

THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

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Our USSVI 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 towards greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates, we shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie.

Lost Boats – March and April

USS F-4 (SS-23) (Skate) 03/25/1915 - 19

USS Perch (SS-176) 03/03/1942 - 8

USS Triton (SS-201) 03/15/1943 - 74

USS Kete (SS-369) 03/20/1945 - 87

USS Pickerel (SS-177) 04/03/1943 - 74

USS Snook (SS-279) 04/08/1945 - 84

USS H-1 (SS-28) (Seawolf) 03/12/1920 - 4

USS Grampus (SS-207) 03/05/1943 - 71

USS Tullibee (SS-284) 03/26/1944 - 79

USS Trigger (SS-237) 03/28/1945 - 89

USS Grenadier (SS-210) 04/22/1943 - 4

USS Thresher (SSN-593) 04/10/1963 -129

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COMMANDERS CORNER

Here it is the middle of February and it is snowing..... Again. Enough already!! Oh well, spring will come. Looking to something warmer? Our June meeting will be that. We are scheduled for a cruise on the St. Croix River out of Stillwater on Sunday afternoon June 2. We have a much better deal by scheduling on Sunday. Look for details in another location in this DDN.

We had a very good meeting on Saturday February 2. Those in attendance were entertained by Dale Martell and his group of instruments as he went through the history of Country music. If you were not there, you missed a good show.

Our April meeting will be on Saturday April 6 in Spring Lake Park. Reservations can be made elsewhere in the DDN. This will be our Annual business meeting. You won't be drafted for a position on the E-Board unless you want. However, if you want to get involved, you can get started with an at large position on the Board. This gets you into the board with no responsibility. Try it, you might like it.

We will get an update on the schedule with the USS708 float. If it is in your area you can take part.

Come and join us, it is good to share our experience with our brothers. Be sure to bring your significant other. See you there.

Please keep in mind that our June cruise will be on Sunday June the 2nd. Let's plan ahead and have a great turnout. More info to follow via email.

Andy Anderson, Commander

We are adding a new feature to the Deep Dive News E-edition. *"This time in history."* It will chronicle the history of our base and district from 1994 until the early 2000's. It is on Page 6 of this edition

See page 9 for an update on the Holland Club/commodore Club Breakfast!!!!!!

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Universal compassion is the only guarantee of mortality
Arthur Schopenhauer

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted
Aesop

Happiness is not something you postpone for the future: it is something you design for the present
Jim Rohn

Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.
Buddha

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.
Vince Lombardi

Be faithful to that which exists within yourself
Andre Gide

Joel Bergstrom Chaplain

Suggested reading.
“Man’s Search for Meaning”
By: Viktor Frankel

Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl’s memoir of life in Nazi death camps has riveted generations of readers. Based on Frankl’s own experience and the stories of his patients, the book argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward. *Man’s Search for Meaning* has become one of the most influential books of our times, selling over twelve million copies worldwide.

We had a great visit to the Mayo Clinic on February 21st. I was joined by Ken Tupper, Tom and Marcia Wilcox, and Steve Lowrie.

OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS

MARCH

Don Scott, 9th

Dan Lee, 11th

Steve Marquis, 12th

John Johnson, 15th

Pat Rowen, 17th

Ken Tibesar, 27th

Gregory Cotton, 30th

APRIL

Jack Gabler, 1st

Steve Ludwig, 1st

Tom Bullinger, 7th

Todd Holms, 8th

Tom Wilcox, 8th

Tom Wiesen, 9th

Don McCauley, 21st

Brad Gawboy, 23rd

Charles Frisinger, 24th

Angus Semple, 28th

Dale Steinke, 29th



April 6th, 2019 Dinner Meeting
Social Hour: 1700 (5 PM) – Dinner: 1800 (6 PM)

Reservation Order Form

Meeting Location:

The April 2019 dinner meeting will be held at VFW Post #6587 located at 8100 Pleasant View Drive NE, Spring Lake Park MN 55432. The Post is 1.5 blocks south of County Road 10 (old Highway 10) & Pleasant View Dr. NE.

Note: We will again meet in the “Membership Room”
Use the front, main entrance. Get your beverage at the bar on your way in.

Please give us your meal count. Buffet meal includes the following:

Meatloaf, or Fish, with Mashed potatoes and Gravy, peas, and carrots. House Salad/ Ranch, Blue Cheese or French dressing, Punch or Coffee.

Please order for me the following quantity of meals: **\$20.00 each person**

Attendee's Name: _____ Amount included: \$ _____ My
Guests: _____

The listed price includes all costs: Food, taxes, service charges, and gratuity.

Confirm reservation by phone? Yes No Phone: _____

Meal quantity and payment should be done by mail. This procedure has proven to be workable and is a preferred way of getting a head count. This clip-out form is provided for your use. Please indicate your meal quantities and make check payable to USSVI or SubVets. Mail the information to the base Master at Arms (see below) to arrive no later than **Monday 4/1/19.**

If unable to use the US mail, it is OK to send an e-mail or call and pay at the door.

