

THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

March/April 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.

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Happy Birthday, Members!!

March

Donald Scott	March 9
Stephen Marquis	March 12
John Johnson	March 15
Patrick Rowan	March 17
Kenneth Tibesar	March 27
Gregory Cotton	March 30

April

Jack Gabler	April 1
Thomas Bullinger	April 7
Todd Holmes	April 8
Thomas Wilcox	April 8
Kenneth Schultz	April 13
Merlin Larsen	April 14
Brad Gawboy	April 23
Dale Steinke	April 29

Happy Birthday Guys and Gals!!!!

Commander's Corner

Spring has sprung even if the temperature and snow banks outside don't indicate it is here. We need a few more sunny days and we can bring the Minnie 708 and the Billfish out from the deep freeze to prepare them for another year's events. Please mark your Calendars and plan to join us for the following Base events between now and June.

1. The first float appearance is on April, 11th at Fort Snelling National Cemetery for National Submarine Day at 10:30 AM.
2. On Friday, April 21st we will hold our annual Holland Club/Commodores free breakfast at North St. Paul VFW Post 1350 at 10:00 AM (see below).
3. Saturday, April 22nd we have our Annual Business Meeting for the election of officers and possible by-changes (see below). You will have 5 choices for lunch so you will have to contact Tim Martinson with your choice of meal (see below). The meeting is at VFW post 5555 at 67th and Lyndale in Richfield, at 11:00.
4. The floats set sail again on May 27th early going up to Camp Ripley in Little Falls. This will be our June outing to kick off our association with the Museum and the restoration of the real Minneapolis/St. Paul 708 sail, rudder, and planes. See their museum and what the parts look like before the work begins. Then we will head out the main gate to the Main Gate Bar & Grill for food and sea stories.
5. Both floats will be at Woodbury's Memorial Day Celebration at 11:00 AM (see Skippy the Yeoman below).

We may have two guests at the meeting. District Commander David Farran may attend if he recovers from surgery by then and Brooks Berg, Navy Veteran & SSN-708 Restoration Team Leader will let us know about what's happening up at Camp Ripley.

John Barnes
Base Commander
612-251-2260

BASE BY-LAW CHANGES

It was brought to our attention that we have held our Annual Base Meetings (ABM) in April for the last six years because in 2016 the E-board voted to change the base by-laws and the base ratified them to move the ABM from June to April so we can use the June date for a summer outing, (3 boat cruises, a trip to the Old Log Theater, and an Air Expo in Wisconsin). That E-board neglected to forward them to the District Commander. This year's meeting has been set for months.

On Saturday the 11th, of March, our E-board met via Zoom and approved the changes you see below. For the sake of getting them up to date in time for this next ABM, we sent them to David Farran to look over these changes to see that they don't clash with National by-laws (see his response below). The rest of the Constitution and By-laws will be looked at after the elections.

From our copy of the by-laws from 2010

ARTICLE III (2010) Meetings

2010 By-laws has no section: 2

ARTICLE III (proposed)2023 Meetings

Add a section 2.

Section 2: The Annual Base Meeting (ABM) normally will be held in April of any given year. This shall be when the Election of Officers is held.

ARTICLE IV (2010) Election of Officers

Section 2: A nominating committee of three (3) members in good standing shall be appointed by the Base Commander during the month of April. The committee will present a slate of prospective officers at the regular annual meeting in the month of June. Further nominations can be accepted from the floor before the election is to take place.

Section 3: The term of office for the elected officer shall be one (1) year, commencing after the election at the Annual June Meeting.

ARTICLE IV (proposed)2023 Election of Officers

Section 2: If there is not a full slate of candidates for office, a nominating committee of three (3) members in good standing shall be appointed by the Base Commander. That committee shall present a slate of officers at the regular annual base meeting (ABM). Nominations from the floor can be accepted before the election is to take place.

Section 3: The term of office for the elected officer shall be one (1) year, commencing after the election at the Annual Base Meeting (ABM).

All we are doing is setting the month of the ABM in one area of the by-laws. This is what they voted to do in 2016 and the base ratified them.

Thank you for your help. Please call me with any questions to speed this process up.

John Barnes
Base Commander
612-251-2260

FROM DAVID FARRAN

John Barnes
Commander
Minneapolis / St Paul Base
John:

I have reviewed the proposed change to your bylaws in Article IV, Section 2. I see no conflict with any USSVI National policies or procedures. If the base votes affirmatively on this issue, I will approve the change.

David L Farran
Central Region District 3 Commander

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A hearty welcome aboard to our newest members.

Ken Tupper	Greg Nadeau	Tom Batdorff
Derrick Bush	Dennis Potvin	Logan Schulze
Ron Fuller	John Woolery	Bryce Vogt

USSVI Msp/Stp Base E-board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2023 via Zoom Web Chat

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

The meeting was called to order by Base Commander John Barnes.

Ken Tibesar made a motion that the annual election be held this year on April 22, 2023 so that Bill Benzick a Base Commander candidate could attend, but that the board take action and have it recorded that there is a bi-law change prior to the next year. 2nd by Marcus Benjamin, the motion passed unanimously. Bi-laws need to be updated, then presented to Regional Commander.

Ken Tibesar made a motion that himself, Marcus Benjamin be election judges and a 3rd person if necessary, the motion was seconded by Jack Fay and the vote was unanimous. It is suggested that completed ballots be sent to the Base E-mail address. mspussvi@gmail.com on a Special Basis for April 22, 2023 VOTING ONLY, as the Base Email is not a monitored system.

2nd Half Summer events - It was suggested that the base work with Camp Ripley Museum for photo op and get together.

#4 By-laws committee will be Tom Pepin, volunteered, Ken TIBESAR, and George St. Martin.

Tom Pepin made a motion to keep the meeting where it is at now, the Richfield VFW Post 5555.

Next meeting will be in October, so there will be 4 2023 meetings at the VFW.

Budget Committee - Jack Fay volunteered and Ken TIBESAR volunteered, Tom Pepin volunteered.

Check out our website at: WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM

Holland Club/Commodore's Breakfast

This year's Holland Club/Commodore's Breakfast was moved to the 3rd weekend to be the day before the Annual Base Meeting. We will be inducting 7 members into the Holland Club that have reached the 50th anniversary of being Qualified in Submarines and 11 into the Commodore's Club. This is a free event open to all members and guests. We need to know who's coming so George St. Martin, and his great crew know how much food to prepare.

