.

-- **Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony** at Traxler's Park on November 11.

-- **Support our Troops Event.** On Dec. 21 from 10-11 a.m., participants will stand on the sidewalk alongside Milton Avenue in Janesville holding American Flags, signs, etc. to let the passing vehicles know that there are men and women who are standing on the line in defense of our country. Join if you can.

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Richard Martin, EN3(SS)
USS Illinois Base Commander



Hi to all you Bubbleheads. Here's just a little review of this past year. We started our activities with the Memorial Day Parade in Beloit, Wis., and had a good day as far as weather, then we were scheduled to be in the

Pecatonica Parade, but it was cancelled due to severe weather. Then we were off to the Young at Heart parade May 25th in Loves Park, Ill., where we got soaked. And after that, things went down hill for parades as bad weather stayed with us throughout much of Spring and

Summer ruining many events.

In July, we participated in Manitowoc's Annual Subfest event, which is always a good time for everyone attending.

The following week we participated in the Warbird Weekend at the Southern Wis. Regional Airport in Janesville Wis., which was a busy time for our volunteers and a very hot one to say the least.

We also had a Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS) program at the Childrens Hospital in Madison, Wis. What a great program. Just watching the look on the kids faces was very rewarding.

Terry Elmeier, our Scout Coordinator, and I also took part in a Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award where we honored a young man with a special USSVI Scout patch.

Moving on, we were set up at Midway Village in Rockford for their two-day WWII Reenactment event, but due to severe weather it was cancelled for the first time in its history. We were also scheduled to set up at the Autorama in Beloit to sell fundraising items for the USS Cobia Overhaul Project, but that also got rained out and didn't happen.

In October we set up a display at Rockford's Mendelssohn Performing

Arts Center, for the annual Veterans Stand Down, where we helped service many, many less fortunate Veterans. It went off without a hitch.

We then moved into November and participated in the Veterans dinner at Giovanni's, where close to 500 Veterans and guests attended. Just to let everyone know, next year's Veterans dinner will be at a new location because Giovanni's is closing and becoming a casino until they complete the Hard Rock Casino at the old Clock Tower Resort site.

I almost forgot to let everyone know that Wayne and Phyllis Orison and Renee and I attended the Brave Hearts Breakfast for Veterans and watched their program on horses. Renee even got a training session on how to control and lead a horse. Yes, she is hooked now . . . I should have bought a small farm.

Now we're getting close to Thanksgiving and Christmas, which means family and food and watching how much we eat. Wow is that a lot to ask for--I have a hard enough time when it isn't the Holidays.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting on December 7th, until then keep your head above water.

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Editor's Note

by Kate Ramsay

Thanks for your support while I was recovering from my failed Olympic tumbling tryout. I am on the mend, so hopefully you can enjoy this overdue newsletter.

I am always looking for a good story to share, so pass them on when you can. You can send information to kateram@jcwifi.com.

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NEWS from NATIONAL

Veterans sue over VA delay of Blue Water Navy Agent Orange claims

By John Dudas, Service Veterans Officer

A veterans nonprofit advocacy group has filed a lawsuit asking the court to lift a stay on Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans' VA claims ordered by the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie.

The lawsuit from Military Veterans Advocacy Inc. was filed in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and asks the court to overturn a stay ordered by Wilkie July 1, following President Donald Trump signing the long-awaited Blue Water Vietnam Veterans Act.

The stay effectively stalled the benefits many veterans exposed to Agent Orange thought they had finally gained with the passage of the recent bill after decades of fighting.

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) were ordered by Wilkie to stay any decisions on claims for disability compensation based on service in the offshore waters of Vietnam beginning Jan. 9, 1962 and ending May 7, 1975, a memo obtained and first reported by Connecting Vets reads.

Stay Order

The VBA and BVA also "are ordered to stay decisions re-

garding claims for disability compensation that are based on service in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone" beginning Sept. 1, 1967 and ending Aug. 31, 1971, as well as claims for benefits for spina bifida from children of veterans allegedly exposed to toxic herbicides such as Agent Orange while serving in Thailand from Jan. 9, 1962 to May 7, 1975.

"The stays shall remain in effect until Jan. 1, 2020," Wilkie's memo said.

In his memo, Wilkie said the legislation approved by both chambers of Congress and signed by the President gives him the authority to delay the claims until next year. But the lawsuit says that's not the case, arguing that Congress' intent was for claims to begin being processed before the Jan. 1, 2020 effective date and calling Wilkie's stay an "untimely and unlawful decision."

Blue water sailors impacted

The lawsuit also addresses the Procopio v. Wilkie Federal Circuit Court decision, which reversed a 1997 VA decision to deny that Blue Water veterans were exposed to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange while serving offshore of Vietnam. The Procopio decision earlier this year meant that the VA should presume veterans who served in the waters off the coast were exposed to Agent Orange at some point during their service, and as a result were eligible for related VA benefits.

