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## Meet your new Base Commander



**Greg Miller,**  
MM5 (SS)

It's time you meet your new Commander, **Greg Miller**, formerly our Senior Vice Commander (SVCDR). Greg moved up the ranks when Mark Dykstra stepped aside due to other veteran and civic commitments he held. Mark informed the Executive Committee of his decision to step down as CDR at the end of the November Base meeting.

We will still see a lot of Mark as he has agreed to continue serving as Base coordinator for the Kap(ss)4Kid(ss) program and as USSVI tool manager.

### **Get to know Greg**

We all know Greg! He is an enthusiastic “doer” for the Base and known as the “Flea Market King,” and right now, he is our region’s “doting” proud father figure for the USS Cobia (SS-245), docked at the Manitowoc Wisconsin Maritime Museum. Taking Greg’s place as SVCDR for the USS Illinois Base is Tom Ramsay. Taking Tom’s Junior

VCDR position is Kep Preble who was welcomed to the Board.

CDR Miller came to the Base from Crash Drive a couple of years ago, bringing his love for service, and in particular his devotion to the USS Cobia. He explains he has been an active USS Cobia volunteer for 10 years now, and shared he is known as “Sparkplug” when aboard the boat.

It didn't take Greg long after being entrenched in the history and lore of Manitowoc's submarine building history that he became the self-appointed “working party volunteer seeker” throughout local USSVI Bases. He has also taken his passions for preserving the boat to the streets as a pivotal supporter and spokesman for the Cobia's **Operation Overhaul Project**. During Spring and Summer months you can find Greg and his Operation Overhaul table at flea markets, gun shows, festivals (virtually at any event that draws people).

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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 noon.

**20 Members present** – Patrick O'Brien, Bruce Pickering, Greg Miller, Terry Elmeier, Wayne Orrison, Kep Preble, Don Bosetti, Frank Brown, Tom Ramsay, Kate Ramsay, Mark Dykstra, Sherman Buetsch, Steve Jones, Daryl Rorabaugh, Dick Martin, Renee Martin, Chuck Mongan, Paul Hable, and new members Chad Schultz and Chris Hartwig.

**Visitors present** -- Mary Miller.

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

**Invocation** by Chaplain Frank Brown.

**Member / guest introductions** – new members welcomed.

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

**Tolling of Bells ceremony** – Mark Dykstra read the list of boats lost and Terry Elmeier rang 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 e-mail. Wayne Orrison made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Terry Elmeier. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Base Treasurer Bruce Pickering made the monthly treasurer's report. Pat O'Brien made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Sherm Buetsch. The February treasurer's report was approved.

**Chaplain's Report** – None.

**Store Keeper's Report** – None.

**Scouting Report** – None.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss)** – Hospitals are very restrictive with respect to visitors.

**Old Business:**

- CDR Miller updated on USS Cobia Drydock Project 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 project.

- On April 2, the Base will have a table at the Civil War Show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Upcoming Wisconsin Maritime Museum events:

- On March 18, the Museum will hold an 80th Birthday party for the USS Cobia. Tickets are \$8.00 for all day.

- On April 6 the Museum's Thursday "Think & Drink" Speaker Series will feature Tom Ramsay in a program "Eating for Victory- Food Stories from WW II and Beyond." Time is 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- On May 6 the Museum will hold a USS Lagarto Remembrance from 1-4 p.m.

- 2023 SubFest coming from July 2-4th. Tolling of Boat ceremony will be on Sunday July 2.

- CDR Miller reported the cash amassed for the Cobia Drydock Fund has been sent to USSVI's Charitable Foundation

- Discussion about Base Yard Sale to be held this summer at Jim Helsell's Antique Store in South Beloit. Unsold items will be donated to a local charity. More info TBD.

**New Business:**

- Steve Jones has offered an opportunity to set up a table at two upcoming Crossroads Blues Society Festivals (both at Lyrar Park in Rockford):

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

- On August 26 at the "Crossroads Blues Festival"

- Steve Jones proposed a summer Base picnic at Lyrar park. Members agreed August would be the best time. Steve Jones to take action to secure a date.

