

THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

Jul/Aug 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!!

July

James Marshall Jr.	July 3
Stephen Christenson	July 8
Michael Maliniak	July 8
Dennis Tester	July 21
George Thoma	July 30

August

James Thoreson	August 1
Dan Monson	August 7
Thomas McGuffin	August 9
Alvin Hanson Jr.	August 10
Robert Kosmalski	August 11
Steve Dahlstrom	August 27
Robert Hallman Jr.	August 29

Happy Birthday Guys and Gals!!!!!!

Commander's Corner

We participated in three parades this season so far. The first one was at the South St. Paul Kaposia Days parade where we had a great turnout. One hour before the parade started the skies open up and dampened three of our riders that brought umbrellas while the rest ducked into the cab of the tow vehicles, Just as fast as the rain came it stopped just in time for the parade. The streets were filled with thousands of happy faces that enjoyed the pleasant evening. The rain did take a toll on some of the seats on the 708 which will be replaced before the next outing. Lake City Water Ski Days had pre-parade rain as well. This time we learned a new lesson. Normally at Lake City, we set up off-site to give our riders a place to park then everyone rides the floats to the staging area. Because of the rain, we all jumped into the trucks for the ride over to the line-up. Unfortunately, we left John Selleck behind an oversight that we are truly sorry for. The parade went off 15 minutes late and we had a great time. The last one was at Manitowoc, WI where we had many very enthusiastic people from the Museum ride and all were happy to fill the seats. We have many good static events coming in the next months. A new car show in the St. Cloud area on August 20th thanks to member John Hlavac will have both floats with the Billfish prominently displayed indoors. Check the Base website calendar <https://minneapolisubvets.com/base-events-2023/> for more events and watch for MSP USSVI email blasts that have more information about each event in the weeks before they happen.

MSP USSVI needs YOU! I'm stealing this line from Uncle Sam because our Base needs YOUR help. The Offices of Treasure, Secretary, and Chaplin will be open for next year. Members Jack Fay, David Harms, and Joel Bergstrom have served in their jobs for many years and our sincere thanks go out to them. Being a board member is a great way to meet the membership and learn about the operations of the Base. It only requires a few hours a month and makes the Base better. Jack, David, and Joel will train you in the Office you choose. Look for the article below about the Offices open. Contact me sooner than later.

The E-board has decided to bring back the Early Bird drawing to get the dues payments in on time. National will drop members that forget to pay and that creates many headaches for the Bases. We ask everyone to send in their dues before Dec. 1st. The Early Bird drawing will be held at the December meeting and the winner's meal is on the Base.

Fair winds and following seas,

John Barnes
MSP Commander
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612-251-2260

USSVI MSP Treasurers Report 7/11/2023

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	7/11/23
General Operating Fund	\$1,411.73
Kaps4Kids Program Fund	\$2,639.39
Float Fund	\$3,749.18
Total	\$7,800.30

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

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. The board has approved a donation of \$500. Members are still encouraged to volunteer at the center. 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/>

K4K KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)

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

The US Submarine Veterans' Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund

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

A hearty welcome aboard to our newest members.

No New Members

USSVI Msp/Stp Base E-board Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Minutes July 8, 2023 – called to order at 1004

Fred Babcock VFW 5555, Richfield, MN

Attendees: John Barnes - Commander

Ken Tupper "Tup" - Vice Commander

Joel Bergstrom - Chaplin
Jack Fay
Tom Pepin - COB
Tim Martinson - MAA
Ken Tibesar - Webmaster
Bill Benzick - Recruiter
Marcus Benjamin - DDN Editor
Andy Anderson – Past Commander

The replacement of Treasurer/Secretary/Chaplain was discussed. We need younger members to step up and take these positions in order for the base to survive. Bill was to address. He reported no progress. John also stated that his efforts had been met with no interest. John stated that we need to post a notice in the DDN. It was noted that past DDN's have had this request with no offers. Jack will write something for the Jul/Aug DDN about his position. Currently Tup and Marcus are covering the Secretary position except for the Annual Report to National which was submitted by Dave Harms in June, albeit incorrect due to non-receipt of information required by Board officers. Bill is still searching and will report at the September Board meeting if not concluded prior to then. He suggested a "Special Invite" to Members. Tim & Bill will work on creating that document for mailing to New Members with a "Special Certificate" of recognition for the new member. No Cost projection was reached. It was noted that prior to the Pandemic, each attending member at Meetings would announce themselves, their Boat(s) Qual year and any other item of interest they wanted the membership to know.

