

# 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—September-October***

|                       |                 |                      |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| USS S-51 (SS-162)     | 09/25/1925 - 32 | USS Pompano (SS-181) | 09/01/1943 - 76 |
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| USS S-44 (SS-155)     | 10/07/1943 - 54 | USS Wahoo (SS-238)   | 10/11/1943 - 80 |
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# BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Writing is not my favorite form of communication so this is the hardest thing that I have had to do for the Base. My first term as Commander of the Base has been spent on my laptop writing for the DDN. We did have the first Regional Scuttlebutt in July that got 7 people together in Rochester. We all had a good time and avoided the COVIC-19 virus.

No matter what side of the COVID-19 pandemic you are on we all know that it has changed the world we live in. The E-board met via Zoom on a Friday to discuss the next steps for operating the base. After using information from emails and phone conversations about why members were not attending I asked the board if we should suspend all functions except the DDN until December. Of those that attended and one that was filled in about the meeting, we decided to do it. The Old Log Theater has canceled their 2020 season so we will look at doing that next June. Feel free to let me know if you think December is too soon.

Dottie Anderson will be needing articles for the Deep Dive News so send her something of interest for her to share with the Base @ [msspddn@gmail.com](mailto:msspddn@gmail.com)

On the Minneapolis/St. Paul mini front, that decision was made for us. We had 28 days of events planned for this year and they were all canceled by the event organizers. The float did go to Rochester for the Regional Scuttlebutt and last week David E. Anderson had a drive-by birthday parade for his dad Iver's 98th birthday in Bloomington. The only thing left for the float is to mount a new front jacking system and to put it into its winter wrappings. I want to thank Ken Tupper for storing it and taking it out for us when needed.

We talked about setting up a zoom base meeting on the first Saturday of each month just to stay connected. But before we set it up we want your response on if we should do it or not. It will cost the base \$150 a year. Please contact a board member with your thoughts on that. But for now, I'm asking all of you to get on the phone and call some of the members just to say hi.

Because we only had 2 Base events this year, one meeting and one Regional Scuttlebutt the board has decided that we will not collect dues this year. Yes if you want to pay your dues you can do so by sending it to Jack Fay. You will have to pay national dues of \$25.00 if you are not a life member. Be sure to send them in before the end of the year or USSVI will drop you from the roster. They have no grace period.

We need every member to check the USSVI roster to make sure you are listed on it. Last year several members got dropped. If you are not on their roster let me know so we can get it fixed. We may need copies of your check.

When we get together in the future we will meet at David Fong's in Bloomington with a happy hour at 12:00 and meeting at 1:00 pm.

Until then Fair Winds and Following Seas to all of you .

**John Barnes, Base Commander**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Shipmates,

And the virus goes on. Who would have thought that we would be dealing with it this long? I hope everyone is safe and doing well.

The Lost Boat Ceremony for September/October is included for everyone to read.

### Please begin with the Prayer for October.

O God of the still small voice, quiet our inner spirit. Help us to focus upon you, and you alone, to hear your voice within. There are so many other voices demanding our attention. But we cannot attend to them without you..."Be still and know that I am God." You say to us as you said to Elijah, may your voice speak through us. In weakness, be our strength. In poverty, be our wealth. In depression, be our joy. In apathy, be our love. We cannot sing Love's song, O Lord, unless it is your voice singing in us. Take this heart, and with this mouth make your praise and thanksgiving a reality here and now. Amen.

