

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

Warbirds make return visit



B-24 Diamond Lil
Contracted to be built for France
in 1940 and later contracted to
be diverted to Great Britain as
AM927, this Liberator was the
25th built out of a total
of 18,482 B-24s.

As members of the USS Illinois Base, you, your family, and friends are in for a treat at the 2021 Warbird Weekend Event in Janesville. You need to come and check it out this unique family event at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport.

Again this year, thanks to the hard work of Mark Dykstra, we are helping sponsor this event. The Base has volunteered to man the ticket/entrance gate, as well as having the opportunity to host an informational table giving guests information about USSVI and our Base.

We missed last year's event due to COVID, so everyone is excited to get back on the tarmac. If you have not been to a Warbird's event, you need to get your family and friends together and check out the exceptional WWII aircraft. "Seeing is believing."

These warbirds stop over in Janesville Friday, July 23, through Sunday, July 25, before they head up to the annual Oskosh, Wis. Air Show. If you are interested in volunteering at our booths, even if only for one day, contact Mark Dykstra at Dyksta.mark89@gmail.com for full details.

Besides being able to walk up to, and even touring the inside of these marvelous flying machines, you can purchase rides on a number aircraft. Air rides can also be purchased at the event, but many aircraft sell out in advance. If you purchase an air-ride in advance, you will receive a FREE ground tour wrist band at the gate.

You can order tickets online or at the gate (credit card on line/ cash at the gate). Tickets are for 1 day admission: Individual ticket \$10; Family ticket \$20 (father/mother/immediate children under 18).

For more information, check out https://jvl21.splashthat.com/.

Turn to Page 3 of 'Green Board' to see daily activities.



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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June 5, 2021 -- Minutes of the USS Illinois Base



Meeting Called to Order at 11:55 a.m. by Cmdr. Dick Martin at Mustang Bar and Grill.

12 members present – Patrick O'Brien, Phil Owens, Tom Ramsay, Kate Ramsay, Terry Elmeier, Sherm Buetsch, Jim Helsell, Mark Dykstra, Richard Martin, Renee Martin, Bruce Pickering.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Invocation was given by Bruce Pickering.

Member/guest introductions: None

Recitation of the USSVI Creed by Cmdr. Dick Martin.

Tolling of Bells ceremony was deferred to next meeting.

Secretary's Report – Minutes of the last meeting, as published in the May newsletter, were approved by a unaminous vote of attendees.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Bruce Pickering gave the monthly

treasurers report. The report was unaimously approved by attendees.

Chaplain's Report – The office of Chaplain is still open.

Storekeeper's Report – Nothing new to report.

Kaps(ss) 4 Kids – Nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Mark Dykstra advised that the next Safety meeting for the Janesville War Birds Show will be TBD (expected to be early July). Ticket Sellers must attend the Safety meeting, A sign up sheet was passed for manning the Base Information Table at this event. Tom Ramsay asked for any photos of WW2 submarine aircraft interactions for use in a table poster.
- With respect to <u>Manitowoc</u> <u>SubFest</u>, Wayne Orrison advised that any submarine sailor attending is invited to join the USS Grant reunion activities. The time and date for the Tolling of the Bells is TBD.
- With respect to Gary Walker's submarine, Jim Helsell advised that a firm date for the grand

opening of his South Beloit shop has not been set. Consequently, he cannot schedule the boat. Also, it was determined, during discussions, it is too late to try to schedule the boat for this year's Janesville War Birds show. Maybe next year.

New Business:

- A USS Cobia working party is slated for June 13-16.
- SubFest in Manitowoc this year is during the Fourth of July Holiday. Kate Ramsay will contact officials to determine future dates for this celebration.
- Bruce Pickering has new cards and stickers emphasizing the Wisconsin portion of the Base service area. Dick Martin, at personal expense, will acquire a new banner reflecting the above.

50-50 Raffle was won by Sherm Buetsch.

Closing Prayer was given By Bruce Pickering.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting is at Mustang Bar & Grill at noon on July 10th. NOTE: this one week later than usual.



