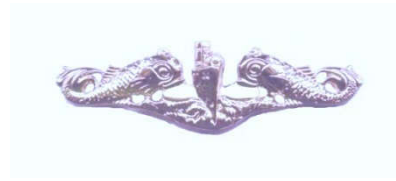


THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

MAY/JUNE 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 – 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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BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thank you for your vote of confidence. I will do my best in this changing world to steer the base in the right direction.

The current situation is making planning difficult and ever-changing. During our usual year, we have plans for 30 or more days of events between the base meetings, Holland Club, Kaps for Kids, and the Minny MPLS/St. Paul float. We have been proceeding as usual and will adjust as needed. We will keep you informed as things develop.

First up is the Old Log Theater Outing **Sunday, June 7th at 12:00** noon. Contact David Anderson (phone (952) 818-0185 or e-mail awildwolff662@yahoo.com) to reserve your seats today, then mail him a check to arrive by May 27th, (See reservation form on page 7). There will be an "early bird" drawing for those who get their order in by May 15th. Winners will get 1 free ticket. The more we have that sign up for the show the more winners we will have as we plan on drawing X winners based on Y attendees.

The Minnie MPLS/ST. Paul float schedule starts with the first 6 events canceled. Our first outing will be **Roseville, MN parade on Monday, June 29th**. The parade starts at 6:15, set-up at the VFW at 5:00. July events will be the Lakeville Parade on the 11th then the Flying Cloud Air Expo on the 17th to the 19th and the Washington County Fair from the 29th to Aug. 2nd. Please support our base by planning to attend these events and having some fun. Contact Steve Marquis subsailor368@outlook.com, Ken Tupper kdtupper@hotmail.com, or John Barnes jbblastit@gmail.com if you plan to attend because of the changing times. You can get the details of our activities on our Website at <https://minneapolisubvets.com/>

I have been busy on the phone speaking with the members that I am able to reach using the information on the current roster. That has been challenging as frequently the information is outdated. We have tried various ways of making contact, and have updated some of the contact information, however, David Harms has taken on the duty of putting the list back in order. If you are a member who has not received a call from me, please let me know by email jbblastit@gmail.com or phone 612-251-2260.

"Regional Scuttlebutt"

I plan to have Regional gatherings in outstate areas during the non-meeting months to get to know the base better.

The first one will be in the Rochester area on July 11, 2020, 12:00 noon at a place to be named later. Base member Gary Smith from Rochester will find a nice place to host our gathering. We will be eating lunch. It will be open to all members and their families or friends.

The plan is to carpool as many folks from the other regions that are interested in bringing our base together. This isn't a meeting it's a gathering to swap sea stories or talk about how to save the world without talking about politics. You can bring some cribbage boards or whatever you think we could do at the gathering.

This is a new unscripted event so we can do whatever the gathering wants to do.

Contact me if you have any questions or interest in attending and we can make up the pools.

The September "Regional Scuttlebutt" will be in the region that contacts me first.

Stay safe and I hope to see you soon.

John Barnes, Base Commander



OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS

MAY

Joel Bergstrom, 4th
John Selleck, 5th
Jim Jasper, 11th
Charles Hystad, 13th
Bill Bonsho, 14th
David Harms, 21st
Jeff Lundgren, 6th



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
Don 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

Happy Birthday!

Ken

THIS TIME IN HISTORY

This will be the sixth 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 Seven from 1994 until the early 2000's. This was the time that the base and district grew the fastest. All the information that we use will come from the American Submariner. Checking in with the bases and the Deep Dive News. We always ask for your feedback. If you are reading this, please let me know.

In the last edition of the DDN in April 2020 we left off twenty one years earlier in April 1999. We had just talked about the base booster club and how important the booster club is to the base. The booster club, along with donations from the 50/50 raffle help finance our base projects. That would be the base picnic, Holland Club breakfast, Serviceman's club at the airport, and other projects that we deem worthy of donations.

In June we had our base elections and the results were. Pat Kailing Commander, George St. Martin Vice Commander, Secretary/Treasurer Rolly Conklin, Master at Arms John Ubel, COB Chuck Lundby. One of the first things done early in 1999 was Pat Kailing with the help of Marv Mersch President of the Navy League organized a day cruise aboard the USS Minneapolis/St. Paul in June. A small group of base members went out for an eight hour cruise aboard the 708. They caught up with the ship in Cape Kennedy, Florida. All reports from the Minneapolis/St. Paul base members was, it was a lot of fun and brought back some great memories from their youth.