Place VFW Post 1350
2483 7th Ave E
North St. Paul, MN 55109

When
Friday, April 21st
Doors open at 9 AM
Breakfast at 10:00 AM

Menu
Old-fashioned SOS on Toast
Baked Beans
Hard Boiled Eggs
Fresh Fruit
Coffee, Juice, and Milk

Contact Tim Martinson Base MAA by **April 14th** and let him know how many you are bringing. 860-734-6957 or martinsonti@gmail.com

HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTEES

Tom J. Pepin
Dan V. Monson
David E. Anderson
Brent Thomton
John Woolery
Ronald Bruce Fuller
Dan Selken

COMMODORE'S CLUB INDUCTEES

Greg Nadeau
Brent Tompton
Robert Wagner
Ken Dallman
Jack Deshane
John McVay
Ron Fuller
John Woolery
Ken Tupper
Ken Tibesar
Stephen L Christenson

If we missed anyone, please contact me immediately.

John Barnes
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Meal Selections and instructions for 22 April, 2023

MSP Base Meeting

Meeting Starts at 11:00am, Lunch at 1:00pm

The April meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Fred Babcock VFW Post 5555, 6715 Lake Shore Dr S, Richfield, MN, Phone: (612) 869-5555.

Meal selections this month will be a choice of five entrees, Liver & Onions, Canadian Walleye, Chicken Stir Fry, Beef Stroganoff or, Top Sirloin. The prices are shown on the Reservation form below. Water, Tea and Coffee will be provided. Meal Selections may be phoned in, texted or e-mailed to the Base Master at Arms, Tim Martinson. Payment will be taken at the meeting. Place your order information to the base Master at Arms no later than Wednesday April ,19th before the meeting.

Meal Order Selections:

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

Note: When placing your meal order please:

- Provide the number of each selection
- Make your sides selections for each entree i.e., Potato (Mashed, Hash Browns or French fries), and Cole Slaw or Hot Vegetable
- Call Tim Martinson with your questions

1. 6oz Top Sirloin Steak, Potato (Mashed, Hash Browns or French fries), and Cole Slaw or Hot Vegetable @ \$15.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
2. Broiled Canadian Walleye, Potato (Mashed, Hash Browns or French fries), and Cole Slaw or Hot Vegetable @ \$20.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
3. Chicken Stir Fry, over white rice and Cole Slaw or Hot Vegetable @ \$15.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
4. Beef Stroganoff over egg noodles and Cole Slaw or Hot Vegetable @ \$15.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____
5. Liver & Onions, Beef Liver topped with bacon & Grilled onions, Potato (mashed, Hash Browns or French fries), and Cole Slaw or Hot Vegetable @ \$15.00 each # _____ Total \$ _____

• Grand Total..... Total
\$ _____

Attendee's Names: _____

Respond to: Tim Martinson, MSP Base Master at Arms

Phone or text: 860-734-6957, e-mail: martinsonsti@gmail.com

After Action Report

Friday February 17, 2023, Commander Barnes and Shipmate Marquis travelled to Rochester to present the Base Award of Excellence to MM3(SS) Lowrie. Steve has been in failing health for a few months and was recently placed on the Binnacle list. Steve joined the base at the Rochester Convention in 2013 and has been a supporting member since. He was a regular staple at Meetings and Float events until his recent health issues. He and Janie would drive the mile round trip regularly to back up other base members. Steve would attend the USS Razorback SS 394 "Work Party" to offer his Auxiliary skills to the ongoing "in Port" Maintenance of the Razorback Museum.



Binnacle List

Steve Lowrie – Rochester

He is in Hospice and declining rapidly. We will be attending the Funeral as a Base when we are notified of his passing.

If you would like to add content here, please contact either, Joel Bergstrom, or Marcus Benjamin with the content you want added.

Chaplains Corner

Greetings Shipmates.

Please begin with a word of prayer.

Dear Lord, we come to you today as a thankful people for all your many blessings. May what will be accomplished in the times ahead be helpful to each of us, to our organization, and also to our country. Help us to be mindful of those in our number who are unable to be with us. Bless us each individually and collectively as we endeavor to do your will. And Lord as we journey on, we pray for the homeless, the hungry, the oppressed and ignored veterans. Wrap them in your arms of comfort and love. Amen

As I write this prayer, I keep thinking of all the things I am thankful for. But I also think of all the things that we need to keep working on to make our country better. Equality for everyone is most important. Freedom of Religion is essential and which religion we choose should be our choice. Antisemitism has grown very much in recent years and we should work toward eliminating this problem. As we complete the Lenten season and look toward Easter, keep your faith alive.

On our return trip from Arizona, we stopped at the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene KS. It was great to read about Ike's life and his devotion to duty and country. He was a great inspiration to our country.

The base has scheduled the Holland Club Breakfast on Friday, April 21st at the VFW in North St Paul. Hope to see you all there. It's always been a fun time.

I am posting the lost boats list for March/April. Take a moment of silence for our departed shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

April Meeting boats lost in March and April			
Ships Name	Date Lost	Crew Lost	
1 USS F-4 Skate (SS-23)	03/21/15	21	Lost with twenty one Men on 25 March 1915 when it foundered off Honolulu Harbor.
2 USS H-1 SEAWOLF (SS-28)	03/12/20	4	Lost on 12 March 1920 with the loss of four men when it grounded off Santa Margarita Island, California.
3 USS Perch (SS-176)	03/03/42	8	Lost 3 March 1942 when sunk by Japanese surface attack 30 miles NW of Surabaya, Java. Sixty two men were taken prisoner, four men died as POWs nine men were listed as lost.
4 USS Grampus (SS-207)	03/05/43	71	Lost with all hands (seventy one men) by Japanese surface attack in the Solomon Islands on 5 March 1943.
5 USS Triton (SS-201)	03/15/43	74	Lost with all hands (seventy four men) by Japanese Surface Attack off New Guinea on 15 March 1943
6 USS Pickerel (SS-177)	04/03/43	74	Lost with all hands (seventy four men) by Japanese Surface Attack off Honshu, Japan, on 3 April 1943
7 USS Grenadier (SS-210)	04/22/43	4	Lost on 22 April 1943, 10 miles West of Lem Voalan Strait. Sunk by aerial bombs. Sixty one men taken prisoner, four men died as POWs
8 USS Tullibee (SS-284)	03/26/44	79	Lost with seventy nine men on 26 March 1944 north of Palau. Sunk by her own torpedo. One man survived and was taken prisoner
9 USS Kete (SS-389)	03/01/45	87	Lost with all hands (eighty seven men) on March 1945 to unknown causes between Okinawa and Midway.
10 USS Trigger (SS-237)	03/28/45	89	Lost with all hands (eighty nine men) in the East China Sea on 28 March 1945 during a Japanese air and surface attack.
11 USS Snook (SS-279)	04/08/45	84	Lost with all hands (eighty four men) on 8 April 1945 to unknown causes off Formosa
12 USS Thresher (SSN-593)	04/10/63	129	Lost will all hands (one hundred and twenty nine men) on 10 April 1963 off the New England coast
A total of 724 men lost on 12 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, that the grace of God will renew them. Amen

Quotes: Patriotism means to stand by our country not to stand by the president. Teddy Roosevelt.

