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### Reunion Adventure

## USS Grant Assn. keeps submarine spirit alive

by Wayne Orrison  
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(NOTE from Editor: Wayne and Phyllis Orrison just returned from a Mini Reunion for the USS Grant and wanted to share his story with you.

### **USS GRANT Mini-Reunion, 2023**

One of the subs I served on was a ballistic missile sub, the USS GRANT (SSBN-643). The Grant was commissioned in 1964 and decommissioned in 1992. I served aboard her for three years, reporting aboard in October 1970 in Bremerton, Wash., and later bringing her out of the yards in January 1971. We came through the Panama Canal and headed to her new home port in Charleston, S.C.

This was my home until Sept. 1973 when the Navy sent me elsewhere.

### **Springing ahead a bit**

Several years after the Grant's decommissioning, shipmates began to gather for informal mini-reunions and over time, the impetus to create a more formal Association was felt. So, a formal Grant Association was created in 2007 with board members elected from shipmates all the way from the commissioning crew to the decommissioning crew. I had the honor to be the association secretary from 2007 to 2022.

We have had full blown Association Reunions every other year, and Mini-Reunions every year. Some of these mini-reunions were held in Manitowoc during SubFest. In fact, last year we had 28 shipmates, wives and grandchildren, and were the largest group representing one boat at SubFest since it started.

This year's mini-reunion took place in Mobile, Ala. It started on Thursday evening, April 13th, and ended Sunday morning, April 16th. We had 13 ship-

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USS Grant (SSBN-643) veterans gathered in Mobile, Ala. this month. USS Illinois Base member, and author of this story is Wayne Orrison (pictured 6th from left).



**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 12:06 p.m.

**16 Members present** – Patrick O'Brien, Greg Miller, Bruce Pickering, Tom Ramsay, Kate Ramsay, Kep Preble, Phil Owens, Daryl Rorabaugh, Chris Hartwig, Vic Buchholtz, Gary Walters, John Wankowski, Frank Brown, Chuck Mongan, Earl Joslyn, Terry Elmeier.

**4 Guests present** -- Eric Rutherford, Rich Aebly, Greg Schmidt, Dean Ricla.

**Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag by all hands.

**Invocation** was given by Chaplain Frank Brown.

**Member/Guest introductions.**

**Recitation of the USSVI Creed** was given by CDR Greg Miller.

**Tolling of Bells ceremony** – Phil Owens read the list of lost boats and rang 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. Phil Owens made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by John Wankowski. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Bruce Pickering presented the monthly Treasurer's report. Kep Preble made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Phil Owens. The report was approved.

**Chaplain's Report** – None.

**Storekeeper's Report** – None.

**Scouting Report** – None.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss)** – No report

**Old Business:**

- CDR Miller updated on Cobia Drydock status.
  - On March 17, 18, 19 a working party will develop procedures for the re-decking operation.
  - On May 5, 6, 7 a working party will commence the re-decking.

-- On 22 Apr. we will have a table at the Civil War Show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton from 0900 to 1600 hours.

• Upcoming Wisconsin Maritime Museum events:

-- On May 6 the Wisconsin Maritime Museum will hold a Lagarto Remembrance from 1300 to 1400 hours

-- On March 18 the Wisconsin Maritime Museum will hold an 80th Birthday Party for the Cobia. Tickets are \$8.00 for all-day.

-- On April 6 the Wisconsin Maritime Museum Thursday lecture will feature Tom Ramsay in a program "Eating for Victory- Food Stories from WWII and Beyond". Time 6 to 7 p.m..

-- July 1-4 is "SubFest."

• The Base Family Picnic will be held on August 5 at Lyran Park, Rockford.

• Terry Elmeier agreed to coordinate with Jim Helsell regarding the Base Yard Sale location.

• Steve Jones has offered an opportunity to set up a table at two upcoming Cross Roads Blues Society Festivals at Lyran Park.

-- On July 8 at the "Red, White and Blue Festival."

-- On August 26 at the "Cross Roads Blues Festival."

**New Business:**

• Terry Elmeier was inducted into the Holland Club by CDR Miller.

• CDR Miller has provided a list of upcoming area flea markets. These venues could be activities to set up a Cobia Fundraising Table.

**Good of the order** – None.

**50/50 Raffle** was won by Kep Preble who donated it back to the Base.

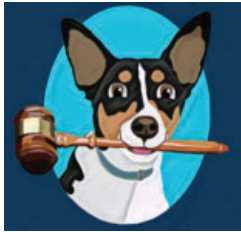
**Closing Prayer** offered by Chaplain Frank Brown.

