



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

Base salutes new Holland Club members

We are proud to announce that two Illinois Base members joined the Holland Club this year. The Holland Club is an exclusive group within USSVI, where the core requirement for eligibility is the designation "Qualified in Submarines" for a minimum of 50 years.



Our salute this year goes to **Daryl Rorabaugh**, who was installed at the USS Illinois Base's March meeting, and to **Tim Deneen**, who was installed at our June meeting.

The Holland Club is named after John Philip Holland, engineer and designer of the first U.S. Navy submarine. The United States submarine force came into existence Oct. 12, 1900, with the commissioning of USS Holland (SS-1), although the birthday is celebrated April 11, the date the U.S. Navy acquired the USS Holland.

We thank ALL of our Holland Club members for their service to country.



Daryl Rorabaugh (left) receives his Holland Club certificate from Base CDR Mark Dykstra marking his 50 years since qualifying on submarines while aboard the USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN-631) in 1972.



CDR Mark Dykstra presents Tim Deneen (left) with a coveted Holland Club certificate marking Tim's 50 years since qualifying on submarines while aboard the USS John C. Calhoun (SSBN-630) in 1972.

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, Kate Ramsay, Jim Helsell, Tim Deneen, Kep Preble, Terry Elmeier, Chuck Mongan, Don Bosetti, and Steve Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by all hands.

Invocation by Chaplain Dick Martin.

2 Member/Guest introductions:

- Prospective new member Jason Fogarty, and
- SSGT Latasha Smith, Army Recruiter for Northwest Illinois Region.

Recitation of the USSVI Creed by CDR Dykstra.

Tolling of Bells ceremony: Don Bosetti read the list of lost boats, and Kate Ramsay 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 e-mail. Motion was made by Dick Martin; seconded by Don Bosetti. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bruce Pickering provided his monthly report. Pat O'Brien made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Tom Ramsay. Treasurers report approved.

- Treasurer Pickering advised he purchased Holland Club items needed out of his own personal funds. He wrote a check to reimburse himself and has cashed the check.
- A motion to reimburse Kate Ramsay for web services, on a monthly basis, was made by Kep Preble; seconded by Steve Jones. The motion was approved.
- A motion to make a Boat Sponsorship to the USS Illinois (SSN 786) was made by Kate Ramsay; seconded by Tom Ramsay. The motion was approved.

Chaplain's Report: Nothing new to report.

Storekeeper's Report: Terry Elmeier reported "nothing new."

- **Action Item:** Storekeeper to investigate acquiring (qty 6) attractive frames for use with the Eagle Scout commendation certificate.

Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS): no update.

Unfinished business:

- A Cobia working party date is to be determined.
- \$52 raised at the Boone County Auto Show was sent to the Cobia dry dock fund.
- The Manitowoc SubFest is over the Fourth of July weekend. Contact CDR Dykstra for information.
- **Volunteers are needed** to man a table at Flea Market at the Kane County Fairgrounds on 4 June from noon to 7 p.m. hours and Belvedere Flea Market at the Boone County Fairgrounds on 18 June from 3 p.m. to midnight.

New Business:

- Dick Martin reported he is in conversations with the Rockford Museum Center with regard to waiving the \$100 fee for setting up a table at Midway Village WWII days.
- The Base will not be in the Rockford Labor Day Parade. Parade organizers don't allow military units to participate.
- We may have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Roscoe Fall Festival parade.
- The Base has the opportunity to set up a table at the Lyrans Blues festival on Aug. 27. The event coordinator is base member Steve Jones. Info. was distributed.

Good of the order

- Don Bosetti attended the launch of the USS Beloit (LCS 29) in Marinette WI. He reported the new ship has connections to Beloit. The ship is equipped with Beloit produced Fairbanks-Morse engines. The ship sponsor was Beloit native Major General Marcia M. Anderson, USA (Ret.).
- Treasurer Bruce Pickering has "22" stickers for Life Member membership cards.

