

# 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
USS Grayling (SS-209)	09/09/1943 - 76	USS Cisco (SS-290)	09/28/1943 - 76
USS Flier (SS-250)	09/13/1944 - 78	USS O-5 (SS-66)	10/28/1923 - 3
USS S-44 (SS-155)	10/07/1943 - 54	USS Wahoo (SS-238)	10/11/1943 - 80
USS Dorado (SS-248)	10/12/1943 - 76	USS Seawolf (SS-197)	10/03/1944 - 97
USS Escolar (SS-294)	10/17/1944 - 82	USS Shark 2 (SS-314)	10/24/1944 - 90
USS Tang (SS-306)	10/25/1944 - 78		

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# BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The annual Base Picnic is behind us and once again John Selleck and his fabulous crew served a meal fit for a submarine crew. Well done. The shared dishes were wonderful as always. It was a damp day but because of the large canopy at the Veterans Campground everyone stayed dry even the cooking crew because the campgrounds built a new outdoor kitchen for them to work in. The 50/50 drawing brought in almost \$200 because the winner gave back the winnings.

Up next is the Old Log Theater play "The Play That Goes Wrong". This will be a fun Sunday afternoon event so contact George St. Martin soon. See article below for more information. Remember this is a SUNDAY lunch and play at 1200 so come early. So far we have 15 attending as of 9/7/21 so get your order in today to George St. Martin. We need to pay up front so we will not be paying at the door for this event.

Our December meeting will feature all the great treats that we have all feasted on in the past. We have a guest speaker lined up who has authored several books including "Honoring Those Who Honor" a book about the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad.

The 2021 USSVI National Convention was held in Orlando FL. The reunion for the USS Hardhead SS-365 was one of 12 boat reunions that made plans to attend. One of the boats canceled at the last minute as did one half of the Hardhead crew that had planned to go. More than 500 submariners plus their guests attended the convention at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, a massive complex with all the amenities. The 2022 convention is set for Buffalo, NY and 2023 it will be in Tucson, AZ.

This year the float has had the best attendance since it was launched. Considering we have had short notices for the events, the problem we have this year is with the event organizers getting back to us in a timely manner so we are rushed into action. Thank you all for your support.

We have an opportunity to have a second float built for our recruiting events. This one will be funded by a foundation that wants to help us attract younger members. If you have been to any of our float events many viewers think our Minny Sub is a torpedo or a BOMB! This new float will make it clear to all what we are. The new float will be a WWII fleet boat complete with scopes, antennas, and deck guns. Because we are a 501-C3 we need more people to lend their names to the project so contact the Commander to get more information and give us a hand. This can be anyone, not just base members and it can be a small or large contribution. Plans are being made to make this float a little larger than our Minny with 6 swiveling seats. This float will not replace our Minny MSP. We hope it will be ready for next season.

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## BASE COMMANDERS CORNER CONT.

Members, we have a Parade on Saturday September 11th in Inver Grove Heights. The Parade starts at 11 AM, we are # 28 (in the middle and NOT behind any bands) at the corner of 80th Street and Cahill Avenue. (near the Middle/High School) Sorry for the short notice but we just got the confirmation. Let me know if you have any questions or if you can make it. 612-251-2260

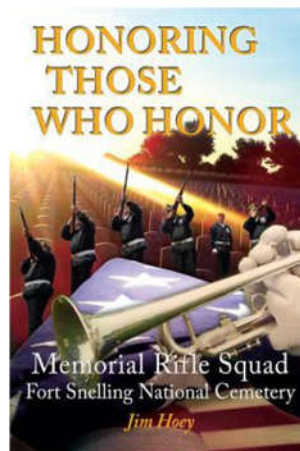
We have sent emails referring to this Parade in the hope that you have "penciled" this in on your individual Calendars.

I suggest that we assemble at Ken Tupper's house at 3679 94th Street East and proceed to the parade lineup area in a convoy. We should show up on time. However, there is parking at the line-up location.

Also we have the Prairie Festival in Otsego the next Saturday (September 18th). This is a static display and is from 10:00am—4:00pm. The location is Prairie Park 13355 90th Street NE. Otsego, MN 55330 with FREE parking. WE will set up on the fence line of the baseball field by the Fire Equipment, see you there!

We may be in the Anoka Grand Day Parade again on Saturday, Ocoober30th at 1:00pm. That has not been confirmed as of this printing so watch for more information to follow.

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# 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



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Shipmates,

“And the virus goes on. Who would have thought that we would be dealing with it this long”. These are the words that I wrote in the 2020 September/October Chaplain’s Corner article. Times are different than a year ago, but there should be as much concern about the health and safety for everyone now, as it was a year ago. We all need to do our part.

Let’s begin with a word of prayer.

*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.*

I am posting the Lost Boats list for September/October. Take a moment of silence for our departed shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

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 Ababarez 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 Flar (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 Paramushiro, 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.

Closing Prayer: *We pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will flow through all Submariners, and that the grace of God will renew them. Amen*

Joel Bergstrom, Base Chaplain

# FIRST ANNUAL MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL BASE THEATRE NIGHT

Our next event is at the Old Log Theater on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 12:00 lunch in a private dining room. The play starts at 2:00 pm. We will see **“The Play That Goes Wrong”**. It is a new comedy show which was a hit on Broadway.

## ABOUT THE SHOW:

*The Play That Goes Wrong* is being called “the funniest play that Broadway has ever seen” (The Huffington Post) and “A Gut-Busting Hit” (The New York Times). This classic murder mystery is chock-full of mishaps and madcap mania.

The show’s description: Welcome to opening night of *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can’t play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), its “comic gold” (Variety). Sure to bring the house down.

## SHOW INFORMATION:

**Sunday Matinee October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 at 2pm, with lunch before at noon.**  
Show is \$60.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

## DINING:

Meals consist of bread service and your choice of:

1. Beef Short Ribs
2. Chicken in cream sherry sauce
- 3 Vegetarian pasta

**Old Log Theatre address:** 5185 Meadville St. Excelsior, MN 55331

## RESERVATIONS:

This event will require early registration so contact **George St. Martin at 952.448.6249** to reserve your seats today, then mail him a check to arrive no later than Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. **No paying at the door for this event.** There will be an “early bird” drawing for those who get their order in by September 10<sup>th</sup>. Winners will get one free ticket. The more we have that sign up for the show the more winners we will have.

**Your cost again will be \$60.00 per person which will include show and lunch.**

**Please indicate your choice of entrée.**

**Make checks payable to: Minneapolis/ St. Paul Sub Vets (USSVI)**

**Mail checks to George St. Martin**

**9231 Audubon Road Chanhassen, MN 55317** (You may use registration form on next page)

**If you have questions, please contact: John Barnes at 612.869.6325 or  
George St. Martin 952.448.6249**

**(For more information about the play see the July/August DDN)**

## DINNER RESPONSE FORM

# THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice (Circle choice)

1. Beef Short Ribs
2. Chicken in cream Sherry Sauce
3. Vegetarian Pasta

Payment enclosed: (\$60.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Payment must be received in advance)

Mail to: George St. Martin  
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