

THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

November/December 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.

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.

Our Birthday Guys!!

November

Robert T Rueckert 9th

Jack Deschene 16th

Dale Clark 18th

Darold C Anderson 24th

John P Amtower 24th

Steven A Galewski 25th

John D McVay 29th

December

Gerold T Davey 4th

Richard C Holtz 5th

Ernie Kertzsch 14th

John Hlavac 31st

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.

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.

Check out our website at: WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM

Commander's Corner

Happy New Year everyone. The Base had a good year with successful events and the recruitment of new members. Our plan is to continue this success into next year.

Now is that time of year under our bylaws to nominate and elect Base Officers. The Executive Board (E-Board) consists of the Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief of the Boat (COB), and Master at Arms (MAA). All positions are up for election and will be elected at the April Base Meeting. In addition, we have four appointed positions, Kaps 4 Kids, Chaplin, Recruiting Officer, and Storekeeper which are Commander appointments with the approval of the E-Board. Should any member be willing to occupy any of these jobs, please notify the Commander. All E-Board members except for the Vice-Commander have stated that they plan to re-run for another year. Therefore, the Vice-Commander's position is open for any regular Base member in good standing. Please consider this position. David Harms – Secretary, Jack Fay - Treasurer, and Joel Bergstrom – Chaplin, are seeking an assistant who can learn the function and become their replacement in the future. These positions are up for nomination and may have multiple candidates on the Ballot. The success of the Base relies on having a vibrant and competent E-Board. If you wish to be on the Ballot, please notify the Commander or the nominating committee during the February meeting. Currently, we have two members working the remainder of this year in empty positions. Tim Martinson – MAA and Tom Pepin (COB).

The February 4th meeting will be at VFW Post 5555, 6715 Lake Shore Drive S. Richfield, MN. Please arrive early to assist with the meeting set-up at 11:00. Happy Half-Hour at 11:15, with the meeting at 11:45 to 12:30, when lunch is served. The lunch is an Italian buffet with Spaghetti, bread & salad. \$15.00 includes lunch, soft beverages, and gratuity, paid at the door. As always, we need a count for the VFW kitchen staff. Contact Tim Martinson at martinsonti@gmail.com or 860-734-6957 and let him know that you are coming and if you are bringing any guests.

Please bring items for the 50/50 drawing.

The April Holland Club Breakfast and the Business meeting will be held on the 21st and 22nd of April respectively to allow our out-of-town members to attend and vote. This is tentative because we do not have confirmation (at the time of this writing) from the post in North St. Paul where we meet for the Holland Club Breakfast.

We are looking for ideas for the June Base outing. Please send me any suggestions you have. jbblastit@gmail.com.

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John Barnes
Base Commander
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After Action Report

Saturday January 7, 2023 Three Submariners attended the Visitation and Funeral of a deceased Korean Conflict Submarine Torpedoman Kermit H. Dietrich in Delano Minnesota. They represented the MSP 708 Base and All Submariners past and present. They were honored to respect a Bubblehead who went on Eternal Patrol December 24, 2022.

The family of TM Dietrich were appreciative and welcoming. The representatives reported that these events, while sad, are very fulfilling. We are all United States Submariners!

Whether currently Active, Retired, Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran, we all were and some still are members of the elite underseas fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing, challenging training and we proved our mettle when we earned the coveted designation "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES". Whether your dolphins are gold or silver, there is no expiration date on the back of that precious pin.

Chaplains Corner

November/December 2022

Greetings Shipmates,

As you know, the season has changed overnight, and winter is coming. With that, the holidays are soon coming. For us who are still surviving, it's time to give thanks for all that we have. We give thanks for all those who have served and are still serving on United States Submarines. May all of your days and especially the Holidays be joyful. Keep the faith, forgive others who have wronged you, and do good whenever you can.

In October our base lost a longtime member, Phil Johnson. Phil went on final Patrol October 12, 2022. Phil served on submarines during his 20 plus years in the Navy. He lived in Anoka and was an active member of the Anoka Legion Post. Sailor, rest your oars.

At the October meeting, Rose Ann and I had the privilege of sitting with John and Ann Selleck We had a great time always kidding and laughing. A week or two later, Ann passed away. It's hard to believe. Ann became an RN in 1965, married her high school John Selleck that same year. It reminds me of a verse that I read a while ago. "A perfect marriage is just two imperfect people who always refuse to give up on one another." We will miss Ann forever.