The USS Wisconsin SSBN Inflatable will be attending the Picnic August 5, at Veterans Rest Camp. Its owner Captain (Ret) Jim Harvey will be offering a presentation about the project. Deb Steinke will be conducting a new type of raffle to gain more funds for the base. The board agreed that the "Super Booster" Function will be reinstated. This acknowledges any Member that contributes \$50 or more to the base. This will be written by Tup and placed in the Jul/Aug DDN.

The "Early Bird" Drawing will also be reinstated for those Members that pay their Annual Dues before December 1st of the year. The drawing will be held at the Christmas Meeting and will offer the winner a Free Dinner.

The Budget Committee (Jack Fay, Ken Tibesar, Tom Pepin) was asked to make a report. Jack offered a spreadsheet regarding the status of our funds at the end of 2022 and asked board members to offer feedback on that document. The Base has Never had a Budget Prior to now.

The Gato was returned briefly to the Builder on Wednesday July 7 for an estimate of cost and time to make significant repairs to the Cracked Superstructure. The boat is taking on unwanted water due to the crack and needs to be repaired prior to storage. Cutting the posts down 4 inches was also discussed to enable the float to be stored inside an 8 ft door. Dave @ MNFX was supplied a set of "windows" when the Gato is available for drydock. He will be supplying the Base with a time to maneuver it into the yards and an approximate cost to be covered by medallion sales. We discovered that MNFX owner put over \$2,000 of his own money into our Gato Project.

The May 14, Minutes have a detail of medallion sales. Please review that document. Tim stated that a Medallion Flyer is needed for our table. Bill and John said that a Flyer exists and is used at base events. John stated that 270 Medallions are on consignment to base members and has a record of who and how many. Members that receive the medallions on consignment must sell or return.

It was said that we need a proposal for gifting. However, no one volunteered to write the proposal. After some discussion Tup made a motion to Give \$500 to the Veterans Service center at MSP Airport and \$500 to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum for the 2025 Drydocking of the Cobia SS 245. Motion was seconded and passed subject to receiving a final cost of our Gato Drydock cost.

Gato Storage was then discussed. Much as it is at other meetings and events. A request to members was included in the May/June DDN and no response has been received. This is another cost that will be consumed by the base, probably thru medallion sales. John has approached Dan at Camp Ripley about indoor winter storage. They measured the float and the proposed space and agreed to take the proposal to the Director of the Minnesota Military History Museum. This is a work in progress which hopefully will be concluded by the Sunday September 17th Camp Ripley event. As John and Tup are required to be at the Camp the evening before, this is an item that will be discussed prior to the opening at 1000 Sunday.

It was proposed that a new committee – The Website & DDN Committee be formed. It was noted that few of the other committees meet and report. Ken Tibesar is the Webmaster and will set up an area where member photos can be sent for inclusion in the website MSPUSSVI.com. Webmaster Tibesar stated that Mark Anderson, website creator, used Plug-in's that are difficult to work with. He also announced that he has put in a request to transfer the ownership of the Website to his personal name. Something that the Board was not aware of.

Tim offered to setup a new method of communication to be in addition to the Website, Emails, Facebook page, that will allow all members to use a Google Map system to located other members in a specific area for visiting, communicating, and inviting specified members to events in their area. He volunteered to accomplish this when John specifically asked him.

John proposed to recognize Steve Marquis with a Base award for his combined 20 years of service to the Board. John will donate the wood. Hopefully gathered from the shipyard.

The meeting was suspended at 1115 for Nosh and restarted at 1132 with a motion to prepare the award. Motion passed unanimously. A certificate will also be presented at the Picnic.

We have brought back the binnacle list in recent DDNs. Joel stated that he never hears about anyone anymore. Tup suggested that Jeff Lundgren David Harms, Kevin Rosin-Clapp, Phyliss Thomson, David E Anderson, and Andy Anderson be included to be in our prayers.

