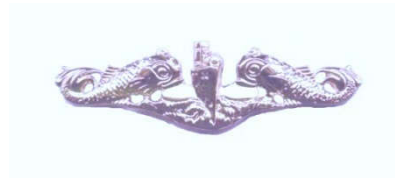


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Our USSVI Creed

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—January/February

USS S-26 (SS-131)	01/24/1942 - 46	USS E-2 Sturgeon (SS-25)	01/15/1916 - 4
USS Argonaut (SS-166) (V-4)	01/10/1943 - 105	USS Scorpion (SS-278)	01/05/1944 - 76
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
USS Trout (SS-202)	02/29/1944 - 81	USS Barbel (SS-316)	02/04/1945 - 81

OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS

JANUARY

Jack Fay 4th
Merle Wenthold 7th
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



SUPPORT YOUR MEDALLION PROJECT



Medallion



Vinyl Flag

The Medallion (pictured above) will be used to raise funds for the maintenance of the new Submarine Float currently being built. An order of 1000 Medallions should arrive before our Base February 5th meeting. Maintenance costs supported by the funds from the sale of the medallion, include float and trailer storage, insurance, and general upkeep. The Medallion Project proceeds will be used for other veteran causes. We also have 300 vinyl flags (pictured above) that will go with the Medallion to the first 300 medallion purchases. Both the medallion and vinyl flags have a 3M adhesive back.

We ask that our USSVI members and friends of the base buy a minimum of 10 medallions for \$9.99 each. They can then sell (or give) the medallions to veterans, friends, or family. Suggested locations for selling the medallions to veterans would be at your VSOs (Veterans Service Org, Am Legion, VFW, DAV or other veteran groups). A suggested use of the medallion would be on grave markers at private cemeteries to note the burial of a veteran that has served their country. Funeral homes have expressed interest to give the medallions to veteran's family survivors as a memorial gift.

Ken Tibesar has volunteered to Chair of the Medallion Project. **For any questions or for more medallions, call Ken at 651-263-0522.**

Ken Tibesar
Vice Commander

BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope everyone is doing well in this new year. Many things are shaping up for the Base. Our February meeting guest speakers have changed to April. We will need to find new board members in the following positions; DDN Editor, MAA, Chaplin, Librarian, Storekeeper, and Kaps For Kids. The Medallions should be here in time for the meeting. We will be taking in Plank Owner applications as well. Work is progressing on the new float.

In April we will be having a Submarine Weekend on the **2nd weekend**. On Saturday the 9th we have the annual Holland Club Breakfast then on Sunday we will do the 2nd National Submarine Day Tolling of the Boats at Fort Snelling National Cemetary followed by the Base meeting at David Fong's at noon. Plans are in the works for an outing to the Chippewa Vally Air Show in June.

I would like to know if you think we should go back to mailing out the DDN. I have noticed that since we went digital attendance is down at all events. Do you feel that it is easier to forget about events when the copy isn't laying on the counter? In my case, Mary would read it and remind me about all the events. If the Medallion Project does well it will cover the extra cost of printing and mailing.

We have openings to fill on the Executive Board.

All Base members on the Board have a vote at the E-Board meetings. From the by-laws, the MAA job opening is the only one with posted duties. The duties of the office of Master At Arms (MAA) shall include, but not be limited to locating and determining meeting locations and related business, and maintaining the good and order of the Organization, and serve on the Executive Board.

The board takes care of the where and when part of that statement for the MAA. The MAA makes sure that the site is reserved and the menu is set for each event and keeps track of who will be attending and any monies collected.

The following positions are appointments by the Base Commander,

These are self-explanatory and if you can help out in any way let me know. If you are interested talk to the current holders of the office.

DDN Editor Dottie Anderson

Chaplin, Joel Bergstrom

Librarian, Joel Bergstrom

Storekeeper, Please see me.

Having new members on the Board brings in new ideas and that is a good thing. Please join us in making the MSP Base of the USSVI better coming out of Covid.

John Barnes

Base Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Shipmates.