I hope to see everyone at the December meeting/Christmas Party. Remember to bring a treat to share and an item for the 50/50 drawing.

For those who will not be at the December meeting, I'm enclosing the opening prayer and the Lost Boat list for you to read.

Lost Boats – November-December

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| USS Corvina (SS-226) | 11/16/1943 - 82 | USS Sculpin (SS-191) | 11/19/1943 - 63 |
| USS Albacore (SS-218) | 11/07/1944 - 86 | USS Growler (SS-215) | 11/08/1944 - 85 |
| USS Scamp (SS-277) | 11/16/1944 - 83 | USS F-1 (SS-20) (Carp) | 12/17/1917 - 19 |
| USS S-4 (SS-109) (Snapper) | 12/17/1927 - 38 | USS Sealion (SS-195) | 12/10/1941 - 4 |
| USS Capelin (SS-289) | 12/02/1943 - 78 | | |

Good and gracious God, please bless all of our Submariners and their families throughout the world. Please make this a joyous time of the year for everyone. This joyous time of the year is celebrated by the Jewish Faith with their Holy Days of observance. It is the time of year we remember that a child was born, called Jesus of Nazareth. His teachings here one earth created the world of Christianity, a religion embraced by many. It is also a time of giving from the heart, especially to those less fortunate our ourselves. Let the holiday season bring happiness and good will to all, both now and in the years to come. These we ask of you,
Amen

Closing Prayer

God be in our head, and in our understanding
God be in our eyes, and in our looking
God be in our mouth, and our speaking
God be in our hearts, and in our thinking
God be at our end, and our departing

Amen

Joel Bergstrom - Base Chaplain

Regional scuttlebutt

Base member John Hlavac is hosting the first RS of 2023 up north somewhere around the St. Cloud area on Saturday, March 4th around noon.

He is looking for a watering hole in that area where a bunch of Sub Sailors and their guest can gather to swap sea stories and have a nice lunch. We hope to get some free press up there by announcing it as a Submarine Reunion.

Please watch over your emails from MSP USSVI for more details or contact me.

John Barnes
Base Commander
612-251-2260

Skippy the Yeoman

Happy New Year! I am starting to get our 2023 Float Calendar together. Our very first event will be our 3rd annual **National Submarine Day**, Tuesday April 11th at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. We will have a reverent celebration with special guests.

In May, we have a Car Show with the Shakopee American Legion and we may be at the Auto Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The **Woodbury Memorial Day Memorial service** is on Wed May 31 (Memorial Day) at 1100. We also have the Camp Ripley Public awareness day on Saturday May 27th. June is the Wings of the North and the Lake City Parade and Display at the VFW. Both are worthwhile events

As usual, 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. The events in BOLD are currently booked.

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.

Possible Float and Static Display Attendance

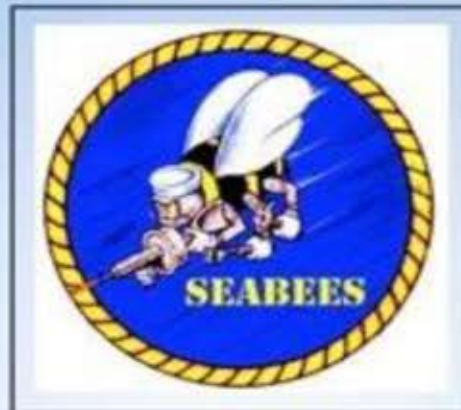
We are in the process of forming an association with the Mobile Construction Battalion MCB (Seabees X2 Island) for the mutual benefit of both groups. They have a similar dilemma of recruiting and staffing their events. In anticipation of this affiliation, our membership has been invited to their **Midwest Seabee Ball** on March 4, 2023 in Bloomington. The informational flyer is below. Please feel free to attend if you wish.

~Contribution by Ken Tupper~ Saturday Jan 14th

MIDWEST SEABEE BALL

MARCH 4, 2023

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



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|--------------|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 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)

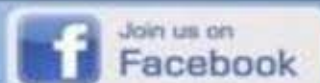
Block of rooms \$99 / night – Price is good for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights

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

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Submariners on the Internet

Jack received a letter from Mr. Ratte. He is a former CO of SSN 708 and former CO of the Gopher ROTC program in his last few years before retirement. He has always been a supporter of our base. His wife has this blog chronicling their adventures, please take a look.

<https://kdseefari.com/blog/>



Photo of the Day



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