Richard Martin, EN3(SS)
USS Illinois Base Commander



To Illinois Base Bubbleheads: We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel for the virus, and hopefully and prayfully it continues that way.

We our now into June and with all the heat, we need to be careful about activities outside because of our young ages. ©

This month is quickly passing and the next thing you know, we will be into July, and of course, the first week end is SubFest in Manitowoc, Wis. I know there are those of you that will not be going, but for those that are, we will keep our Brothers in mind, for as Submariners -- 'we are one.' We also have the Warbirds event on the third weekend of July and are hoping for good mild weather, so keep your fingers crossed.

We hope to see everyone at our July 10 meeting, with the Board Meeting at 11 a.m. and the General Meeting at noon. We will be asking for nominations for officer positions for the third time since May and the election will follow so please plan on attending. Until then, stay safe and we'll see you soon.





Scheduled events Warbird 2021

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Meet Fifi!
The Boeing B-29 Superfortress first flew on Dec. 30, 1942, and was the largest, most technically advanced bomber of the war. It could fly 3,200 miles at more than 300 mph while carrying a 20,000-pound payload.

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Events open to the public Friday, Saturday, & Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is free. Gate admission can be purchased online or at the gate. Credit cards will not be accepted the gate (cash only).

- Air Rides will be open to the General Public on all three days from participating aircraft (weather permitting).
- M-4 360-degree full motion simulator rides (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.-Fri/Sat/Sun). \$8 single rider, or \$15 double rider. Six simulations to choose from.
- 2021 C2A (COPA to Airventure) Mass Formation Clinic from Friday 2 p.m. to noon on Sunday. Includes dozens of Cirrus SR-20 & SR-22 aircraft preparing for mass formation from Janesville to Oshkosh.

- 10 a.m. to noon. **Rockford RE-ACT Helicopter Airbus H145**. Tour the helicopter and meet the crew.
- United States Air Force & Space Force recruiting and flight simulator. Daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tri-State CAF Wing Vendor Booth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Official CAF Patches and T-shirts available. Learn more about your local CAF Wing.

Good Food

Bessie's Diner in the Terminal will be serving full breakfast and lunch menus. Other food vendors will be onsite as well.

Parking is FREE. Marshallers will direct cars to the parking areas. Handicap parking, drop-off, & pickup is available at the front of main terminal building.

You are only as good as your last haircut

Military.com -- "The Navy put an end to relaxed grooming standards this week -- another sign that the branch is moving past many of its COVID-19 measures and back to normalcy," it was reported.

In March 2020, military leaders gave commanding officers authority to temporarily allow sailors and soldiers to grow out the hair on their head. However, they still had to shave and keep sideburns within regulations.

Last week the Navy announced that it has rescinded the right of commanding officers to relax hair grooming standards. It is back to the military cut.

The Army was a little more directive, telling soldiers that they can "clip or shave a straight-line part from front to back—not slanted or curved – on either side of their head

and above the temple," They added a big "NO" for parts that "exceeded 4 inches in length or ¼ inch wide.

Don't' worry. If you are in the Air Force, you can dye your hair another color, as long as it is a natural hair color – brown, blonde, brunette, natural red, black or grey. If your' hair is "white" it may be time for you to retire.



What were they thinking?









Help Wanted: 'Life-changing' opportunity



By Ken Earls, Exec. Dir. & Treasurer USSVI Charitable Foundation

USSVI began our Scholarship Program in 1985 and over the ensuing 36 years, we have had two Scholarship Fund Managers. Two! This is almost unheard of for a volunteer organization.

Bob Frick, our current Scholarship Fund Manager will be stepping down at the end of the 2022 scholarship year, July 2022. You can claim your place in the history of the USSVI by taking the reins of this wonderful program and continuing the tradition of longevity and productivity with our Scholarship Fund.

In 36 years, we have awarded over 1,000 scholarships totaling well over \$1 Million in scholarships for children and grandchildren of Submarine Veterans. This program is growing and

reaching a wider audience of eligible scholars, the vast majority of whom are amazingly talented. All are well worth the support we can offer.

