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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 – July and August

USS G-2 (SS-27) (Tuna)	07/30/1919 - 3	USS Runner (SS-275)	07/01/1943 - 78
USS Grunion (SS-216)	07/30/1942 - 70	USS Robalo (SS-273)	07/26/1944 - 77
USS Bass (SS-164) (V-2)	08/12/1942 - 23	USS Harder (SS-57)	08-24-1944 - 79
USS Bullhead (SS-332)	08/06/1945 - 84	USS Cochino (SS- 345)	08/26/1949 - 7
USS S-28 (SS-133)	07/04/1944 - 50		

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BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

With COVID 19 clinging on in the world like a barnacle on our hull, events have been non-existent this year. On the 11th of July, the mini 708 went to Rochester for the first-ever Regional Scuttlebutt at VFW Post 1215. Everyone that attended the Inaugural Regional Scuttlebutt said they had a great time.

Next up is the Annual Picnic at the Veterans Campgrounds on Big Marine Lake, 11300 180th St. N. Marine on the St. Croix MN on **Saturday, August, 8th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM**. It is on the second Saturday because the first was taken before we asked for it. **Because of the changing times, it will be a bring your own food picnic. NO SHARED FOOD. The base will supply the beverages. (More info on page 6)**

On September, 5th the Regional Scuttlebutt will head north. Read about it in the article below. No one stepped forward so I selected north. Looking for someone up there to help set it up.

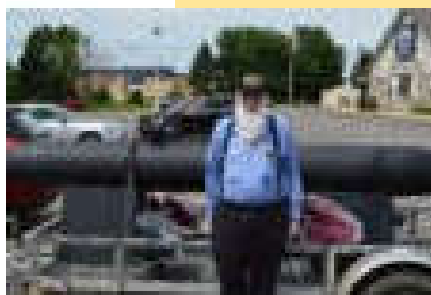
Stay safe and I hope to see you soon.

John Barnes, Base Commander

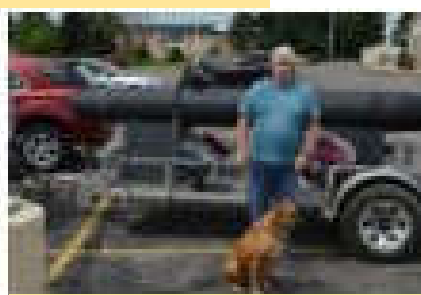
Pictures from Scuttlebut article on page 4



Kay and David Harms, Dennis Smith, John Barnes, Gary Smith & Scarlet, Dale Clark & Ken Tupper



Dennis Smith and his new SSN-783 hat



Gary Smith and Scarlet

Inaugural Regional Scuttlebutt

The first Regional Scuttlebutt is going in the books as a success. Considering the state of the environment we were able to get 5 people and one dog from the southern region and 2 for the metro area together at VFW 1215 in Rochester, MN. All of the staff of the post wore masks and were very friendly. We had the back room all to ourselves away from the crowds. Even at the bar most customers wore masks and were well spaced.

The Plank Owners of the Inaugural Regional Scuttlebutt are Gary Smith, Dennis Smith, Dale Clark, David and Kay Harms, Ken Tupper, and John Barnes.

We had two planned events for the day, eat lunch and a door prize drawing at the end of the day. The rest of the time was spent conversing about a wide range of things and the telling of Sea Stories.

I want to thank Gary Smith and Scarlet his dog from Rochester for setting this event up for the base.

We ended the day with a drawing for a new USS Minnesota SSN-783 ball cap won by Dennis Smith from Jordan, MN. Everyone said that they would do this again.

In their words:

Both myself and Scarlet (dog) had a great time meeting everyone. It was nice that the Rochester VFW provided a great place to meet. I am looking forward to the next meeting. You normally do not get to hear bubblehead talk and it was great hearing stories from the "pig boat" guys, LOL. See you at the next meeting! **Gary Smith**

Fun was had by all. **Ken Tupper**

Sub Vets, we enjoyed a great afternoon in Rochester, Minnesota talking, telling stories, and getting to know other Sub Vets. The group was small but interesting and fun. We had a nice lunch ordered from the VFW menu, and the only thing that could have made it better would have been more attending. I for one would enjoy doing it again in a different part of the state. Fair winds and following seas to all. **David Harms**

The Scuttlebutt will head north for a September 5 gathering. We are looking for someone in that region to set it up. The lucky volunteer will work with the Commander to pick the location. We will have a northern contact list soon to work from. We might invite the Duluth Base. Maybe by then, things will be moving back towards normal.

I hope to see you all there!

