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# Fundraising efforts pay off in August



August was an excellent month for fundraising for the USS Illinois Base, reports "master" fundraiser Greg Miller.

On August 27, we were invited to set up a booth at the 13th Annual Crossroads Blues Festival at Lyran Park in Rockford. Greg and company found the crowds were "cordial" and generous. The Base collected a little over \$1,300 in donations for the Base. Staffing the booth were Greg and Mary Miller, Dick and Renee Martin, and Bruce Pickering.

It also helped having a Base member in charge of the party. We thank one of our newer members CDR Steve Jones (SS) who is president of the Crossroads Blues Society (CBS), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that primarily raises funds to host Blues In The Schools Programs in the greater Rockford area of northern Illinois.

CBS fully funds these programs, and there is absolutely no cost to



Ready and waiting at the Crossroads Blues Festival are (It to rt) Greg Miller, Steve Jones, and Dick Martin.

area schools for the programs. Since CBS's foundation in May 2002, it has presented 779 programs for over 102,000 students in northern Illinois.

The following weekend we found ourselves at an All-Night Flea Market in Wheaton at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Our participation at this event was on behalf of fundraising for the USS Cobia Drydock Project. "We set a record," Greg explains. "We took in over \$1,400." The event start-

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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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#### August 4, 2022 -- Minutes of the USS Illinois Base



**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Sr. VCDR Greg Miller at 12:05 hours.

14 Members present – Patrick O'Brien, Bruce Pickering, Tom Ramsay, Richard Martin, Renee Martin, Kate Ramsay, Jim Helsell, Tim Deneen, Kep Preble, Steve Jones, Daryl Rorabaugh, Wayne Orrison, Phil Owens, Tim Deneen and guest Mary Miller.

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

**Invocation** was given by Base Chaplain Dick Martin.

Member / guest introductions: None.

**Recitation of the USSVI Creed** was given by Sr. VCDR Miller.

**Tolling of Bells ceremony** – Greg Miller read the list of lost boats and Pat O'Brien tolled the bell.

Secretary's report – Base Secretary Pat O'Brien asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as distributed by email. Motion was made by Dick Martin; seconded by Phil Owens. Motion was approved

**Treasurer's Report** – Base Treasurer Bruce Pickering presented the monthly treasurers report. Pat O'Brien made a motion to accept; seconded by Tom Ramsay. Treasurers Report was approved.

 Treasurer Pickering presented data indicating base expenditures exceed base income. This is an issue needing attention. An increase in base annual dues will be discussed at the Sept. Meeting.

**Chaplain's Report** – Chaplain Dick Martin reported nothing new.

**Storekeeper's Report** -- No report.

**Kaps(ss) 4 Kids(ss)** – No update.

#### Old business:

- Kate Ramsay, Greg Miller and Wayne Orrison reported on highlights of <u>Sub-</u> <u>Fest Days</u> in Manitowac:
  - -- Attended by 3,000 visitors.

- -- Greg Miller and Dick Martin read the boat names during the Tolling of the Bells ceremony.
- --Wayne Orrison made a presentation on deep submergence experience.
- --\$1,200 was raised for the Cobia Dry Docking Fund.
- A <u>USS Wisconsin (SSBN 827) foundation</u> has been formed.

#### **New Business:**

- A motion was made by Wayne Orrison and seconded by Dick Martin to move the September meeting to September 10 to avoid competing with the Labor Day holiday. Motion carried. ACTION ITEM: Secretary Pat O'Brien to send an all hands email before September to remind all hands of the day change.
- The September meeting will have a "SHOW AND TELL". Members are asked to bring in Navy memorabilia for discussion. ACTION ITEM: Secretary Pat O'Brien to send an all hands email to remind everyone of the unique agenda item.
- Help is needed to man a table at the Cross Road Blues Festival at Lyran Park on Aug. 27. The program runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- The base will set up a table during WWII days at Rockford's Midway Village Museum on September 24 and September 25. Volunteers must contact Dick Martin so he can provide the museum with your name.
- Treasurer Bruce Pickering advised that payment for annual dues starts in October and must be paid by December 15.

#### Good of the order:

Information from Kate Ramsay and Greg Miller regarding the <u>Cobia Dry Docking</u>:

-- Estimate for the dry docking is \$900K to \$1.1 million. The Cobia drydocking is planned for 2025.

