



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

Mark Dykstra receives USSVI 2020 Meritorious Award

Submarine veteran Mark Dykstra, Jr. Vice Cmdr. of the USS Illinois Base, was awarded the coveted 2020 Meritorious Award from the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. USSVI is the national veteran's organization for qualified submarine sailors and associates.

The award was presented on Sept. 19, 2020, in South Beloit by Cmdr. Dick Martin, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Wayne Orrison, and Immediate-Past-Cmdr. Tom Ramsay. The award was to be presented at the USSVI National Convention, in Arizona, but due to COVID-19, the Convention was cancelled.

Mark earned this prestigious award for promoting a positive image of the United States Navy Submarine Force and submarine veterans through participation in local Base activities and veteran events.

"We are very proud of Mark and his successful accomplishments on behalf of our Base," states USS Illinois Base Cmdr. Dick Martin. "Mark's youthful spirit is contagious. He well deserved this recognition."



Mark Dykstra (ctr) was presented this coveted award from Base CDR Dick Martin (rt), and Senior VCDR Wayne Orrison (lft).

Dykstra, a Wisconsin native, joined the Navy in 1989 and qualified on the USS Gato SSN-615 (SS) in 1992 where he served as an Electricians Mate Second Class (EM2). He joined USSVI in 2017 and quickly rose to the rank of Junior Vice Commander at the USS Illinois Base, for his initiative and enthusiasm to serve area veterans.

He is credited with setting up and coordinating the Base's involvement in USSVI's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program, which brings comfort and joy to children with challenging medical conditions anywhere they are being treated. The Base's first visit was at the American Children's Hospital, U of W, Madison campus.

Within his first year of joining the Base, Mark also played a large role in introducing the USS Illinois Base (named after the USS Illinois submarine) to Wisconsin veterans, by opening doors

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

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Recap of Meeting USSVI Board of Directors

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July 28, 2020 -- Minutes of the USS Illinois Base Board of Directors

Due to COVID-19 socializing directives for in person meetings were prohibited. Your Board of Directors met on July 28, via teleconference. Below are the minutes of this meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Tom Ramsay, Chairman of Board.

6 members present: Dick Martin, Wayne Orrison, Mark Dykstra, Bruce Pickering, Patrick O'Brien, and Tom Ramsay.

Guests present: Terry Elmeier, and Kate Ramsay.

Topics of Discussion:

Board Chair Tom Ramsay thanked everyone for attending. Discussions were held on the importance of keeping the membership up-to-date on both Base and National activities.

- New Appointment. A motion was made to approve the appointment of Terry Elmeier to the Board of Directors. A unanimous vote was taken and seconded. Motion carried.

- 2021 Base/National Dues. National has sent out notices to Bases reminding them of the importance of collecting dues payments by the end of the year. National removes members from their roster if no payment is received before Jan. 1. This removal limits a member's access to National membership data. Dues for both National and the Base remain the same as this year: \$10 for Base, and \$25 for National. Bruce welcomes questions from any Base member for status if they have multiple year memberships. Discussion followed.

- Changing Base Mailing Address. USSVI's online Base locator only shows the USS Illinois Base when you touch the Illinois button. Since our Base covers northwest Illinois and southern Wisconsin, this presents a problem for potential Wisconsin members finding us. National recommended the following solution: Keep our Base meeting location stating Illinois, but having one of our Wisconsin members offer his address as the Bases' formal mailing address. Treasurer Bruce Pickering, who resides in Wisconsin,

agreed to use his address, since he regularly sends paperwork back and forth to National. A motion was made to change our Base mailing address to Bruce Pickering's Wisconsin address. Motion was seconded and carried.

- Future Meetings and/or Social Gathering. Much discussion held about when and how to provide a safe environment for a future member meeting and/or social gathering. CDR Martin reported that social distancing is still a concern of members. He recommended either finding an outside location in a park environment or using the VFW Post in Loves Park as another option. We would have food catered in. Our current meeting location does not provide social distancing options. CDR Martin will be polling members again to see their preferences.

- Member Call Tree. The Board created a call tree, dividing member names among each Board member. The Board will make calls to: 1) See how they are doing through the pandemic; 2) Explain importance of prompt 2021 dues payments; and 3) encourage voting in USSVI's National Election.

- Other news. Bruce Pickering reported that 2021 USSVI Boat Sponsorship payments are due by end of the year.

CDR Martin stated most of our normal activities have been postponed due to the Pandemic, including Midway Villages WWII days, Warbirds Weekend (rescheduled for July 23-25, 2021), Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) events and other veteran and patriotic programs. We will keep members posted.