Joel Bergstrom

Base Chaplain

Submariner's Prayer

Eternal God, whose creative hand turned primeval seas into oceans wide, and whose omnipresent love can be as keenly felt beneath as above their undulating surface; descend with us now into the silent depths as our unfailing guide.

We men of the silent service are grateful to be among the few ever to thrill with the excitement of a dive, and sheer ecstasy of each surfacing. May we never look upon these maneuvers as mere routine, for each is an experience fresh with challenge and no little danger. May we be ever alert to our individual duties realizing that so much depends on our doing our duty without error.

May we remember the new member of our crew who is to make his first descent and breathe a prayer that he shall be a good submariner. May we, who know what it is to follow a course, also know Him, who said "I am the way." May we, who gulp in hastily the first breaths of fresh air as it rushes down the hatchway following every dive, know also thy refreshing spirit.

May we who know the necessity for companionship feel our partnership with thee when the hatches are dogged and when we are rigged for dive. When all else of the surface world has been closed out, may we feel thee in every compartment, as near to us as throbbing engines, pinging sonar, and the hissing of compressed air. And when, as aging submariners our souls have descended into the depths of eternity, may the final call to us be "Surface, surface, surface," in the name of Him who rides as the unseen crewman on every ship at sea.

Amen.

~Anonymous

SSN 708 Restoration Project – Camp Ripley

JUNE OUTING in May

It was suggested by one of our members that going up to the Military Museum at Camp Ripley would be a great way to get MSP involved in the reconstruction of the MSP sail project. Camp Ripley holds an Open House on the last weekend of May and we were invited to join them on the 27th of May. Hours of operation are 10:00-5:00 and the cost is \$5.00 Adult, and \$2.00 Children(6-18) under 6 are free. Both floats will be there and we will be able to see the sail and rudder from the MSP. We

have arranged to have the back room at the Main Gate Bar & Grill (\$50 deposit to hold the room, refunded when we show up) outside the gate for after-tour comradery and food and beverage. It's a 2 hours drive from our regular meeting place at 5555's VFW in Richfield. This is a good outing for carpooling.

This is a great way to thank the Museum for bringing the sail home to Minnesota. Without them stepping in, this may not have been possible. Over the next 2 years, they will be having work parties to rebuild this massive project and this trip will be a good way of finding out what you can do to help make it happen, I plan to go up as often as I can for the work parties and if you would like to join me give me a call.

Please help the planners of these events by letting me know if you plan to attend or if you want to carpool.

The Main Gate Bar & Grill has BINGO at 2:00 PM if you like.

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Base Commander
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Regional Scuttlebutt

On Saturday March 4th, Several Base members attended the Regional Scuttlebutt at the VFW 428 in St Cloud, MN. John Hlavac was the host and managed to garner 26 Bubbleheads, 3 wives and two Submarine Tender sailors. We also received some well placed Radio and Print advertising which helped bring folks in. We managed to sign 4 new base members from this endeavor.

This Scuttlebutt was a Tremendous SUCCESS! This date was arranged by John Hlavac. Amy, our bar manager was welcoming and pleasantly inviting. We had a diverse group of Bubbleheads from both the Twin cities and mid Minnesota. One member from Blackduck, MN made the trek with his lovely wife. A fantastic time was had by all. Lots of Sea Stories, BS and camaraderie. The VFW provided us with their large meeting room at no charge. We learned something very important – Our voices are declining - so we need to bring the Sound system for our future endeavors. We had old, and met new. Some were Submarine Wanna Be's and we greeted and supported ALL. It was a three hour tour, but we returned to the pier more intelligent than when we departed. The Bubblehead group imparted very good, interesting, and most likely accurate renditions of their service. This event proved that these events are necessary and relevant. We will be scheduling more of these during future months to be more cognizant of our Non-Local Members.

Congratulations to **Bobby McGee** (photo pg.14), winner of the donated USS Minnesota SSN-783 ballcap at the event!



Skippy the Yeoman

Shipmates, we have some great events coming up soon.

Please **mark your calendars.**

April 11th at 1100 we are having the Honors for **National Submarine Day** at the WWII Submarine Memorial at Ft Snelling National Cemetery (Near the Main Flagpole). We will be raising the American flag and honoring the 52 Boats lost in WWII along with American submarines lost in peacetime.

April 21st @ 0900 is the annual Holland club inductee breakfast (free to all) at the North St Paul VFW post 1350, 2483 7th Ave E, North St Paul, MN - (651) 777-2855. This is a traditional NAVY Breakfast cooked by George St Martin. Members who have been qualified for 50 years are inducted and members that have attained the age of 75 (and Qualified) are installed as Commodores in the MSP Base. Plan to come, have a great meal and enjoy the "clean" sea stories required of each inductee. Please RSVP to Tim Martinson (MAA) [860-734-6957] so proper rations can be ordered.

April 22nd at 1100 will be the Annual Business meeting at VFW 5555 in Richfield. There will be 5 individual Menu items for selection. Elections will be held during the meeting. Please RSVP Tim Martinson with your attendance and meal choice.

May 29th will be the Woodbury Memorial Day Celebration at the City Hall at 1100. Both boats will be displayed. Come early to help set up. This hour-long function is very worthwhile and rewarding. We are also seeking input on **TWO** Parade events. **Kaposia Days Parade** Friday June 23 1700, and **Grand ol' Days Parade** Sunday June 4th. Please offer your thoughts and ideas so our event planner can get the applications prepared and our involvement arranged. If there is little or no interest, we will not be attending.



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 have previously requested member interest in doing **TWO** specific parades this summer. The first is the Kaposia Days Parade in South St. Paul on Friday June 23rd at 1700.

The second is the re-birth of the Grand Ole Days Parade in St. Paul on Sunday June 4th.

We request that members give an indication of interest by the date of the April meeting so we may apply and secure a position that is acceptable to our aging group. We like to be before bands and usually in the first 15 of the lineups. This is only possible when we have an early application and a relationship.