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Mark Dykstra, EM2 USS Illinois Commander As the Summer season draws to a close, all I can think about is family. I lost my dad in June and the last couple of weeks my mother-in-law.

Now as I'm writing this I am preparing to send my youngest to Arizona for school. I have been brought up that family comes first. That transferred over to the boat where all of the crew were somewhat of an extended family (even the Sonar Girls).

Once I left the Service and started a family of my own, that meaning only got stronger.

I joined my groups I'm in to continue with the whole extend-

ed family idea. We may have our differences but we work through them. I would think we are all working for a common goal and that is to have our Base become stronger. We can only do that if we all step up and put our differences aside.

We all had collateral duties on board, personally I was the Divisional RPPO, Electrical Safety Petty Officer, and I also did the 3M, and we can do them at the Base level also. Step up and make the Base the best it can be!

Til' next time.

#### Minutes continued



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- -- Wisconsin Maritime Museum has a two-year plan for fundraising.
- -- The Wisconsin Maritime Museum website has a place to make auto-pay contributions.
- -- Fundraising tables will be set up at the Wheaton County Fair on August 20, and the Kane County Flea Market on September 3rd and 4th. These activities are undertaken by the various bases in the area. To participate contact Greg Miller.
- --Donations to the Cobia Drydock Fund are tax deductible. USSVI provides matching funds for donation made to museum boats

- -- Dick Martin suggested contacting potential donors in the fourth quarter, as funds would be disbursed in the first quarter.
- Greg Miller stated that the supplier for the new Cobia decking cannot provide at this time. He will let us know about future working parties.

50-50 Raffle: Was not conducted.

**Closing Prayer** was offered by Chaplain Martin.

**Next meeting** will be on Sept 10, 2022 at Mustangs Bar and Grill, South Beloit, Ill. at Noon.

Note: This meeting is one week later than usual to accommodate the Labor Day Holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

## Fundraising continued

(Continued from page 1) ed at 3 p.m. on August 21 and ended at 3 a.m. on August 22.

Earning applause for their dedication to this project were: Greg and Mary Miller, and Wayne and Phyllis Orrison from the USS Illinois Base. Also assisting from the Crash Drive Base were Glenn

Barts, Tom Colson, and Ted Rotzoll. "It wouldn't have gone as well," Greg notes, "without the super support from Phyllis and Mary." Kudos also to Crash Drive for sending us members who had great salesmanship skills. Thanks to all!





Nat'l CDRs Report by Wayne Sanderfer: Average age of USSVI member is now 70. We have lost 470 on eternal patrol this past year. He noted base meetings are seeing lower attendance due to the pandemic. And of course, an update on the website, which is now available to members. (See Page 5 for more information about the new website.)

CDR Wayne Standerfer has one of his last duties as National CDR, was to "Thank all for making his term a treasured experience."

#### **Sr.** Vice CDR Report by Jon Jaques:

One of the most potent comments of the Convention came from Jon when he answered a question: "Why do you have a submarine convention?" He answered, "because it is a family."

Jon, who is a CPA, reported that "we are the only non-profit vet group that has No Debt!" We are financially strong, he added. He then went over the budget items, noting that the two major expenses are the production and mailing of our magazine, and for our National Office. We only have one paid position, our National Office Manager.

The budget calls for \$260,000 in, and \$260,000 out. The bulk of our income is from membership dues. With membership being lower, the Board is expected to move \$23,000 from investments to cover expenses.

#### **Future Conventions Report:**

- 2023 Convention. The Tucson, Ariz. Convention is slated for Aug. 28th thru Sept. 3rd at the El Conquistador (a Hilton Resort). A website with full information will be posted soon on <a href="https://www.ussvi.org">www.ussvi.org</a>.
- 2024 Convention will be held Aug 19-24 in Cleveland, Ohio at the Embassy Inn located 10 miles south of Cleveland. The Board announced USSVI is eliminating four-day conventions, because it prohibits the necessary time to get required meetings scheduled.
- <u>2025 Convention</u> is seeking a host location. There is a call for Memo-



## 2022 Convention Business Meeting Highlights

*Important news for members* 

rial Boat coordinators to contact their District CDRs about interest from your area. Convention attendees find these locations extremely popular. National can help you with negotiations for convention hotels and other events.

