



"To Honor Those Who Serve, Past, Present & Future"

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**Lest We Forget —  
"The USSVI Submariner's 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.**

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**News Brief**

1. **Next Meeting:** Restrictions on group gatherings related to Coronavirus have caused a temporary suspension of our monthly meetings.  
**June 19**  
**July 17**  
**August 21**
2. **Duty Cook Roster:**
  - a. JUNE – MANNY GARMENDEZ
  - b. JULY – CHRIS GAINES
  - c. AUGUST - SEE YOUR NAME HERE!
3. **June Birthdays.** Dennis Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup>; Scott Clippert 2<sup>nd</sup>; Bret Zacher 9<sup>th</sup>; Frank Voznak 9<sup>th</sup>; and Martin Salvador 11<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday Shipmates!
4. **Crash Dive** has a few openings where you can showcase your skills while serving your shipmates. Can you see yourself as our Chaplain, Community Outreach Chair, Membership Chair, Charitable Giving Chair, Vice-Commander, or CoB? Contact Clay Hill to step-up.

## Crash Dive Meeting Minutes May 15, 2021

### 1) Call to Order 1110

- a) The following submarines were lost during the month of May:

USS LAGARTO	(SS-371)	03 May 1945
USS SCORPION	(SSN-589)	22May 1968
USS SQUALUS	(SS-192)	23May 1939
USS STICKLEBACK	(SS-415)	28May 1958

- b) Invocation (SOS2/SS Thomas P. Oker, rest your oar)

### 2) Attendance

- a) Frank Voznak
- b) Chris Gaines
- c) Herman Mueller
- d) Glenn Barts
- e) Frank Walter
- f) Clay Hill
- g) Manny Garmendez
- h) Maurice Young
- i) Ted Rotzoll

### 3) Reports:

- a) Secretary's Report
  - (1) SOP to be covered in New Business
- b) Treasurer's Report, ABSENT to support family health in Utah
  - (1) CD balances. Checking: \$3,871.54; Savings: \$15,462.44
  - (2) Closing statement for memorial fund
- c) Committee Reports
  - i) Newsletter – Chris Gaines
  - ii) Membership – Chris Gaines, Until USSVI Database Update
    - (1) 35 listed members, 7 dual-base, 18 active members
    - (2) Need to write to postal members; more to follow in staff meeting

- (3) Reach out to Great Lakes for recruiting; Frank Walter has base access
- (4) Need to refresh base contact cards
- (5) Great Lakes base mentioned presentation on base for recruits on hold from RTC: request Scott Jaklin attend next meeting
- (6) Ball cap ceremony for Battlestations, need to request info
- (7) John Lindstedt contact for presentation:
  - (a) Need full house, maybe combine with other bases and 786 club
- iii) Community Outreach – Bret Zacher, ABSENT
- iv) Hospitality – Bret Zacher, ABSENT
- v) Webmaster – Frank Voznak, Jr.
- (1) Adding storekeeper page to website, add to staff meeting
- vi) Storekeeper – Herman Mueller
- (1) Invoice for vest clasps, ordered 25 Eagle Scout patches
- (2) Inventory to be provided, XL shirts, 2ea., for Maurice
- vii) Procedures – Chris Gaines
  - (1) Manny to work with Chris on procedures
- viii) Eagle Scout – Ted Rotzoll
  - (1) Upcoming events: 23rd, 3 scouts & 29th, 1 scout
- ix) Memorial Committee – Frank Voznak, Jr.
  - (1) Bids: one bid entered from Chicago Scenic, ~\$12,000, built memorial
  - (2) New York Company ~\$1400 quote, not recommended by Riverwalk committee
  - (3) Riverwalk recommends BCBM: bid ~\$3800, including installation

### 4) Old (Unfinished) Business

- a) Memorial Signage
  - i) Any bids for signage & contact with Michelle?
  - ii) Veterans day deadline?
- (1) Motion to authorize Frank to accept bid from BCBM:
  - (a) Motioned by Maurice, second by Glenn
  - (b) Motion carries for Frank V to authorize bid when approved by Michelle
- [Break for chow 1154]
- b) Cobia Drydocking
  - i) Contact with Museum
  - ii) Update on working party prior to SubFest, coming up soon!
- (1) SubFest is still on, no access to boat
- c) Request Staff Meeting
  - i) Centerpieces: storage at Bret's house & Plan for labeling to prevent loss
  - ii) Phone tree, database update/picture day plan, Holland Club donations
- (1) Option to be held via Zoom to alleviate commute concerns, Herman not available during week, email? Zoom?
- d) Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, Elwood, IL
  - i) Update from John Connon?
- e) Honors and Ceremonies SOP
  - i) Attire: Vests/Cover, depending on service
  - ii) Formation: Line behind presenter (senior person)
  - iii) Call attention to Honors, read certificate. Present Medallion (salute?)
  - iv) File out left/right, detail halt/inboard face, present arms
  - v) Announce shipmate departing, sound bell?, order arms