The base under the leadership of Pat Kailing and his E board was still growing at a very fast pace. In 1999 we added 18 new members. These new members were from Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, all over Minnesota, along with active duty submariners from Minnesota. The strategy of the free base picnic in August, our Christmas party, free membership to our active duty sailors from Minnesota,

And our Video Magazine Deep Dive News was paying off.

On June 30th of 1999 Pat Kailing resigned as Base Commander. Pat moved back to Milwaukee Wisconsin because of his Mothers failing health and a business opportunity. This left a large void in our organization and George St. Martin had a big pair of shoes to fill. Because of the solid foundation that Pat Kailing and the E-board had built over the last couple of years it was business as usual, and the base never missed a beat.

On Monday September 27th 1999 the Suburban Community Channel presented its Academy Awards to the producers of programing shown on the public access channel.

Our video magazine "Deep Dive News" was nominated for excellence in three categories. We were told that the base had an excellent chance of carrying off at least one or two of the awards. Well that happened and we took the award in the category of "Excellence in Seniors Programing" against some pretty stiff competition, No one was more surprised than us. Mike Kodluboy, Carl Gronemann and George St. Martin were at the event. Mike Kodluboy and George St. Martin went up to receive the award from Rusty Gatesby of channel 5 KSTP news who hosted the event.

As the year was coming to an end Mike Kodluboy agreed to become our base Vice Commander. At the E-board meeting in November George St. Martin brought up the subject of a 100 year submarine birthday party to be held in the Twin Cities in April of 2000. That was only 5 months out, could the base pull it off. Stay tuned

RISK IS AN INSPIRATION IN SUBMARINE SERVICE

Written by Dr. Joyce Brothers when the USS THRESHER went down with all hands on April 10, 1963.

The tragic loss of the submarine Thresher and 129 men had a special kind of impact on the nation....a special kind of sadness, mixed with universal admiration for the men who chose this kind of work.

One could not mention the Thresher without observing, in the same breath how utterly final and alone the end is when a ship dies at the bottom of the sea....and what a remarkable specimen of man it must be who accepts such a risk. Most of us might be moved to conclude, too, that a tragedy of this kind would have a damaging effect on the moral of the other men in the submarine service and tend to discourage future enlistments. Actually, there is no evidence that this is so.

What is it, then, that lures men to careers in which they spend so much of their time in cramped quarters, under great psychological stress, with danger lurking all about them?

Bond Among Them - Togetherness is an overworked term, but in no other branch of our military service is it given such full meaning as in the so-called "silent service." In an under sea craft, each man is totally dependent upon the skill of every other man in the crew, not only for top performance but for actual survival. Each knows that his very life depends on the others and because this is so, there is a bond among them that both challenges and comforts them.

All of this gives the submariner a special feeling of pride, because he is indeed a member of an elite corps. The risks, then, are an inspiration, rather than a deterrent.

The challenge of masculinity is another factor, which attracts men to serve on submarines. It certainly is a test of man's prowess and power to know he can qualify for this highly selective service. However, it should be emphasized that this desire to prove masculinity is not pathological, as it might be in certain daredevil pursuits, such as driving a motorcycle through a flaming hoop.

Emotionally Healthy - There is nothing daredevilish about the motivations of the man who decides to dedicate his life to the submarine service. He does, indeed, take pride in demonstrating that he is quite a man, but he does not do so to practice a form of foolhardy brinkmanship, to see how close he can get to failure and still snatch victory from the jaws of de-

feat. On the contrary, the aim in the submarine service is to battle the danger, to minimize the risk, to take every measure to make certain that safety rather than danger, is maintained at all times.

Are the men in submarines braver than those in other pursuits where the possibility of sudden tragedy is not constant?

The glib answer would be that they are. It is much more accurate, from a psychological point of view, to say they are not necessarily braver, but that they have a little more insight into themselves and their capabilities. They know themselves a little better than the next man. This has to be so with men who have a healthy reason to volunteer for a risk. They are generally a cut healthier emotionally than others of similar age and background because of their willingness to push themselves a little bit farther and not settle for an easier kind of existence.

We all have tremendous capabilities but are rarely straining at the upper level of what we can do; these men are. The country can be proud and grateful that so many of its sound, young, eager men care enough about their own status in life—and the welfare of their country—to pool their skills and match them collectively against the power of the sea.

Submitted by John Hlavac in memory of Michael E. Martino a sailor on the USS Seawolf SSN575 who passed away on May 4, 2020. The Seawolf was the first boat on scene to search for the Thresher.