**Next meeting** May 6, 2023 at Mustangs Bar and Grill, at noon in South Beloit IL.





**From: Senior Vice CDR**  
YOUR COMMANDER'S BEST FRIEND



**Tom Ramsay**

As a prior Navy Cook, I am offering you a chance to be part of a Recipe for Success for the USS Illinois Base. All we need are the right ingredients—which begins with you!

What am I talking about? None other than its our Base's election season (June/July/August). As your Senior Vice Commander, I am charged with forming and leading a Nominating Committee to help us find the best candidates to lead our Base.

Our Base Bylaws state that:

- A Nominating Committee will be appointed in the month of May.
- The Committee's slate of officers will be presented to members in attendance at our July Base meeting.
- The Base Bylaws also allows members in good standing to nominate any additional candidate(s), at this meeting, if so desired.
- With this final slate, I will ask the floor to conduct the elections. The highest vote per position will win. No proxies are allowed for voting.
- Our new officers will be sworn in and seated at our August meeting.

All our current officers would technically be due for re-election, but Greg Miller, our Senior CDR, was promoted to CDR just a few months ago when Past Commander Mark Dykstra

stepped aside due to other commitments. Greg's not getting out of his two-term obligation this soon!

So, we will be electing a new Senior Vice CDR, Junior Vice CDR, Treasurer, and Secretary. Bruce Pickering has made his wishes known that he would like to retire as Base Treasurer. I am looking for anyone interested in servicing as a Base officer to give me a call at (815) 292-2535 or email me at tram688@jcwifi.com. Volunteers are always welcome!

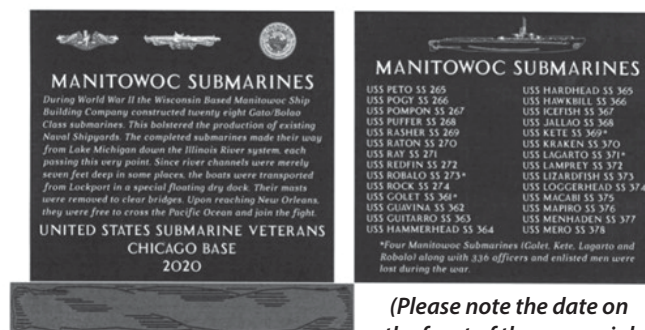
Associate members can be elected and serve as Base Secretary or Treasurer. Other elected positions require a submarine qualified member. Associate members can also be appointed to other required positions or committees by the CDR, including as members-at-large on the Board.

My advice to you after my many years of USSVI membership is: Get involved in your Base. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas.

For you younger members, it is a fantastic way you can give back to your submarine family by helping keep the boats alive. Even more USSVI helps submariners to bond, and encourages fellowship with fellow submariners. Find out how you can get involved. Give me a call if you have questions.

## News of interest from fellow base:

**Dedication ceremony will occur at 30 North Bluff Street (at Des Plaines River South of Jefferson) in Joliet, Illinois .**



(Please note the date on the front of the memorial will read "2023").

The USS Chicago Base announces a special dedication ceremony for the new Joliet WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial. This memorial (pictured front and back) pays tribute to the Maniwoc submarines.

**Wed., June 14, 2023  
11 a.m.**



## Grant Reunion unique

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mates and 11 wives who drove in from South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

We planned this mini-reunion to coincide with a Tolling of the Bells ceremony at the USS ALABAMA Memorial Park in Mobile. This year the Tolling of the Bells Memorial Ceremony was on April 15th. It was hosted by six bases: Tullibee Base (Biloxi, Miss.); Baton Rouge Base (Baton Rouge, La.); Redfish Base (Slidell, La.); Mobile Bay Base (Mobile, Ala.); Drum Base (Pensacola, Fla.); and the Seawolf Base (Panama City, Fla.) They have jointly hosted a tolling ceremony here for many years.

As you know, the Submarine Birthday is on April 11 when the Tolling of the Bells Ceremony is usually conducted, but it was mid-week, so the Alabama Memorial Park planned a joint celebration throughout its facility, which made the tolling even more impressive. There was a huge crowd throughout the day, and it was so good to see many young people attending.

It is a wonderful memorial park with, of course, their prized *Battleship Alabama*, some incidental water craft, and many military aircraft -- both of WWII vintage and modern aircraft, including and SR-71, B-52, B-25 and many propeller driven planes and jet planes.

The entire park was staffed by re-enactors who were dressed in period uniforms and civilian clothes. They were everywhere, hangers, aboard the battleship, around the planes, aboard the submarine and throughout the grounds.