If you would like to discuss this position further, please contact:

-- John Markiewicz, the Charitable Foundation's President or,

-- Ken Earls, the Charitable Foundation's Executive Director.

John and Ken's contact information is available on the USSVI or USSV Charitable Foundation's websites.

Visit <u>www.ussvcf.org</u> for a little more information.

If you have even a hint of interest, contact us. It could be life-changing for you - just like when you volunteered for the Submarine Service.



There's something for everyone! Come celebrate the 4th of July in Manitowoc at this lakeside celebration. Activities begin on Saturday, July 3 through Sunday July 4. You will find live music all day, food, self-guided submarine tours, fireworks, kid-friendly activities, a parade, and so much more! Museum admission is \$4.00 all day!

Mark your calendar for SubFest 2021 in Manitowoc, Wis., July 3-4.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 3rd

9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Museum open and self-guided sub tours, \$4 admission 5:30 pm – 11:00 pm – Live music with Vic Ferrari and The Glam Band Dusk – Lighted Boat Parade in the River

Sunday, July 4th

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Museum open and self-guided sub tours, \$4 admission

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Craft Vendors - YMCA lot

10:00 am -- City-wide 4th of July Celebration Parade

Noon -- USS Cobia whistle salute

4:30 pm – 'Lost Boats' Memorial Ceremony open to sub sailors and their families. Presented by USS Grant Reunion committee. Location: Baymont Hotel ballroom.

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm Reserved access to the Sub Pub (Advanced ticket purchases required)

9:30 pm – Fireworks by Festival Foods on South Pier

11:00 am - 10 pm Food Vendors & Beverage Tent - Baymont/Museum Lot

Music

This year's music stage will be set up in the Museum's East parking lot (shared with the Baymont). We are excited to feature our local musicians in the afternoon before Rising Phoenix takes the stage in the evening! A beverage tent and food trucks will also be available in this lot.

Noon – 1:00 pm • 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm • 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm at the Wharf

http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/special-events/subfest/







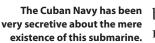
Tidbits of Knowledge from around the world

A Bit of History on right

New photos offer look at tiny Cuban attack submarine

USNINEWS -- Don't discount the Cuban submarine named the Delfin. "This small boat – about 70 feet long, has a crew of five or more and

is armed with heavyweight torpedoes. The main sonar appears to have been built into the leading edge of the sail instead of the more common



bow position, according to a photo released by the Cuban government," it was reported.

June 12, 1924 -George Bush, the 41st U.S. President, was born in Milton, Massachusetts. During World War II, he became the youngest pilot in the U.S. Navy.

The Cuban military is "characterized by its inventive recycling of Soviet-era hardware." Modern systems are rare, but there are systems that are unlike anything you will see in other countries' fleets.

Commercial photos of this secretive tiny submarine have been around since 2008. But, finally a photo of this submarine has been added to their website and publicly exposed.

"But submarines, even small and unsophisticated ones, cannot be easily discounted. If well-crewed and commanded, they can pose a serious threat in their local area," they said.

Drone resupplies a sub at sea

NAVYTIMES.COM (Vienna, VA)—
"Times are 'a changing." The navy
has been testing unmanned aerial
vehicle deliveries to Ohio-class



ballistic-missile submarines around the Hawaiian Islands.

A video was released to news media "showing electronics technicians piloting a quadcopter-style drone to deliver a small payload to the USS Henry M. Jackson."

The test was successful. The drone dropped its package on the submarine's hull and returned to the operators aboard a nearby surface ship. This test took place in October 2020.

Keeping our muscles strong

MILITARYTIMES.COM (Spring-field, VA.) -- Recent multi-country naval drills in the South China Sea, got a reaction from the Chinese Government this past month.

Beijing denounced recent US-Australian navy drills as "muscle flexing," underscoring Beijing's sensitivity

over the strategic waterway it claims as its own.

At a daily briefing in Beijing, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said "the two counties should do things that are conductive to regional peace and stability, instead of flexing their muscles."





