

# THE DEEP DIVE NEWS

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## 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!!*

## January

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

## February

Matthew Ackerman	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Larry Lutgens	7 <sup>th</sup>
Bryan Schultz	14 <sup>th</sup>
Douglas Kirks	20 <sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday Guys and Gals!!!!!!*

# Commander's Corner

Every April our MSP Base holds elections as specified in our bylaws. We would like to get more participation from our MSP members to assist in managing our Base activities. We feel wider participation by members is necessary to keep our MSP organization as a successful and enjoyable group.

Some of our current members have been in MSP Base Executive positions for many years and would like to have new members take on their responsibilities. Our current Board members will provide mentorship to help guide newly elected members in managing their MSP Board positions.

Your new ideas for our Base are always welcome but now your participation is needed. If you have any notions about taking a more active MSP role, large or minor, please let me know. A three-member nominating committee will contact you for further discussion.

We are putting together a call list and will be calling the membership to fill these openings. The 3 member nominating committee picked at the February meeting will do the calling. Whether you are an Old Salt or a Newbie we will be around to help you take on the job of your choice. Contact me if you have any questions.

## Duties of the Officers

Section 1: The duties of Base Commander shall include, but is not limited to, presiding over all meetings of the Organization, serving on the Executive Board, providing a meeting place for all meetings. Be ex-officio of all committees and appoint committees not provided for.

Section 2: The duties of Vice Commander shall include, but limited to, assisting the Commander in the performance of his duties, preside at the meetings in the absence of the Commander. Serve as the membership chairperson of the organization and shall serve on the Executive Board. The Vice Commander shall automatically assume the duties of the Commander should that office become vacant for any reason.

Section 3: The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not limited to, the taking and keeping of the minutes of all base meetings. Answer and keep a record of all base correspondence and shall serve on the Executive Board.

Section 4: The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not limited to, accepting and keeping a record of all monies collected and received. Disburse such monies as necessary under the direction of the membership and shall serve on the Executive Board.

**Whether you are an Old Salt or a Newbie, we will be around to help you take on the job of your choice. Contact me if you have any questions.**

**Base Commander  
612-251-2260  
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# USSVI MSP Treasurers Report 1/25/2024

Dues checks can be made payable to "USSVI" and combined into one check or payment.

Venmo also accepted: @USSVIMSP

## **National Dues: (effective April 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

## **MSP Base Dues:**

**1 year \$15.00 per year**  
**Base Life \$200.00**

## **Current Treasury Accounts**

USSVI MSP Base Financial Summary	1/25/24
General Operating Fund	\$1,474.44
Kaps4Kids Program Fund	\$2,639.33
USS Billfish Float Fund	\$1,722.18
Total	\$5,835.95

Super Boosters as of Dec 2023:

December 2023 Michael Maliniak  
October 2023 Dale Steinke  
August 2023 Dale Steinke  
December 2022 Dave Ratte & Michael Maliniak  
August 2022 Dale Steinke  
April 2022 Bill Benzick

The Super Booster list is a 24 month rolling list of members who have donated to the base in a gift of \$50.00 or more. As a reminder , we are organized as a 501c13, and the base can provide a receipt for tax purposes if needed. Several of you have done this in the past and it is not a hassle. Thanks to all member and our SuperBoosters!!

# 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 were reported as added this period.*

## USSVI Msp/Stp Base E-board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2024

Attendees:

John Barnes, Marcus Benjamin, Jack Fay, Tim Martinson.

Tim Martinson and Marcus Benjamin discussed a new DDN section titled Feedback.

Meeting called to order at 09:15.

For open Base positions, Tim Martinson was asked if he would like to be Base Commander, it is under consideration.

Open Positions are:

Base Commander

Vice-Commander

Treasurer

Secretary

Chaplain

We discussed contacting Base Members for these open positions.

Jack Fay and Ken Tibesar are working on a list.

USSVI National only wants to have one base Member with "Tools" access, this may result in slow data gathering for Base Membership counts.

Marcus Benjamin offered to export a list to distribute to E-board Members, this is already happening as of Jan 20, 2024.

John Barnes will sort through the list/s for viable Base Position candidates, who need to be able to attend most meetings through the year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11.

***Check out our website at: [WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM](http://WWW.MSPUSSVI.COM)***

## **After Action Report**

No notable events occurred during this abbreviated period.

### **Binnacle List**

**Andy Anderson**  
**David E. Anderson**  
**David Harms**  
**Jeff Lundgren**

Past Commander Lundgren is Home now. He will be receptive to contact by Phone 763-300-9961, or a visit at his Condo at 11635 Theatre Dr W Unit #447 Champlain, MN . Please Call before visiting.

**Phyliss Thomton**

Phyliss Thomton is Home from the Hospital and TCU and doing well under the command of EN (SS) Brent.

**Kevin Rosing-Clapp**  
**Ken Tupper**

# Chaplains Corner

Greetings Shipmates,

Let's begin with a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our great country and for the freedom that we enjoy. We thank you for watching over us and seeing us through whatever perilous times we may have encountered as we endeavored to do our part to defend that freedom. Bless our leaders with your wisdom and guidance. Bless those members on our binnacle list and those who are troubled and bereaved. May they feel your healing strength and comfort as we remember them. These mercies we ask of you. Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

As we progress through winter here in Minnesota, I hope everyone is surviving okay. I heard from the grape vine that Ken Tupper took a fall and is laid up with a bad knee. Be careful out there. Falling can be a permanent life changing event. If there is anyone out there that is not doing well, let other members know. You can text or call me at 651-500-1676 or email at [bergieja@usfamily.net](mailto:bergieja@usfamily.net).