## **Jr. Vice CDR Report** *by Steve Bell:* Membership continues to drop.

We lost 172 members last year and stand today at 11,678 members. Steve encouraged Bases to work harder at retention. We are finding that many lost members will come back if asked. Keep communications open.

Nat'l Office Manager Report by Dennis Nardone: It is important that Bases expedite National and Base dues to the National Office Manager (not the Treasurer). Even though Bases input the information into system at the Base level, the membership does not mean anything until their dues money is in the hands of the National Office. Bases were asked to expedite dues collections and send them to the National Office in a timely manner. Do not hold money back.

PR & Future Planning Report by Rich Mitchell: The PR Manual, which is ever evolving, is posted on USSVI's website. There are tool suggestions included. "To stay strong," he said, we need to have people to help us tell our story.

National Treasurer's Report by Paul Hiser: He explained that USSVI has only two accounts. Bases were reminded that base dues must be sent to the National Office.

**Regional Directors Report** by Tom Williams (Central Region): Tom's remarks were focused on our need to concentrate and recruit younger members. He suggested visits to local colleges, universities, and other places where young people gather.

**Election Results Report:** This past election showed only 11.6% of members voting. This low percentage, they felt, was due to a "no contested" election. "But still . . . it is important that members show interest in their organization." The surprising note was hearing that people who voted via paper— "didn't know their region," so they voted for everyone. (Note from Editor: USS Illinois Base is in the CENTRAL REGION, CENTRAL DISTRICT TWO.)

Welcome our newly inducted National CDR Bill Andrea, from the South Florida Base. Other members new to the Board are National Secretary David Campbell, from the Redstone Base; and new Western Regional Director Pete Juhos, from the Gold Country Base. Also seated on the Board was District CDR of the Year Jay Mack, from the Central Florida Base.

National Chaplain Report by Jim Sandman: There will be a slight modification to the Eternal Patrol verse/song. It currently talks about sailors lost at sea. The new verse will talk about all lost submarine sailors, not just those at sea. A copy of this song will be loaded on the USSVI website in mid-September.

## National office prepares for future move to Groton

During the Awards Banquet on the final day, it was announced that our National Office Manager Dennis Nardone is retiring as of Dec. 31, 2022.

At that time, our small USSVI Office, in Silverdale, Wash., will be moving back to Groton, Conn. into the building USSVI already owns—which means a cost savings with "no rent."





#### **Drum rolls!**

## National Website rolls out



'See Page 9 for a sample of the email sent to each member.' It is finally here – the new and greatly improved USSVI website. As with anything, it will take time to get used to the changes. Research each link and see what is available.

While the website is now active, the full accessibility rollout will be in stages.

#### Step 1:

Members must follow the directions sent to them in a personal email sent on Sept. 23, 2022 by National CDR Wayne Standerfer. This email has your new Username needed to access the site. Please check your email for this personal message. By following the simple steps in this email, you will be directed to establish a new password.

To many of you, it may be similar to your old website username, which listed your first initial in your first and last names. For example, if your name is Bruce Wayne, you will see your username as: BWayne. (Usernames are not case sensitive.)

However, this system is not failsafe. There may be several members with the name David Smith. Those individuals may see a username with a number behind it, such as DSmith1 or DSmith2, etc.



Congratulating John Cannon (pictured above with plaque) is lft to rt: Tom Ramsay (USS Illinois Base), Ken Tupman (Florida), and Jim Daniels (USS Chicago Base).

Our Central District 2 CDR John Connon, received a Robert Link Award at this year's Annual Submarine Convention in Buffalo, NY.

John is also the commander of the Great Lakes Base.

**Congratulations!** 

#### Step 2:

Once logged in, check your personal profile information. It is important that you list the dates of your service, both aboard a boat or on shore duty. Many old membership applications failed to mark if you served during a designated "war period." USSVI's notfor-profit status depends on having this information.

#### Step 3:

Training will begin via Zoom for Base "Tools Managers," Board of Directors, membership chairs, district commanders, and base commanders. A Tools training manual will be released on November 1st. USSVI has scheduled training to begin Sept. 15 thru Oct. 31. There will be two to three sessions a week so you can register for a date and time best for you. Sessions will be from 60-90 minutes.