How to get members to participate was open for discussion. Bill said have better speakers at meetings. We have had some interesting speakers at the meetings this year including the Regional Director and will have another at the Picnic. Before the Pandemic we would get folks from around the area, Military, VA, etc to speak. Again, this was restarted in 2023.

Tim suggested having an Onboarding process with special certificates, a free meal, and welcome letters. Apparently, this was approached earlier by Bill Benzick and David Harms with no follow through. Nothing came from this discussion.

Old Business: This should always be addressed First as it is the Continuation of the Prior Board meeting.

It was noted that there was never a report by the Election Committee reading the April Election and that the require Election Report was Never filed with National. This remains as old business since there was no discussion or response.

Other Old business from May was not discussed due to the exhaustion of members. These will be carried over to the September E-board meeting Date TBD.

No other formed committees or officers gave their required reports

Meeting adjourned at 1204.

After the meeting, Dottie Anderson informed Marcus and Tup that they are not getting emails and DDNs. We told them that the email list comes off the National list and not the base listing. If it is wrong at National, messages will go to the wrong address. Tup offered to go into National and send a message to see if that works and follow up at the normal email address he has. This has been done awaiting response.

Later that same day, Marcus sent a personal email to Andy (as shown in the DDN Contacts), copied several E-board members, then replied "all" from the MSP USSVI gmail account, no issues noted by Marcus.

Check out our website at: WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM

After Action Report

Camp Ripley May 27 2023:

We met and set up at 0930/1000 at the Library at Camp Ripley Museum. Fifteen Members, 5 spouses, and our Videographer were in attendance.

It was a fabulous day at the Museum. The Main-Gate bar & Grill welcomed us up for lunch with a special Reserved area.

We donated parts of the Base Library to the Museum. They were ecstatic. They have an overwhelming amount of Army books and were happy to have our books and Magazines. They asked us to let our members know that all our memorabilia would be welcome at Camp Ripley. As we are not getting younger, this is something that we all can think about to avoid our history from becoming Trash.

We entertained about 30 visitors with the history of each boat. Several kids were quite attentive and questioning.

We were able to pack up at 1630 and arrive back in the shipyard at 1900.

Woodbury Memorial Day May 29th 1100-1300

Both Floats set up by 0930 Monday May 29th at the Woodbury City Hall. We had a preferential spot across from the Marines/Army friends that we know from Little Log House and the Air Expo at Eden Prairie.

This event had approximately 600+ attendees. We were personally introduced to the Main Speakers, including General Votel. Guests had a free run of the myriad of Military vehicles and displays. Our display seemed to draw a good share of the Attendees, and we were busy explaining the Boats, the operations, and the time we spent in Service. I would estimate we spoke with 80-90 people. Again, it was the kids that had a high level of interest.

We departed at approximately 1400 and participated in mid-rats at 1500 after securing each boat at the Pier.

We were represented by 8 Base Members and recruited two new Members during this event. One Son of a Member and our Videographer, Kami Camera, were also there supporting us.

UPDATE: Received from the Woodbury Organizer.

The Woodbury Memorial Day Planning Committee thinks we had a pretty successful event. Of course there are always a few things to be tweaked to make it better, but we heard so many positive comments about this event.

*We don't believe we would have heard those comments if it hadn't been your participation. All you who displayed items or participated in some way in the program or the event made the day. **YES. YOU MADE THE DAY!!** We wish to thank you very much for making the day a success.*

We would like to invite you back for next year. The date will be Monday, 27 May 2024. The program will be from 11:00 to 12:00.

Kaposia Days

Friday evening June 23rd, Eleven Base Members, our Videographer & daughter, and a P-3 Sonobuoy Operator were on hand to support our group in the Kaposia Days Parade. The setup was uneventful. As soon as we departed the setup location, we experienced Rain. Light at first. This is the very First Parade where either float has been rained on. That caused a catastrophic loss of 4 seats on the 708. We arrived at the Staging area and then were deluged. Most had rain gear and umbrellas, some were able to take refuge in the trucks. One member disappeared into the forest and picked mulberries by a warm Boulder. The rain subsided and the parade transitioned nicely and was the usual Patriotic event.

