

# THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

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***United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.***

***MPLS/ST. PAUL BASE***

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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—January/February***

USS S-26 (SS-131)	01/24/1942 - 46	USS E-2 Sturgeon (SS-25)	01/15/1916 - 4
USS Argonaut (SS-166) (V-4)	01/10/1943 - 105	USS Scorpion (SS-278)	01/05/1944 - 76
USS Swordfish (SS-193)	01/12/1945 - 89	USS Shark 1 (SS-174)	02/11/1942 - 59
USS Amberjack (SS-219)	02/16/1943 - 74	USS Grayback (SS-208)	02/27/1944 - 80
USS Trout (SS-202)	02/29/1944 - 81	USS Barbel (SS-316)	02/04/1945 - 81

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# OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS

## JANUARY

Al Eingerger 1st  
Jack Fsy 4th  
Merle Wenthold 7th  
Bill Benzick 10th  
Gerald Baker 13th  
Gary Olson 13th  
Scott Pitney 14th  
Jim Latterall 27th  
George St.Martin 27th  
Ken Kauffman 29th  
Bob Lolley 31st

## FEBRUARY

Douglas Kirks 20th  
Brian Schultz 14th



# BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy New Year to you and yours in 2020. I trust you had a good Christmas Season. So far this winter has been not too cold – yet. Here, north of Brainerd, lots of snow. With the rain a couple weeks ago, the snow piles are like rocks.

We had a very interesting December meeting. We looked back to December 7, 1941. “ The day that will live in infamy”. Since our meeting was on Dec. 7 it fit. Newspapers were on display from 12/7/41. showing life as it really was. We do not have many WW2 vets left. Jack Hagen reflected on some of his experiences. Very interesting. Many others shared experiences while growing up during the war. As usual the dinner was good. The treats that we all brought made a good dessert and made the evening special.

There were lots of 50/50 prizes.

**Our February meeting will be interesting as well. Dale and Deb Steinke took a cruise through the Panama Canal. From San Diego to Ft. Lauderdale. They are going to show and tell us about the trip. How many of us have been through the big ditch? We on the Atule had a very interesting experience going through the canal then all the way around S. America back in 1965.**

April will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers. We do need new blood on the E- Board. Come to the meeting in February and see how you might fit in. Please let me know if you can help. There is not too much work involved.

I hope to see you on February 1.

**Andy Anderson, Base Commander**

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## BASE TREASURER'S REPORT

### Account Balances

Convention Fund	\$4800.00
Convention Fund	\$1064.79
Kaps for Kids	\$1837.04
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Total Cash	\$7701.83
Ships Store Inventory	\$1837.04
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Total:	\$7701.83



# CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Greetings to all. Happy New Year, 2020 has arrived. It is good to still be on the planet. In thinking about this writing, I came across some articles that I think are appropriate. "Four Secrets to make 2020 Great".

1. **Stay in the Moment.** It's easy to get distracted when all we have is now. Today is the right day to Live, love, and believe.
2. **Generosity** is about giving. It doesn't have to be money. A kind word or gesture, an acknowledgement, or giving a listen to someone.
3. **Gratitude** for all that we have, means to meet our needs, good health, and to be born in a safe place. Thank the Veterans before us for that.
4. **Forgiveness** is necessary to set a prisoner free and that prisoner could be you.

We lost a well known member of our base, Capt. Carl Gronemann. Carl passed away 11 Nov 2019. Seventeen members and friends from our base attended Carl's funeral service Sun. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. The service and the music were very well done.

Respectfully, Joel Bergstrom, Chaplain

## On Eternal Patrol



**Carl William Gronemann** 11/18/1920-11/11/2019

US Navy Captain, retired, passed away at age 98 on 11/11/19, Veterans Day. Carl was born on November 18, 1920 in Chicago, IL to Carl Sr and Maude Gronemann. Carl attended the US Naval Academy graduating in June 1944. Upon graduation he married Roberta on June 10, 1944. Carl served in the US Navy for 30 years attaining the rank of Captain. He served in four wars and major conflicts. Included within his career were four sea commands. His first command, and likely his favorite, was in the Atlantic on the submarine USS Cutlass ("diesel boats forever"). During Carl's career the family moved 16 times mostly under Roberta's supervision. Carl was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Roberta. He is survived by sons John (Sheila) and Steven, and grandchildren: Robert (Shannon) and Susan (Steve).



**Kenneth Loren Schmidt** 6/30/1942—1/5/2020

Ken , age 77, was born on June 30, 1942 in Granite Falls, MN. He enlisted in the Navy in 1961 and Qualified in 1962 on the USS SEnnet. He served on the USS Sennet and the USS Skate as an Electricians Mate and was a member of the Holland Club. He is survived by his daughters Rhonda, Stephanie, Lerma, and Valerie, 11 Grandchildren and 5 Great-Grandchildren. Services were held on January 9, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wood Lake, MN.

# “THIS TIME IN HISTORY”

(This is a repeat of the Nov-Dec article which was inadvertently cut short.)