Thanks.

**February Meeting Boats lost in January and February**

	<b>Ships Name</b>	<b>Date Lost</b>	<b>Crew Lost</b>	
1	USS E-2 Sturgeon (SS-25)	01/15/16	4	Four men lost 15 January 1916 from a hydrogen explosion while entering New York Harbor.
2	USS S-26 (SS-131)	01/24/42	46	Lost with forty six men on 24 January 1942 in the Gulf of Panama, 14 miles West of San Jose Light when USS PC-460 rammed it. 2 men survived
3	USS Shark (SS-174)	02/11/42	59	Lost with all hands (fifty nine men) on 11 February 1942 when it was sunk by surface craft East of Manado, Celebes Island as a result of one of three Japanese attacks.
4	USS Argonaut (SS-166)	01/10/43	105	Lost with all hands (one hundred and five men) on 10 January 1943 in Java Sea by Japanese surface attack
5	USS Amberjack (SS-219)	02/16/43	74	Lost with all hands (seventy four men) by Japanese aerial bombs and surface craft on 16 February 1943 off Rabaul in the Solomon Sea.
6	USS Scorpion (SS-278)	01/05/44	76	Lost with all hands (seventy six men) on 5 January 1944 by possible Japanese Mine in the Yellow Sea off China.
7	USS Grayback (SS-208)	02/27/44	80	Lost with all hands (eighty men) on 27 February 1944 during a Japanese Air and Surface attack off Okinawa
8	USS Trout (SS-202)	02/29/44	81	Lost with all hands (eighty one men) on 29 February 1944 during a Japanese Surface Attack in the Philippine Sea.
9	USS Swordfish (SS-193)	01/12/45	89	Lost with all hands (eighty nine men) by a possible Japanese surface attack or mine on 12 January 1945 off Okinawa
10	USS Barbel (SS-316)	02/04/45	81	Lost with all hands (eighty one men) on 4 February 1945 during a Japanese air attack off the entrance to Palawan Passage
<b>A total of 695 men were lost on 10 boats</b>				<b>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.</b>



Closing Prayer.

We pray that the Power of the Holy Spirit will flow through all Submariners, that The Grace of God will renew them, that the Love of God will pursue them today, tomorrow, and all of life's tomorrows and may we be born tenderly in the palm of the Almighty till time shall be no more. Amen

Quotes:

Patriotism is about supporting our country all of the time, and our government when it deserves it. Mark Twain

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. MLK

Joel Bergstrom  
***Base Chaplain***

## **Regional Scuttlebutt**

Six members were asked to be involved in the setup of a January and a February RS. There has been absolutely NO response from any of the six. The sites were Red Wing/ Faribault/ Wayzata / Delano / Howard Lake / Stillwater-Hugo / St Cloud / Rogers.

## **Skippy the Yeoman**

## **Shipmates**

## **Float and Static Display Opportunities**

# Member Submissions

1) Today, 1/21/2024, is the 70th anniversary of the launching of the USS Nautilus, SSN 571.



First Lady Mamie Eisenhower christened USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571) on 21 January 1954 by breaking the traditional bottle of champagne across the boat's bow. Naval History and Heritage Command photograph, UA 475.05.



USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571) was launched at the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut, 21 January 1954.

Naval History and Heritage Command photograph, UA 475.05.02.

2) Feedback requested for past meeting meals and service:

We have had meal buffet's and a selection of entrees at alternating MSP Base Meetings. The Base MAA would like feedback on the meals, Their available selections, Quality, level of service and anything you had issue with, what you liked or what you would like to see in the future.

Please send your comments to:

Tim Martinson, Base MAA, 860-734-6957 (Phone & Text), [martinsonti@gmail.com](mailto:martinsonti@gmail.com)

3) There's a Veterans oriented organization that may be of interest to some of our members. It is "Veterans Doner Connect"

They collect used medical appliances and other materials and make them available to veterans who need them. These materials include furniture, beds, medical appliances, etc. I know many of us are still denying that we're older than 25 but, I expect we'll find the materials being offered helpful as our infirmaries mount. They can be reached at [donorconnectmn.org](http://donorconnectmn.org).

4) If you didn't have a chance to watch it live, you can now watch the full Naval Reactors Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony in honor of Adm. Frank Caldwell

here: <https://lnkd.in/eyrVfwDC> Caldwell was relieved by Adm. Bill Houston in a ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard Jan. 10. The official party included the Honorable Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); the Honorable Carlos Del Toro, Office of the Secretary of the Navy; and Admiral Lisa Franchetti, US Navy Chief of Naval Operations.

5) For those of you who exited your naval service before the advent of Nuclear Power. Naval Reactors has been responsible for every power plant on a US and UK submarine as well as a selection of Cruisers and all of the Carriers since Enterprise. The video is very entertaining.....

Please include the request to let the MAA Know if they will be taking the Taco Bar at the upcoming 2/3/2023 MSP Base Meeting.

Thank You,

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## **Submariners on the Internet**

**MSP USSVI Facebook Group has a lot of good content.  
If you are on Facebook already, give it a look and share it.**

Share this link with every sub sailor you know and the people who support them all.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/744253000664354/>

Let's get this boat rockin'!

## Photo of the Day



## Feedback

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***Minneapolis/St Paul Base***



***Pride Runs Deep***



***U.S. Submarine Force***