- Activities Chairman Dick Martin reported he has invitations from both Rockford and Beloit regarding participation in their respective Memorial Day parades.

- Base approved reimbursing Mark Dykstra \$5.00 annual dues for Base membership in the Janesville Patriotic Society.

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## Greg Miller new Illinois Base CDR

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He shares info about the USS Cobia to the public about the importance of Operation Overhaul. He encourages and welcomes donations for both the Cobia, as well as to our local Base.

There is one part about Greg you may not be aware of—he helped design and conducts two special Cobia tours for the museum. First is the Diving Deeper Tour. This two-three hour tour discusses living and working conditions aboard the boat. The other tour is the Nook & Cranny Tour, which focuses on how WWII submarines work, which includes visiting sections of the boat not open to general tours—including the engine room.

### ***Who is he really?***

Greg was born on the northside of Chicago at a time “long, long ago.” The Vietnam war was going full force in 1966, so when he saw the opportunity, he joined the Reserves for one year before going active in 1967 as a machinist-mate (ME3). “I loved working with machines,” he said, “but I didn’t want auxiliary.”

This young E3 sub sailor saw duty in the Vietnam arena while serving on the USS Barbel (SS-580) and the USS Silversides (SS-236). He earned his dolphins in 1968 on the USS Carbonero (SS-337) and later earned his ME5 (SS) rank.

### ***Understanding wife!***

He and his wife, Mary, reside in Addison, Ill. and will be celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary in June. Since leaving the Navy in 1970, Greg has worked as a tool-maker.

Did I mention, he loves submarines and wants everyone else to join him in preserving the history and value of the submarine service? If not, you’ve now been told!



## Editor’s Notes

by Kate Ramsay

Thank you for baring with me as I recuperated. It feels good to be back at the computer. BUT ... I need your help.

I am always looking for some fun sea stories that I can share with your fellow submariners. I am also looking for ideas/topics you would like to see covered. You can talk to me after a Base Meeting, send me an email, or call me. Please leave a message and your phone number if I am not home. Thanks, looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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**Minutes continued**  
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### **Good of the order:**

- Mark Dykstra reported veterans' groups will parade to the state capitol in Madison, Wis. on April 6 to lobby the state legislature regarding veteran's interests. Other events include the Wisconsin Veterans Museum asking former service members to tell their stories. On May 21, Wausau, Wisc. holds the Bike Blessing and Parade.
- On April 4 in Rockford, a half marathon will be held for the Gold Star Mission Run for the Fallen.

**50/50 Raffle** - was won by Daryl Rora-baugh who donated it back to the Base.

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

**Next meeting** will be on April 1, 2023, at Mustangs Bar and Grill, South Beloit IL at noon.







by Kate Ramsay  
USSVI Associate Member

Family Grams were my salvation – and a challenge for me being new to the world of submarine life. Tom and I were married five months before moving from Nevada to Hawaii, with only the opportunity to wave goodbye to MS2 Tom Ramsay who sailed away for six months on the USS Omaha SSN-692).

I was told how I could communicate with him through a “family grams.” And was quickly given these: “No-Nos.”

### ***What is “No” really***

NO “bad” news, this includes car repairs, money problems, other non-happy news. PLUS, “keep it short.” We were allowed a 45-word maximum family gram, counting the receiver’s First Name, Last Name, and Rank. Which means it was a 42-word letter. All family grams were read by an unknown radioman in Squadron, and if it did not meet their criteria, the messages were placed in the round file.

As a trained writer and communicator, I took this as a challenge to see if my family grams got through. Too often I heard from other wives tell their husbands did not receive their messages.

### ***Out smarting Squadron***

My task through the next six years was to test out the skills of Squadron.