Expanding Brotherhood



VFW Post 9024

WOODBURY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY WOODBURY VETERANS MEMORIAL MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 - 11:00 AM



American Legion
Post 501

MUSICAL PRELUDE:	PIPE MAJOR LYNN ISTA, Bagpiper
INTRODUCTION:	JOHN RUDIN, Master of Ceremonies, VFW Post 9024
POSTING OF COLORS:	PIPE MAJOR LYNN ISTA, Bagpiper WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC PATRIOTIC HERITAGE ALLEGIANT HONOR GUARD ARVN HONOR GUARD SCOUTS BSA TROOP 559 NURSES HONOR GUARD WOODBURYJOINT AMLEG/VFW RIFLE SQUAD
NATIONAL ANTHEM:	LINSEY PETERSEN Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Afton, MN
INVOCATION:	JEREMY KING, LEAD PASTOR Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Afton, MN
WELCOME REMARKS:	ANNE BURT, Woodbury Mayor JOANNE KRAMER, Vice Commander Woodbury American Legion Post 501 PAUL LINDAHL, Commander Woodbury VFW Post 9024
WREATH PRESENTATION:	NGMN Funeral HG
MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS:	General JOSEPH LEONARD VOTEL, Retired USSOC Commander
LAST ROLL CALL:	TINA LENLING, VFW Post 9024 & TERRY THORDSON, Bells of Eternity
THREE VOLLEY SALUTE:	WOODBURYJOINT AMLEG/VFW RIFLE SQUAD
TAPS:	HEATHER SCHABERT, VFW Post 9024
FLAG FOLDING:	Patriotic Heritage Allegiant Honor Guard OR NGMN Funeral HG
BENEDICTION:	JEREMY KING, LEAD PASTOR Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Afton, MN
RETIRE THE COLORS:	WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC
CLOSING REMARKS:	JOHN RUDIN

(SUPPORTERS ON THE BACK)

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Submarine Displays *courtesy of United States Submarine Veterans - Ken Tupper*

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Military Equipment *courtesy of Dewey Hassig*

WWII Female Service Re-enactors *courtesy of Cat's Meow – Jessica Dague*

WWII 30th Inf Div Re-enactors *courtesy of David Halseth*

Bells of Eternity *courtesy of Terry Thronson*

Huey UH-1H Helicopter *courtesy of VVA Chapter 331, River Falls WI - Jim Ottman*

Service Canines Informational Booth *courtesy of BelieveIt™ Canine Service Partners – Charles Kenow*

Sound Engineering and Production *courtesy of John Martin*

Fresh Frozen Custard *courtesy of Culver's of Woodbury - Ben Gathje*

Photography *courtesy of Keith Randolph*

Member Submissions

Greetings:

Can anyone tell me in one word what it takes to keep this Submarine base vibrant?

You may say;

You

Participation

Sacrifice

Dedication

Support

Effort

Not only are those answers correct, but they are insufficient.

It Takes a Base participation! Yes YOU are the Most important item to keep the base going. Not

Only the Dues, Not only coming to meetings, BUT PARTICIPATION.

What is Participation?

Participation is a multitude of things:

Willingness of Involvement:

Willingness to Serve;

Willingness to Support;

Willingness: Just Plain Willingness!

You are members. What have you done to be involved?

Is Involvement coming to a dinner or a Lunch Meeting?

Think about the last time you met a Submariner who was not a member. Did you try and recruit them to become a Member of the Base?

Is it important to you to keep the base strong and ongoing by getting new members? Or is it just a place to go and eat every two Months.

In 2016, the base was privileged to have a Submarine Float for Recruitment. This is not a Base asset.

Initially it was used as a Public Awareness item, to try and draw former Qualified Submarine Sailors to join our Base. It was Fun, but it did not provide the expected results. Since those early days, we have adjusted our efforts.

During the last 6 years, our team has been supported by the same 6-8 people. More times than not these supporters are not even members of our group.

Every event we attend is appreciated by the Public, and sometimes we are approached by NAVY personnel and Bubbleheads. Recruiting is still a skill.

Last year, Bill Benzick was the mainstay in the creation and building of a new WWII Submarine Float. Bill became our primary Recruiter and has done a superb job.

Countless hours are spent finding and setting up Base Events. Through the years we have created great relationships and are Expected to attend these events each year. Not a problem, but actually a good problem to have. We are Desired. The issue is that we have trouble getting Base member participation to make these events successful for securing new blood for the base.

We again are going to have a great summer. PLEASE Read the DDN and the Event Emails and think about giving to the group. Giving a few hours of your time to support the idea that we are the Finest Military organization in the history of the world.

~Anonymous

Submariners on the Internet

Did you know that in 1975 Hull Technician 3rd Class Donna Tobias made history when she became the first woman to graduate from the Navy's Deep Sea Diving School as the Navy's first female hard hat diver.

She chose the rate of a hull technician when her recruiter told her "no way, women can't get in" as a diver. With persistence she worked for a waiver to attend dive school. After graduation, without the ability to get sea duty orders at the time, her first assignment was as an instructor at the Submarine Escape Training Tank at Submarine Naval Base in New London. Tobias was involved in search and salvage operations in Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, and participated in the sinking of a World War II ship to construct an artificial reef in Chesapeake Bay.

Learn more about women's journey to join the U.S. Navy's diving community in this online exhibit at the [U.S. Naval Undersea Museum](#):

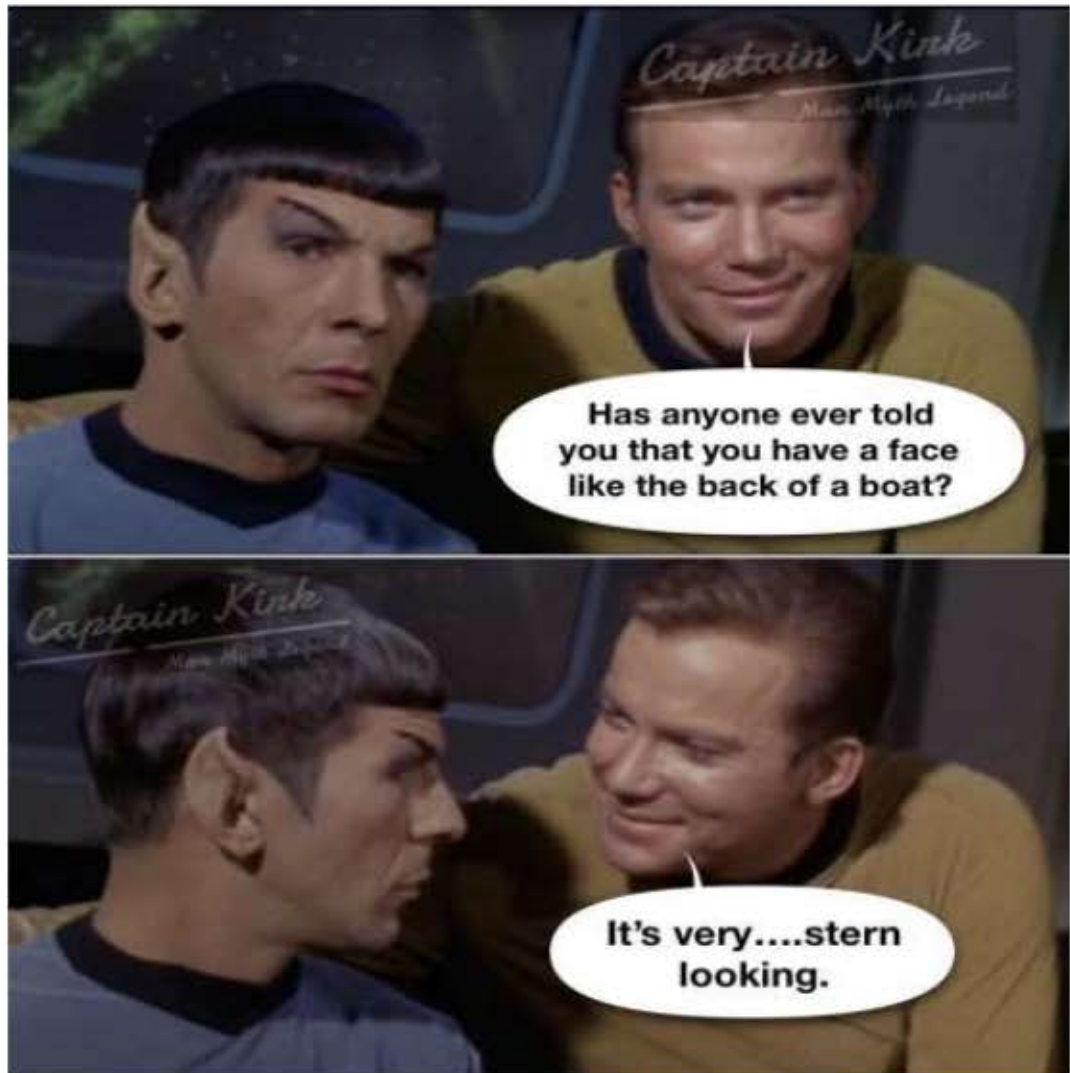
<https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/museums/undersea/explore/exhibits/online/women-divers/anatomy-is-not-destiny.html>