**This will be the fourth installment of the Deep Dive News E-edition of This Time in History.**

Just to recap where we have been: Minneapolis/St. Paul base received its charter on May 22 1993 with the constitution and bylaws approved in December 1993. Wendell Rausch was our first base Commander and served from 1993 until 1994. Our next base commander was Pat Lyons who served as commander from 1994 until 1998. After the election for base officers in 1997 Pat Lyons turned over the day to day operation of the base over to Pat Kailing. Pat Kailing as vice commander made a lot of positive changes to the base. With the help of Carl Groneman, Kailing moved the base meetings from the NCO club at the Air Force Base to the very nice Officer's Club at Fort Snelling. Kailing, also with the help of Mike Kodluboy and Carl Groneman, updated our base constitution and bylaws. Kailing also started a long relationship with the USS Minneapolis/St. Paul SSN708. Under his direction the base sent a cheese and meat platter to the Christmas Eve duty section aboard the boat. This kind act by our base was well received by the crew. It was during Pat Lyons tenure, as base commander, that Rolly Conklin suggested that we pay the membership for all Minnesota active duty sailors to the USSVI and the Minneapolis/St. Paul base as long as they were on active duty. That was enthusiastically approved by base membership at the next membership meeting.

In June of 1998 we had a new board of directors: Pat Kailing as Base Commander, George St. Martin Base Vice Commander, Rolly Conklin Secretary/Treasurer, COB Chuck Lundby and Base Master of Arms was John Ubel. Pat Kailing also ran for District 7 Commander, unopposed as we never had a district commander before. When Pat Kailing became District 7 Commander we had one base in the entire district--Minneapolis/St. Paul base. At that June meeting, we also had special guests, Owen Williams the National Junior vice Commander and Pete Amunrud as Central Region Director, both from Wisconsin. A fun fact about Owen Williams was Owen sailed with Commander Fluckey aboard the USS Barb SS-220, during WWII, on war patrols 8 and 12. Footnote 1 Owen talked a little about his experiences on the Barb with Fluckey during the war. We as a group found it fascinating. It was also announced at our June meeting that instead of a supper meeting in Aug we were going to have our first base picnic. The picnic was a success, and it was voted on to make this an annual event. One other big event took place in 1998 our first base Christmas party; it has become one of our bases biggest events of the year. Most everyone brought cookies to exchange with other members at the Christmas party, and members brought plenty of items to be raffled off at our 50/50 drawing. Both of these traditions still remain today.

Minneapolis/St. Paul base also had a cable TV show called, “The Deep Dive News Video”, the brain child of Mike Kodleboy. The purpose of this cable TV show was to preserve the oral history on film of our World War Two and Korean War veterans. It was a one hour TV show that aired once a month on cable TV Channel 6. The Deep Dive News video lasted for about two years. The entire show was produced by members of our base. There were a lot of Saturdays and week nights spent by our base members learning about the operation and use of the control room and sound board in the studio.

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# **“THIS TIME IN HISTORY”**

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There was also other equipment related to producing a TV show like TV cameras, lighting etc. . . . *Footnote 2.* Mike also invited these cable TV veterans to our base meetings as guests speakers.

Because of these guest speakers, the participation for our bi-monthly meeting was phenomenal. Where else are you going to hear in person the oral history of WWII and Korea from people that were actually there? Because of these guest speakers, the participation for our bi-monthly meeting was phenomenal. Where else are you going to hear in person the oral history of WWII and Korea from people that were actually there?

An interesting statistic for 1998 is that we had a 68% participation for all of our base functions. What makes this interesting is that a lot our base members were from all over the Midwest, northern Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and our active duty sailors stationed all over the world. That’s an outstanding turnout. 1998 was a busy and very productive year for the Minneapolis/St. Paul base, and we as a base accomplished a lot.

### **Footnotes:**

1. That information can be found on page 428 in the novel, **THUNDER BELOW**, written by Admiral Eugene B Fluckey copyright 1992.
2. The videos can be found at our base library.

### **As an aside, if you’re interested in preserving the tapes, please read on:**

At our base Executive board meeting held in March of 2019 we as a group talked about preserving the tapes of these broadcasts. Someone volunteered to transfer these tapes onto CDs, I don’t remember who this person was. I went back to find the notes to this E-Board meeting in the DDN March/April edition and there was no record of any minutes taken at this meeting or even if this meeting took place. It would be a shame to lose the oral history from the crew of the USS Ward DD 139, they were members of the First Shot Club of WWII that sank a Japanese submarine in the early morning of December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941, or the stories told by the survivors of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis. We also have on tape Minneapolis/St. Paul Subvet Bert Block who served on the USS Pollack SS180 who was sinking Japanese shipping coming out of Japan on January 9 1942, and Master Chief Gunners Mate Darrell Nelson who spent 32 years in the Navy and served in WWII, the Korean War, and the Cold War. Who by the way had the greatest sea stories of all time. These are just a few of our base members that participated in this project. These video tapes don’t last forever. I hope someone will take care of this problem.

**George St. Martin**

**February 1, 2020**

**Social Hour: 1700 (5 PM) – Dinner: 1800 (6 PM)**

**Meeting Location:**

The February 2020 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 meet in the “Membership Room”  
Use the front, main entrance. Get your beverage at the bar on your way in.**

**Reservation Order Form**

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

Green Salad, with rolls, Fried Chicken or White Fish, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes

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 1/27/20.**

***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 or e-mailing your reservation request and check to:

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