

THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

September/October 2022



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 toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

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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Our Birthday Guys!!

September

Al Einberger 1st
Wayne Helgeson 1st
Jon Blomberg 6th
Jim Chenvert 6th
Lloyd Kornmann 8th
Keith Larson 14th
Dale Dickhausen 16th
Gary Smith 22nd
Jim Olsen 26th
John Eldridge 27th
Eric Higgins 27th

October

Ken Dallman 2nd
Ken Beadell 9th
John Barnes 15th
John Hagen 20th
Bill Crosier 23rd
Mike Champion 25th
Dave Ratte 29th
Dale Lueck 30th

Happy Birthday Guys!!!!!!

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<https://www.ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund.html>

The US Submarine Veterans' Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund

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A hearty welcome aboard to our newest members.

Bryan Bluske

Mike Bocchino

Gil Dignen

Stephen Erickson

Sam Hobbs

Dan Ingram

Tim Martinson

Austin Moen

Dayton Nelson

Richard Pearson

Bill Ruiz

Brett Thomson

Brent Thomton

Jason Todeff

Patrick Van Kampen

Bryace Vogt

Tom Weiler

Lee Scott Wiberg

Richard Wirkkala

Commanders Corner

We have had a great year in recruiting and fundraising. Many days were spent with the floats at static displays spreading the word about our base. We have a new Recruiting Officer Bill Benzick who has met with many sub sailors that have joined. We have raised funds with the Medallion program. To date, we have received donations (see treasurer's report) for 80% of the Medallions and are planning on reordering soon.

With all that success we need your assistance in making the base better. We need members old and new to fill the vacant positions on the board now and for the next term. At this time we need members for the MAA (Master at Arms), COB, Ships Storekeeper, and Kaps For Kids positions. We will need a new Vice Commander to take office in April.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 3rd** to come to the **annual meeting/Christmas party** at the **VFW Post 5555** located at 67th and Lyndale Ave South. The set-up crew will be there at 11:00 and Happy Hour running until 12:30. Lunch will be a buffet with Roast Beef and Chicken, Mashed and Al gratin potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, and non-alcoholic beverages. The VFW will need a head count so contact me before Nov. 30th so they make enough food. The cost is \$25.00 which covers food, non-alcohol beverage, tax, and gratitude. Pay at the door.

USSVI Msp/Stp Base E-board Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2022

Attendees:

John Barnes, Joel Bergstrom, Marcus Benjamin, Steve Marques, Jack Fay, Ken Tibesar

Financial Report

Jack Fay provided the following:

1. **The base now has an active VENMO account and recommends using this feature.** This is a very easy way (no charge) to transfer funds between other members that use Venmo. It can be used as a quick, secure, and transparent way to pay your USSVI dues, donate, transfer money to your family or friends, etc. IF USING VENMO, PLEASE LEAVE A NOTE ON THE PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS TRANSFER.
2. **Dues** are in season again. If National Dues are NOT PAID before Dec 31st, you will be dropped from the National Members List. Jack asks that you pay at or before the Christmas meeting/party on December 1st, 2022. You may use Venmo (use **@USSVIMSP** in the TO box), send a check, or pay cash for your dues. If you need information on the status of your payment of dues, please ask Jack Fay or the Secretary, Dave Harms. Some of you do pay several years at a time, so please check with us.

3. National Dues:

Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 115.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 70.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 25.00;

(Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 30.00

Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00

DUES FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONEL ARE COMPLIMENTARY FOR FIRST YEAR

Base

Dues are flat at \$15.00 per year

4. Current Financials

USSVI MSP Base Financial Summary	10/27/22
General Operating Fund	\$2,697.23
Kaps 4 Kids Fund	\$2,639.39
Medallion Sales/Donations Fund	\$6,187.00
Total	\$11,523.62

Procedures for adding New Recruits

We have added several new recruits this year and need a well-established procedure to ensure our efforts are followed through with recruits joining as full members. Information on each new member needs to be shared with everyone involved with the process. Ken Tibesar (Vice) will work with Bill Benzick (recruiting), Jack Fay (finance), and Dave Harms (secretary) to create detailed steps for the addition of the new members to our Base.