Facebook source: (NAVSEA at the 2023 Sea Air Space Annual National Symposium ran April 3-5)

https://www.facebook.com/NAVSEA?tn=-UC*F



Photo of the Day



United States Submarine Veterans

Minneapolis/St Paul Base



Pride Runs Deep



U.S. Submarine Force

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* NOTE, from David Farran:

Any base member can contact me with requests or questions about USSVI at any time.
I am your link to the USSVI National Board of Directors.

Happy Birthday, Members!!

May

Joel Bergstrom	May 4
John Selleck	May 5
Jeffrey Lundgren	May 6
Mark Cavaleri	May 8
James Jasper	May 11
David Harms	May 21

June

David Byrne	June 2
Richard Kowarsch	June 4
Gary Needham	June 4
Arnold Johnson	June 7
Robert Bidon	June 10
Donald Mittelstaedt	June 10
Daniel Ludwig	June 12
Robert Watson	June 13
Alton Larson	June 15
John Buchanan	June 21
David E Anderson	June 23
Edward Mattox	June 27

Happy Birthday Guys and Gals!!!!!!

Commander's Corner

I haven't seen any snow banks this week while traveling around the Twin Cities so I think it is safe to say that Spring has sprung. There was a lot of snow around the floats when we dragged them out for National Submarine Day on April 11th. They will be on patrol May 27 when they head up to Camp Ripley and will be the featured display at their Military Museum. I hope to see you all up there showing support for the reassembly of the 708 sail and planes. This will be a good time to find out what is happening and how you can help. Then on Monday the 29th they will be in Woodbury at their City Hall for their Memorial Day Celebration. Times and details for both events and more are listed below.

We have many events planned for the floats this year and I urge all of you to make an effort to come out and support your base and have fun at the same time. Bring the kids/grandkids or friends to spend a few hours of sea stories and seeing the sights. We have a lot of new members and these events are a great place to get to know them after all many of them were found at the events of the past.

Remember we have a large supply of business cards and MSP/USSVI fliers that you can give out to Sub Sailors that you run into in your travels. Contact me for these items.

Jeff Lundgren just called to inform me that he will not be able to take over the secretary position as planned due to a sudden change in his medical condition. Keep Jeff in your thoughts and prayers.

We need someone that comes to most of our meetings to step up and fill the secretary position. Take a few notes and contact National about new members. Please contact me if you can help or have any questions.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

John Barnes
Base Commander
612-251-2260

P.S. On a personal note, I am looking for some apprentice woodworkers (or those that don't have a shop to work in) that would like to learn how to make things with wood, work with laser engravers, and run a portable sawmill. I have tons of slabs that can be made into just about anything you can think of.

Armed Forces Service Center

The Armed Forces Service Center has 53 years of service to traveling military at the MSP airport. We are similar to a USO with the same mission: however, we are an independent organization started by a mom who lost her son in Vietnam.

We are always looking for volunteers to work a 4 hour shift of their choice at least once a month. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, go to our website, and complete the volunteer sign-up at the website; navigate the menu selection to 'volunteer'.

<https://www.mnafsc.org/>

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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.

Alan Good

Russell Frank

David Lovold

Brooks Berg

USSVI Msp/Std Base E-board Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Minutes May 14, 2023

Fred Babcock VFW 5555, Richfield, MN

Attendees: John Barnes Commander
Ken Tupper "Tup" - Vice Commander
Tom Pepin - COB
Joel Bergstrom - Chaplin
Marcus Benjamin - DDN Editor

Meeting called to order at 1230 by Commander Barnes:

For the Record: All Prior Board members were re-elected at the April 22, Annual Base Meeting (ABM). Commander Barnes at that time reappointed Marcus Benjamin and Bill Benzick. Ken Tupper was elected Vice Commander.

There were no reports on the activities of Absent Board Members.

The Camp Ripley Event is May 27th. Tup to create announcement for DDN
Our purpose with the Minnesota Military Museum is for integration involving the 708 Sail Project.
Broadcast message to be sent 1 week Prior to the event.

Joel B made a Motion to transfer parts of the MSP Library to the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley. Motion passed. Tup has tubs and will offer them to the Museum Curator on May 27th.

Bill Benzick wants indoor storage for the Gato/Balao float. It is currently stored at no cost with proper weather covering in a secure outdoor location. The Board asks all members to keep an eye out for an indoor location for the coming winter. Any suggestions should be provided to John Barnes or Ken Tupper.

It has been noted that the recent DDN was never posted to the Website. Marcus will send the various file formats and links to Ken Tibesar to ensure that the Website is updated with current information. In addition, the board will come up with every area of the site that has not been maintained for the past 4 years. (Eternal Patrol, History, Base Officers, etc)

Tom Pepin will try and speak to Mark Anderson about the ownership of the website minneapolisvets.com With the hope of being the owner and sole creator of information on that site. If anyone has the correct phone number for the current owner, please divulge that to Tom.

We have received another 976 Medallions. With the 169 left over from 2022, we have 1,145 to sell this summer. We encourage Base members to buy 10 @\$10 (\$100) and use them to sell, give away or otherwise use. John Barnes noticed that the ones on his truck, exposed to road salt, the paint is damaged within a year. Our suggestion is to spray Clear Coat on any medallion that is exposed to weather.