The lawsuit says it's likely the VA could interpret Wilkie's stay as precluding all claims related

to Agent Orange exposure, including those under the Procopio decision.

"The VA must abide by the ruling in Procopio and not delay claims," particularly since the court already denied a request for a stay from Wilkie, the lawsuit says. "Now the Secretary has taken it upon himself to usurp the authority of this Court by imposing an illicit and unsanctioned stay of proceedings."

"If there is any basis for a stay," the lawsuit says, "none exists to claims brought under Procopio. ... Procopio claims must be exempted by (VA) to ensure Blue Water Navy veterans receive the benefits they have earned." In the July 5 news release, the VA said Blue Water veterans are "encouraged" to submit their claims for conditions related to Agent Orange. Veterans 85 and older, or "with life-threatening illnesses" will have "priority in claims processing," VA said. But those claims will not be decided until 2020, according to Wilkie's order.

Veterans previously denied an Agent Orange-related presumptive condition can file a new claim under the new law, the VA said. Eligible survivors of deceased Blue Water Navy veterans can also file claims for benefits based on their veterans' service.

The law passed by Congress and signed by the president affects veterans who served on a vessel no more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia, according to VA, about 420,000 to 560,000 Vietnam-era veterans.

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Expanded services for Vets and families

According to the Department of Defense, starting Jan. 1, 2020, all service-connected Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) can use commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) retail facilities, in-person and online.

Who is eligible Jan. 1, 2020?

- Veterans
- Purple Heart recipients
- former prisoners of war
- Veterans with 0-90% service-connected disability ratings

For more information regarding these privileges and access to military installations, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access>

Academic Scholarships available

Did you know that as a USSVI member, your child, grandchild, stepchildren, or a court appointed to a guardian of a sponsoring member may apply for a USSV Charitable Foundation Academic Scholarship.

Applicants must be unmarried and a high school senior or graduate under age 21, or a student under age 23 enrolled in a full time course of study at an accredited institution of higher learning.

The application process is currently open. All applications must be **submitted no later than May 15, 2020**. Visit **USSVI.ORG** and visit the Charitable Fund page.

Support Charitable Foundation as you shop

USSVI CDR John E. Markiewicz encourages USSVI to shop on Amazon and support the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation at the same time.



"AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shipping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the

charitable organization of your choice," CDR Markiewicz states.

All you need to do is:

1. Click this link >>smile.amazon.com
2. When you log in you'll be asked to input your charity. Just type US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. and click search.
3. Click on SEL and you're on your way.

"Thanks You!" from our Charitable Foundation.



If you haven't heard, the 2020 SubFest in Manitowoc, Wis. has a wrinkle this year. It had to be moved up one week.

The Democratic Nat'l Convention is being held in Milwaukee the 2nd weekend in July. The Maritime Museum is working with the City to host Subfest over the 4th of July weekend. More info coming.



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-- For information purposes, Mark reported that the **Oak Hills Cemetery** in Janesville is running out of burial space in its Veterans Section. Veterans ashes can still be accepted for burial in a mausoleum on the property. Discussion followed on other veteran options.

-- Sherm Buetsch noted that Winnebago High School has a big program on **Veterans Day**, Nov. 11th honoring area Veterans. Discussion followed as many local schools offer breakfasts, snacks,

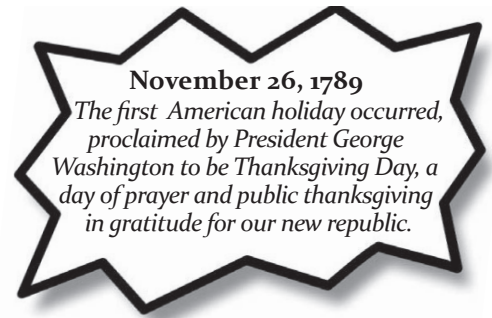
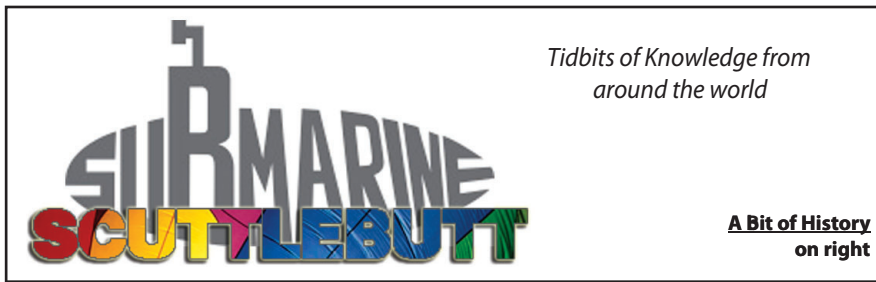
and special programs honoring Veterans. Members encourage to check with their local schools and plan to attend.