- (1) RSVP: Chris, Frank V. Glenn and Herman to supply medallion.
- (2) Vest, white shirt, black tie, long black slacks

## 5) **New Business**

- a) Tom Oker Memorial
  - i) Visitation on 02 Jun 21 from 1600 to 2000, @ Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr. Naperville, IL
  - ii) Christian Mass on 03 Jun 21 commencing 1000 @ Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 S. Eola Rd. Aurora, IL
  - iii) Interment with military honors to follow @ Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, 911 North Ave. Naperville, IL.
  - iv) Expected attendance and Cert/Medallion presentation
- (1) Herman/Glenn get medallion to Frank V/Chris
- b) Larry Wranke Memorial Donations
  - i) JaNell Warnke requests ideas for donations in honor of Larry
  - ii) USS Cobia, USSVI Scholarships, other ideas welcome
  - iii) Something KSC related? Memorial grill, bench, picnic table?
- (1) Letter of appreciation for Larry's Memorial attendance
- (2) Highland Park police contribution, Nautilus, Dolphin scholarship
- (3) Plaque to hang at KSC, Holland Club donation
- (4) \$200 to work with: Tabled until next meeting
- 6) **SOS2/SS Thomas P. Oker**
  - a) Lived in Naperville, IL 50 years; married w/ 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

- b) Joined Navy in 1955. Qualified on USS Blenny (SS-324) in 1956; aboard 1956-1957.
- c) Served aboard USS Entemedor (SS-340) in 1957; separated from the Navy in 1959.

## 7) Good of the Order

- a) Duty Cook – June, July, Aug
  - (1) June – Manny BBQ
  - (2) July – Chris
  - (3) Aug – NEED VOL
  - (4) Sep – Maurice
- b) 786 Club – VADM Roegge speech
  - (1) Great turnout, 62 attendees
  - (2) Next Speaker: ADM Rick Seif, 04 Aug
  - (3) Visit to Pearl planned Jan-Feb
  - (4) FRG Mother’s Day Ham provided

## 8) Next Meeting is 19 June 2021 @ KSC

- a) Adjourn: 1252

## Lost Boats

USS HERRING	SS 233	6/1/44
USS S-28	SS 133	6/4/44
USS R-12	SS 89	6/12/43
USS BONEFISH I	SS 323	6/18/45
USS S-27	SS 132	6/19/42
USS O-9	SS 70	6/20/41
USS GOLET	SS 361	6/24/44

## Undersea Warfare History

- June 8, 1943 | USS Finback (SS 230) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks auxiliary minelayer Kahoku Maru about 100 miles north of Palau.
- June 9, 1959 | USS George Washington (SSBN 598), the first U.S. Navy nuclear-powered fleet ballistic missile submarine,

is christened and launched at Groton, Conn.

- June 10, 1945 | USS Skate (SS 305) sinks Japanese submarine (I 122) in the Sea of Japan.
- June 11, 1871 | During the Korean Expedition, Rear Adm. John Rodgers squadron lands a party of 650 Marines and Sailors to attack and capture Fort McKee (also known as the Citadel), Korea. Fifteen receive the Medal of Honor for their action during the capture of the Korean fort.
- June 12, 1957 | More than 100 ships from 17 nations take part in the International Naval Review at Hampton Roads, Va. in honor of the 350th anniversary of Jamestown, Va.
- June 15, 1864 | During the Civil War, the side-wheel steamer, USS Lexington, commanded by Lt. George Bache, and a boat crew from the side-wheel steamer, USS Tyler, capture three steamers aiding Confederates off Beulah Landing, Miss.
- June 16, 1945 | In heavy seas, USS Devilfish (SS 292) attacked an enemy submarine carrying a midget submarine on its deck.
- June 17, 1944 | USS Flounder (SS 251) In the Philippine Sea during the assault on the Mariana Islands, Flounder made a sound contact which resulted in her sinking a 2681-ton transport. Escorts immediately began a persistent, vigorous and ineffective counter-attack.
- June 18, 1957 | Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, chief of naval operations, approves the ship characteristics of the fleet ballistic missile submarine.
- June 19, 1943 | USS Gunnel (SS 253) damages Japanese gunboat Hong Kong Maru (ex-Philippine Argus), and sinks freighter Tokiwa Maru and costal minesweeper Tsubame off Shirase, Japan. Also on this date, USS Sculpin (SS 191) sinks Japanese guardboat No.1 Miyasho

Maru and army cargo ship Sagami Maru off Inubo Saki, Japan.

