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Cobia Dry Dock Report

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On April 23, members of Crash Dive Base, USS Chicago Base, and USS Illinois Base, joined forces in a joint fundraising effort for the USS Cobia's Drydock Fund.

The hospitality of Zurko Midwest Promotions at their Civil War Show made it all possible. Participants were Steve Benicke, Glenn Barts and Greg Miller. Nearly \$500 was raised and a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to participants and the patrons of the show for bringing the USS Cobia that much closer to drydocking.

Additional fundraising events are scheduled for the future. Please consider volunteering as raising funds requires boots on the ground. Volunteers are needed for the following:

June 4 & 5, at the Kane County Flea Market, St. Charles, Ill.

June 18, at the Belvidere Flea Market, Belvidere, Ill.

July 2-4, SubFest, Manitowoc, Wis.

August 20, Wheaton All-Night Flea Market, Wheaton, Ill.

There's a potential for raising a lot of money but it won't happen without your help. If you are in any way interested, please contact me at 630-543-7855 (home) or 331-307-9497 (cell) or greg.mary.miller@gmail.com.



WE NEED YOU BEHIND THIS TABLE

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart," a well-known Wales organizer wrote.

We know there is no better person than a Submarine Sailor to help us spread the word about the value of USSVI and the comradeship of membership. Put your heart on your sleeve and help your Base reach new heights this year. We are planning a busy year and need volunteers to step forward



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 by Base CDR Mark Dykstra at 12:05 p.m.

13 Members present – Patrick O'Brien, Mark Dykstra, Bruce Pickering, Tom Ramsay, Richard Martin, Greg Miller, Wayne Orrison, Kate Ramsay, Daryl Rorabaugh, Jim Helsell, Tim Deneen, Paul Hable, Phil Owens

Pledge of Allegiance by all hands.

Invocation by Chaplain Dick Martin.

Member/Guest introductions: None.

Recitation of the USSVI Creed was given by CDR Dykstra.

Tolling of Bells ceremony – Phil Owens read the list of lost boats and tolled the bell.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Pat O'Brien asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as distributed by email. Motion made by Phil Owens; seconded by Tom Ramsay. Motion. Secretary Pat O'Brien advised the membership the meeting minutes will, from now on, be distributed in the week after the meeting via email.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Bruce Pickering presented the monthly treasurers' report. Kate Ramsay made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Pat O'Brien. Motion was approved.

Chaplain's Report – Chaplain Dick Martin reported Store Keeper Terry Elmeier is improving.

Store Keeper's Report - None. Treasurer Bruce Pickering asked for reimbursement for Holland Club supplies he purchased with personal funds. Motion to reimburse Bruce Pickering was made by Phil Owens and seconded by Tom Ramsay. Motion approved.

Kaps(ss) 4 Kids(ss) – No update.

Unfinished Business:

- The Base will set up a table at the Model "T" car show at the Boone County Fair Grounds on Saturday May 21. Wayne Orrison advised the show runs from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. He further advised the entrance to the show will be the south gate on Hwy. 76.

- The Base will participate in two parades on Memorial Day--in Beloit in the morning and in Pecatonica in the afternoon. Chaplain Martin will provide updates.

- Sr. VCDR Greg Miller offered information regarding Cobia. Booths set up for the Cobia Drydock Fund will be at:

-- Flea Market at the Kane County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 4, from Noon to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 5, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

-- Belvidere Flea Market at the Boone County Fairgrounds on 18 June from 3 p.m. to midnight.

-- DuPage Flea Market at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on beginning August 20 at 3 p.m. until 3 a.m. August 21.

-- SUBFEST: We will have a booth.

Greg added that all Cobia Fundraiser activities are joint activities with other USSVI Bases.

-- A working party date is for the COBIA TBD.

New Business:

- **Sub Fest** is the weekend of July 4th. Wayne Orrison will make a presentation on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the River Room on "Deep Submergence" subs.
- A motion was made by Wayne Orrison and seconded by Pat O'Brien to **cancel the July meeting** as it conflicts with SubFest. The motion was approved.
- Dick Martin reported he is in conversation with the Rockford Museum Center with regard to setting up a table at the upcoming **WWII Days**.
- Discussion regarding cancelling the September meeting will be deferred until the August meeting. (The scheduled meeting falls in the Labor Day Holiday weekend.)
- The Executive Committee will meet at 11 a.m. prior to the full membership meeting on June 4th.

Good of the order:

- Tim Deneen was inducted into the Holland Club.