Bill Benzick is looking to get a Table at no cost to sell Medallions at the National Convention. The table cost is \$130. His plan is to give the Convention Sponsor \$2 for each Medallion sold up to the \$130 mark. John Barnes suggested that we offer \$2 for each Medallion and sell them for \$12. This would get us a no-cost table and our price of \$10 . We decided to defer this to the July 8th Board meeting.

The Kaposia and Grande Ole Days parade was brought up. Tup explained that after 6 notifications we had a total of three participants. Marcus will consult with the Rosemount Sons of the American Legion to see if they have any interest in supporting us in those parades. At this point, neither are on our agenda.

A motion was offered to dissolve the By-Law Committee. Currently they have not met and do not have the required 3 members. If a base member wishes to be on that Committee, please contact Ken Tibesar, Tom Pepin or John Barnes. The Motion did not pass, and this committee will be responsible for reviewing the Currently Approved and Ratified Base Constitution and By-Laws of 4/22/2023 for any changes. The committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the executive board in January 2024 for inclusion in the Annual Base Meeting (ABM) in April. This has been moved to Old Business at the July 8, Board Meeting.

Vice Commander Tupper requested a Master List of Base Members. This request was countered by using the National List. Tupper stated that this is an ongoing project that he has been involved with since 2019 and has not been able to complete successfully. This will be moved to Old Business for the July 8 meeting.

Vice Commander Tupper requested a " Final Election Report" for the Record that includes: How the election was conducted; How many members were allowed to vote; what the detailed outcome of the ZOOM voting occurred; Which members were thrown off ZOOM before voting; The reason for this request is for the Base record, along with a guideline for future elections if this is how the base is going to conduct elections. This was not received well and will be moved to Old Business for the July 8 Meeting.

For the record, John Barnes is the Commander of the Base. Any member desiring to do any action on behalf of the Minneapolis/St Paul Base must ensure that the Commander is notified and approves in writing any proposed action. In any situation where the Base Commander is NOT Properly notified and approves, the base shall not be liable or otherwise obligated to honor that activity/action.

The Lake City Parade and Static Display at the Lake City VFW is Sunday June 25th at 1300. David Harms will talk to the lot next to the VFW and see if our floats can be staged there.

Tom Pepin suggested that all emails have MSP USSVI in the Subject Line so it is clear to recipients that the Information is about the Base. This is a good suggestion and will be incorporated in all future communications.

Meeting adjourned at 1421.

Check out our website at: WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM

USSVI MSP Treasurers Report 5/16/2023

Base VENMO account for Dues @USSVIMSP

For those unfamiliar or not interested in Venmo, cash and check also work just as well.

Please leave a note on what the deposit is intended for. (Example: 1 year Base Dues \$15)

Note that National Dues have changed effective April 1 2023:

National 5 year term: \$140.00
National 3 year term: \$85.00
National 1 year term: \$30.00 (Jan-Sept)
National 1 year term: \$35.00 (Oct-Dec)
National Life (Ages 76+) \$120.00
National Life (Ages 66-75) \$240.00
National Life (Ages 56-65) \$360.00
National Life (Ages 46-55) \$500.00
National Life (Ages 45 and under) \$600.00
Associate Member

MSP Base Dues remain at \$15.00 per year

3. Current Financials

USSVI MSP Base Financial Summary	5/15/23
General Operating Fund	\$1,816.54
Kaps4Kids Program Fund	\$2,639.39
Float Fund	\$3,634.18
Total	\$8,090.11

Please let me know if you have interest in taking over the Treasurers role at the base level next Spring (2024). As the base has grown, so have the responsibilities and time commitments. I would like to dedicate more of my discretionary time to helping with the 708 project down the road. Thanks in advance! -Jack

After Action Report

April 11th, 21st & 22nd, 2023

National Submarine Day
April 11th 1030

On Tuesday, April 11th, the MSP Base celebrated National Submarine Day at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at the WWII Submarine Memorial Granite Marker located on the Avenue of Flags.

Nine base members, Video Blogger Camera Kami, and a member of the Minnesota Historical Society were in attendance. A Channel 5 Photojournalist was also recording the celebration. The entire Tuesday Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad performed Honors, along with 5 other Memorial Rifle Squad members from the Friday Squad and two special guests. The 52 Lost boats of WWII were "tollled" and remembered along with the USS Thresher SSN 593 (4/63) and SSN 589 Scorpion (5/68).

Our Third Annual Gathering was highly successful with both the Minny 708 and the Gato/Balao displayed. Eight members met after for a light lunch at the Everett McClay VFW 1296 in Bloomington.

HOLLAND CLUB/COMODOR'S CLUB BREAKFAST
April 21st 1000

The weekend of the 21st and the 22nd started on Friday when SUBRON planned two events for the same time period. Being the best Boat in the fleet we were able to pull it off with volunteers stepping up to make it happen. The first deployment was to North St. Paul VFW Post 1350 for the Annual Holland Club/Commodore's Breakfast (HC/CCB). The MESS gang showed up at 800 to start the morning meal fit for a sailor and set up the crew's mess for the 32 crew members and guests. By 1000 the SOS, hardboiled eggs, baked beans, muffins, and fresh fruit were ready for consumption. At 1045 Commander Barnes started the Ceremonies with the Pledge of Allegiance then presented Holland Club certificates, patches, and challenge coins to four of the seven new HC members who graced us with a Sea Story. Certificates and patches were given out to seven new members of the Commodore's Club. The Base wishes to thank George St. Martin, Joel Bergstrom, and John Selleck for setting this up. George recruited a helper, David Lovold, from the bar upstairs to set up the room and then we signed him up as a new member that spent most of his time on the Jimmy Carter as a Radioman.

STEVE LOWRIE ETERNAL PATROL
April 21st 1500

Immediately after the HC/CCB the Skipper and Ken Beadell and photo blogger Kami Kamra took a launch to the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery in Preston, MN to say goodbye to our good friend and shipmate Steve Lowrie who lost the years-long battle with cancer and went on Eternal Patrol. They met with the Director and staff at the Cemetery and found out how they take care of the Veterans. Military Honors were conducted by one of the 22 veterans groups that rotate to make sure every Veteran is honored. After Taps two US Navy Officers from the Twin Cities folded the flag and handed it to Commander Barnes to present to Steve's wife Janie. We wanted to bring the USS Billfish down for the ceremony but illness to a key member and the double duty from SUBRON made that impossible. Rest your oars, my friend.

ANNUAL BASE MEETING AND ELECTIONS
April 22nd 1100

On Saturday the 22nd the crew mustered for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) at VFW Post 5555 in Richfield, MN.

