



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

Even Old Goats need a place to spread their sea wings

Have fun looking back on Base activities thus far this year. Events included:

- Base "After" Holiday Party;
- Base meetings;
- USS Cobia 80th Birthday Party;
- Think & Drink Lecture Series;
- Rockford Parade;
- South Beloit/Beloit Parade;
- Belvidere Antique Auto Show;
- Manitowoc Boats Memorial Dedication (Joliet);
- Boone County Flea Market.



Thoughts to Ponder

"Submariners are a bunch of intelligent misfits that somehow seem to get along, understand each other and work well together."

"U.S. Navy submarines --there's no reason to thank us because we don't exist, you never saw us, this never happened."



Holiday Party

Butterfly Club
Beloit, Wis.
Feb. 18, 2023



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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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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Base CDR Greg Miller at 12:01 p.m.

17 Members present – Patrick O'Brien, Bruce Pickering, Tom Ramsay, Kate Ramsay, Chuck Mongan, Terry Elmeier, Jim Helsell, Wayne Orrison, Dick Martin, Mark Dykstra, Kep Preble, Phil Owens, Victor Buchholz Greg Miller, Gary Walters, Daryl Rorabaugh, and Steve Jones.

1 Guest – Earl Joslyn.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by all hands. Invocation was given by Dick Martin Member / guest introductions.

Recitation of the USSVI Creed was given Base CDR Greg Miller.

Tolling of Bells ceremony – Kep Preble read the list of boats lost, and Terry Elmeier rang the bell.

Secretary's Report – Sec. Pat O'Brien asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as distributed by e-mail. Dick Martin made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Phil Owens. The February meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treas. Bruce Pickering presented the monthly treasurer's report. Mark Dykstra made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Dick Martin. The February treasurer's report was approved. Treas. Pickering asked for a motion to reimburse Dick Martin for signage he had acquired. Motions approved.

Chaplain's Report – None.

Storekeeper's Report – None.

Scouting Report – Nothing to report

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) – Mark Dykstra reported UW Hospitals have relaxed their masking requirements.

Old Business:

- Manitowoc's "**SubFest 2023**" activities will be held from Saturday, July 1st through Tuesday, July 4th. The "Tolling of the Bells" ceremony will be held on the USS Cobia on Sunday, July 2.
- The **Base's "Yard Sale"** has been moved from June to October.

- The **Base's Family Picnic** will be held on August 5 at Lyran Park, in Rockford.
- A Base Information table will set up at Lyran Park on July 8th at the "**Red, White and Blues Festival**" and on August 26 at the "**Cross Roads Blues Festival**."
- \$197 was raised at **Boone County Auto show**.
- Dick Martin is in contact with the Rockford Midway Village Museum in regard to our participation in the upcoming **WWII Days**.

New Business:

- On June 17 a table will be set up at the **Boone County Flea Market** at the Boone County Fairground. The Market runs from 3 p.m. to Midnight. Volunteers are needed.
- The **USS Cobia** will hold another re-decking working party on June 23-25.
- The base is considering a **field trip** to the USS Cobia. Bruce Pickering is investigating the use of a school bus for transportation.
- Kate Ramsay discussed the use of a "**Welcome Aboard**" **booklet** developed for USSVI to present to New Members. CDR Miller added that we need to appoint a member to be a "sea-daddy" for prospective or new members.
- Gary Walters suggested an **off-site meeting in the form of a lecture** by a guest speaker. He has contact with a presenter who has made well received and in-depth presentations regarding various submarine topics. This lecture would be of particular interest to former submarine sailors and could be used as an introduction to the USSVI.
- Base Officer elections.** A preliminary slate of potential nominees has been developed, but nominations are still open. If you are interested in serving as an officer, contact Senior VCDR Tom Ramsay at 815-443-2535.

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DID YOU KNOW?

'Google did'

1. What is the divorce rate for submariners?

Did you know that about 40% of Submariners fail to complete their first enlistment due to the hardship, or that Submarine marriages have an 80% divorce rate.