Meeting adjourned: Motion made and carried to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Next Board Meeting
TBA (Tentatively in October.)

*Without a decisive naval force
we can do nothing definitive.*

--George Washington





Richard Martin, EN3(SS)
USS Illinois Base Commander



Well, this Covid-19 virus has changed many of life's functions as we've known them over the years. We now have had to learn to be more cautious, especially around others, by wearing a face mask, practicing safe distancing, and becoming more aware of our surroundings.

This has put a kink in our lifestyles and most likely will for a long time to come. I'm hoping, however, that we can eventually start meeting casually, possibly outside at a park or once again at the VFW in Loves Park, IL. Now that my other half, Renee, is on the mend from her surgery, I can try to reschedule another member-

ship meeting. I would like to have our members provide input on this subject.

To make it easy I would like to have the Board meet at 11 a.m., and our regular membership meeting start at Noon. We can have Pizza catered in at that time, and as we normally do, eat during our meeting. This meeting would be very casual and designed to keep us all in touch. We need to make sure we aren't losing members because of a lack of communication. Let me know what you think. Either email or call me.

Submariners are hard to come by, so let's stay in touch "Bubbleheads."

USS Cobia calls for volunteers

Interested volunteering on the USS Cobia, berthed at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, in Manitowoc?

Their website (www.wisconsin-maritime.org) gives full details.

"Cobia volunteers of all kinds make a significant contribution to both the preservation and the rehabilitation of the submarine. Cobia is fortunate to have a truly outstanding and talented volunteer support group.

"These dedicated individuals have

brought to bare valuable skills in the long-term preservation of the vessel. Cobia's dedicated volunteers continue to maintain the radios, periscopes, main engines #1 and #2, the high-pressure air compressor, ship's whistle, the sound powered phones, and repairs to light panels.

Over the years, special projects have been initiated and led by Sub Vets, Inc., U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII, and many of individuals interested

in preserving this living memorial to the submarine service. Visit us any time during the year to see the results of this ongoing restoration work and many other submarine related events occurring at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum."

Share this information with all your friends and family members. They are looking for all skills--but, most importantly, people who have a love for submarines.



Maybe, Maybe not?

USSVI future Convention locations

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the USSVI Board of Directors rescheduled the 2020 National Convention at the Tucson Hilton El Conquistador Hotel to August 2023. The dates will be announced soon, states Richard M. Osentoski USSVI National Convention Chairman.

USSVI conventions for upcoming years are: 2021—Orlando Florida; 2022—Buffalo, NY; and 2023—Tucson, Ariz.



Treasurer's Report

Bruce Pickering, EN2 (SS)
Treasurer, USS Illinois Base



Call for 2021 Dues

It's been a while since we last spoke, but Fall is upon us, and it is my duty to **remind you the importance of getting you membership dues to National and to the Base by December 1st for 2021.**

You are probably wondering why I am sending this reminder so early. First and foremost, National requires that dues be POSTED on their records by December 31. If not, your name is removed from National's membership list, and you'll lose access to USSVI's website and other benefits. This means Bases must collect dues and forward them to National in early December. The mail can be rather slow during the Holiday, so mark your calendar to get me your dues no later than December 5.

Dues remain the same as last year.

National Dues

- \$25 – 1-year term
- \$70 – 3-year term
- \$115 – 5-year term

If you are interested in signing up for a Life Membership, you can—many of you are already Life Members, so you will not owe any National Dues, but remember you do owe for base membership. The cost for Life Membership is tied to your age.

- \$100 Nat'l Life: 75+ yrs.
- \$200 Nat'l Life: 66 thru 75 yrs.
- \$300 Nat'l Life: 56-65 yrs.
- \$400 Nat'l Life: 46-55 yrs.
- \$500 up to 45 yrs.

USS Illinois Base Dues

\$10 - annual

The 2021 dues for the USS Illinois Base for both members and associate members remains at \$10. Multi-year options are not available.

A number of our members have dual Base memberships. Please check with your Primary Base to find out its dues structure. You can help me out when I report your Illinois Base dues to National if you let me know if you are making the USS Illinois Base your primary base, or as a secondary membership base.

Where do I send dues?