Submarine Sail at Camp Ripley Museum

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Submarine Sail has a new home at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, Mn. The *Minnesota Historical Society Museum* at Ripley plans to expand its museum, currently located on the base, outside the gates on a 32-acre strip of land. The construction price tag, including all indoor and outdoor elements, is an estimated \$16 million.

In the Spring of 2023, work will begin on preparing the Minneapolis/St. Paul submarine sail for the museum. We are invited to attend a *Meet-And-Greet* on the last weekend in May 2023. They will be [looking for volunteers](#) to assist with preparing the sail, with no dates set at this time. More information to follow.

Float Information

For 2023 there are some plans made for participation in parades and static events. With the focus on adding new members, it has been decided that there is not a lot of value in parade participation ONLY. A static event (booth, meet and greet at a local VFW or Am Legion, etc.) following the parade is necessary to meet potential new members and "sell" them on signing up as a new Base member.

Kaps for Kids

As you will notice from the Finance Report above, there are a lot of funds for this program. We typically visit Kids at hospital cancer units. The COVID visitation restrictions prevented our activities. We should be over the COVID restrictions by now and be allowed to visit again.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO COORDINATE THIS ACTIVITY. If you are interested or have questions, please get in touch with Steve Marques.

DDN

Marcus Benjamin has taken responsibility for publishing the next DDN. Thanks to Marcus for stepping up to take on this task. Marcus is a new associate member of the base. Contact Marcus at markymac99@mac.com if you have any articles or information to add.

Base Openings for 2023

The following Base positions need to be filled for 2023. The election to take place in April 2023.

1. KAPS for KIDS
2. COB
3. Vice Commander
4. Secretary

Christmas Party 2022

The annual USSVI Msp/Stp Base Christmas Party will occur on Saturday, December 3rd at the Richfield VFW. Lunch will be a buffet with Roast Beef and Chicken, Mashed and Al gratin potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost is \$25.00 which covers food, non-alcohol beverage, tax, and gratitude. Pay at the door.

Base Library

Joel Bergstrom has several books owned by the Base. These books will be brought to future base meetings and provided as a 50/50 drawing choice.

National to Expand Training Scholarships

USSVI National and US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation:

From our USSVI Charitable Fund:

Announcing the 2023 – 24 Submarine Veterans Scholarship

The United States Submarine Veterans Inc. and the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation have sponsored educational scholarships for nearly 4 decades. These scholarships, given to submarine veterans and their families, have had a huge impact on their continuing education.

The program has expanded eligibility this year. **This expansion includes vocational training, trade schools, and apprenticeships for submarine veterans, their children, and grandchildren.** The application period for the next academic year is open now.

Interested individuals can visit the link below to view information about eligibility and the application process.

Application - United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. (ussvcf.org)

Anyone interested in helping to further this program with a tax-deductible donation is encouraged to visit the USSV Charitable Foundation website: www.ussvcf.org

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Check out our website at: WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM

USS Minneapolis/Saint Paul SSN708 saved!

Well, pieces of it anyway. The sail was cut into two pieces, the top piece alone weights 38,500 pounds! Each piece (4 total) was carefully placed on its own poured concrete slab and shimmed to sit without any wobble.

We were invited to view the SSN 708 Sail and Rudder after it arrived from the Ship Recycling center (SRP) located at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton Washington. Randall Dietrich, Executive director of the Military Museum and Curator Doug Thompson greeted us and showed us around. Many issues were discussed, including where it will be displayed. They are asking for Volunteers to help get this project going. Every trade is needed, welders, Fabricators, Labor, etc. If you or anyone you know that can help, please contact Randall at rdietrich@mnmilitarymuseum.org

They have a special display day the last Saturday of each summer month. We are invited to display our Models and promote our group the last Saturday in May 2023







Left to Right, Ken Tupper, Steve Marquis, John Barnes
Photo 9.6.2022 - Marcus Benjamin

Chaplains 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.

Joel Bergstrom - Base Chaplain

October Meeting Boats lost during September and October

	Ships Name	Date Lost	Crew Lost	
1	USS O-5 (SS-86)	10/29/23	3	Lost 29 October 1923 with three men when sunk after collision with SS Abalgarez off the Panama Canal. Torpedoman's 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 Tables 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 Mantangule Island. Eight men survived and were later rescued by USS REDFIN (SS 272)
7	USS S-44 (SS-155) i 59	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.



Photo of the Day

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