2. Do submariners have more daughters?

No significant differences were seen for paternal age, maternal age, job during sea duty, type of submarine assigned to or time in the community. The submariners surveyed reported greater numbers of daughters than the general population, especially when on sea duty or in regular contact with submarines during shore duty.

3. What percentage of Americans are submariners?

The U.S. Submarine Force constitutes about 7% of all Navy personnel today.

4. Do submariners get better food?

Welcome to submarine life where Navy's cooks prepare what is considered to be the military's finest dining experience. Because nuclear subs stay submerged for as long as 90 days straight serving better food is a way to make up for what is considered to be one of the toughest assignments in the military.

5. Why did submariners eat lemons?

The British began storing citrus fruits on board all of its ships. The British Navy gave its sailors limes or lemon juice rations to ward off scurvy – earning them the nickname of "Limeys" among the American sailors who didn't know about or believe in this subforce preventative treatment.



Red, White and Blues Festival
Saturday, July 8, 2023
Lyran Park
4781 S Bend Rd
Rockford IL 61109

1 PM TBD Navy Band
3 PM Paul Filipowicz
5 PM Reverend Raven
& the Chain Smoking Altar Boys
with Westside Andy Linderman

Made possible by a grant from the Rockford Area Arts Council

Opens at Noon, Music 1 PM to 6:30 PM
Free for Active Duty, Veterans & Children
Others \$10 advanced, \$15 at gate
<https://crossroadsbluessociety.com>
Food and Beverages for Sale, No Coolers

**HAPPY
4TH OF
JULY!**

Minutes continued

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This year's election of Base Officers will be done by e-mail. A separate e-mail will be sent to all hands explaining the procedure. Thus far, the following men have agreed to run for these offices:

Commander - Greg Miller
Sr. Vice Commander - Wayne Orrison
Jr. Vice Commander - Kep Preble
Treasurer - Paul Hable
Secretary - Pat O'Brien

Good of the order:

- Dick Martin shared a photo of our entry in the recent **Rockford parade**.
- The Illinois state legislature passed a

bill authorizing a **submarine commemorative license plate**.

- The **USS Rickover Commissioning Committee** is seeking donations.

50/50 Raffle was won by Jim Helsell who donated it back to the Base.

Closing Prayer offered by Dick Martin.

Next meeting on Aug. 12, 2023, at Mustang Grill and Bar in South Beloit IL at Noon. The July meeting is cancelled due to a conflict with SubFest in Manitowoc.

The August meeting was moved back one week to August 12th to accommodate the Base's Family Picnic on Aug. 6.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.





Greg Miller, MM2
USS Illinois Commander

It is time to get involved! Summer is upon us. I know that with Summer it's time for backyard barbecues, vacations, and in our spare time--when we have spare time -- we have a lot of submarine related work to do.

It is our mission to not only honor our lost submariners and those who gave their life for our country, but also to keep their memories alive for generations in the future. We are lucky to have an actual WWII submarine moored in the Manitowoc River that many in our base have had the honor to work on restoration projects for the past 40 years.

Up and coming the Base has a lot of projects planned: fundraising at flea markets, Cobia working parties, and other miscellaneous tasks. This summer we have the chance to set up a Base information booth at two special events, thanks to USSVI member Steve Jones, who is also President of the Crossroads Blues Society, in Rockford, IL.

Red, White & Blues

First on July 8th is the "Red, White, & Blues" festival at Lyran Park, in Rockford, which is a salute to veterans. He invited us there at no charge for members and their families. On Aug. 26th the annual Crossroads Blues Festival also takes place at Lyran Park. We can't thank Steve enough for this exposure.

Success needs manpower

One thing in common among all our Base events is "it takes manpower to make it happen." You can share the joy about your prior service in submarines with many people

who are "really interested" in hearing what we did. Bring your friends and families to these events—they are fun, interesting, and educational.

You are encouraged to help us with working parties on the Cobia. Friends and family are always welcome. The more folks involved, the more fun the activity. Fellowship -- a brotherhood like no other.