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Just when you thought you were too old for a good paying job!!!

The Hartford, Conn. "Courant" ran a story on May 18, 2022, talking about a demand surge for submarine manufacturing workers in Connecticut. The Navy is at point of considering outsourcing if they can't get the workers they need – and, FAST!

More than 3,000 workers are needed this year, a 20% increase over 2021.

The local Workforce Investment Board in Connecticut has doubled the number of classes from a previous high of 24 to train welding, pipefitting, sheet metal work and other skills.

Here are some ideas being tossed around:

Navy thinkers are looking at the possibility to outsource construction to yards that have not traditionally done naval nuclear submarine work.

BUT . . . the Russians might have a better suggestion idea going. They obviously have run into a few short-ages in their military ranks of late, so their "powers that be" just eliminated age limits for individuals who want to join the Russian Army. Ages 40 and over are no longer being snubbed.

So, here's a new plan to consider. US Submarine sailors are all boosting

at how good they are! So, you have a few white hair on your head, so you can't always reach your toes. You DO know submarines! And, you have the 'CAN DO, attitude and have the sea stories to prove it.

How about all you midwest submariners renting buses and heading to Connecticut to give them a hand? I know it would be appreciated.



NEWS from
NATIONAL

Pack your bags for Buffalo, NY for the 2022

USSVI Convention - August 24-27, 2022

Hyatt Regency Buffalo

This year's convention will be held on the shores of Lake Erie in spectacular Buffalo, NY, just down the street from the largest inland Naval Park in the United States, where the Tolling of the Boats ceremony will be conducted on the World War II submarine, USS Croaker (SS-246). The convention will feature boat reunions, an awards banquet, the Holland Club breakfast, and numerous opportunities to socialize, reconnect, and get informed on the happenings of your USSVI.

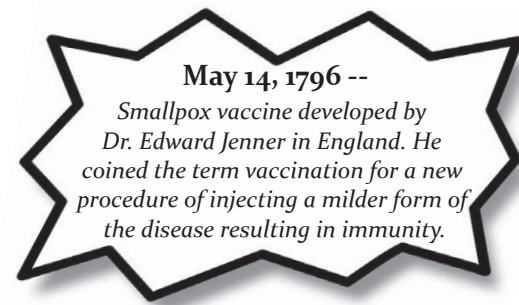
Buffalo is only a half hour away from Niagara Falls, one of the Wonders of the Natural World, and a site best seen up close to be truly appreciated. Tours will be offered where you will literally feel the power of the Falls as you cruise aboard the Maid of the Mist, taking you into the belly of the horseshoe falls. You will also be able to descend 175 feet into the Niagara gorge where you will walk along the fierce lower Niagara River and travel a series of decks and boardwalks that lead up to the "Hurricane Deck," which sits just 20 feet away from the base of the bridal veil falls themselves!

Other events include:

- Double-decker bus tours to some of the best local breweries Buffalo has to offer.
- Dinner cruise of the Buffalo harbor on the Grand Lady
- Evening tours to Canadian or American side of the Falls

To register go directly to the National Convention website, ussviconvention.org/2022/ and click on the convention registration button. You will be directed to a new page that will allow you to complete your reservation online and pay by credit card, PayPal or check.





Satellites pick up dolphin activity

USNI NEWS -- Nothing should surprise you, according to USNI News. They report that “Russia has deployed trained dolphins during its invasion of Ukraine to protect a Black Sea naval base.”

According to a review of satellite imagery, the Russian Navy has placed two dolphin pens at the entrance to Sevastopol harbor, sheltered just inside a sea wall. The pens were moved there in February, around the time of the invasion of Ukraine.

Why? USNI notes the Russia’s most significant naval base (Sevastopol) is in the Black Sea. The dolphins “may be tasked with counter-diver operations.” Their task could be to

prevent Ukrainian special operation forces from possible underwater sabotage to many high-value Russian Navy ships docked inside the harbor out of range of Ukrainian missiles.

During the Cold War, the Soviet Navy developed several marine mammal programs, including dolphin training in the Black Sea.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the program transitioned to Ukraine, but attempts to keep it operational were not successful. When the Russians annexed the Crimea in 2014, it again came under Russian Navy control. It appears “the marine mammal programs have been expanded and returned to operational service,” they report.

