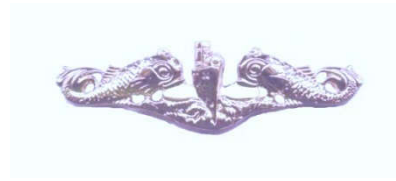


# THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

**MARCH/APRIL 2020**



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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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# BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

We are moving our meeting location and time! We asked you to vote on the options and it was a landslide outcome. **Those of you who voted wanted an afternoon meeting and the meeting location to be Fongs restaurant on 94<sup>th</sup> and Lyndale in Bloomington. The same meeting date so our next meeting will be on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Setup at 11:30, Social hour at noon, and meeting at 1.00.** The specifics for the meeting will be found in another location in this DDN.

This meeting room is on the main level, so no steps to the meeting room, there is a bar there. The room is smaller so reservations and choice of meal are necessary.

This is also our Annual meeting so we will have our Election of Officers. We still could use more Board members, so this is the meeting to get involved. The slate of officers is listed elsewhere.

We have decided to go to Old Log Theatre for our June meeting. This will be a real fun time. We will be in our own room for the luncheon then go into the theatre for the play. Details are found elsewhere. Come and join us. This will replace the cruise that we have had in June.

Come and check out the New meeting spot for the April meeting.

**Andy Anderson Base Commander.**

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## 2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOT

Commander:	John Barnes
Vice Commander:	Ken Tibesar
Secretary:	David Harms
Treasurer:	Jack Fay
COB:	Steve Marquis
MAA:	David Anderson
Past Commander:	Andy Anderson

Chaplain (appointed): Joel Bergstrom

Librarian (appointed): Joel Bergstrom

Storekeeper (appointed): open



# OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS



## MARCH

Don Scott, 9th  
Dan Lee, 11th  
Steve Marquis, 12th  
John Johnson, 15th  
Pat Rowen, 17th  
Ken Tibesar 27th  
Greg Cotton, 20th

## APRIL

*Jack Gabler, 1st*  
*Steve Ludwig, 1st*  
*Tom Bullinger, 7th*  
*Todd Holms, 8th*  
*Tom Wilcox, 8th*  
*Don McCauley, 21st*  
*Brad Gawboy, 23rd*  
*Charles Frisinger, 24th*  
*Angus Semple, 28th*  
*Dale Steinke, 29th*



## HOLLAND CLUB

**There will be no Holland Club breakfast this year. The Breakfast will resume next year with inductees from both 2020 and 2021.**

### **What is the Holland Club?**

Any Regular Member who has been designated "Qualified in Submarines" for fifty (50) years or more and who is a member in good standing is eligible to become a member of the "Holland Club" within the organization.

The Holland Club was named after John Philip Holland, an engineer who developed the first submarine to be formally commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Greetings to all. A while ago I bought a used book at Barnes and Noble for a buck. The title was "No Ordinary Joe's" written by Larry Colton. It's a history of four sub sailors off the USS Grenadier SS210, who survived a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp. Four men were lost during the attack, sixty-one were taken prisoner. Four men died while POWs, the rest survived. Bob Palmer, Chuck Vervalin, Tim McCoy, and Gordy Cox told how they survived their terrible ordeal in the camp and also after the war. It's amazing how anyone could survive after the hardship in the Japanese POW camp. Our National Chaplain wrote about suicide prevention and how we can all help. Give it some thought.

At the April meeting we will be tolling the boats and the Grenadier SS210 will be one of the boats lost 04/22/43. After having read the book, the Ceremony is more meaningful to me than ever. The USS Thresher SSN593 is also one of the boats lost in April with 129 men aboard. I'm sure some of you have lasting memories of that sad day.

**Joel Bergstrom**

### **The Ship**

**I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side  
spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts  
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.**

**I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like  
a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come  
to mingle with each other.**

**Then someone at my side says. "There, she is gone."**

**"Gone where?"**

**Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in  
mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side  
and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight  
to her destined port.**

**Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at  
the moment when someone at my side says: "There,  
she is gone!" there are other eyes watching her coming,  
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout:**

**"Here she comes!"**

**And that is dying.**

Author unknown....

# THIS TIME IN HISTORY

This will be the fifth installment of "This time in History." by George St. Martin

Just to recap, "This Time in History" will chronicle the history of the base and district from 1994 until the early 2000's. This was the time 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. We have always asked for your feedback. If you like what you read, please let us know.