Lake City Waterski Days

Sunday, June 25th, 8 members and our videographer were in Lake City for Waterski Days. It rained all the way down. Setup was accomplished without rain, and then intermittent showers. However, we learned a lesson about riders because we pulled out and set sail leaving one member on the pier. Our sincere apologies go out to John Selleck for this Blunder. The parade started 15 minutes late because of the expected showers, which came during the parade. These were short and did not affect the fun being had by the crowd. Along the way, we ran into an entire group of approximately 35 NAVY Folks who whooped and Hollered during our entire display. Another very patriotic parade even though we were not able to have the music and klaxon operating. The Gato was staged at the VFW for a time. Mid-rats were enjoyed at Kings Place in Miesville. Both Floats were secured at the Pier in the shipyard by 2000. (8PM for Non-Quals)

The next opportunity is ***Sub Fest in Manitowoc, WI, July 3 & 4.***

Expect another blast email soon detailing the upcoming **Air Expo July 22/23**, and **Little Log House July 28,29 & 30**. Volunteers will be needed for these events.

Binnacle List

Andy Anderson
David E. Anderson
David Harms
Jeff Lundgren
Phylliss Thomton
Kevin Rosing-Clapp

Chaplains Corner

Greetings to all,

As the summer moves along, I'm hoping everyone is enjoying being outside. On Saturday May 27th, David E Anderson and I met our Float crew at the Camp Ripley Museum. We were there mostly to celebrate the arrival of the USS Minneapolis/ST Paul SSN708 sail, the planes, and rudder. With the Lords help, I am hopeful that our project will begin to take shape. The picture of the USS Phoenix SSN702 rendering is, I think similar to what the 708 project will look like. Stay tuned.





To continue, please read the lost boat list. "The Two Bell Ceremony is a testimony to the promise of our Creed." "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country."

August Meeting boats lost in July and August

	Ships Name	Date Lost	Crew Lost	
1	USS S-28 (SS-133)	07/04/44	50	Lost with all hands (fifty men) when she foundered off the Hawaiian Islands on 4 June 1944
2	USS G-2 TUNA SS-27	07/30/19	3	Lost 30 July 1919 with three men when she foundered in the Long Island Sound
3	USS Grunion (SS-216)	07/30/42	70	Lost with all hands (seventy men) on 30 July 1942 off Kiska Island, Aleutians (Alaska) to unknown causes.
4	USS Bass (SS-164)	8/12/1942	26	Twenty six men lost their lives during flooding off the Panama Canal in 1942, Boat survived.
5	USS Runner (SS-275)	07/01/43	78	Lost with all hands (seventy eight men) by possible Japanese mine between Midway Island and Japan in June 1943
6	USS Robalo (SS-273)	07/26/44	77	Lost with seventy seven men by possible Japanese Mine off Palawan on 26 July 1944. Four men are believed to have survived as POWs
7	USS Harder (SS-257)	08/24/44	79	Lost with all hands (seventy nine men) during a Japanese depth charge attack off Luzon, Republic of the Philippines, on 24 August 1944
8	USS Bullhead (SS-332)	08/06/45	84	Lost with all hands (eighty four men) off the Bali Coast by a Japanese air attack on 6 August 1945
9	USS Cochino (SS-345)	08/26/49	1 with 6 from Tusk	Lost on 26 August 1949 off the coast of Norway due to a battery explosion and fire. One crew member was lost along with six men from the USS Tusk (SS-426) during the rescue operation.
A total of 480 men were lost in 9 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:

Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega, please help us remember those who have gone before us and paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who are on the Binnacle List. Take these moments, O Lord and help to comprehend the sacrifices that these men have made and the anguish that their loved ones suffered.

In your name we pray. Amen

~Joel Bergstrom

SSN 708 Restoration Project – Camp Ripley

No New News for Restoration – Expect update Sept 17

SSN708 Fun Facts

Ordered	31 October 1973
Laid down	20 January 1981
Launched	19 March 1983
Commissioned	10 March 1984
Decommissioned	28 August 2008
Out of service	22 June 2007
Stricken	28 August 2008
Homeport	<u>Pearl Harbor, HI</u>
Status	Stricken, to be disposed of by submarine recycling

General characteristics

Class and type	<u>Los Angeles-class submarine</u>
Displacement	•5,695 tons light •6,068 tons full •373 tons dead
Length	110.3 m (361 ft 11 in)
Beam	10.0 m (32 ft 10 in)
Draft	9.7 m (31 ft 10 in)
Propulsion	1 × <u>S6G reactor</u>
Range	Unlimited distance; 20–25 years
Complement	12 officers, 98 enlisted

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.