Navy’s ‘Get Real, Get Better’ initiative

Grateful Nation

“Thank God, we’re part of NATO,” because the North Atlantic island nation without an army can no longer “take peace for granted,” Thórdís Kolbrún Reykþjörd Gylfadóttir, Iceland’s Foreign Minister, said at the Wilson Center in Washington D.C. last week. -- *USNI News*

NAVY.MIL (Monterey, Calif.) – Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. William Lescher spoke at the Naval Postgraduate School this month discussing the Navy’s “Get Real, Get Better” initiative (GRGB) and how the Navy plans to stay ahead in today’s era of strategic competition.

The plan was developed over several years of observing industry leaders outside of the Dept. of Defense (DOD) to improve the Navy’s warfighting ability. They studied both commercial airline readiness and technology giants to learn how to get technology and innovation moving forward.

“We’ve spent the better part of four years thinking hard, with our heads

down, quietly learning about how we can make the Navy better,” he told the graduates.

The final GRGB structure focuses on:

- “First, the Navy must get real,” he said. “We have to self-assess and be our own toughest critics. We need to be honest about our abilities and be fully transparent about our performance. Once we ‘embrace the red,’ we will be able to identify solutions and more realistically predict our mission readiness.”
- “Secondly, we must get better,” he continued. “We need to be able to self-correct by continuously fixing small problems at the lowest level before they become a large

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Legislative News for Illinois veterans

(Editor's Note: In February we shared some exciting news for our Wisconsin veterans. This month, we offer some news for Illinois veterans sent to us by Illinois Rep. Andrew Chesney, from the 89th District.)

“May God Bless our fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guard personnel as well as those they left behind; grieving families, and a grateful nation.’

— IL Rep. Andrew Chesney

House Bill 4680. This bill now makes it easier for active-duty service members and veterans to obtain fishing, hunting, and camping permits. “Until now,” he writes, “state code required you to apply in-person at the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) region office to provide verification of military service.” During COVID-19, those offices were closed.

Thanks to the passage of this bill, veterans and activity duty military no longer must go to a INDR office for proof of verification.

House Bill 2991. This bill, which also passed, will help ensure that all veterans in Illinois have access to the services they need and deserve. It approved an analysis of the availability and adequacy of veteran’s services throughout Illinois. It amends the Dept. of Veterans’ Affairs Act and dictates that the Dept. of Veterans’ Affairs establish a field office in each legislative district. In 18-months, following veteran service questionnaires, surveys, and town hall meetings, the IDV must submit a plan to improve veteran services, including estimated costs.

House Bill 5184. This newly passed bill addresses funding

for local Veterans Assistance Commissions (VACs), who over the last several years have faced litigation regarding VAC funding. Oftentimes, counties believe that VACs are simply a line item under their budget, rather than an independent unit of local government that requires funding. As such, VACs often go underfunded year after year.

House Bill 557. Students who are dependents of active-duty military

personnel can now enroll in school sooner than previous state law allowed when the family relocates per military orders. The new law requires school districts to allow a dependent of U.S. military personnel to enroll free of tuition if, at the time of enrollment, the child is in temporary housing outside of the school district but will be living within the district within 6 months (not 60 days under the previous law).

Minutes continued

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- Bruce Pickering reported the USS Beloit (LCS 29) is being launched today.

50-50 Raffle was won by Mark Dykstra who donated it back to the Base.

Closing Prayer was offered by Chaplain Martin.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next meeting will on June 4, 2022 at Mustangs Bar and Grill, South Beloit, Ill., at noon.



Get Real, Get Better

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issue. We must identify and fix root causes rather than adapting to issues that arise. And we need to clearly identify people who are accountable at every level.”

During the audience question section, he “reiterated to students that they should be courageous, speak truth to power, and be a driving force forward to make the Navy’s processes and assets serve as examples of ‘world-class performance.’”



It's Real: Space Force recruitment growing

*(Editor's Note: I share the following excerpt from any article by **Thomas Novelty**, on [Military.Com](https://www.military.com)--Apr. 25, 2022). It gives our various veteran regions some food for thought, too.)*

"The Space Force has unveiled a wave of bonuses to lure recruits with highly specialized tech backgrounds to become Guardians.

"Bonuses range from \$12,000 to \$20,000 for certain technology certifications that could be



used for the Space Force's cyber career fields, according to a press release from the Department of the Air Force's Recruiting Service.

"Earlier this month, the Department of the Air Force unveiled more than a dozen bonuses as a way to entice new recruits amid a national labor shortage and a pandemic economy.

"But while the Air Force said it's facing headwinds to fill its ranks, the Space Force is having no problem getting recruits into the small number of spots it has, as interest continues to grow in the newest military service branch.