- June 22, 1963 | The nuclear-powered submarines USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628), USS Daniel Boone (SSBN 629), USS Flasher (SSN 613), and USS John Calhoun (SSBN 630) are all launched in one day, emphasizing the Navy's accelerated nuclear-submarine construction program.
- June 23, 1945 | USS Parche (SS 384) sank several trawlers by gunfire.
- June 24, 1944 | Navy submarines USS Grouper (SS 214), USS Redfin (SS 272) and USS Tang (SS 306) attack Japanese convoys off the coast of Japan, sinking seven enemy vessels.
- June 25, 1942 | USS Nautilus (SS 168) sinks the Japanese destroyer, Yamakaze, southeast of Yokosuka, Japan. June 26, 1945 | USS Devilfish (SS 292) attacks an escort ship. During this patrol, she acted as lifeguard for strikes accompanying the Okinawa operation, and rendezvoused several times with other submarines to take off medical cases and rescued aviators.

## Virginia: The Missile Packed Submarine Built to Fight China in a War

Peter Suci, National Interest, March 29

Last week, the United States Navy awarded a \$2.42 billion contract modification to General Dynamics' Electric Boat subsidiary to build an additional Block V Virginia-class submarine equipped with the Virginia Payload Module (VPM). The deal was awarded by The Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington D.C.

The original contract that was awarded in December 2019 was for nine boats with an option for a tenth. With this added submarine, the total cost of the contract with prime contractor Electric

Boat will be \$24.1 billion, a net increase of \$1.89 billion for the full contract.

Nasdaq reported that General Dynamics has substantially reduced the cost as well as the delivery time of the Virginia-class boats from eighty-four to just sixty-six months, while also improving mission capability and ship construction quality. The defense contractor is also one of only two companies in the world that is equipped to build nuclear-powered submarines, and as such General Dynamics has enjoyed a dominant position as a navy contractor.

"The 17,000 shipbuilders of Electric Boat are pleased to receive the award for the tenth Block V ship and are ready to meet the generational challenge of building the Virginia and Columbia classes concurrently," Kevin Graney, president of General Dynamics' Electric Boat said in a statement that was also posted to Facebook. "We are grateful for the continued support of our federal delegation, who strongly advocated for this important funding."

According to the Department of Defense (DoD), Electric Boat will continue to work with Huntington Ingalls Industries' Newport News Shipbuilding division on the construction of the submarine. Contract work will occur in Virginia, Rhode Island, California, Connecticut, Maryland, Arizona, Pennsylvania and other areas within and outside the U.S. through February 2030 according to Govconwire.com. The United States Navy has been focused on strengthening its naval power by upgrading its fleet of missile submarines in response to potential threats from near-peer adversaries including China.

The Virginia-class nuclear-powered cruise missile attack submarines were introduced in the mid-2000s as a replacement to the Cold War-era Los Angeles-class submarine line, thirty of which have already been retired. Three of the Virginia blocks were focused heavily on cost-efficiency improvements: Block II

slashed roughly \$300 million worth of program costs, introducing a more efficient production process; the eight Block III subs incorporated a new bow design including a new sonar array and large diameter vertical payload tubes, and Block IV brought reduced maintenance periods and lowered total ownership costs to boost the program's sustainability well into the coming decades.

The Block V submarines feature the VPM, an 84-foot section of the boat that will serve as an undersea vertical launcher for missiles. Each VPM on the Block Vs provides the capacity for 40 cruise missiles. Additionally, with advancements in hypersonic missile technology, the Virginia-class's larger launcher will be well suited to host such weapons once they are deployable. The boats can also host the new version of the anti-ship Maritime Strike Tomahawk, a part of the Block V upgrade that will begin being delivered to the service later this month.

## Joe Biden Wants To Spend Big On U.S. Navy Submarines

[David Axe, Forbes, April 12](#)

Donald Trump left Joe Biden a shipbuilding mess. Biden is beginning to clean it up—starting with submarines. The Biden administration has released top-line figures for its first budget proposal. The overall \$1.52-trillion federal budget for 2022 includes \$715 billion for the military, a small increase over 2021.