## **Family Grams from viewpoint of the family**

Halloween was coming up and being married to a submarine cook, it is only natural that I send him a complete (sort of) Pumpkin Cookie recipe. I was testing the radioman’s ability to send a message with “ $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp cinnamon,” “3 TBL milk” – well you get the picture. I ran out of word space, so I left out how much pumpkin was needed. He was a cook—let him figure it out! I was happy to hear that he got the message.

During the Iranian crisis, the other wives were really upset that Squadron was not sending their messages which shared “car repairs,” “bill payment issues,” etc. I wanted to see how easy it was to get “good news” to Tom if no one else could.

### ***Gottcha’***

My family gram said something like: “Tom Ramsay, MS1. Congratulations Tom, you have a new baby brother. Your Mom and Dad have named him Bob. Both your Mom and Bob are doing fine. The Ice Man up the street is smiling and is excited too. Love Kate.”



When Tom got home, he was still laughing at this family gram. It seemed the Captain personally came and woke Tom up to congratulate him. Coming out of a dead sleep after baking all night, Tom said “Thanks Cap, that’s nice, but can you imagine a 70-year-old woman having a baby? The captain looked at him and said, “She got us again, didn’t she?” “Yep!” Tom responded.

There were many inside clues for Tom. His Mom and Dad were both older, and for some reason, his mom often called not only Tom, but his sister Sue, “Bob” when she got confused. Tom and I even received a Christmas Card to “Bob and Kate.” The ice man smiling comes from something his Dad always told the kids: “I’m not your father, talk to the Ice Man up the street.”

### ***Branching out***

I also found time to put my newsletter talents to use by creating newsletters with a column from a revolving reporter, named “Ralf,” who kept him up to date on activities in the neighborhood. I also had a “serialized” story about a “monster size” cockroach that grew out of the sugar mills and terrorized the islands and local cruise ships. It kept Tom busy (and me) wondering what the next saga would be between the sub’s mail ports. I expose my age when I state I didn’t have computers, printers, email, or other electronic support. Can you believe it?





Posted to Politics May 21, 2021  
by J. Mark Powell

When you've gotta go, you've gotta go. Even when you're 200 feet underwater.

But 76 years ago, answering nature's call actually sent a submarine to the bottom of the ocean.

Submersibles have been destroyed a host of ways over the years. Depth charges, naval and aerial bombings, collisions, even mechanical troubles have all dispatched them to Davy Jones' Locker.

But only one holds the, err, distinction of being done in by its own potty.

U-1206 was the pride of Nazi Germany's navy when she went into service in March 1944. Some 50 officers and men were assigned to her as she set out to attack Allied shipping.

Daily life aboard a U-boat was rough. They were built for combat performance, not comfort. Crewmen made their way around machinery and weaponry as best they could for months at a time. The food was bad, the air was stale and smelled of diesel exhaust fumes and guys who had gone too long without showering.

Then there was the matter of the "head," naval slang for the bathroom. U-boats had only two – and one was often used to store extra food for the long undersea voyages. That's right, all 50 men had to share one – and only one – restroom.

But U-1206 boasted a creature comfort most other submarines didn't have: A state-of-the-art high-pressure toilet that could be flushed while submerged at great depths. That was very important

## Read to believe: Only submarine sunk by its own Toilet.

because when 50 guys are using the same facility, you want all the flushing you can get.

Without going into technobabble, the pressure system was extremely complex. Leave it to the Germans to devise a flushing mechanism that was so complicated, an engineer "specialist" had to be present every time it was used.

And it worked well ... until Saturday, April 14, 1945.

U-1206 had left occupied Norway eight days earlier and was cruising off the Scottish coast when something happened. Kapitänleutnant Karl Adolf Schlitt was commanding a U-Boat for the very first time. Naturally, that would drive up a man's sense of self-importance.

But it's possible Schlitt may have carried cockiness a bit too far because there are different versions of what happened next.

The skipper's official report says the intricate water pressure system sprang a leak. It leaked alright. But the crew told a completely different story.