There are a few cities that celebrate "Town Ball". These are ripe for an outing of Regional Scuttlebutt for our Group. We need a member in a "Town Ball" area to set up a Group Event. Most of the Games are on Sunday & Wednesday. I would think that a Sunday Event Would be ideal.

I know Miesville has a Team. We are friends with both the Fire Department and the Local Burger Joint. This could be a Possibility. If this can be set-up it would be an eastern event. We are looking for a western event.

Will members please look at what Town Ball teams are available to visit. This would be a Fun Event. Contact John Barnes or Ken Tupper if you can coordinate this event near your city.

Skippy the Yeoman

Sub Fest 2023

Four Members attended the Sub Fest celebration at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum with the Gato/Balao Model. We were displayed prominently in the front of the museum with 245 affixed to the sail (USS Cobia SS 245) We were a **HIT!** We invited 3 officials of the museum (the Director, Curator and Coordinator) to ride the Float in the City Sponsored parade. As the Unofficial USS Cobia SS 245 entry, the Manitowoc parade watchers supported the entry.





We had a table set up and had a great day selling the Medallions for fundraising and talking with the attendees about WWII Submarines.

There were many other Submarine Veterans, Military organizations, and other related booths setup in our area. Various round tables and historical/ Informative sessions were held.

Submarine tours continued while the museum was open. (9 – 5) Sub Pub was open to all.

The USS Wisconsin SSBN 728 (Columbia Class) was across the lot from our display. We will be honored to have her and the President of the Wisconsin Submarines group at the Picnic on August 5, 2023 at the Veterans Rest Camp.

Shipmates

Recently at a Gathering a member stated that they required a two week notice before events for the Floats. Another member stated that they needed an address in the initial Blast Email. All points are legitimate. A third member stated that “intimidation” is not a helpful tactic to create support for the base. This becomes a question of Support and commitment versus convenience. Base members all have differing commitments throughout the year. We understand that.

In many cases these are choices. We manage our own personal calendars. We send out the summer events starting in January of the year to get the information to Membership as soon as possible in the hope that Members will note on their Calendars the Base events they can Attend & Support.

The events that we support are carefully selected to be patriotic and supportive of the Mission of the USSVI. National By-Laws require our involvement in these Community functions.

In the hope of keeping this information current and in front of the Membership, we include the current information about events in the Bi-Monthly **Deep Dive News (DDN)**. Should you not be receiving this valuable document, WE need to know as this is the primary document to understand what has occurred, what is Scheduled and what will be Happening. It is also on the website. Mspussvi.com

As events develop, and new details become available, we send out Blast Emails with the relative information. We have events that do not change, we have events that change. **Many times, we do not know the final details until a week before.** Our history has been to send the final details out to the entire base about one week before as this has been the most accurate method. If this is not sufficient, we need to know.

In Summary Info is available in January – Check/Note the Calendar
Information is included in the DDN -Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov
Blast emails are sent Before Events
[Calendar](#) on the Website minneapolisubvets.com or mspussvi.com

In accordance with the requirements of these members, A notice will be sent out 2 weeks before an event and that will be **the only notification** offered. Should you have a suggestion on how we can improve the communication and notification process, we are interested.

Float and Static Display Opportunities

Float Events - ALL Information is listed under "EVENTS" on the Base Website (MSPUSSVI.com)

Air Expo at Flying Cloud July 22 & 23. Enter Gate J after 0700.
14857 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

<https://wotn.org/airexpo/>

We will be set up north of the Main Hanger. (See map on link) This is a Saturday / Sunday event. We will be staged next to the Air Force again. We should not be too hard to Locate. Show runs from 0900 to 1700 Sat and 0900 to 1600 Sunday.
See You there.