There are few details in the White House's initial announcement. In the section on shipbuilding, the announcement mentions just three programs—two of them submarines.

"The discretionary request continues the recapitalization of the nation's strategic ballistic-missile submarine fleet, and invests in remotely operated and autonomous systems and the next-generation attack submarine program," the Office of Management and Budget explained.

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The Navy for years has been studying a next-generation attack submarine, which the service calls SSN(X). It's increasingly clear that the type could be a top priority at least through 2025, the final year of Biden's first term.

In prioritizing the SSN(X), the White House is beginning to make sense of the confusion surrounding American naval planning. The outgoing Trump administration in its final weeks released a controversial—and hugely expensive—plan to grow the Navy's front-line fleet from around 300 ships today to 355 just 10 years from now. The plan itself reflected years of bipartisan consensus that the fleet should get bigger in order to deter a rising Chinese fleet. The problem with Trump's late-term shipbuilding proposal wasn't its substance—it was the timing.

The former administration released the proposal after it was too late for Trump actually to execute any part of it. The point, it seemed, was to set expectations and thus complicate the Biden administration's own naval planning in the event Biden won the election. Bryan McGrath, director of the FerryBridge Group naval consultancy in Maryland, called Trump's shipbuilding proposal a "cheap political ploy."

The Biden White House's 2022 budget proposal, the opening move in negotiations with Congress, should begin to attach dollars to some—or even all—of the programs in the old Trump plan. The budgeting process could transform the ploy into actual policy.

Submarines appear to be the starting point. The Trump administration aimed to spend hundreds of billions of dollars building two or three new attack submarines a year through 2051, ultimately growing the attack sub force from 52 boats in 2022 to 80 in 2051. It's not hard to understand why the former administration wanted so many submarines. The Navy's attack boats are among its stealthiest and most powerful vessels—and a key advantage over the vessels of its top rivals including China and Russia.

Even a few American subs, lurking in and around the Taiwan Strait, could slow or even halt a Chinese invasion of Taiwan, for example.

Crash Dive Base  
Rondout - Lake Bluff, IL

To get to 80 attack boats in 2051, the Navy anticipated winding down production of the current Virginia-class attack submarine in the 2030s and switching to the new SSN(X). It's not totally clear what the SSN(X) might look like, but there are hints. It could be wider than the 34-foot-diameter Virginia is. It might even share the 43-foot-wide hull of the new Columbia-class ballistic-missile submarine.

"We do expect it will be a larger type of submarine, probably in the size class of the Columbia, but there's not much more to tell than that," Rex Geveden, the chief executive of Virginia-based BWX Technologies BWXT, told investors in November.

The SSN(X)'s possible extra volume could help it to carry more torpedoes and cruise missiles than the Virginia can carry—and also could allow it to include more quieting technology, boosting its stealth qualities. A big new attack submarine undoubtedly will be expensive. The latest Block-V Virginia costs \$3.4 billion per boat. According to the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, a single, notional "large payload submarine" could set back American taxpayers as much as \$7 billion.

It's no wonder, then, that the Trump White House projected attack boats to become by far the Navy's biggest shipbuilding budget item, gobbling up no less than half of all ship-construction funds through the 2030s and 2040s despite attack subs representing just 15 percent of all U.S. warships.

The Biden administration appears to be comfortable with the expense. As the White House positions itself to argue on behalf of its budget proposal, new attack submarines apparently are a top priority.

## **American Honey Is Radioactive From Decades of Nuclear Bomb Testing**

Matthew Gault, Vice News (Motherboard), April 22

The world's nuclear powers have detonated more than 500 nukes in the atmosphere. These explosions were

tests, shows of force to rival nations, and proof that countries such as Russia, France, and the U.S. had mastered the science of the bomb. The world's honey has suffered for it. According to a new study published in *Nature* Communications, honey in the United States is full of fallout lingering from those atmospheric nuclear tests.

For the study, researchers collected honey samples from more than 100 hives and soil samples from 110 locations across the Eastern United States. The scientists found elevated levels of cesium in both the soil and honey samples. "While most of the radiation produced by a nuclear weapon detonation decays within the first few days, one of the longest-lived and more abundant fission products is [cesium], which has a radioactive half-life of 30.2 years," the study said.

Previous research after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster identified elevated levels of cesium in European honey and pollen. The good news is that, according to researchers, most of this honey is probably safe for humans to consume.