They said Captain Schlitt had an inflated view of his mechanical competence. He didn't need any "specialist" to tell him how to work the new-fangled system. He could read the manual and make it flush all by himself.

Except, he couldn't.

When he pulled the chain, the sub began filling with water from the ocean combined with raw sewage from its storage compartment. Talk about a mess! Schlitt cried for help. But nobody could figure out how to stop the rapidly spreading slop.

It eventually reached the U-boat's batteries. Saltwater and battery acid combined to create dangerous chlorine gas.

With toxic fumes quickly filling the boat, Schlitt had no choice but to order U-1206 to surface and open the hatch. Which is the most dangerous thing a submarine can do in wartime.

It didn't take the Brits long to spot the sub and attack her from the air. One crew member was killed, and U-1206 was so badly damaged she couldn't dive. So Schlitt had her scuttled and then gave the order to abandon ship.

Three men drowned during the evacuation. Nearby British ships picked up 36 others. The remaining 10 made it to shore in a lifeboat and were quickly captured.

In a way, U-1206's demise was a fitting metaphor for its homeland's sinking condition, because Nazi Germany was also going down the drain at the time. Within a fortnight, Hitler fired a bullet into his brain; the Third Reich went out of business a week later.



Working on a pipeline off Scotland, divers stumbled upon the U-boat's remains in the 1970s. She sits silently rusting on the bottom of the sea today, the only submarine ever sunk by a toilet.





*Tidbits of Knowledge from  
around the world*

**A Bit of History  
on right**

**March 11, 1918 --**

*The 'Spanish' influenza first reached America as 107 soldiers become sick at Fort Riley, Kansas. About 1/4 the U.S. population became ill from the deadly virus, resulting in 500,000 deaths. Death toll worldwide approached 22 million.*

## Submarine builders seek new recruits

*NBC News (Virginia)* -- Know anyone interested in helping build submarines? National TV commercials have begun to appear pleading for people to pass the word.

Helping spark this rush to find and train qualified builders is a new unified agreement between the heads of the U.S., the United Kingdom, and Australia to "provide Australia" with conventionally armed nuclear-powered submarines."

"Together we will deliver SSN-AUKUS — a trilaterally-developed submarine based on the United Kingdom's next-generation design that incorporates technology from all three nations, including cutting

edge U.S. submarine technologies," President Joe Biden, U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced on March 13.

The SSN-AUKUS submarine is expected to be released in the 2040s. In the meantime, the U.S. will increase its submarine construction at its plants in Connecticut and Virginia and sell five Virginia class subs to Australia. EB is seeking 5,750 employees this year alone, let alone other companies.

Hence we are now seeing TV ads (even in our own market) looking for a different kind of recruit.

## Navy targets Gen Zs with new Social Media ads

*USNI News* – The Navy is reaching out to Gen Z recruits in a new social media ad campaign targeting 17 to 24 year-olds "with a pitch to consider a career in the sea service," Navy officials told USNI News.

The goal of the campaign is to "influence members of Gen Z, their parents, teachers and other adults from whom they seek advice" to

consider a career in the Navy. The campaign doesn't focus on enlisted or officers.

It was reported that "just 2 percent of the youth market is eligible and motivated to serve." The campaign specifically focuses on those who are eligible but have dismissed the idea of a career in the Navy.

## China arming unscrewed subs with torpedoes

*NAVALNEWS.COM (France)*-- "New evidence points to China's XLUV (extra-large uncrewed underwater vehicles) being armed with torpedoes. "This is a significant leap in this space and, together with a large-scale development program, may be out-pacing the West," H. I. Sutton reports from Naval News.

Other Navies have been developing and exploring unscrewed vehicles. But, while "the U.S. Navy and Royal Navy appear to be in the lead both in experimentation and in orders," according to Sutton, China has five designs in the water, but their development has been "shrouded in secret."







## News from National

### Advertisements / Reunion listings

By Dennis Ottley

2023 National Convention Chairman

This is a reminder to all Bases, Districts, Regions, sponsors, and vendors that the closing window to create the Convention Magazine is basically just around the corner. The cutoff date for submissions is 7/1/2023 to allow for compiling and printing time frames.

