

THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

May/June 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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* 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 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 "toll" 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.



THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

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May 26-29

OPENING CEREMONY

May 26 at 11:30 a.m.

CLOSING CEREMONY

May 29 at 1:00 p.m.

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TOURS AVAILABLE!

Contact John Morris at revmorris@comcast.net

CADETS.COM/WALLTHATHEALS



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)

SUPPORTED BY:

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*

Photography *courtesy of Keith Randolph*

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”

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