Lost 52 Project brings closure to families

'Story within the Story' of lost USS R-12

NBCNEWS.COM – "Since she was a young girl, Helen Cashell Baldwin has been haunted by the mystery of what happened to the doomed Navy submarine USS R-12," NBC reporters Anna Schecter and Rich Schapiro shared.

Her father, Ensign Fredrick Edward Cashell, was one of 43 lost on the USS R-12 in June 1943 off the coast of Florida. Today, this 8-year-old girl is now 86. "She all but lost hope that it would ever be discovered."



Helen Cashell Baldwin, left, with her father, Fredrick Edward Cashell, and her twin sister, Muriel.Courtesy Helen Cashell Baldwin

For many families of lost boat sailors there was no closure. "As a teenager, I found myself looking for him, because there was never a funeral," Baldwin said. "There was never a memorial service. ... There was nothing."

Helping find closure for this family and others is the ongoing mission of the Lost 52 Project, a long-term exploration and underwater archeological project that is documenting and preserving the story of the Lost 52 WII Submarines.

They organize, execute, and manage expeditions with the goal to discover and survey as many of the lost 52 USS WWII submarines as possible.

Throughout this venture, they have also uncovered several coldwar submarines and post War scuttled boats. For a total of 14 subs. They take historic photos to recreate underwater 4D models of the boats' resting places.

The founder and leader of Lost 52 Project is Tim Taylor, the son of a Navy veteran who fought in World War II. He has spent his life exploring the ocean's uncharted waters. His search continues to this day.

In 2010, the Project found what was later identified as the USS R-12. After the identification was verified, family members were notified in 2011. Shortly after Taylor invited Helen Caswell Baldwin, her twin sister Muriel, and brother Ralph to board a boat with him for a memorial service above the resting place of the USS S-12. Eleven miles from shore, the twins tossed one rose for each man lost on the boat.

"It's not about finding wrecks. It's not about finding ships," Taylor said. "The loss of someone even 78 years ago, and not





Helen Cashell Baldwin and her siblings, Muriel and Ralph, toss roses in the ocean above the Navy submarine USS R-12.

knowing where they are, leaves a hole in families. The importance of our work is to connect families and bring some type of closure and peace even generations later."

Tim Taylor was honored last month, on May 24, 2021, with the Navy's highest civilian award, the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award. His team is credited with having discovered the final resting places of 288 men, all locked inside what had become sunken tombs.



Retired Rear Adm. Sam Cox, director of Naval History and Heritage Command, presents the Distinguished Public Service Award to Tim Taylor, founder and leader of the Lost 52 Project, at the Washington Navy Yard on May 24, 2021. Photo by: MC2 Abigayle Lutz / U.S. Navy





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

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. Macarius Point in the Aleutians. (60 miles from Kiska, then held by the Japanese). 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.



Lost 52 Project 4D photo of USS R-12 when found in 2010/2011.

Puzzle Corner

What country has the most subs?

Place the correct number from Column B next to the Country listed in Column A:

Column A

- 1. ___ Russia
- 2. ___ United States
- 3. ___ United Kingdom
- 4. ___ South Korea
- 5. ___ Iran
- 6. ___ France
- 7. ___ Japan
- 8. ___ Colombia
- 9. ___ Turkey
- 10. India



Column B (# Subs)

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66-USA, 62-Russia, 34-Iran, 22-South Korea, 20-Japan, 16-India, 12-Turkey, 11-Colombia, 10-United

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66-USA. 62-Russia. 34-Ire

Mark your calendar for the next USS Illinois Base, USSVI, meeting. We meet monthly on the 1st Saturday of the month.



Date: Saturday, July 10, 2021 (note: Second Saturday!)

Time: Noon

Location: Mustang Bar & Grill

482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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Share this application with a fellow submariner!



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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(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)						
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Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1 st thru Dec 31 st . 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.)						
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5	Hull#_		_ Rank/Rate	From Yr	to Yr	
Next of Kin: Name: Relationship: (Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, Parent, Other)						
Addr: City: State: Zip: Tel: (Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)						

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