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NEWS from NATIONAL



Message from your National CDR

As with some previous elections, all nine national officer positions only have one candidate, plus a place for a write-in. But, we are asking you to show your interest and support for USSVI and its volunteers by participating in this election . . . Cast your vote by visiting our reconstructed website at www.ussubvets.org/home.asp. Your User ID and Password are the same as previously used on the old website.

If you have forgotten your password, click on the red "Get Password" button, fill-in the questioner and it will be sent to you by e-mail if your e-mail address is correct on your profile page.

A **green voting button** is located third from the top of the left side menu.

Click this button, fill-in, and submit your ballot.

Don't forget PA-2022-1 at the bottom of the ballot. Thank you.

Wayne Standerfer,
USSVI CDR

USSVI Website Update

by Tim Carlisle on 7/22/2022

Good Afternoon USSVI--here is the latest regarding the USSVI website.

Everything is going smoothly with the new website and database. We believe barring some out-of-the-box, unforeseen issues, we will complete the project in August 2022.

In the coming months, we will develop "Tools" training for all Base Commanders, Membership Chairs, Treasurers, District Commanders, and above. We still have a bit more training to complete ourselves and will continue to work on this critical item.

The new old, reconstructed site <http://ussubvets.org/home.asp>, is working very well, for reference purposes, membership editing, and the 2022 National Elections. We have repaired some minor issues (as is expected) when rebuilding a site of this magnitude.

I also wanted to let you know we installed our digital certificate yesterday (which may have caused some slowdown issues), so now the site shows as secure. We ordered the certificate quite a while ago and just received it. We made a risk-based decision to release the website to serve our members the best we could.

Please bear in mind **this site <http://ussubvets.org/home.asp>** has been posted

to serve as an interim until the Blackbaud Website is completed.

If you find a bug, fill out this bug report, and we will get to it. Gerry Smith, our webmaster for this site, may reach out to you to test the fix. His email for bug fixes is ussvi@eg11systems.com

DoD plans health downsizing

MILITARY.COM—It was announced that the "Defense Health Agency is moving ahead with plans to close some 50 hospitals and clinics following a pause that began at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020."

This move is part of the "agency's broader effort under a Defense Department initiative to shift management of the Military services' 51 hospitals and 424 health clinics to the Defense Health Agency." The DoD's initiative plan is to focus on Army, Navy and Air Force medical commands to provide health care primarily for military personnel.

It is expected that roughly 12,800 military health billets will be trimmed through these changes, and many non-military beneficiaries moved to the private-sector, health care system.

This change "would let DoD downsize or close some health facilities, assuming Congress doesn't step in," remarks reporter Patricia Kime.

Not too late to pack your bags for the 2022 USSVI Convention in Buffalo, NY Aug. 24-27, 2022

Hyatt Regency Buffalo

It's not too late to register for this year's National Convention in Buffalo, NY. You can register online at ussviconvention.org/2022/ and click on the convention registration button. You can complete your reservation online and pay by credit card, PayPal or check.

The "landing page" will give you information concerning the convention, Covid and identification protocols for entry into Canada. Please be sure to read this information.



Minutes continued

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- CDR Mark Dykstra has a redacted copy of the official report on the grounding of the USS Connecticut (SSN 22).
- Kate Ramsay suggested we hold a "Show and Tell" regarding the members personal memorabilia at the October meeting.
- Kate Ramsay advises that the hosting issues regarding the base web site appear to be resolved.
- Guest Latasha Smith spoke to the group. Latasha Smith is the Army recruiter for a large portion of northwest Illinois. She spoke of her efforts to contact young people – junior ROTC units tended to be receptive to the recruiting message. She also spoke of the large cash inducements for enlisting and the guarantee, before their enlistment, of the training they will receive.
- Jim Helsell offered that his store may be able to provide a "home" for the various submarine books currently in the hands of several of our members.

50-50 Raffle was won by Bruce Pickering who donated it back to the Base.

Closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

(Next meeting on Aug 6, 2022 at Mustangs Bar & Grill, South Beloit, Ill. at Noon. **Note:** The July meeting is cancelled to preclude interfering with Subfest.)



Mark Dykstra, EM2
USS Illinois Commander

Happy End of July to you all! Summer is here along with the heat and humidity and lack of rain! Summer cookouts, baseball (GO BREWERS!), and that just means football camps are starting (GO PACKERS!).

I hope you all have been receiving the emails that I have been forwarding to you all. By the time this gets sent out, the National

Elections have been finished and the new board will get seated at National next month.

I hope you all took advantage of checking out our new "temporary" National Website. On there you could update your profile and what not. I have been on there a couple of times and it looks somewhat the same. Our new "permanent" site should be operational after National next month--"so they say"--and it gets better after ORSE!

Stay safe as this new go around with COVID, and now Monkey Pox is really making people nervous.

USS Illinois Base honors two new Eagle Scouts

The USS Illinois Base was honored to be a part of an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on July 17 in Byron, Ill., for two young men, Neil Ebens, son of Gregory and Kari Ebens, and Michael Shepeck, son of Shane and Jennifer Shepeck.

Both Scouts were presented their coveted Eagle Scout awards in front of family and friends. Terry Elmeier, USS Illinois Base's Boy Scout Coordinator, presented a USSVI certificate and an Eagle Award patch to each honoree. Tom and Kate Ramsay, and Deb Elmeier also represented the Base at this ceremony.

Did you Know?

In one of the stranger incidents in WWII, Eugene B. Fluckey, CDR of the USS Barb (SS-220) sent a landing party ashore to set demolition charges on a coastal railway line, which destroyed a 16-car train. This was the sole landing by U.S. military forces on the Japanese Home Islands during World War II.

Fluckey ordered that this landing party be comprised of crewmen from every division on his submarine and asked for as many ex-Boy Scouts as possible, because Fluckey knew they would know how to find their way in unfamiliar territory. Adm. Fluckey, himself, was an Eagle Scout and is one of only five known Eagle Scouts to have received the Medal of Honor.



Ebens Family: (ctr) Neil, (rt) parents Gregory & Kari.



Shepeck family: (ctr) Michael, (rt) parents Jennifer & Shane.



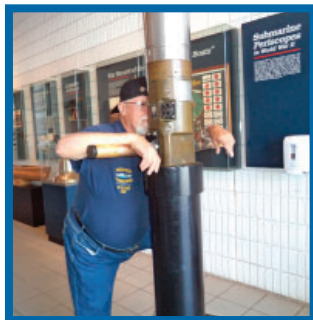


SubFest 2022 (July 2-4) 'A Peek thru Photos'



The USS Illinois Base was represented at this year's SubFest with enthusiasm: Wayne Orrison, Sherm Buetsch, attended the USS Grant Reunion, and Bruce Pickering the USS Baya Reunion. Others attending volunteered support for the Museum as well as helped man our Cobia Operation Dry Dock donations table at the museum. Assisting were Greg and Mary Miller, Tom and Kate Ramsay, and Dick and Renee Martin.

Special praise goes to Wayne Orrison who gave a presentation to attendees on the Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Mystic. Greg Miller and Dick Martin served as "MCs" for the Tolling of the Bells Ceremony on Sunday morning. Joining them on the USS Cobia deck for this ceremony was Wayne Orrison. It was a beautiful ceremony—"well done!"



Top: Dick Martin making sure everyone is in place.

Below: Our own Sherm Buetsch smiling because the party is over, and he is on his way home.



July 4th found several crew members in the galley awaiting the tour crowds (lft to rt: Dick Martin, Tom Ramsay, Herman Mueller [Crash Dive], and Greg Miller).

Helping collect donations for Operation Dry Dock were wives (lft to rt) Renee Martin, Mary Smith, and Kate Ramsay.



The Tolling of the Bells Ceremony is an important tradition for all submarine sailors.

Pictured below MCs: Greg Miller and Dick Martin.