Training Videos are being prepared to help you and future tool managers learn how to edit information.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Until the Nov. 1, 2022 revamp, Bases must use the current current Tools Manager to input member information until National tells us otherwise. Base Tool Managers are asked to make sure the information on our current Tool Manager site is correct for both members and officers. On 11/1/2022 the Blackbaud Tools system will be open for use.

#### Step 4:

USSVI needs your help by locating individuals/partners such as database administrators, business/data analysts, web developers/coders, and tech trainers. If you are interested in helping in the development of this website, or know of someone who could help, please send a note to ussiwebsitequestions@gmail.com.







from Kep Preble

## His Holiness knows all

I stumbled on the age old question this morning: Which branch of the service is best.

This seems to be the defining answer:

Best branch of the US Armed Forces?

A Soldier, a Sailor, an Airman and a Marine got into an argument about which branch of the service was the Best.

The arguing became so heated the four servicemen failed to see an oncoming truck as they crossed the street. They were hit by the truck and were killed instantly.

Soon, the four servicemen found themselves at the Pearly Gates of Heaven. There, they met Saint Peter and decided that only he could be the ultimate source of truth and honesty. So, the four servicemen asked him, "Saint Peter, which branch of the United States Armed Forces is the best?"

Saint Peter replied, "I can't answer that. However, I will ask God what He thinks the next time I see Him. Meanwhile, thank you for your service on Earth and welcome to Heaven."

Sometime later the four servicemen see Saint Peter and remind him of the question they had asked when first entering Heaven, and asked Saint Peter if he was able to ask God for the answer to their question?

Suddenly, a sparkling white dove lands on Saint Peters shoulder. In the doves beak is a note glistening with gold dust. Saint Peter opens the note, trumpets blare, gold dust drifts into the air, harps play crescendos and Saint Peter begins to read the note aloud to the four servicemen:

MEMORANDUM FROM THE DESK OF THE ALMIGHTY TO: All Former Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines

SUBJECT: Which Military Service Is the Best

- 1. All branches of the United States Armed Forces are honorable and noble.
- 2. Each serves America well and with distinction.
- 3. Serving in the United States military represents a great honor warranting special respect, tribute, and dedication from your fellow man.
  - 4. Always be proud of that.

Warm Regards, GOD, MCPO-SS, USN, (ret)

# \* WORLD WAR II DAYS \*

Saturday, September 24 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, September 25 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You don't need to purchase tickets in advance. You can purchase admission(s) upon arrival at the event gates. Parking is free. To buy tickets in advance online to to www.midwayvillage.com.

Adults \$16 • Kids (ages 5-12) \$9 • Museum members free • Veterans & Active Duty Military \$14 • Kids (ages 0-2) free



If you can help out at our Base Booth on either day, contact Dick Martin at pops1945@comcast.net







Tidbits of Knowledge from around the world

A Bit of History on right

# August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings

#### Judge pulls spy plea deal

USNI NEWS--U.S. District Judge Gina Groh did not agree to a plea deal presented by a Navy nuclear engineer and his wife, who were charged with espionage for trying to sell top-secret information. The judge stated the plea deal "in this case was strikingly deficient". The two Denver teachers have since withdrawn their guilty pleas.

"Prosecutors said Jonathan Toebbe abused his access to top-secret government information and repeatedly sold details about the design elements and performance characteristics of Virginia-class submarines to someone he believed was a representative of a foreign government, but who was actually an undercover FBI agent," it was reported.

## Two subs set for decommissioning

*USNI.ORG*-- The Navy plans to decommission 39 warships in 2023.

On this decommission list are two submarines, the USS Chicago (SSN-721), slated to be "recycled" on Feb. 8, 2023, and the USS Key West, slated for the same fate on Feb. 28, 2023.

The recycling process removes and refurbishes components having value to the Navy and cuts apart the remainder of the ship to allow segregation and recycling of metals and other materials of value.

# First female submarine COB named

USNI News--The Navy welcomes its first female COB. "Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler, who has just spent a week on the USS Louisiana (SSBN-742) making history," it was reported.

She joined the Navy in 2002 after attending college, and soon found her career with her Navy family. In 2015, 38 women were selected to serve aboard the USS Michigan

(SSGN-727) as the first enlisted female sailors.