Family Picnic

It is not all work. We have fun planned too. The Base has a family picnic set for August 5th, so you can bring the whole family. More information will be released soon. We are planning a Yard Sale this fall so you can get rid of those things you no longer want or need. We also plan to set up booths at several local fairs.

You are also seeking ideas to get together outside our formal meeting. We are even exploring a possible bus trip to the USS Cobia for a special and fun tour of the boat. This would be a great way to exposure the boat to your family members.

Get Involved

Finally, I want to leave my final thoughts on an important issue -- the election and installation of Base Officers is taking place soon. We need to ensure that our base management continues its excellent standards. But, we need your involvement. For those wishing to increase their participation in the base, it's not too late to submit your name to the nominating committee, or if you have an interest in serving on one of our committees. All help and ideas are welcome.



"Help me in recharging our base through increased participation."



**USSVI 2023 National Convention
Tucson, Ariz.
August 28, 2023 – September 2, 2023**

By Dennis Ottley
2023 National Convention Chair

Magazine Ad Date Extended— Shipmates we have extended the due date of the convention magazine to 7/15/2023 and will also honor the 10% discount for Regions, Districts and Bases. This gives us ample time to work with our publisher to produce an informative magazine for the attendees. The magazine ad form has been updated on the website.

Nicknames/Names on Badges-- The online registration form does not have that option, and we have received emails about what members or guests would like to have on their lanyard name tag. Please let us know if you have a preference.

Shipmates Attending---With this post we have 279 shipmates and guests registered. Check out who is coming to see if you have former shipmates from the boats you served. We are striving for 500+ to attend and enjoy the Southwestern culture.

Holland Cub Inductions---During the Holland Club Breakfast Jim Irwin, National Holland Club Chair, will conduct Holland Club inductions to any member who qualified 50 years ago.

If any members would like to be a part of this event, please get back to us and we will coordinate with Jim. In addition, any WWII SubVets in attendance will be honored during the event. Remember, this event is open to all members and guests.

Guest Speakers---We have a great line up for speakers.

- **Holland Club Breakfast.**
George Wallace, CDR (Ret) former submarine captain and author of the Hunter Killer Series. George will have a table in the Hospitality Suite.
- **Men's and Ladies Luncheon.**
David Fitzsimmons, a newspaper political cartoonist, has an interactive program with a member of the audience that will entertain all.

Submarine book sale

Ken Earls, president of the USSVI Charitable Foundation announces a July 2023 promotion to benefit the USSVI Scholarship Fund.

For the entire month of July--the proceeds from all the **Poopie Suits** Series books sold will be donated to help our children/grandchildren. This series is authored by Charles Hood and Frank Hood, who was a submarine officer.

The below books and audio books are available at www.Amazon.com. They can also be easily ordered at www.subtales.com, a site linked to the authors. The books are as follows:

Poopie Suits & Cowboy Boots – available in book and audio forms

Sub Tales--Stories That Seldom Surface –book and audio.

More Sub Tales, SubTales 3

The Silent Service Remembers -- Vol 1, 2, and 3.

Please Help our USSVI Scholarship Fund by ordering one or more of these books that you have not yet read.

These books are great for summer reading, or a gift for a family member or friend. Let them know what you did.



Calling all Cup Thieves



Do these cups look familiar? They should! They are submarine galley coffee cups up for sale at a Hawaiian flea market. Snapping this picture and sending it to MS1 Tom Ramsay was Senior Master Chief Karl Dye, Tom's old COB. When in port shipmates up on watch were always throwing their empty cups overboard. Tom would send divers below the boat to retrieve cups when the galley got low on cups.

If only you knew you could make money on them, you wouldn't have thrown them overboard.



Base Meetings - Friendship



Glad to see familiar faces at meetings. Pictured left to right: Gary Walters, Early Joslyn, and Victor Bucholz.



Manitowoc Maritime Museum

Tom Ramsay, left, joined reenactors in celebration of the USS Cobia's 80th Birthday in Manitowoc on March 18.