Little Log House and Antique Power Show July 28/29/30. A Three-Day event.
Camping available on site. 21889 Michael Avenue Hastings, Minnesota 55033

<https://www.littleloghouseshow.com/general-information/>

This is one of our Premier events. Show opens at 0800 each day. Show closes at 1700 on Friday/Saturday and 1500 on Sunday. Breakfast Available. Porky's Onion Rings available. 250 acres of exhibits, military reenactments, Parade each day at 1100. We are towed by Miesville Fire Department. Need support for our exhibit daily. Please consider support.



Picnic @ Veterans Rest Camp on Big Marine Lake Saturday August 5. 1000-1400

Free event for Members, Families, and friends. Bring a Raffle worthy item for the Raffle sponsored by Deb & Dale Steinke. The USS Wisconsin SSBN will be our guest with a presentation by Capt. Jim Harvey.

Dakota County Fair Military Appreciation Day. Wednesday August 9th 0800 -2000

4008 220th St W, Farmington, MN 55024

Call or email Tup for Free Parking information for Worker/Volunteers

Military Day - Wednesday, August 9, 2023

To Celebrate "Military Day" at the Dakota County Fair and to say "Thank You" to our service men and women (including prior service and retirees) the Dakota County Agricultural Society has purchased 600 rodeo tickets to be given out to Military Personnel and their immediate family.

Pantowners 48th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet
August 20, 2023 @ Benton County Fairgrounds 1410 3rd Ave S. Sauk Rapids
Sponsored by the St Cloud Antique Auto Club

Shipmates and Members. We have been invited to a NEW event this summer.

John Hlavac has arranged for our two Submarine Floats to be displayed prominently at the **Largest one-day Car show** in the state of Minnesota.

Any Member that has a vehicle older than 2003 is invited to display that Sunday. We hope that some of our base members will take advantage of this opportunity.

Our Models will be set up at 0700 Sunday August 20, 2023. We ask for volunteers to work our displays. This is a great way to meet other members and enjoy the camaraderie that becomes of these happenings.

The Official Flyer for this gathering is on the Base Website. MSPUSSVI.Com. Please come out and support our Base in making this show an annual event.

September has a weekend set of events;

The Otsego Prairie Festival is Saturday September 16th from 1000 – 1600 13355 – 90th Street NE Otsego, MN 55330

<https://otsegofestival.com/>

Another great afternoon event for us. They Place a Submarine icon on the festival Map just for us. The next day we are at Camp Ripley for their Open House 1000 – 1700 This another overnight for the tow Drivers.

Camp Ripley Open House September 17, 2023 1000-1700

15000 Highway 115 Little Falls, MN 56345

This is the day that the entire camp is open to the public and they expect over 10,000 attendees. Let's go and support the Minnesota Military History Museum. We encourage members to join the museum and show our support. We have asked them to support our base by offering Indoor Storage for the Gato over the winter. We will be finding out more about the 708 Sail project, the new Museum construction and how we can support and be supported.

Expanding Brotherhood

We need to ask ourselves What can I do to ensure the success of our Base. As our membership ages, the long-term viability of the organization fades. Just last year we had several members depart on Eternal Patrol".

Each of our members are "**Qualified in Submarines**". A designation that required Hard Work and most likely more than the minimum time. Hopefully each of you are Proud of that accomplishment. Membership does not require much. Just \$15 per year. The base is required to hold 6 meetings. (Every 58 days). What are you doing to support the group during these off' days? In your travels, have you met a Qualified Submariner who is not part of our group? Did you try to offer information about our group and possibly recruit him? Have you chosen to support the base at events that are planned for the membership? Have you shown the camaraderie that you enjoyed on the boats? Can you? Would you offer your time to do the simple things that keep our base alive by becoming involved? There are a few things that we do not do because of our lack of member involvement. Promoting our Base and Floats in the American Submariner magazine. Setting up regional scuttlebutt get-togethers in "off" months. Reaching out to the community to promulgate the organization. Minnesota has an inordinate number of former Bubbleheads that we need to connect with.