Dinner reservations are required and non-refundable unless we can sell it at the door if a walk-in appears. So, If you plan to attend please confirm by mailing your reservation request and check to:

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“This time in history”

Holland Club/Commodore History MSP Base

This is the first edition of a new feature to the Deep Dive News E edition. “This time in history”. It will chronicle the history of the base and district from 1994 until the early 2000’s. This was the time that the base and district grew the fastest. All the information that we will use will come from the American Submariner, “*Checking in with the bases*” and the Deep Dive News. If you like what you see please let us know.

Friday April 5th 2019 will be our 16th anniversary of the Holland Club/Commodore’s breakfast. We feel it is fitting that the first segment on this journey should be the history of the Holland club, both nationally and locally.

HOLLAND CLUB HISTORY NATIONALLY

The following information was compiled by Bill Britt Holland Club commander written February 22, 2001 and revised 2012.

To the best of our knowledge and from information supplied from shipmates the Holland Club concept was originally proposed by Charlie Marin, San Diego Base and Past National Commander 1994-1996.

The Holland Club was established in May 1994 and was adopted as part of the Constitution and bylaws that year.

The original Holland Club membership card was a paper membership card with the words “Holland Club” stamped on it. Later, about 1995 a newly designed card was introduced. This was a plastic card with the USSVI emblem and the words Holland Club and the members name embossed on it.

In 1996 the Perch Base submitted a Holland Club Patch Designed by Frank Rumbaugh, of the Perch Base, denoting the 50 years of service. This patch along with a Holland Club Membership card and Certificate is now presented to new Holland Club members.

The requirements for membership is the same as originally adopted until 1998 when a change was voted to allow Sub Vets WWII members who had been members in good standing for at least one year the opportunity to become Holland Club members.

The first information I found concerning Holland Club was in the American Submariner January/March 1996 issue where I found a Holland Club membership roster containing 68 names. To my knowledge these were the original plank owners and our commissioning crew.

This list identifies our first Holland Club Commander Leroy Hoppe Thresher base, who qualified on USS S-39 in 1925. The earliest qualification date listed is Frank Phillips New Jersey South base, he qualified on USS L-2 SS-41 in 1917, Joe Dawson New Jersey Base, qualified on USS S-4 SS-109 in 1927, and G Valentine Brown San Diego Base, qualified on USS O-10 SS-67 in 1928.

HOLLAND CLUB-COMMODORES HISTORY MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL BASE

The following information was compiled from research done from looking back on past issues of the *American Submariner* from June 1995 to December 1999, and *The Deep Dive News* from 1995 until 2003, also Minneapolis/St. Paul base history.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul base received its charter on May 22, 1993. Of the 21 charter members to the base we can only find two members that were eligible for membership to the Holland Club in May 1994. Those members were Burt Block, Bert qualified on the USS Pollock SS-180 in 1941 and Robert Pulis, who qualified on the USS S-32 in 1942. There might be other charter members that were eligible for the Holland Club but we could not find the documentation to support that.

In the spring of each year, starting in 2003, the base hosts a “Navy Style” Breakfast to induct new members of the “Holland Club” as they celebrate the fiftieth year of being qualified as a submariner. There is also an “Order of Ancient Submariners”, locally initiated, that recognizes all members, both regular and associate, that have attained the age of 75 years. They are known as “Commodores”, *The order of the Ancient Submariner* and are granted paid-up Base life membership.

The last update to the Commodores certificate was done in 2012 by Bob Ehr and Steve Marquis. Bob and Steve added some features to the already existing document, such as color and a dolphin watermark. The dolphin watermark would be silver for enlisted and gold for officers.

This article appeared in “The Deep Dive News”, May/June 2003. Minneapolis/St. Paul base first Holland Club Breakfast.

There were about 32 people in attendance at the Holland Club breakfast. It appeared that they all enjoyed a breakfast of old-fashioned SOS, hard boiled eggs, cornbread, fresh fruit and coffee. George St. Martin, Pat Lyon, Andy Anderson, and Rolly Conklin were the “Mess Cooks” and helped serve the breakfast. Ten of the base members of the Holland Club were also inducted as “Commodores” into the “Order of the Ancient Submariner”. The certificates that were presented were created by and a gift to the base by Art Randall, Central Regional Director, USSVI. Art came all the way from St. Louis Missouri for the breakfast and said he would have gone even further for good old-fashioned SOS. The “Holland Club” and

“Ancient Submariner” inductees 2003 were, Bob Pulis, Pat O’Grady, Jerry Anderson, Joe Orbeck, Bernie Conner, Darrell Nelson, Carl Gronemann, Burt Block, Beef Carlson, and Pete Koegel.

Next year, again on the Submarine Service Birthday another class will be inducted into the order. We plan to make this an annual base event.

“If you think this was informative, please let us know.”

Our Holland Club Breakfast will be held on Friday the 5th of April at 9:30 at the North St. Paul VFW <http://vfw1350.org/contact>

*******Menu*******

*Old-fashioned SOS on toast
Baked Beans
Hardboiled Eggs
Fresh fruit
Coffee, Juice, and milk*

Inductees

Holland Club

***John Barnes
Ron Cozatt
Donald Mittelstaedt
Robert Reidy
Bryan Schultz
Dennis Smith
George St. Martin
Ted Tapanila***

Commodore Club

***Jon Amtower
John Buchannan
Merlin Larsen
Steve Lowrie
Larry Lutgens
Bob Sellars
John Selleck
Bob Sharpe
Ted Tapanila***