50-50 Raffle. Phil Owens won the raffle and donated his share back to the Base.

Closing Prayer by Dick Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Motion made by Bruce Pickering and seconded by Tom Ramsay. Motion carried. The next meeting will at Mustang Bar & Grill on December 7 at Noon.





Streak of bad luck for Narco-Subs

(FoxNews.Com) -- The crew of the US Coast Guard Cutter Midgett recently seized more than 4,600 pounds of cocaine, "their second cocaine bust in five days. The total of more than 6,700 lbs. of cocaine were seized in the two operations worth more than \$89 million."

The drugs were confiscated July 31 from a "low-profile go-fast" vessel in

international waters off the Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Coast Guard announced Thursday.

The drug cartels keep trying. Spanish police seized 6,000 lbs. this week during its first-ever 'narco-submarine' capture, believed to be the first ever to enter European waters. "The submarine is believed to have departed from Columbia," Fox reports.

Vandals accused of flooding USS Ling face charges

Fox News (Hackensack, N.J.) -- New charges were levied against five so-called urban explorers accused of flooding and partially sinking a World War II-era submarine in New Jersey during a pair of break-ins last summer.

Criminal counts of conspiracy and knowingly causing a flood were added on top of the burglary and criminal mischief counts already in place, according to an indictment from July 9, reported by *NorthJersey.com*.

The five individuals, identified as urban explorers (people who visit abandoned structures for fun), were arrested in connection with the alleged vandalism and burglary.

They boarded the 1,500-ton USS Ling in the Hackensack River, opened the underwater hatches and stole four bronze plaques honoring the more than 3,000 Navy officers who died on U.S. submarines during World War II, authorities said. The vessel was flooded, police added.

Artifacts inside the submarine, including radio transmitters, uniforms and textiles, were lost due to water damage. The Ling was the last of a fleet of boats that patrolled U.S. shores during WWII.

The Museum doesn't have the resources to relocate and restore the submarine, which would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars."

House fly? Elephant fly? Submarine fly?



(*Jalopnik.com*) -- The Russians were experimenting with submarines that could fly (*see photo*), but Donald Reid went further:

"In 1961 Donald Reid designed and built a single-seat craft (32.83 ft length) capable of flight and underwater movement. A 65 hp (48 kW)

engine mounted on a pylon provided propulsion for flight; a 1 hp electric motor in the tail provided underwater propulsion. The pilot used an aqualung for breathing underwater. The first full-cycle flight [underwater at 6.5 feet (2 m) depth, airborne at 33 ft (10 m) altitude] was demonstrated on 9 June 1964."



Warbirds Weekend



**Janesville,
Wisconsin**



Phil Owen

Dick Martin



Wayne Orrison

Tom Ramsay (seated)



Temperature HOT!

Humidity HIGH!!

Overall Event GREAT FUN!

USS Illinois Base Photo Review

Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS) Event

A highlight of the year took place on Aug. 1, 2019 when the USS Illinois Base presented its "FIRST" Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS) program at the American Children's Hospital in Madison, Wis. We thank Mark and Theresa Dykstra for helping make this exceptional event possible!



Mark Dykstra welcomes some "Honorary Submariners."



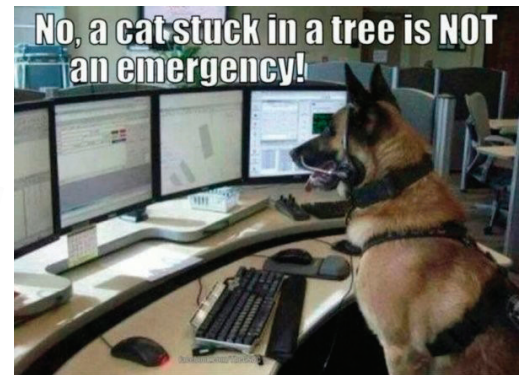
The 'Meet & Greet' Gang handed out crayons, submarine coloring pages, coins, stickers, caps, and pirate bandanas bringing smiles to many young faces.



Our thanks to the welcome we received from the hospital's Child Life Services Department. Pictured It to rt are Rachel Wenger (CLS Assistant); Julie Auenson (HMA) (CLS Manger); and our own Mark Dykstra.