October Meeting Boats lost during September and October

|  | Ships Name            | Date Lost | Crew Lost |  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| 1  | USS O-5 (SS-66)       | 10/29/23  | 3         | Lost 29 October 1923 with three men when sunk after collision with SS Abatgarez off the Panama Canal. Torpedoman Mate 2d Class (SS) Henry Berault received the Medal of Honor.   |
| 2  | USS S-51 (SS-162)     | 09/26/25  | 33        | Lost on 26 September 1925 with the loss of thirty three men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island, Rhode Island   |
| 3  | USS Pompano (SS-181)  | 09/01/43  | 76        | Lost with all hands (seventy six men) by possible Japanese mine off Honshu, Japan in September 1943.   |
| 4  | USS Grayling (SS-209) | 09/09/43  | 76        | Lost with all hands (seventy six men) to unknown causes on 9 September 1943 when it was sunk in or near Tablas Strait, Republic of the Philippines   |
| 5  | USS Cisco (SS-290)    | 09/28/43  | 76        | Lost with all hands (seventy six men) on 28 September 1943 during a Japanese Air and Surface attack in the Sulu Sea.   |
| 6  | USS Flier (SS-250)    | 09/13/44  | 78        | Lost with seventy eight men on 13 September 1944 when sunk by Japanese mine in the Balabac Strait near Mantangal Island. Eight men survived and were later rescued by USS REDFIN (SS 272)  |
| 7  | USS S-44 (SS-155)     | 10/07/43  | 55        | Lost on 7 October 1943 with the loss of fifty five men when it was sunk by surface craft off Paramushiru, Kuriles. 2 men survived and were taken prisoner  |
| 8  | USS Wahoo (SS-238)    | 10/11/43  | 80        | Lost with all hands (eighty men) during a Japanese air and surface attack on 11 October 1943 in La Perouse Strait off Japan  |
| 9  | USS Dorado (SS-248)   | 10/12/43  | 76        | Lost with all hands (seventy six men) by an air attack in SW Atlantic 12 October 1943  |
| 10                                       | USS Escolar (SS-294)  | 10/17/44  | 82        | Lost with all hands (eighty two men) by possible Japanese Mine in the Yellow Sea off China on 17 October 1944  |
| 11                                       | USS Shark (SS-314)    | 10/24/44  | 90        | Lost with all hands (ninety men) 24 October 1944 when it was sunk by Japanese surface craft in the channel midway between Hainan and Bashi Channel.  |
| 12                                       | USS Tang (SS-306)     | 10/25/44  | 83        | Lost with eight three men on 25 October 1944 when it was sunk by her own torpedo in the north end of the Formosa Strait. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner and survived the war. Her commanding officer received the Medal of Honor |
| 13                                       | USS Seawolf (SS-197)  | 10/30/44  | 102       | Lost with all hands (one hundred and two men) on 30 October 1944 when it was mistaken for a Japanese submarine and sunk by friendly destroyers just north of Morotai, Republic of the Philippines                                      |
| A total of 910 men were lost on 13 boats |                       |           |           | Finally, and in addition to these, we remember all the brave men who died in the course of their duties aboard submarines where the submarine itself was not lost.   |

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER, CONT.**

### **The S-51 (SS-162) by Minna Irving**

*The war-god slept, and the moon was bright  
On a sea of silver sheen,  
When six and thirty Navy men  
Took out a submarine-  
They tuned her up for a practice drill,  
But before the night was done  
But three were left to tell the tale  
Of the loss of the 51.*

*It was written down in the log of fate  
That the City of Rome should pass,  
And crush the shell of the speeding sub  
As a stone will shatter glass.  
She sank to rest where the starfish bide,  
And weeping mermaids spun  
Green shrouds of the sea weed's silken  
strands  
For the dead of the 51.*

*No eye was there in that tragic hour  
To pierce the watery gloom,  
And see within the darkened walls  
Of the craft that was a tomb,  
But we know that they died as heroes die,  
And their gallant souls have won  
A place with Lawrence and Hull and Jones-  
The crew of the 51.*

*In times of peace when the ocean lanes  
To the fleets of the world were free,  
She met the death of a fighting ship  
On her own familiar sea.  
The breach in her side was made by chance  
And not by a foeman's gun,  
But they died for their country just the same-  
The men of the 51.*

**(The S-51 was lost on 9/26/25)**

# OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS

## SEPTEMBER

Al Einbeter 1st  
Wayne Helgeson 1st  
Jon Blomberg 6th  
Jim Chenvert 6th  
Keith Larson 14th  
Dale Dickhausen 18th  
Gary Smith 22nd  
Jim Olsen 26th  
John Eldridge 27th  
Eric Higgins 27th

