

THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

January/February 2023



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.

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.

Happy Birthday, Members!!

January

First Name

Dottie Anderson	
Martin Gore	
Bob Reidy	
Jack Fay	4 th
William Benzick	10 th
Gerald Baker	13 th
Mark Anderson	23 rd
George St. Martin	27 th
Kenneth Kauffman	29 th

February

First Name

Matthew Ackerman	2 nd
Larry Lutgens	7 th
Bryan Schultz	14 th
Douglas Kirks	20 th

Happy Birthday Guys and Gals!!!!

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

The US Submarine Veterans' Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund

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

A hearty welcome aboard to our newest members.

No New Members added this period.

USSVI Msp/Stp Base E-board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2023

Attendees:

John Barnes, Marcus Benjamin, Bill Benzick, Joel Bergstrom, Jack Fay, David Harms, Tim Martinson, Tom Pepin, and Ken Tibesar.

No meeting notes were recorded.

Tim Martinson was confirmed as the new MAA.

Tom Pepin was confirmed as the new COB.

Bill Benzick was confirmed as the new Recruiting Officer.

Check out our website at: WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM

Commander's Corner

Expect content in the next, Mar-Apr DDN.

John Barnes
Base Commander
612-251-2260

After Action Report

No notable events occurred during this abbreviated period.

Binnacle List

Steve Lowrie – Rochester

In this standalone section, if you would like to add content here, please contact either, Joel Bergstrom, or Marcus Benjamin with the content you want added. See Joels note below in the Chaplains Corner.

Chaplains Corner

Greetings Shipmates,

Let's 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.

These mercies we ask of you. Amen.

As we progress through winter here in Minnesota, I hope everyone is surviving okay. A friend of mine once commented, "you know you're only one fall away and it's a life changing event." Be careful out there.

At our Board meeting, we talked about having someone to contact members who may be on the Binnacle List or just checking in with members. I said, as the Chaplain, I would try to do that. So, I'm asking members to contact me with any information that would help.

My email address is bergieja@usfamily.net, or call my cell 651-500-1676. Thanks for your help.
Joel

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
<p align="center">A total of 695 men were lost on 10 boats</p>				<p>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.</p>

Closing Prayer.

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

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

Regional Scuttlebutt

We will be going to the St. Cloud Granite VFW Post 428 on March 4th for an MSP Base Regional Scuttlebutt. Get together with fellow submariners and share stories about some of your life experiences in submarines. Bar type food and libations will be available to purchase on-site.

Time: Muster at 1pm

Address: 9 18th Avenue N, St. Cloud. MN 56301

VFW Phone #: 320-251-9951

For questions (MSP Base Contact): John Hlavac, (320) 492-6354

We hope to get some free press up there by announcing it as a Submarine Reunion.

Skippy the Yeoman

Our summer plans are progressing well. Both of the Boats are currently participating in ICEX. That is significant as no Gato/Balao was ever allowed under the Ice. (That does not mean that it never happened, as it never happened)

The Car show in Shakopee is starting to come together. We will not be attending the Twin Cities Auto show this year as both boats will still be under the Ice.

Our initial event this summer is Tuesday April 11th. This is **National Submarine Day**. We will gather at the WWII Submarine Memorial Granite monument on the Avenue of Flags. At Ft Snelling National Cemetery. The ceremony commences at 1100. This celebrates the purchase of the USS Holland, the first modern commissioned submarine.

We are thinking of entering the Grand Day Parade in St Paul, which has been postponed for a few years now. We appreciate any thoughts before we commit to plans to bring any of the Base floats.

Photo # NH 53449 Submarine Holland hauled out at Greenpoint, Long Island, 1899



In May, we have the **Woodbury Memorial Day Memorial service** on Wed May 31 (Memorial Day) at 1100.

We are working with the Camp Ripley Museum for a display the Saturday, May 27th. June is the Lake City Parade and Display at the VFW.

