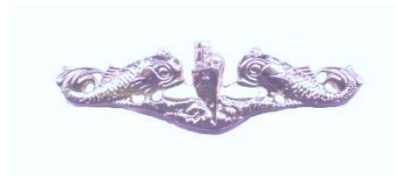


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Our USSVI Creed

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.

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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
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Jack Fay 4th
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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

The E-board meet on Zoom to discuss 2021 events. We are hoping to have enough members vaccinated and the state loosen up the regulations enough to have our first event in a year on **Saturday, morning April 10. (NOTE: Thids date is VERY tentaeive)**

It will be a combination of 3 events we normally do. The main event will be the **Holland Club and Commanders Breakfast with a very very very short meeting** and we will end the day with Christmas meeting treats. Hopefully, the goodies will be fresh and not leftover from the holidays. If April does not work out we will look at the first Saturday of May or June whichever allows us to meet safely. Also, we talked about working on the float line up. If anyone has ideas for events (especially static display events) contact me as early as possible.

April is when we normally have our base officer elections. I hope the current board members will stay on until we have our first full meeting and let the base decide. If anyone wishes to step up for any position let me know. We are in need of a storekeeper.

RIG FOR DIVE, and hope we get a "GREEN BOARD"

John Barnes

Base Commander



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Shipmates.

Please begin with a moment of silence for our departed shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope the new year will be better than the last. After experiencing the events of the first week in January in our country, I'd say it's getting a very slow start. Even though COVID-19 still rages on in some parts of the country, we can be thankful that the vaccine is arriving and shots are being given. I think the best thing we can do in the meantime is to stay safe.

We lost a longtime member and commander of our base January 8th 2021. Rolly Conklin (see article on page 6).

The Lost Boat Ceremony for January/February is included for everyone to read.

Please begin with the prayer:

Eternal Father: We thank you for the heritage and liberty we enjoy as Americans and for the privilege of having served in the Submarine Service to protect that liberty. We pray Thy blessing and wisdom for our country's leaders. May they seek your guidance as they serve us and the United States. Currently, we remember those of our group who are sick, troubled, and bereaved. Place your healing hand on their bodies and mind, as we pray. Make us patient with our shipmates, wise in our deliberations, and bless us during this new year. We offer these prayers in your name. Amen!

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Closing Prayer submitted to the National Chaplain by Byrd Saville RD1(SS) of the Hampton Roads Base:

We pray that the Power of the Holy Spirit will flow through all Submariners, That the Grace of God will renew them,

That the Love of God will pursue them today, tomorrow, and all of life's tomorrows and may we be born tenderly in the palm of the Almighty till time shall be no more.

Quotes:

Patriotism is about supporting our country all of the time, and our government when it deserves it. Mark Twain

Patriotism consists not of waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong. Mark Twain

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. MLK

Joel Bergstrom, Base Chaplain

ON ETERNAL PATROL

Roland K. (Rolly) Conklin 1934-2021



Roland "Rolly" Kenneth Conklin, 86, of Pepin, WI, and formerly of Red Wing, MN — loving father and grandfather, joyful lover of life and people, witty storyteller, skilled woodworker, homemade vanilla ice cream and chocolate-chip cookie connoisseur — went to heaven on Friday, January 8, 2021. Rolly was born during a dust storm on June 22, 1934, in Faribault, MN, to Kenneth and Esther (Caron) Conklin. After graduating from Faribault High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In 1954 he married Marilyn Ardis Luckow in Faribault, and together they raised their five children: Scott, Carrie, Holly, Jeff and Anne. Rolly proudly served in the Navy as a nuclear submariner for 20 years. He retired as Master Chief Petty Officer in 1973 and returned to Minnesota, where he was employed by and eventually retired from the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Red Wing. Retiring from employment at age 58, Rolly never stopped contributing and connecting. He was a tireless community volunteer, dedicating countless hours to the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing and as an active member and Commander of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Base of United States Submarine Veterans. He was selfless, always generous with his time, talents, stories, support, and love. In addition to carpentry skills, Rolly will be remembered for passing along to his children a fearless confidence to tackle any home renovation project, no matter how big or small. "Bompa" loved gathering with family, telling funny jokes and stories, puttering in his workshop, doing crossword puzzles, building furniture and toys for his children and grandchildren, and making and eating dessert. Rolly would like to remind you that there is ALWAYS room for dessert and time for a well-told tale. Rolly is survived by the love of his life and wife of 66 years, Marilyn, Pepin, WI; four children: Scott (Renee) Conklin, Prior Lake, MN; Carrie (Jim) Becker, Red Wing, MN; Jeff (Cheryl) Conklin, Hastings, MN; and Anne (Dan McGrath) Conklin, Red Wing, MN; a son-in-law Craig Lunde, Maiden Rock, WI; 14 grandchildren; 12 (soon to be 13) great-grandchildren; two sisters: Carol (Sid) Davis, Cromwell, MN, and Karen (Dennis) Bauer, Waterville, MN; and many other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Holly Lunde, daughter-in-law Linda Conklin, and great-grandson Silas Sheldon. Due to the pandemic, a private Catholic Mass for immediate family only will be held at St. Felix Catholic Church in Wabasha, MN. Interment with military rites will take place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. Services are entrusted to Abbott Funeral Home & Crematory, Wabasha, MN. Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at www.abbottfh.com. In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to donors' choice. An ice cream social celebration will be held when we are able to gather

ON ETERNAL PATROL (CONTINUED)

Gorge Weiss 1928-2021



George Weiss of Marine on the St. Croix passed away at home on January 4th, 2020 at the age of 92. Several Base members know that George was the last of the 6 founding fathers of the Memorial Rifle Squad at Fort Snelling Cemetery. This group of volunteers performed 2 Honors for fellow veterans on that day in 1979. George was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2010. Today the Memorial Rifle Squad has about 125 members and has done over 80,000 services. George was a Marine and served during WWII and retired from the Ford plant before starting the Memorial Rifle Squad. He will be interned at Fort Snelling on June 19th which is the anniversary date of his first Honors.

Mary Barnes



On Saturday, January 2, 2021, Mary Patricia Barnes of Richfield, MN , wife of Base Commander John Barnes, passed away at the age of 68. Mary was preceded in death by her mother and father, Lillian and John Hildreth. She is survived by her husband John, her daughters, Cristy (Michael) and Chelsey (Matthew), her granddaughter Emily, and her brother Michael. Memorial service to be announced at a later date.

She will be buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on a Friday when COVID is behind us. After the graveside gathering, Mary always said that we would have a Celebration of Life for her in our old room at David Fong's. That is what we plan to do. She promised our granddaughter that we would have a Dairy Queen Ice Cream cake.