In January of 1999 I believe we had 47 members that belonged to the Minneapolis/St. Paul base and that included the entire district. That was going to change fast. In 1999 there were some tremendous opportunities to grow the base and district. The Minneapolis/St. Paul Executive board recognized these opportunities and was ready to capitalize on them. The first opportunity was the aging of Submarine Veterans of World War Two. These gentlemen were well into their 80's in 1999 and their numbers were dwindling fast. The national leadership of Sub Vets WWII encouraged their members to join United States Submarine Veterans INC if they wanted to keep the magic of their youth alive. Luckily for our base, the Minnesota State Commander of Sub Vets WWII was also a member of the Minneapolis/St. Paul base. Reynold Dittrich encouraged his membership to become members of our base and they did. We in return made it very easy for these gentlemen to join our base. One of the perks of becoming a member of the base was a whole lot of fresh sea stories from Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War. Everyone loves a good sea story. The current membership of the Minneapolis/St. Paul base had already looked up to these guys and welcomed them with open arms. The USSVI also relaxed the requirements for membership to the Holland Club. In 1998 the USSVI 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. Another big opportunity for the base was coming from out of state members. Minneapolis/St. Paul base was

the only base in the entire district.

As word was getting out about the USSVI, all of a sudden we were getting members from the five state area which included Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. In 1999 we started getting members from South Dakota. Two of the first from South Dakota were Jim Farquhar and Gerald Davey. We also had some members from Iowa. Chad Ells and Robert Mc Mann were among the first from the Hawkeye State. There was also Phil Johnston from the great state of North Dakota. We also had the Deep Dive News Video Version that premiered on March 24<sup>th</sup> 1999. That show featured CDR Mike Maliniak the Captain of the USS Minneapolis/St. Paul SSN 708. Mike Kodluboy and Pat Kailing co-hosted the show. In conclusion: We as a base figured that if we could just find one submariner somewhere. That submariner would know other submariners that he could introduce to our base. That's how we could grow the base and that strategy worked.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul base had some pet projects in 1999 that we wanted to support. One was a free picnic for our members in August. Second was designing and purchasing a quality Minneapolis/St. Paul base flag. Third was supporting the serviceman's center at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, just to name a few. That all took money that we didn't have. We have always had a booster club, where people could donate money to the base. In April of 1999 we added another tier to the boosters-- "The Super Boosters". This is the article as written in April 1999 in the DDN that introduced Super Boosters. "*Each REGULAR booster is listed with the boat he qualified on. We also have what we call SUPER BOOSTERS. These are the members that have been so kind as to contribute a portion of their winning raffle back to the base. They are listed with all of their boats they served on and will be listed in the Deep Dive News for two years. To become a regular booster just include at least \$5 with your annual dues and you will be listed in every issue for a year.*" This is all the space I'm allotted for this publication. We'll continue with 1999 in the May/June edition.

# SUBMARINE FLOAT PARADE SCHEDULE

Depending on base member participation

Saturday May 16	11:00 am	West St. Paul	Parade & Static Display
Monday May 25	10:00am	Woodbury	Memorial Davy Service
Friday June 26	5:00pm	So. St. Paul	Kaposia Days Parade
Saturday June 27	10:00am	So. St. Paul	Car Show SSP High School
Sunday June 28	10:00am	Lake City	Parade (not confirmed yet)
Monday June 29	5:00pm	Roseville	Parade
Saturday July 11	5:0pm	Lakeville	Parade
July 17-19	8:00am	Flying Cloud	Static Display/ Wings of the North Air show
Wed July 22	5:00pm	Aquatennial	Torch Light Parade (not confirmed)
July 24—26	9:00-5:	Hastings	Little Log House Show

Look for more events in the next issue of the DDN



Are you a budding author? Do you have a favorite “sea story”, (G or PG rated please), or suggestions for articles/ If so submit your story by email to [mspddn@gmail.com](mailto:mspddn@gmail.com) or by mail to:

**Dottie Anderson, 23611 County Road 36, Emily MN 56447**

We will publish your story as space permits. Looking forward to hearing from you



## **BASE PARTICIPATION NEEDED**

With the World Pandemic (Covid-19) upon us, we hope it is short-lived and doesn't hit close to home or friends. It is affecting everything and everyone. In this regard, the Board of Directors of the Base have decided to be on the safe side of this by canceling the April Meeting. There will be no April Meeting.

Looking forward, we have many events scheduled throughout 2020 that are being planned and will need to be staffed/attended. (The June Old Log Theater trip, May and November Kaps for Kids, Float appearances (See List), August Base picnic, and Oct. & Dec. meetings). These amount to 25 to 30 event days. If each able base member could offer to support these occasions, we can be a successful organization. Most events are less than a 5 hour commitment. Our Static Displays can be 8 hours per day, however, these are the most successful for recruiting. These are minimal time pledges in support of a bigger goal to insure the continued viability of our USSVI unit.

The Base meetings and Holland club currently have the largest attendance. However, many members can't attend because of health or won't attend because of distance. Including Guests, we have an average of 40 folks at base meetings. This means only a few members participate in our various offerings.