Make your check out to "USS Illinois Base" and mail to my attention:

Bruce Pickering
1702 Calumet Ave.,
Beloit, WI 53511

Make your payment by Dec. 5, 2020 to ensure time for your dues to reach National before USSVI's December 31 cut-off. Questions, email me at:

knuckleheadhack39@tds.net



National award presented

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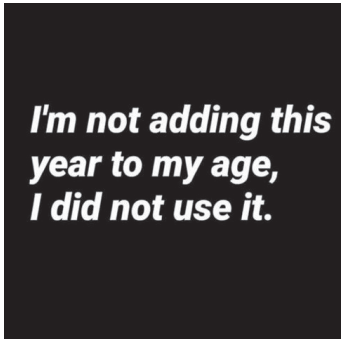
for the Base to become a volunteer sponsor at the annual WWII Warbird Weekend in Janesville, to join the Janesville Patriotic Assn, and to participate in Wisconsin's Veteran's First Foundation events, as well as other veteran activities

Dykstra quickly gained respect from his fellow submariners for his strong

pride of service to the Base and to other area veteran organizations, and above all for his "can do" dedication to his community. Mark is also an active member of VFW Post 1621 and the American Legion Post 205, both in Janesville.

A job well done deserves high praise. Congratulations, Mark!





A reality statement for sure!



Now, here's the masks you can enjoy!



Dog gonna . . . I have to wear a mask too?



Need I say more?



Gotta love it . . . This had to be a Sub Sailor with too much time on his hands. "Effective, but VERY Practical."



Give a Sub Sailor a simple task, and he'll find a way to screw it up.



The original COVID Mask -- submarine style. Look familiar?





Editor's Note

by Kate Ramsay

An ongoing saga

A year ago, we were all going about our daily lives. Attending Base meetings, finishing up on July parade appearances, and getting ready to head to Austin, Tex. for the National USSVI Submarine Convention and maybe heading out for a family vacation. As we look back now, it was a much quieter time.

Today, it is more stressful for all of us. The onset of COVID-19 on our nation and on the world, has brought us back to a reflective point in time. This isolation has brought us a blessing in disguise—we have been given the gift to slow down and appreciate what we have.

While we all feel great compassion for those loved ones who fell to COVID-19 related illnesses, we must stand strong to ensure the safety of those we love. We also must show great appreciation for those who unselfishly have served on the frontline to protect our families and our communities. Thankfully, through the smothering fear of isolation the past few months, we have dedicated doctors, nurses, EMTs, police officers, fire fighters, and many businesses throughout our communities who have and continue to provide us with essential services during these troubling times. Their goal is to ensure our entire community stays safe and healthy.

But, don't forget our fellow shipmates and their counter parts in all the different services who are currently on active duty. We salute them and their families during this period of time.

It is not easy being separated from your family and friends, but even more so during a national/world-wide emergency. We only have to remember what life was like for us and our families during WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam "Conflict," Grenada, Gulf War, Iran, Afghanistan, and other world conflicts including Zaire, Bolivia, Cambodia, Zaire, Somalia . . . and more. We know the feeling of isolation and uneasiness when we can't reach out to those we love.

Submarine sailors know more than anyone that they place their life at risk the moment they walk aboard a submarine—"now that's isolation!" As a wife of a submariner, I bid my husband good-bye as he headed out

on many deployments. I wished him well, and quietly prayed his safe return. Then, like now, I rarely watch the news to help keep my stress in check.

I know that thinking about submarines and your own pride of service to country are what drives many of you—even today. How can I tell? Just listening to your sea stories tells me of your great love for your submarine service. I salute you, and all our submarine sailors, both past and present, and I give a big "well done" to you and to your families for their own sacrifices and perseverance.

Let us hope Americans can look back at this time and remember the sacrifices made on our behalf by our military heroes. Their sacrifices to their families, community, and country should be remembered with admiration and gratitude.

God Bless America. Let's not lose hope!



The USS Illinois Base newspaper, *Green Board*, was named the First Runner Up in USSVI's 2020 Newsletter Award Category for Class Four (Small Bases). Pictured with Kate Ramsay, editor, is (left to right) Wayne Orrison, Tom Ramsay, and Dick Martin.





*Tidbits of Knowledge from
around the world*

**A Bit of History
on right**

September 25, 1789

*The first U.S. Congress proposed
12 Amendments to the Constitution,
ten of which, comprising the
Bill of Rights, were ratified.*

Russian Black Sea fleet snubs treaty



(USNI NEWS) -- On July 8, 2020, a report was released noting that the Russian Navy's Black Sea Fleet "has been deploying its submarines to the Mediterranean, despite a decades-old international treaty which many thought would prevent those deployments."

This 1936 treaty prohibits submarines from passing through the Bosphorus Strait, which connects the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.

Exceptions in the past allowed passage for the delivery of new submarines, but it "appears that Russia is now trying to reestablish a permanent submarine presence in the Med."

Chinese Sub spotted entering underground tunnel

photo courtesy
of Planet Lab, Inc.

CNN (Hong Kong)-- (Aug. 21, 2020) -- It's all about timing and being in the right place at the right time.