Michael E. Martino

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings to all,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. These are some trying times for our nation and the world. Rose Ann and I have been staying home and we have been working on jobs around the house. Feels good to get some things done. As time moves along, I am hopeful that our country will survive and grow. We know that many things will not be the same and maybe that's for the better. Time will tell.

In 2012, my bride and I attended the Christening Ceremony of the **USS Minnesota (SSN-783)**. We met the skipper, the exec and some of the crew while there. In 2013 we also attended the Commissioning Ceremony and that was a great experience for us. As you probably recall, the Minnesota had some major problems and there were long delays until she was ready to go to sea. **Fast forward to 2020, the USS Minnesota beat out 100 other ships and subs to be named the winner of the 2019 Battenberg Cup Award for 2019.** What a great job the crew did. Most of us remember how the Minnesota struggled to get the boat sea worthy and safe. So, this brings us to our country and its status today. Right now, things don't look very good, but with time and hard work and hope I think things will turn around. Stay safe.

Joel Bergstrom, Chaplain



USS Minnesota SSN-783

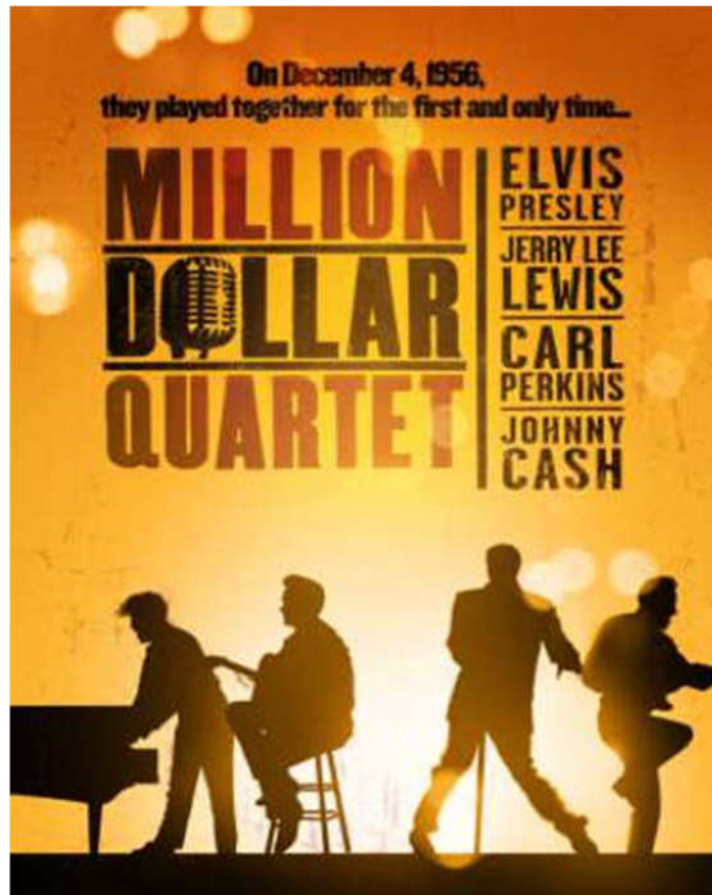
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Jack Fey, Treasurer

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 MEETING

NOTE : SUNDAY NOT SATURDAY



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 the 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 a private dining room for the meal

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

(Must register by May 15 2020 to be eligible)

(If the event is cancelled checks will be refunded)

Sunday June7, 2020

1200 (Noon) lunch and installation of base officers– Showtime 2:00 pm

Our June “Cruise” will be held at the Old Log Theatre

5185 Meadville St., Excelsior, MN 55331

Cost with lunch \$60.00/ Show only \$40.00

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, email or text your information to the base Master at Arms (see below) **to arrive no later than May 22, 2020.**

Name: _____

Luncheon Choices \$60 (includes show) Circle Choice

1. Braised boneless short ribs, potatoes , gravy, vegetable Quantity___
2. Seared pork chop, potatoes, vegetable & bacon port demi-glace Quantity___
3. Dill Roasted Tilapia, seasonal vegetables with lemon Quantity___
4. Angel Hair pasta with garden marinara Quantity ___
5. Show Only (\$40.00) Quantity___

All meals include dinner rolls, coffee, tea, pop, and dessert

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

(Must register by May 15 2020 to be eligible)

Reservations **MUST** be received in advance, payment may be made onsite.

No-Shows will be billed

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