Welcoming guests to the ceremony were: Pictured (lft to rt) Cobia Curator Karen "Cobett" Duvalle, Museum Exec. Dir. Cathy Green, and our own Wayne Orrison (USN Retired).

Above: The ceremony is solemn as each lost boat's name is read, along with the number of crew members who lost their lives on that fateful last patrol.



Join us in fight to preserve USS Cobia

By Tom Ramsay, MS1, USN Retired
Senior Vice CDR, USS Illinois Base

Many of you have known me for some time and know of the love and devotion I have for the USS Cobia over the past 39 years! I first began helping local WWII veterans with the restoration of the boat while I was still in the Navy stationed at Great Lakes. I have been volunteering to help as much as a “cook” could in the restoration of this national treasure, which is docked in the Manitowoc River next to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.

My cane and poor eyesight from a stroke 16 years ago has limited my rigorous construction days of painting, polishing, and whatever else was needed, but my aging hasn't stopped my “can-do” attitude and passion for the Cobia. I still do what I can to help in any way I can.

Joint Base venture

The USS Illinois Base, coupled with our sister bases (the Great Lakes Base, Crash Drive Base, and USS Chicago Base) have joined under the direction of our own Senior Vice Commander Greg Miller in a team effort to spearhead a joint Cobia Drydock Fundraising effort to help pay for the dry docking of the Cobia. She has sat in the water almost 25 years since her last visit to the drydock. It is time for repairs to her hull!

This is a monumental task for us—but, we can do it. We have already received a commitment from the USSV Charitable Funds that they will match dollars for us up to \$10,000. But,

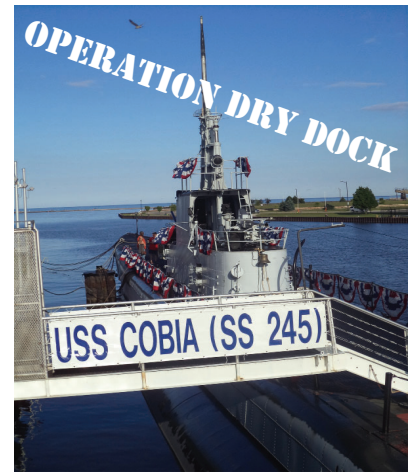
there is more. The Museum has charitable matching funds as well. It doesn't just happen it takes involvement. Your help is needed in our local fundraising efforts. Any money we collect is sent to a special Cobia fund at USSVI's Charitable Foundation account. When these tax-deductible donations are then forwarded to the Museum, the funds will again be matched through available Museum matching grant funds. It is a “win-win” for everyone.

Sub Sailors step forward

My request for your support for this effort comes with a personal commitment from both my wife, Kate, and myself. First and foremost, we have a Supporting Family Membership at the Museum, plus last year we set up an automatic deposit into the museum's Cobia Dry Dock fund. We chose a monthly donation of \$35 dollars (which equals the cost of one meal out a month.) I would like to challenge each one of you to consider setting up an automatic donation of your own. Give what whatever amount you can. These donations are tax deductible.

To set up an automatic donation, go to the following link on the Wisconsin Maritime Museum website: <https://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/join-and-give/donate/>. Make sure you click on the USS Cobia Dry Dock button.

Help our Base give the best gift it can in helping to restore the USS Cobia. Help us make the hull look as great as the rest of



Join me in thanking Greg Miller for all his time and effort in leading the charge to bring the Cobia's needs to local sub sailors and the general public.

the boat. We can't let the USS Cobia follow the fate of the USS Clamagore (SS-343) in Charleston Harbor. It was recently announced this WWII living museum closed, and the boat will be destroyed and recycled. Don't let this happen to the USS Cobia, which today is listed on the National Registry of Historic Landmarks.

Of course, the Cobia is always looking for working parties to help make necessary repairs. Friends and family members are all welcome to join you on these events. You don't need to be a sub sailor to love submarines. These working parties are fun and memorable events for everyone. Join us.