Please begin with a word of prayer:

Heavenly Father we thank you for our great country and for the freedom that we enjoy. We thank you for watching over us and seeing us through whatever perilous times we may have encountered as we endeavored to do our part to defend that freedom. Bless our leaders with your wisdom and guidance. Bless those members on our binnacle list and those who are troubled and bereaved. May they feel your healing strength and comfort as we remember them just now.

These mercies we ask of you. Amen

The following article is from “The National Geographic Magazine” November 1931:

“Forty years ago in this country the annual death rate from diphtheria was 115 out of every 100,000 persons. Last year fewer than six in 100,000 died from the disease. But while one may rejoice in the fact that the dreaded scourge of earlier days is now only one-twentieth as destructive as in years gone by, yet last year in this country there were nearly 7000 deaths from diphtheria, practically all of which could have been prevented by timely inoculation. A complete conquest of diphtheria has been blocked year after year by misinformed though well meaning objectors to inoculation. Progress has been further hampered by easy going optimistic folk who refuse to consider the possibility of tragedy.”

We lost an active member of our base Dec. 14th 2021. Lloyd Kornmann

Lloyd, “Korny” was born September 8th 1930. Lloyd was a veteran of the US Navy and a proud member of the USSVI Minneapolis-StPaul SubVets Base. Lloyd qualified on the USS Catfish (SS339) in 1950 and was an EN3(SS) when he was discharged. He also served on the AS-17, and SS-336. He was a graduate of Mankato State University and he pursued a life long career as an educator in the Roseville School District. Lloyd is survived by his wife Maxine of 62 years. Lloyd has a grandson who is a chief in the Navy serving on submarines.



January & February Lost Boats

February Meeting Boats lost in January and February				
Ships Name	Date Lost	Crew Lost		
1	USS E-2 Sturgeon (SS-25)	01/15/16	4	Four men lost 15 January 1916 from a hydrogen explosion while entering New York Harbor.
2	USS S-26 (SS-131)	01/24/42	46	Lost with forty six men on 24 January 1942 in the Gulf of Panama, 14 miles West of San Jose Light when USS PC-460 rammed it. 2 men survived
3	USS Shark (SS-174)	02/11/42	59	Lost with all hands (fifty nine men) on 11 February 1942 when it was sunk by surface craft East of Menado, Celebes Island as a result of one of three Japanese attacks.
4	USS Argonaut (SS-166)	01/10/43	105	Lost with all hands (one hundred and five men) on 10 January 1943 in Java Sea by Japanese surface attack
5	USS Amberjack (SS-219)	02/16/43	74	Lost with all hands (seventy four men) by Japanese aerial bombs and surface craft on 16 February 1943 off Rabaul in the Solomon Sea.
6	USS Scorpion (SS-278)	01/05/44	76	Lost with all hands (seventy six men) on 5 January 1944 by possible Japanese Mine in the Yellow Sea off China.
7	USS Grayback (SS-208)	02/27/44	80	Lost with all hands (eighty men) on 27 February 1944 during a Japanese Air and Surface attack off Okinawa
8	USS Trout (SS-202)	02/29/44	81	Lost with all hands (eighty one men) on 29 February 1944 during a Japanese Surface Attack in the Philippine Sea.
9	USS Swordfish (SS-193)	01/12/45	89	Lost with all hands (eighty nine men) by a possible Japanese surface attack or mine on 12 January 1945 off Okinawa
10	USS Barbel (SS-316)	02/04/45	81	Lost with all hands (eighty one men) on 4 February 1945 during a Japanese air attack off the entrance to Palawan Passage
A total of 695 men were lost on 10 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

*This Prayer was submitted by **Byrd Saville RDSS1(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 pursuethem 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. **Amen***

Joel Bergstrom, Base Chaplain

HOW THE LANDLOCKED STATE OF NEBRASKA GOT ITS OWN NAVY

By Sarah Sicard

In 1930, Nebraska Gov. Charles Bryan decided to take a little vacation, and while he was gone, he left Lt. Gov. T.W. Metcalfe in charge of the state. The power went straight to his head, and thus the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska was founded as a way for Metcalfe to appoint his friends as admirals. He did this even though — you might notice through the simple act of glancing at a map — Nebraska has absolutely no ocean access. In fact, it is the only state in the entire country that is triply landlocked.