Yearly Picnic

PICNIC IS AUGUST 5th, 2023
Vets Rest Camp at Big Marine
17495 Manning Trail N
Marine on St Croix, MN
1000 - 1400

Let's try something different. This has been tried at many other organizations as well as at the National USSVI Conventions. How about if we all put in some fun and thought into donating something new and interesting. Examples; garden produce, something crafty, baskets with a theme, wine is ok, we did hear comments to have other items as some people don't drink wine. This is a great way to make money, and fun to see what we can all come up with for a prize. New items are recommended. The way we will do this is that we will set up the raffle items, and put a container in front of each item. When you buy your tickets, keep one side of the ticket and put the other in the container of your choice. We will draw out a ticket and discard the rest in that container. We will do this until items are all raffled off.

This goes quickly and raises a nice amount of money. So, you think, "What about the 50-50?" Easily solved. We will sell a different color ticket, and put that ticket in a different basket, then draw out one ticket to determine the winner. If there is left over food items at the picnic, we can draw out of the 50-50 bucket for winners of those items. It isn't confusing. If it is, we can go back to the old way at the next meeting. Fun way to raise money!

Ps. Ken. James Harvey will be Dale and my guest. If all goes well for him, and he plans to bring the USS Wisconsin 728 inflatable.

Deb Steinke

Member Submissions

Why does USSVI Exist?

This can best be expressed by our Creed/Purpose quoted from our USSVI Constitution.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE/CREED

Section 1: The purpose/creed of USSVI is 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 may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Section 2: In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

Section 3: The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

We also have a separate 501(C)3 USSVI Charitable Foundation for Scholarships, Brotherhood Fund and a Memorial Fund.

Submariners on the Internet

First Australian Sailors Graduate from Nuclear Power School, Set to Serve on U.S. Navy Subs in Hawaii



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Royal Australian Navy graduates from Naval Power School (l to r) Lt. Cmdr. Adam Klyne, Lt. Cmdr.

James Heydon and Lt. William Hall. US Navy Photos

The first of a new cadre of nuclear-trained Australian sailors graduated on Friday from nuclear power school in Charleston, S.C.

The three Royal Australian Navy officers completed the service's six-month Naval Nuclear Power Training Command and Nuclear Power School, which teaches the fundamentals of running U.S. naval nuclear reactors on submarines and aircraft carriers.

"It's a historic event for our Navy, a historic event for our submarine force and I think it's a historic event for our nation," said Australia's Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, [according to Australian broadcaster ABC](#).

"Two years ago, this wasn't on the radar."

The graduation of the RAN officers Lt. Cmdr. James Heydon, Lt. Cmdr. Adam Klyne and Lt. William Hall is one of the first steps ahead of the introduction of nuclear submarines into the Australian fleet as part of the AUKUS technical cooperation agreement between the U.S., Australia and the U.K.

"What these graduates learn at NPS prepares them for the next step in becoming a nuclear-qualified officer," Adm. Frank Caldwell, director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, said in a Friday statement.

"From here, they will continue their academic and practical studies so that when they go to their aircraft carrier or, in the case of our RAN officers, submarines, they are ready to safely and competently operate the power plant."

Following the completion of the South Carolina training, the three sailors will undertake additional training at the Navy's moored training ship and then in Connecticut to be qualified officers to serve aboard U.S. Virginia-class nuclear attack boats operating out of Hawaii.

"The plan at this stage is to join submarines based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and they'll complete their training at sea," Hammond said.

"Once they're qualified, sufficiently experienced, then we'll get them back into the ecosystem in a different role."

Nuclear-trained RAN officers serving on U.S. submarines is one of the first steps of the AUKUS construct that will eventually lead the Australians to operate their own Virginia-class submarines.

"One of the key elements to AUKUS that screamed out for immediate attention was helping the Australian Royal Navy gain proficiency in the operation and stewardship of nuclear-powered submarines. All other elements of AUKUS could succeed, but without training, the Australian Royal Navy won't have the skills to operate or care for the submarines," Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.), ranking member of the House Armed Services seapower and projection forces committee, told USNI News in a statement.