**We have a living memorial
right in our own neck of the
woods. As sub sailors,
we have an obligation
to keep this unique piece
of history alive.
Join me in the fight to
preserve the USS Cobia.**





*'Your participation
important in these
upcoming
Base events.'*

Kane County Flea Market successful



Above: Mark Beckstrom, Scout Master for Troop 1 in St. Charles, stopped by our table, and shared the fun his troop had up on the USS Cobia. Helping him relive these memories are Greg Miller (ctr) and Tom Ramsay (rt).

Crossroads Blues Festival

New Base member Steve Jones, has extended an excellent opportunity for our Base to gain exposure in the Northwest Illinois Region, by allowing us to set up an information and donation table for our Base at the upcoming **Crossroads Blues Festival** slated for on **Aug. 27, 2022 in Rockford.**

Steve is President of the Crossroads Blues Society, which is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations that keeps Blues alive in local schools. All proceeds of events go to provide this education to area schools.

The Crossroads Blues Festival is held at Lyran Park (4781 S. Bend Rd. -- just southwest of the Rockford Airport). Your help is needed at our Base booth to share our submarine history. Donations collected at the booth will go to the Base treasury to support our programs and projects.

Set up starts at 9 a.m. and gates open to the community at 11 a.m. "This is a fundraiser for the Base," Martin reminds everyone. For more info visit www.crossroadsbluesfestival.com.

2022 Crossroads Blues Festival at Lyran Park
Women of the Blues
Saturday, August 27, 2022
www.crossroadsbluesfestival.com

Teeny Tucker—6 PM
Shaun Murphy—6 PM
Donna Herula —2 PM
Melody Angel—Noon
Between Acts
Tia Carroll—4 PM
Gina Meeks & Amanee Avery

Sponsored by **LONNIE'S CAMPUS MAX**
Proceeds support Blues in the Schools

Wheaton All-Night Flea Market

Greg Miller spearheads another Cobia Dry Dock donation table on August 20th, at the DuPage County Fair Grounds. Your help is needed!

The fun begins at 3 p.m. on Aug. 20th, and ends at 3 a.m. on Aug. 21st. As you can see, Greg is in need of support from Base members. It is a great opportunity to meet people and to "talk about submarines."

We have hosted several of these events thus far, and they have been successful. For more info on how you can help, contact Greg at: fourkats4me@yahoo.com.

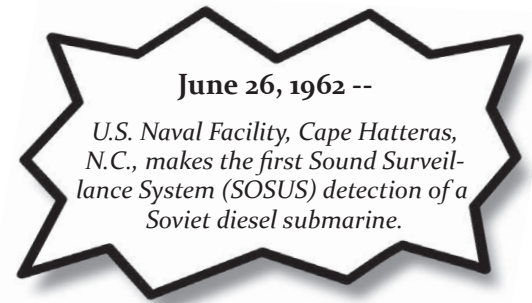
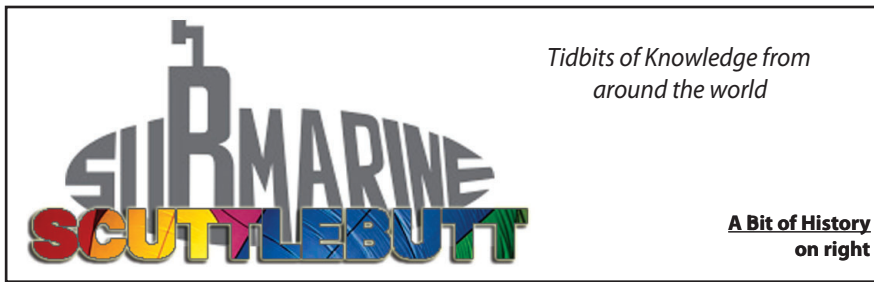
WWII Days

Dick Martin has received a confirmation for the Base to have a spot at **WWII Days at Midway Village Museum**, in Rockford. Mark your calendar for Sept. 24-25, 2022.