Despite the lack of necessity for standing maritime security forces, the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska continues on, and it has become tradition for admiralships to be bestowed on notable Nebraskans.

Ultimately, those who have the title of admiral in the Nebraska Navy conferred upon them have absolutely no military authority whatsoever. The title is purely symbolic, similar to the Kentucky Colonels and the Rhode Island Commodores.

An application for any Cornhusker seeking this, the most highfalutin of titles, is available on the Nebraska gubernatorial website stating, “Admirals in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska are individuals who have contributed in some way to the state, promote the Good Life in Nebraska, and warrant recognition as determined by the Governor.”

One of the tenets of the organization includes continuing efforts to have U.S. Navy ships named after Nebraska, its people and places, of which there have been more than 40 so far.

When appointed, admirals are given a certificate from the governor that reads, “And I do strictly charge and require all officers, seamen, tadpoles and goldfish under your command to be obedient to your orders as Admiral — and you are to observe and follow, from time to time, such directions as you shall receive, according to the rules and discipline of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.”

According to the Nebraska Admirals Association’s webpage upwards of a hundred thousand admirals have been appointed since 1903. Some of its most esteemed members include Bill Murray, Bing Crosby, Bill Gates, and former Gambian dictator Yahya Jammeh who seemingly slipped through vetting process.

It is believed, though record-keeping for Great Navy of the State of Nebraska has been inconsistent throughout, many have never heard of this illustrious cadre of midwestern men. “Many Nebraskans and visitors to our state have not heard of our Navy,” the Nebraska Admirals Association wrote. “They have not heard of the waves of prairie schooners that at one time plied our plains under which lies our real wealth — Nebraska’s under-ground sea.” Sounds corny, but what do you expect? It’s Nebraska. At its history, that 28-year-old Cody Uhing is the youngest Nebraskan to hold this admiralty.



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6 RESERVATION FORM

Social Hour 12:00 Noon Lunch 1:00pm

The February meeting will be held on February 5, 2020 at David Fong's Restaurant; 9329 **Lyndale Ave. South, Bloomington, MN. Phone: 952-888-9294**, (we will have more room and a different layout). Plan to come enjoy the afternoon with your fellow boat sailors. Wives and friends are always welcome. This is a fun and interesting meeting. A donation to the 50/50 drawing would be appreciated.

Meal selections this month will be a choice of four entrees, 8oz Luncheon Steak, Broiled White Fish, Chicken Chow Mein, or Beef with Vegetables at the prices shown on the Reservation Request. Steak orders will be cooked to medium unless specified otherwise. All entries will include either tea or coffee.

Meal Selections and payment should be done by mail. This procedure has proven to be workable and will continue to be the preferred way of ordering meals as it has simplified the check-in process. A clip-out form is provided for your use. **Please indicate your meal selection, make the check payable to USSVI or SubVets, and mail the information to the base Master at Arms George St. Martin at least one week before the meeting.**

Dinner reservations are required and non-refundable unless we can sell them at the door if a walk-in appears. So, if you plan to attend please confirm by using the form below.

Meal Order Form

The listed prices include all costs: Food, taxes, service charges, and gratuity

Please order, for me, the following meals:

- 8oz Luncheon Steak, Potato, and Vegetable @ \$18.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
- Broiled White Fish, Potato, and Vegetable @ \$18.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
- Chicken Chow Mein, Egg Roll, and Fried Rice @ \$18.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
- Beef with Vegetables, Egg Roll, and Fried Rice @ \$18.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
- **Grand Total.....Total \$ _____**

Attendee's Names: _____

Guests: _____

If you would like a Confirmation By Phone please add your Phone Number _____

Mail to: **George St. Martin**
9231 Audubon Road
Chanhassen, MN 55317