"Maj. Gen. Ed Thomas, the Air Force Recruiting Service commander, told [Military.com](https://www.military.com) that last year they had more than

42,000 leads on people interested in joining to fill just 500 spots.

"Space Force recruiting is on very solid ground right now," Thomas said.

"For Space Force Guardians who have already joined the ranks (up to 8,400) . . . is expected to grow by 200 new recruits in 2023. The Dept. of the Air Force is also offering reenlistment bonuses for a dozen careers, such as cyber intelligence analysts and communications specialists, to retain their specialized knowledge and skills.

"Unlike other services, the Space Force does not have a reserve or National Guard component.

"The Space Force will make history next month when 72 men and women start the first "Guardians-only" boot camp at Joint Base San Antonio, Tex."

Since the inception of the Space Force, recruits have gone through Boot Camp with other men and women in San Antonio, Tex. In May the Space Force will have its first boot camp class consisting of only future Guardians.



Share your Memorial Day stories with your Editor

Many of you are joining local veteran groups over Memorial Day to pay special tribute to your community's fallen veterans. Please take a moment to jot down a few words about your event and send me a photo to share with your fellow Bubblehads--or just call me at 815-443-2535, or kateram@jcwifi.com.

Editor's Note:

Something to think about

While visiting lost loved ones this Memorial Day, take a few moments and give an extra prayer for those lost while serving their country.

Most cities have military flags on display at local cemeteries. Remember to stop and give a silent salute and notice which service flags are flying. Do you see a Space Force flag? Probably not.

But, I take my hat off to the City of Byron and USSVI member Steve Jones, various local veteran and civic groups, plus Byron's 3,607 residents who helped donate their time and money to revitalize Veterans Park in their city cemetery last year.

Byron now proudly flies a Space Force flag along with all the service flags (including the Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines).

Tom Ramsay and I live in Pearl City, Ill. (a small town of 331 residents). Our cemetery has a display of service flags—but is missing the new Space Force flag. The oddity of this omission is that a resident of PC has a young relative who is a member of the Space Force. I view these flags as not only a memory of those lost, but as a salute for all those who served, or who are or will serve in the future.

Tom and I have a challenge to get our city to join ranks with local veteran/civic groups to add another flag pole at the Highland Cemetery in Pearl City. We can't go with Tom's solution: "Put the Marine flag under the Navy flag; after all, they are just a part of the Navy." The local Marines in town didn't like this suggestion.

Will you join our challenge in your hometown to salute all of our men and women in uniform?



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."



March

USS F-4 [ex-SKATE] (SS-23) lost on March 21, 1915. Loss of 19 crew when it floundered off Honolulu Harbor. Hulk raised and reburied off Sub Base, Pearl Harbor.

USS H-1 (SS-28) lost March 12, 1920 while being towed after grounding at Magdalena Bay, Mexico. Loss of 4 crew.

USS Perch (SS-176) scuttled March 3, 1942 near Surabaya, Java on her 1st war patrol. Depth charges badly damaged the boat. Crew survived sinking: 61 taken prison by Japanese forces, only 53 survived the war.

USS Grampus (SS-207) lost on or after March 5, 1943 in the Blackett Strait--possibly near Vella Gulf. Loss of 71 crew. Believe to be sunk by Japanese destroyers.

USS Triton (SS-201) lost on March 15, 1943 when sunk during a surface attack by three Japanese destroyers north New Guinea, by the Admiralty Islands. Loss of 74 crew.

USS Tullibee (SS-284) lost March 26, 1944 while operating north of Palau. Loss of 79 crew. Believed to be a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes on her 4th war patrol. The only survivor, a lookout, was knocked off the boat with the explosion. He survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

USS Kete (SS-369) lost on or after March 20, 1945 when sunk on return to Midway (probably near Okinawa) at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Loss 87 crew.

USS Trigger (SS-237) lost on March 28, 1945 in the East China Sea. Loss of 89 crew. On her 12th war patrol, this highly decorated boat was involved in operations leading to the Okinawa invasion when attacked by Japanese anti-submarine vessels and aircraft.

April

USS Pickerel (SS-177) lost April 3, 1943 when sunk off Honshu, Japan. Loss of 74 crew. The exact loss is unknown, but presumed to be as the result of minefields.

USS Grenadier (SS-210) lost April 22, 1943 on her 6th war patrol, when scuttled after serious damage by aircraft near Penang in Indian Ocean. 61 crew taken prisoner by Japanese forces. 57 survived the war.