The Magazine Ad Form is on the National website ([ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org)) under the Vendor tab, and when you click on the Magazine Ad Form, the word document will download to your hard drive.

The magazine is an important source of revenue for our convention as it contributes to the financial success of USSVI, and your support is very much appreciated.

The Convention Committee is offering all Bases a 10% discount for each ad size.

In addition, the Vendor Application Form is available under the Vendor tab. If you want a table or tables in the Hospitality Suite please

download, fill out, and send your check or money order to the address on the form. If you need electrical power, it's an additional charge. We will work with any vendor for location within the suite. When we shut down the suite for the day a wall closes off the vendor area and is secure.

As an enticement to register asap, we are going to conduct a drawing for those who are registered for the convention by 4/30/2023 with the winner receiving a 2-night stay in an Executive Suite for nights of 9/1 and 9/2. Get your registration in ASAP.

Sub Reunions are an integral part of the National Convention. We want to welcome all boat coordinators to schedule their reunion during the 2023 National Convention as you'll be able to enjoy the \$99 hotel room rates and other costs that fall under our contract. Contact Bob Bowe at [bob\\_bowe@outlook.com](mailto:bob_bowe@outlook.com) and coordinate with Barbara Soto, Hilton Event Manager at [soto@hilton.com](mailto:soto@hilton.com) or 520.544.1150.

All the Best and looking forward to seeing all of you in Tucson.

### IMPORTANT!! Please read

By Bill Andrea

USSVI National Commander

The mistakes on the 2023 National Convention website (Hotel Room Rates, Pricing on the Online Registration Form etc.) have been corrected.

Disregard the notation found on the hotel registration page that says, "Daily Resort Charge will be added to the room rate." By our contract with the hotel the "Resort Charges" have been waived.

Please visit <http://www.ussvi.org/2023-ch> to access registration

(Both convention and hotel) and other pertinent convention information.

We regret any inconveniences or problems from prior attempts to register for our convention.

Additionally, if using the "Online Convention Registration Form" and paying by credit card, it will automatically add approximately a 3% credit card fee.

Alternatively, you may fill out, download, and print the "2023 Convention Paper Registration Form" to mail in with a check to avoid a credit card fee.



**2023 Convention Dates**  
**August 28 - Sept. 3, 2023**  
**Tucson, Arizona**





by  
**Chaplain  
Frank Brown**

## Welcome aboard!

It is a phrase we have heard and used many times. It can be used between friends and more often, when arriving to a command, ship or boat. When each of us first reported to a new duty station, there was a great deal of confidence in what we knew, but also an understanding that there will be many new things to learn. We present our orders and are processed as needed. Sometimes, it is a matter of minutes, and in other cases, it can be hours and even days to get settled in.

Answering the Lord's call on our lives is quite similar. We have been called, and to the best of our ability, we respond, sometimes, rather grudgingly. It can be a soft voice telling you that you are on the wrong path, and you may not want to continue in that direction. Other times, it can be a billboard on the highway of life, stating you are going the wrong way down the highway.

When we are called by the Lord, He allows us a choice to follow or ignore him. The more dense and stubborn among us may not be ready to listen or even pay attention, thinking we know better. If we are learning about a new specific piece of equipment, even if we have intimate knowledge of the machine, we still have to understand the hazards of operating it, and warnings specific to the item in front of you. We may be acquainted with someone that

claimed to be an expert and actually knew quite a bit, but still managed to break it, and do something wrong.

The Lord doesn't expect us to know everything, and knows that we, as humans, have weaknesses, pride and memory lapses. Making a choice to follow the Lord may be awkward, difficult and even painful. We learn what is expected of us, and recognize what we were doing wrong. Repentance is a word that means to turn away and not look back. To change our ways, our perspectives, our deeply held beliefs. We are often so far off the point, that it seems ridiculous that anyone would think otherwise.