Many of them were veterans, with some younger folks helping, and of course some period music playing to enhance the atmosphere. It was a great job by the Memorial Park and lent some real "authenticity" to the event.

### ***USS Drum worth the trip***

Of interest to us of course, was the USS Drum (SS-268). She is perched high and dry on land, but fully accessible and open to the public. It was in "excellent" shape. Like the Cobia, her stairways have been modified for easy access to and from the boat.

I wanted to share a sidebar story about the trip. Several weeks prior to our visit, we contacted the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Gulf Port, Miss. (40 minutes from Mobile, Ala.) to see if there were any sub vets residing there, and to see if they would like to be our guests and attend the tolling ceremony.

The facility was home to 11 sub vets and even 2 WWII vets. We arranged for a visit and tour of the AFRH and to meet the vets.

You may want to look online at the Gulf Port AFRH and see what that looks like. It is fabulous! It is so nice, so self-contained, so everything. I mean everything! But . . . I digress.

The director of the AFRH was delighted with our proposed plan. We were the largest group of any organization to ever visit the facility, and they were thrilled to see us.

We met with the 11 vets and one wife (married couples can live there, but only a few at this time) and we had a ball. We toured the massive facility and had a super time. Before taking a tour, we met with the vets who were waiting patiently for us in the "Bingo Hall" and chatted and visited with us for about 45 minutes before we broke up into groups. It was hard to break away to take the tour because everyone was just jabbering away. We presented the Vets with new Sub Hats and finally did get started on the tour.

Of course, leading up to our arrival, the vets were also curious and starting to meet to speculate on what was going to happen. One of the vets had been a COB and he took charge/coordinated with these resident sub vets and things progressed in an orderly fashion from there.

The director expressed her amazement at how rarely the vets typically expressed themselves, but because of our visit, she said

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Attendees and  
AFRH sub sailor  
residents visited  
Hall 52, which  
honors our lost  
submarines.



**USS ALABAMA**  
Battleship Memorial Park





## Grant saga continues

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they were/are as cheerful and exuberant and excited as she has ever seen them. She said she has often only gotten a one sentence response at best from these fellows when interacting with them, and she was amazed at the energy and animation these guys were exhibiting when interacting with us. She couldn't believe how chatty they were and even how happy they were.

### Bubble Heads bond

"This is what happens when Bubble Heads get together," we explained. "We have a common bond that makes it natural for us to be open, be unintimidated, and just let the natural sea story telling flow with 'shipmates' who want to have fun. It's all being a part of the brotherhood of the Fin."

She was thrilled to see our interaction with these vets and our group and thinks the experience will make these vets an even more closely tied group in the future.

Prior to this, they did have some interaction, but she thinks now they are so bonded by the experience that they will meet on a routine basis, maybe even form a sub base. I hope so.

We planned to pick the vets up from the AFRH early Saturday morning to transport them to the memorial park. Unfortunately, only 6 of the 11 vets felt up to the trip, but we had a great time with those that were able to go. Both the WWII vets from the AFRH were able to make it and were recognized and honored during the ceremony, which was a surprise for them and quite emotional for everyone.

One of the vets, Robert Frost (age 97) made war patrols on the USS Rock SS 274 - a Manitowoc

boat. He then went on to serve after the war in the Army in what was then the new developing technology of missiles, based on his gyro schooling in the Navy. He retired as a Warrant Officer 3, but his heart is always with the submarine community.

The other WWII vet (age 99) made several war patrols, but I failed to get some time with him as he unfortunately was feeling very tired and had to cut his time short at the ceremony.

After the ceremony, we took the vets to lunch before returning them to the AFRH. It was a wonderful day overall and we were sad to see it come to an end.

Being with this group felt so normal, fun and it was inspiring, heartfelt, and good for our soul. I would do it again and encourage all of you to seek out a similar kind of interaction if given the chance.



## 2023 Convention Update

by Dennis Ottley  
2023 National Convention Chair

**Registrations**—We have 171 members and guest registrations as of 4/23. If you register by 4/30/2023 you are eligible for a drawing for a 2-night stay in an executive suite for the nights of 9/1 and 9/2. A ticket will be drawn for all who registered next month (May).

**Hotel Reservations**--Currently we have met a little over 50% of our contracted room nights per our contract at the \$99 rate. We urge all to go online and make

your hotel registrations as soon as possible. Once we meet our contractual requirements, any reservation will only be booked if rooms are available and are subject to normal pricing.