John Barnes, Commander



OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS

JULY

Larry Lutgens 2nd
Jim Marshall 3rd
Charles Bunting 6th
Steve Christenson 8th
Mike Maliniak 8th
Donovan Drake 20th
Bill Mussel 30th

AUGUST

Jim Thoreson 1st Mark Quinlan 16th
Jeff Lundgren 6th G. Moore 17th
Tom McGuffin 9th Ron Cozatt 22nd
Al Hanson 10th Ken Tupper 23rd
Jack Johnson 11th Ron Cozatt 22nd
Bob Kosmalski 11th Bob Hallman 29th
Don Simonson 12th Merlin Larson 31st
Steve Dahlstrom 27th



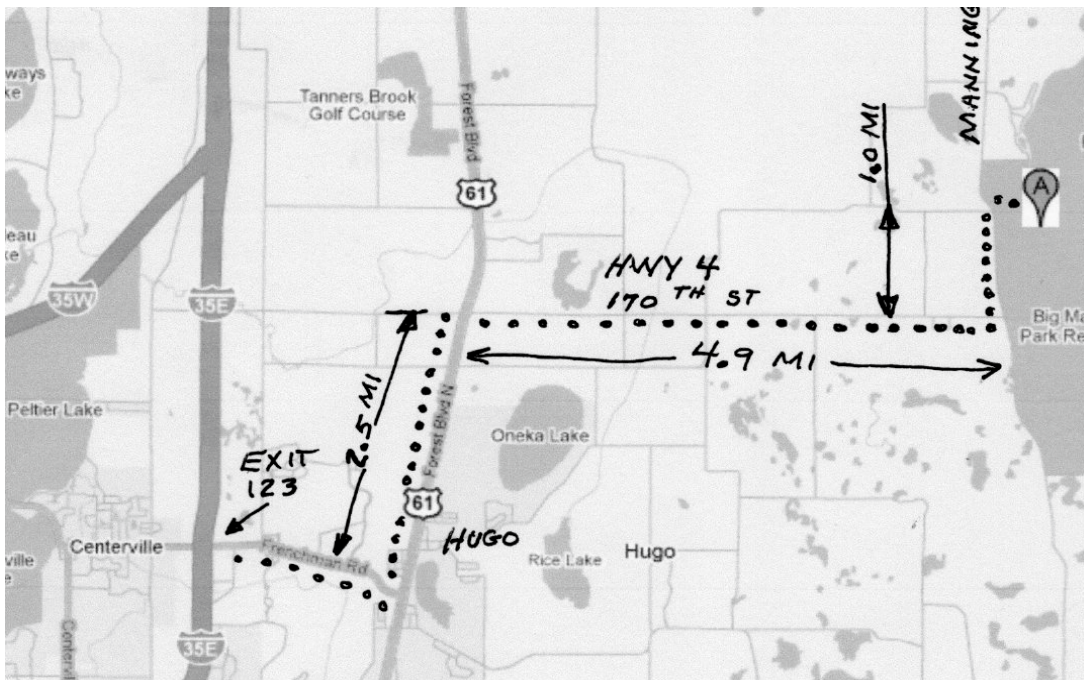
Summer Picnic

Our summer picnic will be held on **August 8th** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (1000-1400) at the Veterans Rest Camp on **Big Marine Lake** 11300 180th Street North. **Marine on St. Croix, MN** (651) 433-2699.

As noted in John's Commander's corner **because of Covid 19 it will be a bring your own food picnic. NO SHARED FOOD. The base will supply beverages.**

There will be a 50/50 drawing so please bring items for the raffle. If you have any home made crafts or jellies, etc. it would be great

Also, because of Covid it is essential that you let John know you will be coming so the Camp can properly set up for us, (This is a requirement of the Camp) Please email him at: jbblastit@gmail.com



These **driving instructions** are premised on how to find the site from a starting point of Exit number 123 of I-35E. From that point go East to Hugo and then North on 61 about 2.5 miles north to 170th street which may be marked as CR 4. On 170th St, drive east about 4.9 miles to Manning Trail this may be marked as either CR 5 or 15. Go North on Manning for 1 mile and turn right on 180th which is a gravel road that is the driveway to the site. This is for people that have never been here before and don't have GPS installed in their chariot.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

No report

Joel Bergstrom, Chaplain

TREASURER'S REPORT

Many thanks to our Super-Boosters:

Jack Fay, Treasurer

Ted Tapanila	Feb 2020	Dale Clark	Dec 2018
Steve Christianson	Dec2019	Steve Christianson	Dec 2018
David Ratte	Dec2019	Davie Ratte	Dec 2018
Keith Larson	Oct 2019	Jim Thorsen	Aug 2018
Jim Thoreson	Aug 2019	Joel Bergstrom	Apr 2018
Jack Fay	Feb 2016	Bill Benzik	June 2018