<sup>13</sup>"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup>But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew chapter 7, verses 13 and 14. *New International Version.*

No one ever said it would be easy. We each face choices each day, good and bad. Our character is shown by the choices we make. Make an honest evaluation of yourself. No one needs to know, just you and the Lord. Think about where you are, right now, in this moment. Are you doing your best? Are you a person that could afford to have those hidden things come to light?

It may not happen in an instant, but you have time to change the

direction that you are headed. Start with please and thank you, be grateful for what you have. Stop complaining or griping, as the world is not fair, nor will it ever be fair. There are many milestones in our lives, and we aren't done here yet. If you are breathing, God is calling on you. Never pushy, never rude, never insulting. It truly makes no difference what you have done in the past and tried to hide. He is patient and is waiting for you.

If these words have meant anything to you, please let me know. I am just beginning to get to know each of you. To me, this is a new command, and a new position. I was greeted with "Welcome aboard", and now I have a place to fill and duties to perform. I don't claim to know everything, and I am still learning. I welcome others to join me on this patrol.

***God bless. Chaplain Frank.***



In celebration of USS Cobia's 80th birthday on March 17th the Wisconsin Maritime Museum released a new video on the USS Cobia dry dock project! Click on or copy this link to watch this two-part video.

[USS Cobia Dry Dock Fund - YouTube](#)

**CLICK AND CHECK IT OUT!**





## 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."



**March**

USS F-4 [ex-SKATE] (SS-23) lost on March 25, 1915. Loss of 21 crew when it floundered off Honolulu Harbor. Hulk raised and reburied off Sub Base, Pearl Harbor.

USS H-1 (Seawolf SS-28) lost March 12, 1920 while being towed after grounding off Santa Margarita Island, Baja, California, Mexico. Loss of 4 crew.

USS Perch (SS-176) lost on her first war patrol on March 3, 1942, when she was sunk by Japanese surface attack 30 miles NW of Surabaya, Java. Depth charges badly damaged the boat. Crew survived sinking: 59 men were taken prison, 6 men died as POWs. Only 53 survived the war.

USS Grampus (SS-207) lost on or after March 5, 1943 by a Japanese surface attack on the Solomon Islands. Loss of 71 crew.

USS Triton (SS-201) lost on March 15, 1943 when sunk during Japanese surface attack off New Guinea. Loss of 74 crew.

USS Tullibee (SS-284) lost March 26, 1944 while operating north of Palau. Loss of 79 crew. Believed to be a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes on her 4th war patrol. The only survivor, a lookout, was knocked off the boat with the explosion. He survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

USS Kete (SS-369) lost on or after March 20, 1945 when sunk on return to Midway (probably near Okinawa) at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Loss 87 crew.

Keel laid Oct. 25, 1943  
Launched Apr. 9, 1944

Commissioned Jul 31, 1944  
Presumed lost Apr. 16, 1944



USS Trigger (SS-237) lost on March 28, 1945 in the East China Sea. Loss of 89 crew. On her 12th war patrol, this highly decorated boat was involved in operations leading to the Okinawa invasion when attacked by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft.

## Action required: Help Sub license plate bill move Through Senate

Here's an update regarding Illinois House Bill 4528 discussed in our November 2022 issue of *Green Board*. The Bill amends the Illinois Vehicle Code allowing the Illinois Secretary of State to issue special registration plates designed as United States Submarine Veterans plates.

Good news, House Bill 4528 passed in the Illinois House with:

**103 Yeas / 0 Nays  
2 No votes and 2 Abstains**

**We aren't done yet.** There is talk about some pushback in the Illinois Senate. No senate bill number has been established as yet. But, **you are encouraged to contact your respective Illinois State Senator** to make sure the Senate Bill version passes when it comes to the floor.



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

### Next USSVI Illinois Base Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, April 4, 2023  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** Mustang Bar & Grill  
482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

[www.ussillinoisbase.org](http://www.ussillinoisbase.org)



## 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.)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
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