

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 – May and June

USS Squalus (SS-192)	05/23/1939 – 26	USS Gudgeon (SS-211)	05/12/1944 - 78
USS Lagarto (SS-371)	05/03/1945 – 85	USS Scorpion (SSN-589)	05/22/1968 - 99
USS O-9 (SS-70)	06/20/1941 - 34	USS R-12 (SS-89)	06/12/1943 - 42
USS Herring (SS-233)	06/01/1944 - 84	USS Golet (SS-361)	06/14/1944 - 89
USS Bonefish (SS-223)	06/18/1945 - 85	USS Bonefish (SS-582)	05/01/1988 - 3

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COMMANDERS CORNER

The MSP Base of USSVI election of officers was held at our meeting on April 6. The only office that changed is the Base Secretary. David Harms from Lake City was elected to that position. He was not able to be there because of a previous commitment. David's responsibility will be in correspondence. Steve Marquis who has held the Secretary position for many years will continue the publication of the DDN.

During the meeting Steve was acting as a sailor who has had too much to drink. He just couldn't stop talking and his movements were erratic. Penny his wife was not with him, so two members took him home. Apparently, this started earlier in the day. Turns out he had a stroke and Sunday he was taken to the VA hospital in Mpls. and was admitted right away. He has spent four weeks there loving the nurses and listening to the Doctors. A long time for the average stroke victim. However, Steve doesn't do anything easy. This being an uncommon stroke, the Doctors have not seen these symptoms for many years. So, that is why Doctors have a practice. Steve is now home and doing better but still very weak and not much energy.

All that being said, some of the information was transferred and much was to be done after the election. A paper list of the members was made, but the email addresses had to be input into to the computer by hand. This has been done so correspondence has finally begun. The information should be coming to you on time from now on. Thank you, David for a job well done and for yours and Steve's dedication to the USSVI.

The important information that needs to get out is for the next meeting. David Anderson our MAA has put together a flyer, and our secretary has sent it to the list that he put together. If you did not receive the Cruise information, it is in this issue of the DDN. Please join us for a relaxing fun afternoon on the St. Croix river starting in Hudson WI.

Hope to see many of you there. Andy Anderson, Base Commander

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

Andy Anderson, Commander

CHAPLAINS CORNER

The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of nonessentials.

Lin Yutang

By associating with wise people, you become wise yourself.

Meander

A wise man learns by the mistakes of others, a fool by his own.

Latin Proverb

He has not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shore line of wonder.

Ralph W. Sockman

The man of wisdom is never of two minds; the man of benevolence never worries; the man of courage is never afraid.

Confucius

Joel Bergstrom Chaplain



Rules for Submariners

When we wear these, we need to remember:

We say Port and Starboard (not left or right)

We are conservative with our water and liberal with our liberty
We respect our fellow Submariners fore and aft; they have earned
that with their hard work, sacrifice and devotion.

The only colors we see are Silver, Gold, Red, White and Blue.

We all submerge together and we all surface the same way.
Submarines are meant to be in the sea but the sea is not meant to
be in the submarine.

Politics are for surface dwellers with too much time on their hands.

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OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS

MAY

Joel Bergstrom, 4th
John Selleck, 5th
Jim Jasper, 11th
Charles Hystad, 13th
Bill Bonsho, 14th
David Harms, 21st

JUNE

Dave Byrne, 2nd
John O'Grady, 2nd
Ellsworth Quam, 3rd
Richard Kowarsch, 4th
Gary Needham, 4th
Arnold Johnson, 7th
Bob Bidon, 10th
Don Mittelstadt, 10th
Dan Ludwig, 12th
Bob Watson, 13th
Steve Lowrie, 18th
John Buchanan, 21st
Rolly Conklin, 22nd
David Anderson, 23rd
Everett Reilly, 23rd
Ed Mattox, 27th
Ken Schmidt, 30th

Ken Schultz, 30th

Happy Birthday !!!!!