You can help us promote USSVI membership and our Base, as well as share the important role of Manitowoc-built subs during WWII.

Below: People approach our booth from all directions, which calls for the help of multiple volunteers to meet and greet them all.





Army recruiting crisis forces dramatic changes

MILITARY.COM -- The U.S. is relaxing some of its rules as it scrambles to get new recruits.

The Army is “tossing its mandate for potential recruits to have a high school diploma or GED certificate to enlist in the service,” they said. This is one of the most dramatic moves yet in the recruiting crisis hitting the entire Dept. of Defense.

The Army will accept individuals without the previously required education certificates “if, they ship to basic training this fiscal year, which

ends Oct.1,” the article states. Recruits must be at least 18 years old, or qualify for a job in the active-duty Army. They must also score at least a 50 on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery that measures a potential recruit’s academic ability.

The Army has hit only 50% of its recruiting goals this year, so another change to the recruitment policy is a “relaxed tattoo rule,” they added. Recruits can now enlist with tattoos on their hands and neck.

World’s largest submarine decommissioned



Three football fields in length.

NEWSWEEK (New York) — According to a report from Russian state media on July 20th, “the world’s largest strategic nuclear ballistic missile submarine has been removed from the Russian fleet.”

The state-run RIA Novosti news outlet, citing an unnamed Russian defense industry source, said the, a nuclear ballistic missile submarine that measures

nearly 600 feet, has been decommissioned. “The submarine *Dmitry Donskoy* has been removed from the fleet and is to be scrapped,” the source said.

The Typhoon-class submarine, the lead vessel of the Project 941 Akula class of ballistic missile submarines, has been in commission since 1980, the news outlet said.

Russian sub launches missile on business center

USNI News -- Russia launched missiles from a submarine to strike a civilian business center in Vinnytsia, Ukraine, a senior U.S. military official confirmed on July 15, 2022, killing a reported 23 people.

The U.S. did not have any additional updates on submarines in the Black Sea. It was felt that the missiles were likely “Kalibr NK missiles, giving the range needed to hit Vin-

nytsia—about 300 miles north of the Black Sea,” they reported.

The Russians have a fleet of Kilo-class submarines in the Black Sea that are capable of launching missiles with a range of 1,000 nautical miles, according to USNI.

Russians claim the target was a Ukrainian military target, but official photos show it as a residential building.



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."



June / July

USS O-9 (SS-70) lost on June 20, 1941 when it sank off the Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH, while undergoing a deep test dive. Loss of 33 crew.

USS S-27 (SS-132) lost on June 19, 1942 while charging batteries. In poor visibility, it drifted into the shoals off St. Marcarius Point in the Aleutians. When it became apparent she could not be freed and the boat began taking a dangerous list, the captain transferred the crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a three-man rubber raft. All crew rescued.

USS R-12 (SS-89) lost on June 12, 1943 when it sank off Key West. The boat was on the surface "riding the vents" while taking position for a practice torpedo approach. The collision alarm sounded alerting flooding in the forward battery compartment. Before hatches could be closed, the boat sank in 600 feet of water. Cause of loss unknown. Loss of 43 crew. Those on the bridge (captain, 2 other officers, and 3 men) survived.

USS Herring (SS-233) lost on June 1, 1944 on her 8th war patrol within shore battery range of Point Tagan, Matsuwa Island, in Kurlies, after sinking both a freighter and passenger-cargoman. She was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery during WWII. Loss of 83 crew.

USS Golet (SS-361) lost on June 14, 1944 on her 2nd war patrol, during a surface attack by antisubmarine forces north of Honshu, Japan. Loss of 82 crew.

USS Bonefish (SS-223) lost on June 18, 1945 during her 8th war patrol during a

savage depth-charge attack at Toyama Bay in the Sea of Japan following her sinking of a passenger-cargoman. She was the last SubPac submarine lost in World War II. Loss of 85 crew.

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

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

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

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



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, August 6, 2022
Time: Noon
Location: Mustang Bar & Grill
482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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,
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