USS Snook (SS-279) lost sometime after April 8, 1945 when sunk near Hainan Island, China, possibly falling victim to a Japanese submarine. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. Loss of 84 crew.

USS Thresher (SSN-593) lost on April 10, 1963 when sunk while on sea trials near Isle of Shoals. The first of a new class of nuclear attack subs, the boat just completed an overhaul and was lost in



Wreck of USS Scorpion (SSN-589) Atlantic Ocean, depth 10,000 feet, 400 miles southwest of the Azores, August 1986. A view of the detached sail of Scorpion lying on the ocean floor. The starboard fairwater plane is visible protruding from the sail. Masts are visible extending from the top of the sail (located at the lower portion of the photograph).

(Photo: Navy History & Heritage Command)

a drive at test depth in over 8,000 feet of water. Loss of 129 crew and yard workers from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

May

USS Squalus (SS-192) lost on May 23, 1939 when it flooded and sank off Portsmouth, NH. Loss of 26 crew with 33 rescued. Boat was raised, overhauled and refitted, then recommissioned as Sailfish.

USS Gudgeon (SS-211) lost on May 12, 1944 when sunk off Saipan near Maug Island in the northern Marianas on her 12th war patrol. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Hawaii following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and was the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship. Loss of 79 crew.

USS Lagarto (SS-371) lost on or shortly after May 3, 1945 when sunk on her 2nd war patrol off the Gulf of Thailand by a Japanese radar-equipped minelayer. Loss of 85 crew.

USS Stickleback (SS-415) lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while being towed after a collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). All crew rescued.

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) lost on May 22, 1968 due to an undetermined cause while in transit from the Mediterranean to Norfolk. She was located five months later 400 miles southwest of the Azores at a depth of 10,000 ft. Loss of 99 crew.





Dick Martin, EM3 (SS)
Chaplain,
USS Illinois Base

The Martin Family invite
you to a Memorial
Fundraiser. See Flyer
on page 9.

Free dental care on June 11 for military vets

Hi, to all my bubblehead friends at the Illinois Base and beyond.

Over the past couple of years, I have witnessed and honored so much grieving and sadness from Veterans' families, and now I grieve for my brother's death. He wasn't a Veteran, but none the less a hero in my eyes. But, I still wanted to share a passage from the Bible for you.

John 14: 1-7

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. In my father's house are many rooms.

"If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for

you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also, and you know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Peace be with you all

Aspen Dental has announced its annual Day of Service event (now it its eighth year), which provides free care to military veterans across the country. It will be held on Saturday, June 11. Nearly 500 Aspen Dental locations will open their doors to provide much-needed dental care for United States military veterans at no cost to honor their service.

"Day of Service is a powerful opportunity for Aspen Dental care teams across the entire country to make a difference in the lives of veterans and connect them with the care they often desperately need."

Since 2014, doctors and their dental

care teams from Aspen Dental offices across the country have donated more than \$23 million in dentistry services to more than 30,000 United States military veterans and people in need through the company's Healthy Mouth Movement.

Millions of Americans struggle to access dental care every year, and military veterans are no exception. In fact, veterans are ineligible for dental benefits through the VA unless they're 100% disabled, have a service-related mouth injury, or were a prisoner of war.

Schedule an Appointment by calling (844) 277-3646. Advance appointments are required.



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, June 4 2022
Time: Noon
Location: Mustang Bar & Grill
482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

www.ussillinoisbase.org



**PASTA DINNER
FUNDRAISER BENEFIT
FOR
KEVIN COATY**



Please join us:

Door Donation:
Adults - \$10/ea.
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**June 4, 2022
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
VFW
2018 Windsor Rd.
Loves Park, IL**

**Food
55" TV**

Kevin has been in the hospital since January and has been diagnosed with neurotoxicity, which has then brought on dementia.

Kevin was a carpet installer for over 30 years in the local Rockford area.

Please join us in an evening of fun to help us support him and his family during this difficult time.

**Live Entertainment by Betsy Ade &
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Baskets

Prize Wheel

50/50

For more info or to make a donation contact: (815) 505-4856

For more information call Rene Martin at (815) 505-4856



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ - _____ **Tel:** (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your E-Mail Address _____ **Base/Chapter Desired:** _____

Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 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.** ____

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5. _____ **Hull#** _____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.** ____ **to Yr.** ____

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

Addr: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Tel:** _____
(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

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