Think & Drink Lecture Series

Two former sub cooks (above) spun up an enthusiastic crowd with the ins & outs of cooking aboard a sub. Pictured left to right: Jeff Tess, owner of Submariners Pug & Grill in Two Rivers, and our own Tom Ramsay. The event was held on May 6, 2023 at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

Rockford Parade

Right "pre" parade photo with Steve Jones, Dick Martin, and Wayne Orrison. Far Right is "post" photo of a proud Dick Martin with a photo of our entry.



Beloit/So. Beloit Parade

Bruce Pickering (rt) brought his own team: daughter Sheryl Pickering, granddaughter Sophia Harrison, and great granddaughter, Maddie Egger. Tom Ramsay & Phil Owens helped too!



Antique Car Show Booth



Thanks to Wayne Orrison for the Booth space at the Little Hersheys Antique Car Show on May 20, 2023. Pictured left to right at our booth are Paul Hable, Bruce Pickering, and Renee Martin.

Boone County Flea Market

Pictured below is Greg & Mary Miller. Pictured right talking with visitors is Greg Miller and Wayne Orrison. Also helping out at this 3 p.m. to midnight event was Dick Martin and Tom & Kate Ramsay.



Joining the Chicago Base on June 14, 2023 in Joliet for the unveiling of a Memorial to Manitowoc Submarines was: (left to right) Tom Ramsay, USSVI Central District 2 CDR John Cannon, and Illinois Base CDR Greg Miller.

Memorial Plaque Dedication





Navy IDs sunken USS Albacore

USNI.ORG – The U.S. Navy confirms that the WWII-era submarine discovered by a Japanese research team in May 2022 was the Gato-class USS Albacore (SS-218).

“The team’s sonar detected a likely wreck site at a depth of 820 feet,” according to the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the Naval History. “Photographs taken by a remotely operated underwater vehicle subsequently photographed the wreck.” which helped to ID the USS Albacore, which was lost at sea in 1944.

Commissioned on June 1, 1942, the Albacore conducted 11 war patrols

and is credited with ten confirmed enemy vessel sinkings (with possibly another three not yet confirmed). She earned nine battle stars and four Presidential Unit Citations during her career. Six of the Albacore’s ten sinkings were enemy combatant ships, ranking her as one of the most successful submarines against enemy combatants during World War II.

Japanese records that came to light after the war, noted an unidentified submarine striking a mine off Hokkaido on Nov. 7, 1944. Some 85 crew members were lost that day.

Sub Standard-- ‘You Bet’!



Don’t believe everything you hear in an ad!

THE SUN (UK)—The article titled “Sub Standard” was just that. “Furious Navy Chiefs” ordered a investigation after workers on a Trident sub “risked disaster—by gluing broken bolts in a nuclear reactor chamber.”

The botched repairs to cooling pipes came to light “when one bolt fell of curing checks aboard the 16,000-ton HMS Vanguard.” The

boat is the oldest of the Royal Navy’s ballistic missile submarines.

They said: “It’s a disgrace. You can’t cut corners with nuclear. Standards are standards. Nuclear standards are never compromised,” they said.

The damage was done during a dry dock refurbishment and refuel at HMNB Devonport, Plymouth.

First trilateral aboard missile sub

NAVY.MIL—The Navy announced the first trilateral embark onboard a ballistic missile submarine involving senior commanders of the submarine fleets of from Japan, South Korea and the US. This “first of a kind visit” was aboard the USS Maine (SSBN-741) operating off Guam.

During their time at sea, the senior leaders toured the sub, including

demonstrations of the unit’s capabilities.

“This embarkment reflects our special relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea, as well as our ironclad commitment to each alliance,” said U.S. Navy Adm. Rick Seif, CDR of Sub Group 7.” It exemplified how U.S. forces are advancing the U.S.-Japan-ROK trilateral relationship.”





Frank Brown EM1 (SS)
Chaplain,, USS Illinois Base

Trials

Every material used in the construction of a submarine must be forged, shaped, conditioned, bent, molded, fastened and even painted before it is worthy to be used according to its design. Once it is then installed, it is repeatedly tested as a component, as a system and then operationally, as a ship.