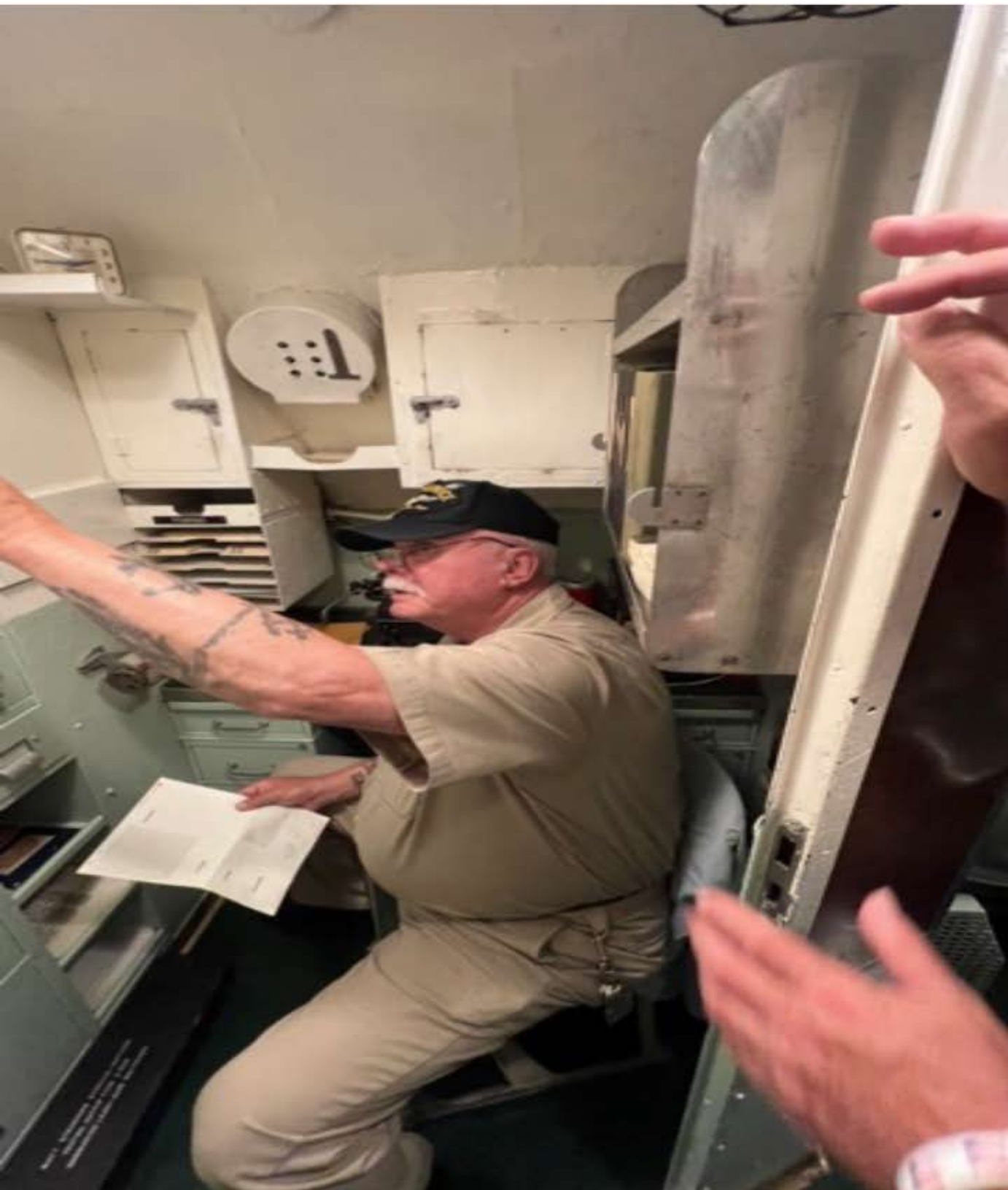
The next steps will have U.S. submarines make more port calls in Australia and send hundreds of Australian shipyard workers to the U.S. to learn the art of submarine construction and maintenance.

"Once we feel that Australia is ready to do that – and we think it could be as early as 2027 – we'll establish a rotational force of U.S. and U.K. submarines in Australia, the construct we're calling Submarine Rotational Forces West," or SURF-West, a White House official told USNI News.

The pact between London, Washington and Canberra aims to have the first nuclear attack boats in Australia by the 2030s and the first Australian-built subs by the 2040s.

<https://news.usni.org/2023/07/07/first-australian-sailors-graduate-from-nuclear-power-school-set-to-serve-on-u-s-navy-subs-in-hawaii>

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