Koogler was one of these women, spending 36 months aboard the Michigan before doing a tour with Submarine Squadron 19. While Koogler has served only three years on a submarine, Submarine Squadron 19's Command Master Chief Travis Brown said in the release that he knew she was the

right candidate for chief of the boat," it was reported. "In 36 months, she walked off a submarine as a qualified diving officer of the watch, and everything in between, while also learning how to lead submarine sailors," Brown adds.

For Koogler, chief of the boat is a stepping stone for her career. Her ultimate goal is to be a command master chief, which required her to be a chief of the boat first.









## 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."

**August** 

USS S-39 (SS-144) lost August 13, 1942 on her 3rd war patrol when it was destroyed after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island in the Louisiade Archipelago. The entire crew was able to get off and onto a reef, and was subsequently rescued by HMAS Katoomba.

USS Flier (SS-250) lost August 13, 1944 during her 2nd war patrol when she struck a mine while riding the surface in the Balabac Strait area of the Philippines. Fourteen of 68 crewmen escaped the sinking boat, but only 8 survived the subsequent long swim to reach shore. Protected by local people, the men were evacuated at the end of the month by the USS Redfin (SS-272). Loss of 60 crew.

USS Harder (SS-257) lost August 24, 1944 when was sunk off Caiman Point, Luzon during her 6th war patrol during a depth-charge attack. Loss of 79 crew.

USS Bullhead (SS-332) lost on August 6, 1945 on her 3rd war patrol when she fell victim to a depth charge attack by a Japanese Army plane in the West end of the Lombok Strait. Loss of 84 crew.

**USS Cochino (SS-345)** lost on August 26, 1949 after a battery explosion and fire forced her to be abandoned in the Norwegian Sea. The nearby USS Tusk came to her rescue. Loss during rescue operations: 1 crew member from Cochino and 6 from the Tusk.



Dick Martin, EM3 (SS) Chaplain, USS Illinois Base

I will never forget thy precepts: forwith them thou hast quickened me.

#### Psalms-119:93

God has given us commands, not because He is a controlling God, but because He is a loving God. Those who remember His commands and follow them remain shielded, for God is wise in in what He tells us.

#### **PRAYER**

Father, may my life reflect your will. When I study Your ways, may I absorb Your wisdom and become better for it. I know that You will protect me from harm, and I will do my best to follow Your commands each day.

I thank You for Your will, oh God, and pray that I may understand it better as each day passes. **Amen.** 

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

This is a special "show & tell" meeting. Bring your submarine memorability and be ready to share sea stories. A fun time is promised!

#### **Next USSVI Illinois Base Meeting**

Date: Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022

Time: Noon

Location: Mustang Bar & Grill

482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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#### SAMPLE EMAIL • SAMPLE EMAIL

From: <u>USSVI National Commander</u>

To: <u>Kate Ramsay</u>

**Subject:** Welcome to our Website

**Date:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 11:10:50 AM

#### 1. Dear Kate.

Welcome to our new website community for USSVI! This is a place where you can update your information and search directories. We hope you enjoy the new website!

A few housekeeping rules:

- 1. To allow immediate access to our secure tools, we have already set up a login account for you. Your username is: ------
- 2. If you are a first-time user, please <u>click here</u> to send your password reset email. Please note this reset link is only valid for 24 hours. Your password will be a minimum of twelve characters and require a capital letter, a numerical number, and a symbol (@!#, etc.).
- 3. The "Tools Menu" will be released on November 1st, after we have trained these users (Base Commander, Treasurers, Membership Chairs etc.). Training will start September 15th -10/31, 2-3 times per week. A signup form will allow you to pick the session that works for you.
- 4. For a bug report or broken link: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepSGRaj5aLIdFH16CmptLU5752tn">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepSGRaj5aLIdFH16CmptLU5752tn</a> 3hCoO-MkIKgJKs2cTw/viewform
- 5. To suggest an improvement:

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Please send all requests through these forms. For other questions, please email ussviwebsitequestions@gmail.com

Thank you again for being a member of our organization!

National Commander Wayne Standerfer

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Check your email inbox to find your own email sent on Aug. 23rd.





#### 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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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  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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Addr: City: State: Zip: Tel: (Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)						

Upon completion, please deliver to: Your Base Chapter Secretary, or if you do not know of a base location near you, Mail to: USSVI National Office, P.O. Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383-3870

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