On Aug. 21, 2020, CNN reported that "military watchers across the internet were provided with a rare sight after photos circu-

lated this week that appear to show a Chinese submarine using an underground berth on Hainan Island on the South China Sea."

The photo, taken by an American imaging company, Planet Labs, was first posted on the social media accounts of Radio Free Asia. The boat

appears to be a Type 093 nuclear-powered attack submarine "entering a tunnel to an underground berth at Yulin Naval Base," it was reported.

"A rare occurrence," states former U.S. Defense official Drew Thompson, now with the National University of Singapore. "It is unusual that a commercial satellite would be overhead at just the right time on a cloudless day."



Submariners helping submariners



Submariners sailors are a unique brand of veterans---unlike other military groups, we share a common deep passion for our unique jobs. We are few in number compared to the entire Navy, but we have built strong bonds with our shipmates.

Thankfully, our pride of duty did not end when we left active duty, because only other submariners can understand the special sacrifices, stresses, and the need for all-hands support while at sea. Just because someone has left the submarine service, does not mean that they are forgotten by fellow shipmates. Many submarine veterans continue to face sacrifices, stress, and have an urgent need for a helping hand.

Many of you actively support general veteran programs within your communities. But, let me introduce you to one charitable program that will hopefully tug on your heart—Sub Sailor to Sub Sailor.

Birth of Charitable Foundation

USSVI's Charitable Program (USSVCF), founded in 2000, was created to further support our veterans and their legacy.

USSVCF is a standalone fully-certified 501(C)(3) charitable organization that focuses its effort and charitable funds to provide national natural disaster relief, memorials support, visits to children's hospital, and especially to a higher education scholarship program for the children and grandchildren of our members. All Donations to USSVCF are Tax Deductible

It does much more--it supports submarine veterans, their families, and their Bases through their many eight separate funds noted below:

- **Brotherhood Funds**
- **General Fund**

- **Memorial & Museum Submarine Funds**
- **Scholarship Funds**
- **Submarine Library Fund**
- **Building Funds**
- **Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Funds**
- **Legacy Fund**

The USSVCF (your charitable foundation) needs your help. Its revenue is declining and like many other foundations is seeing its income decline from investments.

The number of awards, grants & services have increased in the last 10 years, but the number of donors is dropping 23.5% per year. In the last five years the average number of donors was only 184.

The USSVCF has made a national call for help. Based on 165 Bases in USSVI, 43 have made no donations over the past 10 years. In 2019, the number of contributing bases was 29. Individual member donations are drastically low and getting lower.

There are submarine families, plus our legacies that need your help NOW!

The USSVCF fund raising plan is seeking both Base and Individual member donations. The first step is to get involved as individual submarine veteran donor. The options are many, but simple: **Donate Now**. Go to USSVCF.org for full information on an easy to use, secured, online donation tool.

You can make a one time, monthly, quarterly, or annual donation. Choose the donation level you are comfortable with \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000, or other.

Help the Charitable Fund keep the memory of the gallant efforts of submarines alive and have the ability to reach out to fellow submariners in need.



Visit below website
for more info

USSVCF.org





NEWS from NATIONAL

2020 National Election Results

NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Commander
Wayne Standerfer

National Senior
Vice Commander
Jon Jaques

National Junior
Vice-Commander
Steve Bell

National Treasurer
Paul Hiser

National Secretary
Ray Wewers

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Central Region Director
Tom Williams

All proposed Bylaw
Amendments adopted.

Website glitch

By Wayne Standerfer, Nat'l Commander

If you have tried to log-in to our National website recently you may have encountered an error message telling you that the site is insecure. This appears to be just another glitch with the software that is required to be used on our present antiquated server.

We are having it worked on, but in the meantime, to log-on use the other option that appears at the bottom of whatever browser you are using to bypass the insecure message, and you will be able to continue to our website. Since we are not using credit card transactions or displaying harmful personal information such as our members SS numbers, logging onto our website is not that much of a danger at this time.

The process to obtain and enable the necessary software that is needed for our new website has been moved to the top of our priority list.

Veteran Tidbits

By John Dudas, Service Veterans Officer

Military.Com -- Military dependents and retirees now have through the end of June 2021 to access benefits using ID cards that expired this year, thanks to an extension of temporary ID card rules issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Typically, cards must be applied for, issued and updated in person up to 30 days before the expiration date at one of the more than 1,600 ID card offices on military facilities worldwide. Cards that do not expire, such as those held by retirees over 65, do not need to be renewed.

New guidelines bump that expiration extension into next year. Now, holders of those cards will be able to use them for benefits such as medi-

cal care through June 30, 2021, and for base access through March 2021.