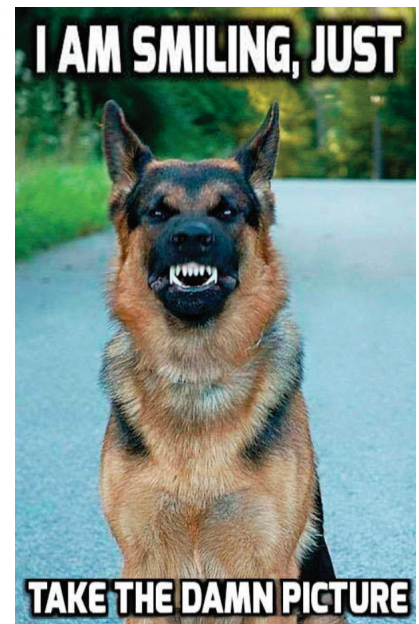
If I need a good laugh, I just have to turn to our Sr. Vice Commander Waynen Orrison. Here are a few of the funny photos he sent to me recently in honor of Warrior Dogs.



Putting a whole new spin on the words



Salute to our Warrior Dogs



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."



November



USS Corvina (SS-226) lost on its first war patrol—just 12 days from the day she left Pearl Harbor.

USS Corvina (SS-226) lost on November 16, 1943 on her 1st war patrol when sunk just south of Truk Island (an atoll hosting a massive Japanese naval and air base) from torpedoes from a Japanese submarine. Loss of 82 crew.

USS Sculpin (SS-191) lost on November 19, 1943 north of Gro-luk Island near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, the Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. Due to damage, a decision was made to abandon ship and scuttle Sculpin. The CAPT J.P. Cromwell remained aboard fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture—he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. 41 officers and men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war.

USS Albacore (SS-218) lost on November 7, 1944 on her 11th war patrol, when she struck a mine while running submerged in the channel between Hokkaido and Honshu. Loss of 85 crew.

USS Growler (SS-215) lost on November 8, 1944 on her 12th war patrol when sunk while attacking a convoy in the South China Sea. Loss of 85 crew.

USS Scamp (SS-277) lost on November 16, 1944 on her 8th war patrol. when it was sunk off Inubo Saki near Tokyo Bay. She may have been damaged by a mine prior to her loss, since she was trailing oil. This leak helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate her and destroy her with depth charges. Loss of 83 crew.

For those who didn't come home



*Poem by Eileen Mahoney
(90 years young)*

In ocean wastes no poppies below,
No crosses stand in ordered row,
... There young hearts sleep ... beneath
the wave ...
The spirited, the good, the brave,
But stars a constant vigil keep,
For them who lie beneath the deep.
'Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer
On certain spot and think. "He's there."
But you can to the ocean go ...
See whitecaps marching row on row;
Know one for him will always ride ...
In and out . . . with every tide.
And when your span of life is passed,
He'll meet you at the "Captain's Mast."
And they who mourn on distant shore
For sailors who'll come home no more,
Can dry their tears and pray for these
Who rest beneath the heaving seas ...
For stars that shine and winds that blow
And whitecaps marching row on row.
And they can never lonely be
For when they lived ... they chose the
sea.

--Contributed by a shipmate of
Tom Ramsay's--Karl Dye, MMCM(SS), from
the Bowfin Base.



Treasurer's Report

Bruce Pickering
USS Illinois Base Treasurer

Don't forget to pay your 2020 National and Base membership dues for the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI). I will be available to accept your 2020 dues 15 minutes before and after our December Base meeting.

National Dues

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.

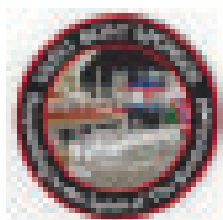
Need to pay your national dues by credit card? Then you must do so online at www.ussvi.org. Base dues cannot be paid by credit card.

Illinois Base Dues

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.

Support your Boat Sponsorship Program



It is renewal time for USSVI's Boat Sponsorship Program (BSP).

The *AMERICAN SUBMARINER* is the quarterly magazine published by the US Submarine Veterans, Inc. and is a major benefit that all USSVI members receive.

Your \$30 contribution to BSP pays to send three copies of each issue of *American Submariner* magazine for the subscription year to the command, boat or other place where

news of the Silent Service is welcomed, including libraries & ROTC units.

Make Check payable to "USSVI" Write "Boat Sponsorship Program" on the memo line. Use a separate sheet of paper to list the boat or facility where you want the magazine to go.

Send your donation to go to USSVI National Office, PO Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383-3870, or give it to our Base Treasurer, Bruce Pickering.

USSVI can grow only if we all reach out to fellow submariners.

Our Creed: "To perpetuate the memory of our ship-mates 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."

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: **December 7, 2019**

Time: **Noon** (lunch available during or after meeting)

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



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular ☐ Life ☐ Associate ☐

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

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

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

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

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

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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
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Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Consult the local base for those figures.

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

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

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

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____ / ____ / ____ **If other military service, What Branch?** _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ **Mil Retired (Y/N):** ____ **On Active Duty? (Y/N):** ____

YR entered Mil Service: ____ **YR left Mil Service** ____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

- ☐ Check if your Military Service falls within any of these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946; June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7, 1975; and from August 2, 1990 to date.
☐ Check if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

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