Once a submarine is constructed, it is far from ready to put into service. There will be navigational requirements, as well as weapons, engineering, sonar, and fire control tests. These things may not be readily apparent when first reporting to your submarine, but hundreds of personnel have already worked to the best of their ability for years.

A new believer faces a change in life. Moving from what we were, to what we will each become is not an easy path. There will be many tests in your walk of faith, from some that are rather easy to some that are uniquely life-changing.

In essence, we are raw material, being taught, conditioned and guided into a more complete and worthy individual. We may have similarities and even common experiences, but we are not identical. Each one of us must see and accept the errors of our past, face them, accept them and then learn from them. Only after that

can we make a choice to adjust our course and change our direction.

I don't recall anywhere in the Bible saying that this process would be easy.

When iron is forged, it is rather easy to work with, but as it is processed, it becomes stronger and more useful. So too, are we brought to a more devoted and desired condition. Just as a material may have had many hands affecting it, our lives affect who we are, and who we become. Becoming a Christian may seem like a one-time decision, but the follow-through takes a lifetime.

Fortunately, we aren't alone. God, in His wisdom, and often in his humor, places individuals beside us. Some will teach us, many will learn from us, and every one of them will pay attention to the choices we make, the words that we use and our actions. You may never know whom you have already affected by the way that you live.

As we learn more about our faith, we gain skills and abilities far beyond what regular people may have. We may have the ability to teach, to take difficult and advanced knowledge and instill it into our students. Others have the ability to counsel, repair, and lead. We tend to grow into these responsibilities and skills, as we strengthen what we already know.

We can prepare as best we can by studying and learning from others, but this often not enough. Things happen that distract you, and knock you off the path. God already knew this would happen and planned ahead.



Ephesians 6:10-18 ***New International Version***

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.



Each of these items protect a part of your life. Each one must work with the others to reinforce the entire armor. Not everything makes sense at first, so we learn each piece and strengthen it with practice. Start with what you know and build upon that knowledge. We are not finished yet.

Each one of you reading this is being prayed for. I have Bible studies available to share. These can be done as individuals or as families and couples. They are free for the asking, and I can provide as many as you need. I have them as printed sheets, or can be sent one at a time by e-mail, so you can print them. Let me know if I can help. Chaplain Frank at freedomflb@hotmail.com.



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."



April - May



Check out another great book about the USS Lagarto, a Manitowoc built boat. It is called "The Lost Submarine" by Nancy Kenny. This is written from the view-point of the surviving family members. The author is the daughter of Bill Mabin, one of the lost crew members on the USS Lagarto. The book is sold at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, as well as at Amazon.com. It is well worth the read.



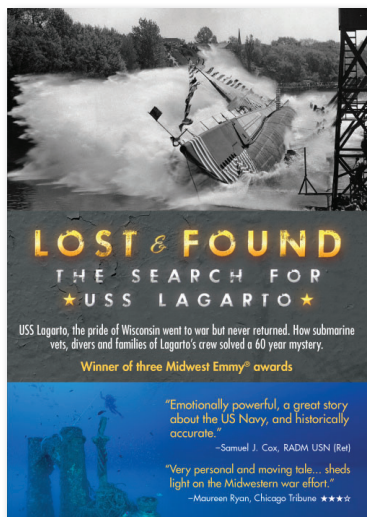
April

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 mine-fields.

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 a dive 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.

Mark your calendar for the next USS Illinois Base, USSVI, meeting.

Next USSVI Illinois Base Meeting

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2023* (note changes below)
Time: Noon
Location: Mustang Bar & Grill
 482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

*Note: there is no regular meeting in July due to SubFest 2023 in Manitowoc, Wis. July 2nd-4th. The Base family picnic is on Aug. 5th. See details inside this issue.



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: \$ 140.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 85.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 30.00;

(Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 35.00

Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$120.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$240; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 360.00; 46 thru 55 = \$500.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 600.00

DUES FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONEL ARE COMPLIMENTARY FOR FIRST YEAR

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.** ____

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

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

Applicants on active duty are requested to provide a permanent 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 ussvi@telebyte.net