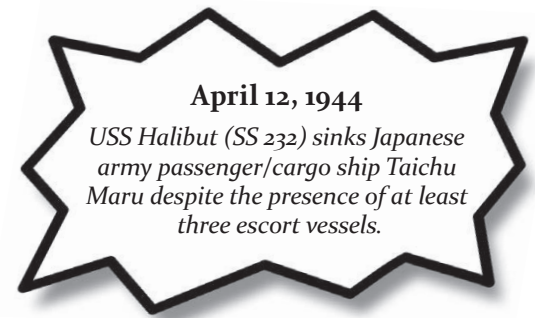
**Vendor Tables**--The vendor application form can be located under the "Vendor" tab on the [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) website. If you want to have a table in the vendor area of the Hospitality Suite, please submit and forward to the address noted on the form.

**Convention Magazine Ads**—All regions, districts and bases are encouraged to submit ads for the convention magazine. We offer a 10% discount for all ads received by 5/31/2023. Go to [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) and on the convention page, click on the "Vendor tab". The ad form is listed and is a fillable pdf.

**Mobility Issues**--A company that's worked with the Hilton El Conquistador can have wheelchairs, scooters, and motorized wheelchairs available for those of us who have mobility issues. American Mobility can be reached on (520) 628-7480 and information is available on their website ([americanmobility.com](http://americanmobility.com)). American Mobility asks that reservations not be made earlier than 8/15/2023 to insure they have equipment available.

**Sponsors**—We are always looking for financial help for our convention for businesses that support Veteran Organizations. If any of you have a contact in a national company that has supported USSVI before, please email Convention Chair Dennis Ottley at [dottley888@comcast.net](mailto:dottley888@comcast.net). We will take it from there.

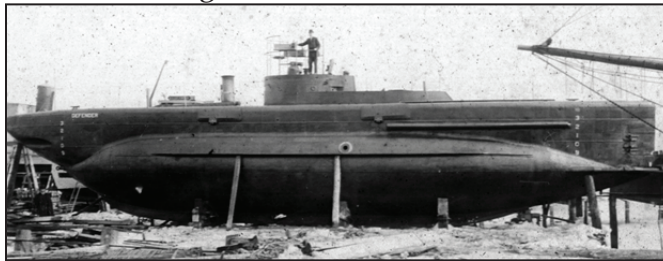




## Experimental sub found off Long Island Sound

*The Sentinel (Aurora, Colo.)* – It is amazing what you find where you don't expect it. On Sunday, April 16, 2023, Connecticut divers found the wreckage of an experimental submarine in Long Island Sound, the Associated Press reported. The wreckage was the boat called *Defender*, a 92-foot attack submarine.

The Navy evidently rejected this boat, and it was scuttled in Long Island Sound in 1946 by the Army Corp of Engineers.



“The submarine, originally named the Lake, was built by millionaire Simon Lake and his Bridgeport-based Lake Torpedo Boat Company in 1907 in hopes of winning a competition for a U.S. Navy contract,” according to NavSource Online. “It was an experimental vessel, with wheels to move along the sea bottom and a door that allowed divers to be released underwater,” Simon wrote.

The company lost that competition and Lake then tried refitting the boat for minesweeping, salvage and rescue work, renaming it the *Defender*.

He never found a buyer. Contact has been made with the Navy seeing if it would be interested in helping preserve the boat.

## Did you know about National Submarine Day?

What did you do on April 11th?

If you were eating lunch at a submarine shop, and thinking about all the fun you had serving on Submarines then you probably knew that April 11th was National Submarine Day!

This date marks the day the U.S. Government purchased the Holland VI, in 1900, “but it actually wasn’t the first submarine the U.S. owned. The USS Alligator holds this honor,” according to <https://nationaltoday.com>.

On April 11, 1900, the US government purchased the Holland VI for \$150,000 designed by Irish-American inventor John Phillip Holland and commissioned on October 12, 1900.

### See just a few of the exciting days ahead in May

Check out the website <https://nationaltoday.com>. Here are some clues to some upcoming National Days:

- May 6th: National Beer Pong Day!!!! 😊
- May 13th: National Cough Drop Day!
- May 20th: National Armed Forces Day!!
- May 27th: National Italian Beef Day!!!





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

## **'Aye-Aye, Sir'**

This is a frequently-used response that we know well. We are given a lawful order, and the Captain, or his representative, expects prompt and accurate action. There is no delay, not questioning the order, and you do exactly as you were told.

In my service as an Electrician's Mate, one of my designated watch stations was that of Throttleman. It is not particularly glamorous or even noticed on a good day. On patrol, we do four knots to nowhere for days and weeks at a time. Drills are run to qualify new personnel and to hone our skills. On my boat, we had both Battle Stations Torpedo and Battle Stations Missile, other types of boats would have their own specific types of training.