Because of a full agenda with 3 guest speakers, the meeting was called to order at 1100.

Joel Bergstrom gave the opening prayer.

Ken Tibesar the Judge Chairman explained the voting process for this year's election process. We had members who couldn't be present join in via ZOOM for this meeting and the election. There were no nominations from the floor. Votes were cast for the current members of the E-board to stay on and for John Barnes or Bill Benzick for the Commander's job and Ken Tupper for Vice Commander.

We also had a voice vote on by-law changes that were made 6 years ago to move the ABM to April from June so we can have Special events in June. The E-board back then correctly made the changes but didn't send them to the USSVI District Commander for approval. District Commander (DC) David Farran and his wife were our guests so the change is now in the by-laws. While the ballots were being tallied we heard from Brooks Berg the Director of the group that will be assembling the sail, rudder, and fairwater planes for the new museum at Camp Ripley. Our Special Outing will be at Camp Ripley on Saturday, May 27th to see up close what we will be seeing in the future.

After the ballots were counted Commander Barnes will remain on the job. Bill Benzick presented John with a new Commander's vest which he will wear during the summer on those hot sunny days once his daughter sews on a pile of patches that didn't fit on the leather vest. DC David Farran gave a short presentation about how the USSVI by-laws and Base by-laws differ and why it is up to the Base to set their own by-laws to run their Base. Lunch was served at 1300 and the five meal choices were a big hit. After lunch and before people started to leave Randal Deitrich the museum the director at Camp Ripley told us more about the plans for Camp Ripley's new museum. The 50-50 was won by Bill Benzick. A closing prayer by Joel and the meeting was adjourned at 1400. Just like all gatherings of Sub Sailors, the scuttlebutt continued on for another hour or so.

A big thank you to all those that helped make this Base better by attending these events. See you in May.

Skippy the Yeoman

PS: If you wish to have the floats at a member's funeral service contact Commander Barnes or the XO Ken Tupper.

Binnacle List

Jeff Lundgren

If you would like to add content here, please contact either, Joel Bergstrom, or Marcus Benjamin with the content you want added.

Chaplains Corner

Greetings Shipmates.

Please begin with a word of prayer.

Be with us Lord. Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door. Enable us to bring all that we are here today, so that we might experience your touch upon us. Gentle, yet powerful. Lowly, yet almighty. Shepherd, yet king. In your gentleness, guide us. In your power, strengthen us. Lift up our minds, our wills, and our hearts to a common cause.

Amen.

In the 2nd Quarter 2023 of the American Submariner, the National Chaplain, Jim Sandman, was pleased to announce that the new version of the Navy Hymn (Eternal Father) had been released. In that I am a few years older than the average life expectancy for a male in the US, I decided to check out the new version. On line, I found changes only in the last two lines of the second verse. Here are the revised two verses.

Verse 1 "Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidst the mighty ocean deep, its own appointed limits keep, O hear us when we cry to Thee for those who peril on the sea!"

Verse 2 "Lord God, our power evermore, whose arm doth reach the ocean floor, Dive with our men beneath the sea, Traverse the depths protectively, O hear us when we pray to thee, for those who perish in the deep." Amen

If you go on line, you can google the Navy Hymn to hear the music or if you are an ELCA Lutheran, you will find the Hymn number 756 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" in the Hymnal. I hope this is of some interest to you all.

I am posting the Lost Boats List for May/June. Take a moment of Silence for our departed shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

June Meeting boats lost in the months of May and June				
Ships Name	Date Lost	Crew Lost		
1	USS Bonefish (SS-582)	05/01/88	3	Three men lost on 24 April 1988 during a fire and explosion off the coast of Florida. The boat was considered a total loss and decommissioned.
2	USS Squalus (SS-192)	05/23/39	26	Lost 23 May 1939 with twenty six men when flooded and sank off Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Boat salvaged and recommissioned under a new name.
3	USS Gudgeon (SS-211)	05/12/44	78	Lost with all hands (seventy eight men) during a Japanese air and surface attack on 12 May 1944 in Northern Marianas.
4	USS Lagarto (SS-371)	05/04/45	85	Lost with all hands (eighty five men) on 4 May 1945 in the Gulf of Siam during a Japanese surface attack.
5	USS R-12 (SS-89)	06/12/43	42	Lost with forty two men off Key West, Florida, to unknown causes on 12 June 1943. 3 men survived.
6	USS O-9 (SS-70)	06/20/41	33	Lost 20 June 1941 with thirty three men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, New Hampshire
7	USS Herring (SS-233)	06/01/44	84	Lost with all hands (eighty four men) on 1 June 1944 by a Japanese shore battery and surface craft off Matsuwa Island, Kuriles
8	USS Golet (SS-361)	06/14/44	82	Lost with all hands (eighty two men) during a Japanese Surface attack off Honshu, Japan, on 14 June 1944.
9	USS Bonefish (SS-223)	06/18/45	85	Lost with all hands (eighty five men) on 18 June 1945 during a Japanese air attack off the Bali Coast.
10	USS Scorpion (SSN-589)	05/27/68	99	Lost with all hands (ninety nine men) on 22 May 1968 due to a possible Torpedo detonation 400 miles southwest of the Azores
A total of 617 men were lost in 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. (Revised from WWII SubVets Ceremony)

Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Commander over all, bless and consecrate us. Bless all today in whatever it is that you know they may need. And may the lives of each be full of your peace, prosperity and power as we seek to have a closer relationship with you. May your holy light spread over us and bring to our hearts renewed devotion to God and Country. Amen

Joel Bergstrom

MSP base Chaplain

SSN 708 Restoration Project – Camp Ripley

As you most likely know by now, Camp Ripley and the Minnesota Military Museum have the Sail and Rudder of the 708 on their grounds. They are seeking volunteers to assist with getting the Project accomplished. At our Gathering on May 27th (1000-1700) we will find out more about the project and how to volunteer. (See below photo for details.)



MN Reunion of Submarine Veterans

A Gathering of Bubbleheads

Promoted by the MSP Base of Submarine Veterans (USSVT)



All Submarine Veterans and friends are "**Welcome**".

This is a gathering of submarine veterans in Minnesota who want to get together with other sub sailors, share sea stories, discuss fond memories and other submarine experiences, and see some military history.