Please note that our dinner cruise is on Sunday June the 2nd

June 2nd 2019 Dinner Cruise
Social Hour: 1700 (5 PM) – Dinner: 1800 (6 PM)

Reservation Order Form

This year's cruise will be on the Beautiful St. Croix River. **Sunday June 2, 2019**
Departs dock @ 1600. Chicken & Ribs and Dixie Band Cruise. A great opportunity for all the sea services to be together for a NAVY DAY. The cost will be \$35.00 each please make all checks out to USSVI. Please be at least 15 minutes early for boarding. • For Reservations please mail checks to made out to USSVI mailed to David E. Anderson 2110 1st Ave So. #7 Mpls. MN 55404-2507 MUST HAVE PREPAID RESERVATIONS postmarked May 24th ehttps://stcroixrivercruises.com/contact-us/directions/ Afton Princess dinner boat. 500 1st St. Hudson, WI 54016 Remove and send with Check. Please order for me the following quantity of meals: \$35.00 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 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”

THIS TIME IN HISTORY MAY/JUNE 2019

This is the second installment of a new feature we are introducing to the Deep Dive News E edition. “This Time in History”. This year, May 22nd 2019, will be our 26th anniversary of the charter of our base. So let’s look back to the early days of not only our base, but District Seven, which is now “Central Region District Three” and the Central Region.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Base received its charter on May 22 1993, with Constitution and By-laws approved in December 1993. The base was formed with the minimum five members and the roster quickly grew to eleven members by month’s end and twenty members by the end of the year.

On December 31, 1993 those members enrolled were considered Charter Members: Burton Block, Houston Jackman, Harley Johnson, Peter Koegel, Pat Lyon, Mike Milano, Wendell Rausch, Ron Reimann, Jack Trossen, Ernie Van Deventer, Toby Warson, Joe O’Brien, Robert Pulis, Bernie Steinhauer, Jerome Anderson, David Ferguson, Bryon Schultz, Max Bassett, Russell Schmidt, and Dan Wannamaker. Of these charter members we believe Mike Milano is the only one left. Mike Milano by the way is also a charter member of the Western Lake Superior Base.

The first thing we would like to mention to some of our new members is that the name of our base, according to the base charter and the Minneapolis/St. Paul base Constitution: Article One Section One, shall be “Minneapolis/St. Paul Base United States Submarine Veterans INC”, not the USS Minneapolis/St. Paul SSN-708 base. The confusion comes from our base patch. The base patch that we enjoy today is the third base patch in our history. The first patch was designed by Minneapolis/St. Paul base Chief of the Boat Chuck Lundby in 1998. The patch was an outline of the state of Minnesota. There was a submarine with a steep angle of the bow. The bow was positioned in the arrowhead region of the state and the stern was by the Iowa/South Dakota border. There were some pine trees and a walleye in the patch. For some reason it was never produced. The next patch that was produced came from Minneapolis/St. Paul base Vice Commander Mike Kodluboy in 1999. The patch that Mike produced was a take-off of the official patch for the 100th anniversary of the submarine service. What Mike did was to put a rocker on the bottom of the patch that said Minneapolis/St. Paul base. If you look around at some of our member’s vests you will still see that patch today. Our current base patch was designed for us by Central Region Director Art Randall under the direction of then base Commander Rolly Conklin. Art is the same person that designed our Commodore’s certificate and Ancient Submariner’s patch. Art

did a lot of work for our base and we will always be grateful for his generosity. Subsequently, Steve Marquis added the silver and gold dolphin watermarks to the Commodore certificates: circa 2015.

In 1993 Wendell Rausch was the Central Region Director. At that time the Central Region included the States of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. Out of that vast territory there were six bases in the entire region. In District 5: Triton Base in Texas, Batfish Base in Oklahoma, and Woodrow Wilson Base in Missouri. In District 6: Escolar Base in Michigan, Wisconsin Base in Wisconsin. In District 7: The newly formed Minneapolis/St. Paul Base and that was it.

In May 1993 Wendell Rausch started the Minneapolis/St. Paul base. The Minneapolis/St. Paul base is the first base in district seven; district seven encompasses the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska. In the early days of the base we had, and in some cases still do have, members from Iowa, North and South Dakota. These members would drive in from Iowa, the Dakotas, and the entire state of Minnesota would enjoy a weekend of shopping and entertainment in the Metropolitan area of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Wives of our members that drove in thought this was a great perk coming to Minneapolis/St. Paul for the shopping and entertainment. There is a larger selection of goods, more competition-which means lower prices on all goods, no tax on clothes and a weekend away from the kids. Doesn't get much better than that. Later, that networking with our members from Iowa and the Dakotas helped grow our district as you will see in further articles.

2019 Holland and Commodore 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

"The End"