The Float appearances put us in the public eye where we hope to find new base members. Unfortunately, we have not been successful securing new members. We are becoming better at this through incentives, and preparation of our display crew. The static displays (Little Log House, Flying Cloud Air Expo and County Fairs require time but provide fantastic opportunities to interact with former Submariners, Navy Personnel, and Family and Friends of current Bubbleheads and give us the best chance of finding new members. The Mini 708 Draws a variety of interested folks to our booth and gives us a chance to tell our story. At the Dakota County Fair last August, we chatted with over 30 former Submariners. We need staffing at these events. Please consider these dates seriously.

The Base has a website, [www.minneapolisubvets.com](http://www.minneapolisubvets.com) that contains all the information needed by members to understand the happenings on a daily basis Minneapolisubvets.com. Please review the list of upcoming events in each Deep Dive News (DDN) and check our website for information about the circumstances of the event, the contact person, and make your commitment to attend the event by sending an email with your interest as soon as possible. You will be notified about particulars before the date of the event. Early sign-up will assure that the planners have the needed attendance information to organize the appearance a success and an enjoyable event for all participants.

People say Submariners are crazy for being Submariners. Please take a look-see at our schedule, carve out some personal time, and commit yourself to our base by supporting what we do. And, By the way, have some good old fashioned fun.

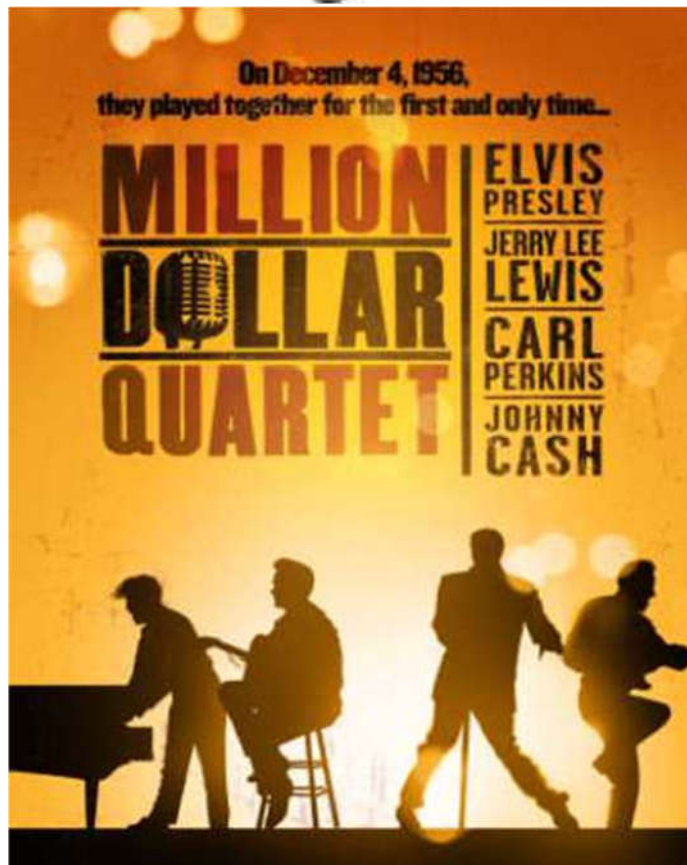
We need more members to offer us their support. Without continued and devoted support, we are not a feasible group. The time has come to grow this base through new involvement and recruitment.

**John Barnes**



## SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 7, 2020 "EXCURSION"

Old  
Log THEATRE



A Tony Award musical inspired by the true story set on December 4, 1956, when an extraordinary twist of fate brought **ELVIS PRESLEY, JOHNNY CASH, JERRY LEE LEWIS** and **CARL PERKINS** together at Sun Records for one of the greatest jam sessions ever. **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET** brings that legendary night to life, featuring a score of rock hits including *"Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "That's All Right," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Who Do you Love?" "SixteenTons." "Folsom Prison Blues," "Hound Dog"* and more.

**Price with lunch \$60.00 per person/Price without lunch \$40.00 per person**

**We will have an early sign-up drawing to give away 2-3 tickets.**

**Must register before May 10, 2020**

**Stay tuned for further details**

April 4, 2020 Luncheon Meeting  
Social Hour: 1200 (Noon) – Lunch 1300 (1 PM)

**NEW MEETING LOCATION:**

The April meeting will be held **UPSTAIRS** at David Fong's Chinese Restaurant  
9329 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN

**Reservation Order Form**

**Meal choices and payment should be done by mail or email.**

Please indicate your meal choice and quantities and **make check payable to USSVI or SubVets**. Mail the information to the base Master at Arms (see below) to later than **Tuesday March 24th**

- Luncheon Choices
- "American" \$20.00
- 8oz Lunch-  
Steak each
- Broiled  
 Whitefish
- "Chinese" \$20.00 each  
Chicken Chow Mein, Eggroll and Fried Rice
- Rice  
Chicken with Vegetables, Eggroll and Fried Rice

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

Luncheon 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, e-mailing or texting your reservation request and check to:

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