## OCTOBER

Ken Dallman 2nd  
Phil Johnson 8th  
Ken Beadell 9th  
Bob Sellars 9th  
John Barnes 16th  
John Hagen 20th  
Don Goldsbury 22nd  
Bill Crosier 23rd  
Mike Campion 25th  
Joshua Richardson 25th  
Dave Ratte 29th  
Dale Lueck 30th



# BASE SECRETARY

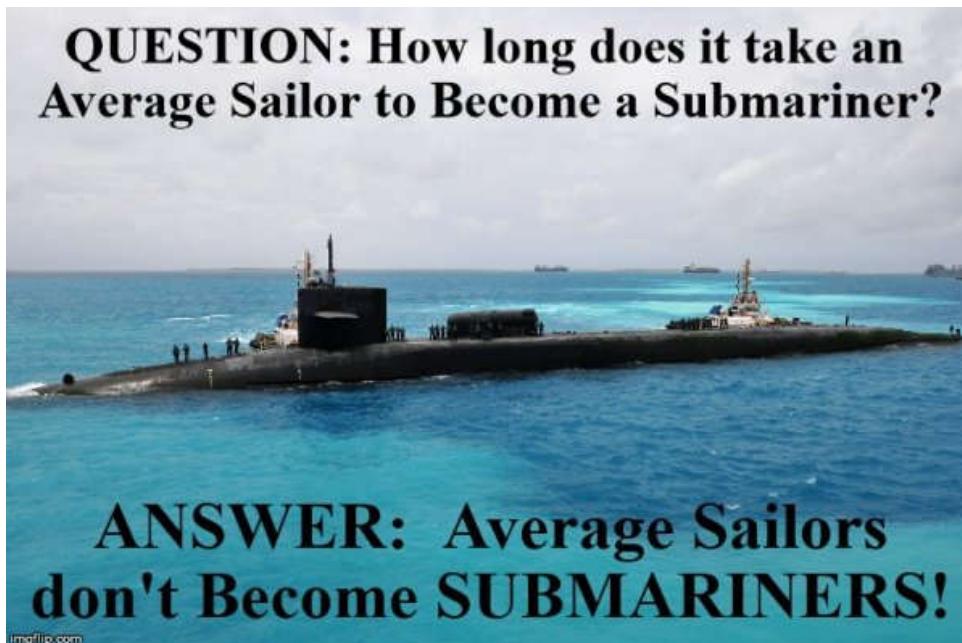
## Shipmates,

During this Pandemic Covid 19 period, Minneapolis Base, has literally ceased all activities, and interactions with our shipmates, in an effort to change that as much as we are able, the Base Board has made a decision to expend some funds on a Computer Program called Zoom. You can go on your personal computers and download zoom if you want to try it (It's free) for individuals limited to 40 minutes/session.

The fee comes with the Pro version which allows unlimited time per session, (the free version only allows 40 minutes). We can have Zoom meetings, and at least see each other's smiling faces, One of the basic rules is that only one person at a time can talk. It is an excellent medium to continue with some normal activities in our lives while still maintaining the suggested social distancing. The cost for the Pro version is about \$150.00 per year.

Your Base commander would like some feedback as to weather or not our members would be interested in something like this until we can again meet in person. If you let us know, I have a contact that will give instruction in how to make this program work for the benefit of those using it. I hope that this finds you all well, and we can set this up very quickly if this is something you would like to do or something that you think would be beneficial to keep the traditions of our Veterans viable and thriving. Thank you all and God Save the Republic.

**David Harms, Base Secretary**



## OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to Iver Anderson, (David Anderson's Dad) celebrating his 98th Birthday with a "Drive By" The Drive by was a huge success with vehicles of family, friends, former sailors of his Korean War Destroyer including a former Captain, USNAAA, Navy League and Bloomington Police.



Congrats to David for fitting into his uniform!