Pending release of USS Thresher records

The Day (New London, Conn.) -- Michael Shafer, age 64, still thinks there's more to uncover about the tragic loss of the USS Thresher, which killed all 129 men aboard, including his father and uncle.

"I want to know the truth. I know there is more that the Navy has to tell us about what happened," the St. Petersburg, Fla., resident said during a recent phone interview.

Last month, the Navy notified Shafer and other descendants of the crew of the USS Thresher that it is reviewing all of its records related to the loss of the submarine 57 years ago and is seeking to declassify and release as much as possible.

Though not explicitly mentioned in the letter, the Navy's review was prompted by a lawsuit by a retired submarine commander, Capt. Jim Bryant, who has questioned the service's official account of what happened.

(Update: On Wed. Sept. 30, 2020, the Navy released the first 300 pages of a previously classified investigation into the 1963 loss of USS Thresher off the coast of New England.)

ID cards changing

Military.Com -- For the first time in three decades, military families and retirees are getting revamped IDs. The military is ditching flimsy laminated paper-based ID cards for military retirees and dependents for an all-new card system: The Next Generation Uniform Services Identification Card.

The complete transition is targeted for January 2026.



Tolling of the Bells for Lost Boats

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The last publication of the "Green Board" was our March 2020 issue released following our last Base meeting. Covid-19 put the brakes on normalcy for a while. Sorry for the delay in publications.

One important task of this publication is to honor and respect to our lost submarines and crew members on Eternal Patrol. Please give them a moment of silence.

APRIL

USS Pickerel (SS-177) lost April 3, 1943. Loss of 74 crew.

USS Grenadier (SS-210) lost April 22, 1943. Sixty-one crew members taken prisoner by Japanese forces. Fifty-seven survived the war.

USS Snook (SS-279) lost sometime after April 8, 1945. Loss of 84 crew.

USS Thresher (SSN-593) lost on April 10, 1963. Loss of 129 crew and

yard workers from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

MAY

USS Squalus (SS-192) lost on May 23, 1939. Loss of 26 crew with 33 rescued.

USS Gudgeon (SS 211) lost on May 12, 1944. Loss of 79 crew.

USS Lagarto (SS-371) lost on or after May 3, 1945. Loss of 85 crew.

USS Stickleback (SS-415) lost on May 28, 1958. All crew rescued.

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) lost on May 22, 1968. Loss of 99 crew.

JUNE

USS O-9 (SS-70) lost on June 20, 1941. Loss of 33 crew.

USS S-27 (SS-132) lost on June 19, 1942. All crew rescued.

USS R-12 (SS-89) lost on June 12, 1943. Loss of 43 crew. Five survived.

USS Herring (SS-233) lost on June 1, 1944. Loss of 83 crew.

USS Golet (SS-361) lost on June 14, 1944. Loss of 82 crew.

USS Bonefish (SS-223) lost on June 18, 1945. Loss of 85 crew.

JULY

USS Grunion (SS-216) lost on July 30, 1942. Loss of 70 crew.

USS Runner (SS-275) declared lost July 1, 1943. Loss of 78 crew.

USS S-28 (SS-133) lost July 4, 1944. Loss of 49 crew.

USS Robalo (SS-273) lost on July 26, 1944. Loss of 77 crew.

AUGUST

USS S-39 (SS-144) lost Aug. 13, 1942. All crew rescued.

USS Flier (SS-250) lost Aug. 13, 1944. Loss of 60 crew.

USS Harder (SS-257) lost Aug. 24, 1944. Loss of 79 crew.

USS Bullhead (SS-332) lost on Aug. 6, 1945. Loss of 84 crew.

USS Cochino (SS-345) lost on Aug. 26, 1949. Loss during rescue operations: 1 crew member from Cochino and 6 from the Tusk.

SEPTEMBER

USS S-5 (SS-110) lost on Sept. 1, 1920. All crew survived.

USS S-51 (SS-162) lost on Sept. 25, 1925. Loss of 33 crew.

USS Grayling (SS-209) lost on Sept. 9, 1943. Loss of 76 crew.

USS Pompano (SS-181) lost on Sept. 17, 1943. Loss of 77 crew.

USS Cisco (SS-290) lost on Sept. 28, 1943. Loss of 76 crew.

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



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 Event

Date: Next meeting TBA -- will keep you posted.

Other events on hold during COVID-19 Medical Emergency.
Follow posted precautions AND STAY SAFE! See you when we can!
Please check on your fellow USSVI and USS Illinois Base Members.

www.ussillinoisbase.org



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