MUSTER TIME: 27 MAY 2023 @ 1000 (10 am)

TIMETABLE (for 5/27):

0900: Both MSP Base submarine floats arrive and are set-up at the MN Military Museum

1000: Museum Opens & Base Members/Guests get to see the 708 Sail & other pieces

1100: MSP Base members and guests gather for sharing "*Sea Stories*"

1200-1700: OPEN TIME for Members to enjoy the museum, congregate around the floats (*more sea stories*), and Departure (*whenever the members want to*)

1400 OPTION: Members and Guests can play BINGO at the local "Main Gate Bar & Grill"

1800: MSP Base floats are secured for departure back to "*Home Port*"

LOCATION: MN Military Museum (*inside Camp Ripley*)

mnmilitarymuseum.org

ADMISSION: \$5 (*or buy an annual pass for \$30/year*)

DIRECTIONS: *On MN 115, from either MN Hwy 371 or US Hwy 10*

Just 3 blocks inside the Camp Ripley Main Gate

7 miles North of Little Falls, MN

*ALL driver licenses are checked and scanned at
the Main Gate by the National Guard sentry*

EVENT QUESTIONS: Ken Tupper (612-308-1330)

MPLS/ST. PAUL BASE Web Page: <https://minneapolisubvets.com/>

Regional Scuttlebutt

We would like a member from the West Metro or Northwest Minnesota to volunteer to set up a Regional Gathering somewhere where our western Minnesota Members can join us for an afternoon of camaraderie. Please let John Barnes or Ken Tupper know if this is something you wish to arrange.

Skippy the Yeoman

~See After Action for the Skippy Report~

Shipmates

Wisconsin Maritime Museum is sponsoring Sub Fest July 1 thru 4th, 2023. We are considering bringing the Gato/Balao for Display at the Entrance to the Museum during this time. Probably a two-night stay. If anyone would like to accompany us on this venture, please respond to John Barnes or Ken Tupper By June 10th. This is a very well attended event which will require advance room reservations. Sharing transportation and Accommodations will cost approximately \$150/each.

Sunday, July 2nd

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Museum open 9:00 am Tolling the Boats Ceremony (Cobia deck)

Monday, July 3rd

9:00am – 5:00pm Museum and sub open

5:00pm – 10:00pm Sub Pub Open

Tuesday, July 4th

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Museum open and self-guided sub tours, \$4 admission

9:00 am – 7:00 pm Product/Craft vendors, YMCA lot

10:00 am - Parade (route map)

Noon - USS Cobia whistle salute

11:00 am – 10:00 pm Food Vendors & Beverage Tent – Hotel/Museum Lot 0

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is bringing The Wall That Heals to St Thomas Academy for the Memorial Weekend. Opening Ceremony is 1130 Friday May 26th. Closing Ceremony is 1300 Monday May 29th. The wall is open 24 Hours each day. This is a very Worthwhile event.



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VFW Post 9024

WOODBURY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY WOODBURY VETERANS MEMORIAL MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 - 11:00 AM



American Legion
Post 501

- MUSICAL PRELUDE:** PIPE MAJOR LYNN ISTA, Bagpiper
- INTRODUCTION:** JOHN RUDIN, Master of Ceremonies, VFW Post 9024
- POSTING OF COLORS:** PIPE MAJOR LYNN ISTA, Bagpiper
WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC
PATRIOTIC HERITAGE ALLEGIANT HONOR GUARD
ARVN HONOR GUARD
SCOUTS BSA TROOP 559
NURSES HONOR GUARD
WOODBURYJOINT AMLEG/VFW RIFLE SQUAD
- NATIONAL ANTHEM:** LINSEY PETERSEN
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Afton, MN
- INVOCATION:** JEREMY KING, LEAD PASTOR
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Afton, MN
- WELCOME REMARKS:** ANNE BURT, Woodbury Mayor
JOANNE KRAMER, Vice Commander Woodbury American Legion Post 501
PAUL LINDAHL, Commander Woodbury VFW Post 9024
- WREATH PRESENTATION:** NGMN Funeral HG
- RIFLE DRILL DEMONSTRATION:** PATRIOTIC HERITAGE ALLEGIANT HONOR GUARD
- MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS:** General JOSEPH LEONARD VOTEL, Retired USSOC Commander
- LAST ROLL CALL:** TINA LENLING, VFW Post 9024 & TERRY THORDSON, Bells of Eternity
- THREE VOLLEY SALUTE:** WOODBURYJOINT AMLEG/VFW RIFLE SQUAD
- TAPS:** HEATHER SCHABERT, VFW Post 9024
- FLAG FOLDING:** NGMN Funeral HG
- BENEDICTION:** JEREMY KING, LEAD PASTOR
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Afton, MN
- RETIRE THE COLORS:** WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC
- CLOSING REMARKS:** JOHN RUDIN

(SUPPORTERS ON THE BACK)

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The Military Memorial Displays *courtesy of Patriotic Heritage Honor Guard*

Memorial Wreath *furnished by Woodlane Flowers of Woodbury*

Submarine Displays *courtesy of United States Submarine Veterans - Ken Tupper*

Military Vehicles *courtesy of Harold Bottolfson, David Halseth, Brandon Strand, Wayne Minke, Red Bull Historic Military Vehicles Association, Commemorative Air Force, and 34th Infantry Division*

Military Equipment *courtesy of Dewey Hassig*

WWII Female Service Re-enactors *courtesy of Cat's Meow – Jessica Dague*

WWII 30th Inf Div Re-enactors *courtesy of David Halseth*

Bells of Eternity *courtesy of Terry Thronson*

Huey UH-1H Helicopter *courtesy of VVA Chapter 331, River Falls WI - Jim Ottman*

Service Canines Informational Booth *courtesy of BelievevTM Canine Service Partners – Charles Kenow*

Sound Engineering and Production *courtesy of John Martin*

Fresh Frozen Custard *courtesy of Culver's of Woodbury - Ben Gathje*

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Float and Static Display Opportunities

We have a few events coming up that should be great opportunities to get out and enjoy our organization.

June Event Saturday May 27th at Camp Ripley 1000-1700 Both Floats will be on display for the Museum Monthly Display. We are honored to have been invited. We have a room reserved at the Main Gate Bar & Grill and they have Bingo at 1400. Carpooling is available.

Monday May 29th (Memorial Day) we will have the Floats at the Woodbury Memorial Day Celebration.

1050 is the Ms. Mitchell B-25 flyover

Ceremony starts at 1100 – 1230.

Ice Cream social at 1230

Teardown at 1400

Another well-attended event and very worthwhile.

Lake City Parade and Static Display at the Lake City VFW is Sunday June 25th. Parade at 1300, carpooling is available.

Not enough interest for Kaposia Days in Lakeville and Grand Ole Parade in St. Paul.

Expanding Brotherhood

Since the last report we have met with the Fleet Reserve Association and Island X-2 of the Sea Bees. Both US Navy veteran organizations offer us additional support for our summer events.

Member Submissions

Just a Common Sailor Died Today

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in
And the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, everyone.

For when countries are in conflict,
Then we find the Sailor's part,
Is to clean up all the troubles,
That the politicians start.
If we cannot do him honor,
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage,
At the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline,
In the paper that might say:

“Our country is in mourning, for a sailor died today”

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

Sent in by Steve Marquis

Submariners on the Internet

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Photo of the Day



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