When a drill is run, timing and accuracy mean everything, this is even more true when inspection teams are on-board to evaluate our performance as a crew. Spinning two stainless steel bicycle wheels is not a big deal until you accept and realize exactly what you are controlling. For those of you that enjoy engines, performance or sheer power, it is pretty hard to not respect fifteen thousand shaft horsepower. Each time I moved

those throttles, the captain was expecting me to perform the order immediately. I had an engine order telegraph at my watch station in Maneuvering. That one device took precedent over every log reading and every conversation. It was my job at every moment to watch that device and to be prepared to act.

When we accept the Lord into our lives, are a lot like the new kid on board, not quite sure how things work. And at times, wishing we were invisible. We didn't feel useful at first, until we began to qualify and earn our keep.

The Lord knows this, as the Apostles and the early followers were just like us. Jesus used five steps to train his followers, and for the most part, we do the same to train junior crewmates. First, we do and the new guy watches...don't touch anything. Second, we do and the new guy helps, correcting as needed. Third, we share the responsibilities, and we do it together. Fourth, the trainee does the work and we observe or watch. Fifth and finally, the trainee is competent to run the watch station and does everything. He is still supervised, by senior watchstanders, divisional personnel, and the hierarchy of the officers above him.

The Lord does not expect us to know everything on day one. It takes study, and effort, as well as a lot of questions. We even have an SOP to refer to. He has given us the Bible to be a comfort, a reference, an example and a pathway for us to follow. There are parts that seem impossible to understand at first,

but that is not a good enough reason to give up trying.

## **Matthew 7:24-27** **King James Version (KJV)**

**"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."**

There are two conditions stated, and two possible outcomes. We are to hear, or read, in our case, and then do as we are told. There is certainly a choice here, and the two possible outcomes give you reason to consider your choice. You can choose to ignore His words and guidance and be washed away. The better choice is to study, read, and learn, and not be washed away in the next storm.

If this message helps you, or creates questions in your mind, please contact me. We are on this patrol together, until we are called home.

**--Bless you. Chaplain Frank**

## **USSVI mourns the passing of Shipmate Fred "Carl" Schmidt**

who departed on Eternal Patrol on April 16, 2023. A USSVI member since 2020, Carl was a proud member of the Cod Base. He served USSVI in numerous positions including Central Region Director, National Chaplain, and National Senior Vice CDR. Keep Carl's wife Bonnie and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers.





## 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**

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



**USS Grenadier (SS-210) off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Dec. 27, 1941.**  
(Official U.S. Navy photograph from Naval History and Heritage Command, NH 99403)

## Story not forgotten



*NavyTimes* – On Sept. 20, 2020 the wreck of the **USS Grenadier (SS-210)**, lost 77 years ago in Southeast Asia, was found.

"The 1,475-ton, 307-foot long Grenadier was scuttled by its crew after bombs from a Japanese plane almost sent them to a watery grave. It wasn't until after the war that the Navy heard the full story.

All 76 of its crew survived the sinking. They were rescued by a Japanese merchant ship and taken to Penang on the Malayan Peninsula, where the Japanese had converted a Catholic school into a prison.

What the sub sailors faced in prison was incomprehensible. They endured beatings, torture techniques including bayonet pricks, pencils between fingers and pen knife blades under their nails, Capt. John Fitzgerald shared in his official report after his release. The Japanese used extreme measures to gain info about the submarine and the locations of other subs. Four crew members died in captivity due to a lack of medical attention.

The entire crew went through quite an ordeal. They served their boat and Navy well, showed extreme sacrifice and will-power in honor of country, and last but not least, they are national heroes to their nation and families.

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

### Next USSVI Illinois Base Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, April 6, 2022  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** Mustang Bar & Grill  
482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois





## Share this application with a fellow submariner!



### AMERICAN SUBMARINER (USSVI) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**OUR PURPOSE:** "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 Purpose 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 and when required by the National Membership Chairman. If I am not yet discharged, the discharge requirement is waived.

- ☐ I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard USS \_\_\_\_\_ 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)
- ☐ I understand I am applying for membership 'at large' and I may also later affiliate with a local chapter if I wish.

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Emailing this completed form to [ussvi@telebyte.net](mailto:ussvi@telebyte.net) constitutes my electronic signature. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Base/Chapter Desired:** MEMBER AT LARGE

**Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. 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

**How did you find us?** ☐ Friend, ☐ Boat Assn, ☐ Local Event/News, ☐ Internet, ☐ Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

#### 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 here 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 here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

#### Submarines served aboard as ship's company

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)

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