July has us at the AirExpo (Wings of the North) July 23/24. And Little Log House on July 29-31 in Hastings at the Bauer Farm.

We will provide detailed information about these events as they become available. Please start marking your calendars to be available in support of our organization.

Shipmates

You are invited to attend the 3rd annual National Submarine Day at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on April 11th, 2023, at 1100. The 52 Submarines lost during WWII, the boats lost in peacetime, including the USS Thresher SSN 593 and USS Scorpion SSN 589 will be Given Tolling Honors. This is a reverent event, with some special invited guests this year.

Float and Static Display Opportunities

We are in the process of forming an association with the Mobile Construction Battalion MCB (Seabees X2 Island) for the mutual benefit of both groups. In anticipation of this affiliation, our membership has been invited to their **Midwest Seabee Ball** on March 4, 2023 in Bloomington.

The informational flyer is below.

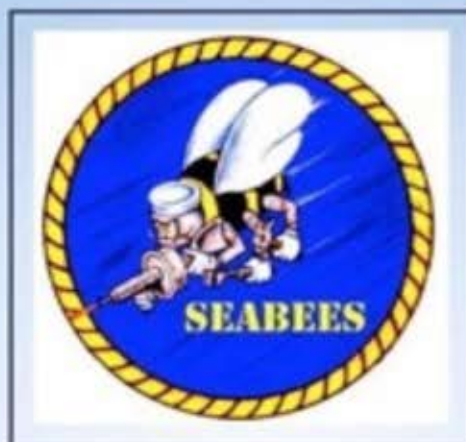
Please feel free to attend if you wish.

**Remember, please contact them as soon as you can if you are interested.
Contact info in photo below.**

MIDWEST SEABEE BALL

MARCH 4, 2023

Hosted in Minneapolis at the
HILTON – BLOOMINGTON (I-494 & France AVE)



E1 – E4	\$35	5:30 pm - 7 pm	Social Hour
E5 – E6	\$50	7 pm - 9 pm	Dinner and Program
E7 – O3	\$70	9 pm - 12 am	DJ and Dancing
O4 and above	\$80		
Civilians	\$50		

(Spouses / Guests pay the same as the military member)

WWII and Korea Veterans are FREE - contact us to get your free ticket

****If you purchase tickets before January 1, 2023, you will receive a \$5 discount per ticket****

*******Deadline for purchasing tickets is Tuesday, February 28, 2023*******

FOR TICKETS: <https://tinyurl.com/3r627zby>

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Call 844-856-8554 (Group Name: SEABEE)

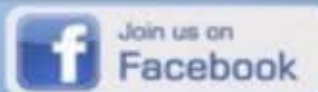
Block of rooms \$99 / night – Price is good for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights

*******Deadline for block of rooms price is Wednesday, February 1, 2023*******

HOTEL ADDRESS: 3900 American BLVD W
Bloomington, MN 55437

EMAIL QUESTIONS: MidwestSeabeeBall@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: Midwest Seabee Ball



Member Submissions

Deb Corse Steinke sent this to me and mentioned it was a hit at the October meeting. Well here you go everyone, enjoy.

<https://www.christmas-cookies.com/recipes/drop-cookie-recipes/minnesota-munchers/>

Submariners on the Internet

I began listening to these guys in 2022 and found them quite interesting. They have some pretty informative, funny, and whatever other adjective you can use for submariners chatting with each other, stories.

<https://thesubvet.com>

Podcast directory link → <https://thesubvet.com/?blogcategory=Podcast>

iTunes/Apple Podcast direct link → <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-sub-vet-podcast/id1598195338>

I even bought this book, because that's the SSBN Program I've been on since Nov 2010.

<https://thesubvet.com/welcome-to-tsv/f/ohio-class-ssbn-ssgn>

Marcus Benjamin – DDN Editor

Photo of the Day



Coming soon to a Fleet near you!

United States Submarine Veterans

Minneapolis/St Paul Base



Pride Runs Deep



U.S. Submarine Force