While the concentrations of [cesium] we report in honey today are below the...dietary threshold level of concern observed by many countries, and not evidently dangerous for human consumption, the widespread residual radiation...is surprising given that nearly 2 half-lives have elapsed since most of the bomb production of [cesium]," they said.

The U.S. conducted the majority of its atmospheric nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands and American southwest. The fallout spread through the atmosphere and settled across the planet. "Eastern North America received disproportionately high fallout from the 1950s to 1960s nuclear weapons tests despite being relatively far from the

detonation sites because of prevailing westerlies and high precipitation,” the study said.

Most of it dissipated quickly, but the cesium stuck around and soaked into the soil where its chemical structure, which is similar to potassium, made it attractive to plants. Potassium and cesium are chemically similar and the study speculated that this is the reason the plants absorbed so much of the cesium, which led to it being in the pollen bees turned into honey.

It also found an inverse relationship between the amount of potassium naturally occurring in soil and the amount of fallout found in honey. Southern states contained three times the amount of fallout that the northern states did. Southern soil doesn't contain much potassium while soil in the north is rich with the stuff.

While this honey is probably safe for human consumption, it may not be for the bees who generate it.

“In the last five years, it has become clear that insects suffer significant negative consequences at radiation dose rates that were previously considered safe, but the threshold at which damage occurs is debated,” the study said. “Some studies indicate that low levels of [cesium] pollution can be lethal to pollinating insects and that any increase above background causes measurable damage to surrounding ecosystems.”

Much of the world stopped detonating nuclear bombs in the atmosphere in 1963 when the world's nuclear powers signed the Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Almost 60 years later, we're still living with the consequences of those nuclear explosions.

## Shipyard Revitalization

Kiplinger Letter, April 30, 2021

The Navy is accelerating plans to revitalize its public shipyards. Many in the Pentagon and Congress think the service's current 20-year, \$20 billion Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan simply won't cut it. Instead, the Navy is exploring ways to speed up that timeline by another five to 10 years. Simply put, the Navy's four public shipyards don't have enough capacity to handle the needs of the current 293-ship fleet, let alone the much larger fleet of 355 ships the Navy wants to have by 2035, expanding to 500 ships by 2045. The big challenge: Balancing repair work with infrastructure upgrades and other investments that will allow the Navy to work through maintenance backlogs, while enabling future fleet expansion and modernization, among other things. Much depends on whether Congress OKs the Navy's request for more money.

## Naval Submarine School Opens Detachment at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

[Ensign Charles E. Spirtos, DVIDS, April 7](#)

The Naval Submarine School opened its newest training facility located at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) in Kittery, Maine, at a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 7, 2021. Present at the ceremony were Rear Admiral Edward L. Anderson, Deputy Commander – Undersea Warfare, Naval Sea Systems Command; Mr. Stephen B. Fahey, Senior Executive Service, PNS Nuclear Engineering and Planning Manager; Captain Matthew R. Boland, Commodore, Commander Submarine Squadron 12; Captain Daniel W. Ettlich, Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; and Captain Steven W. Antcliff, Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine School.

The planning and construction of the the state-of-the-art training facility was a result of intense collaboration between the Navy's Submarine Learning Center, Naval Submarine School, Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Nuclear Laboratory, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and Electric Boat Corporation. The facility will contain

multiple trainers developed by NAVSEA which simulate various configurations of combat systems onboard submarines.

This innovative training facility will enhance submarine warfighters' mission readiness by providing high velocity training to crews attached to boats homeported at PNS. This training will allow the crews to become better submariners and work more effectively as a team.

"This new training facility provides an opportunity for a more efficiently trained submarine force and buys back Ship's Force capacity to support maintenance," said Fahey, who offered welcoming remarks during the ceremony. "Additionally, this program will contribute significantly to safety and improve Sailor quality of life!"

In the past, Sailors attached to submarines homeported at PNS had to travel 320 miles round trip from Kittery to the Naval Submarine School in Groton to conduct required training to prepare for at sea operations. For every 700 man-hours of training, an additional 1000 man-hours of travel had to be factored into the equation—taking crews away from their boats, increasing stress and displacing other priorities.

However, with the opening of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard detachment, Sailors do not need to leave their homeport to access the many of the same training

capabilities. With the opening of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard detachment, crews will be better prepared, have more hands-on practice, and will achieve warfighting readiness faster and more effectively than in the past.

"This new training facility is intended to support the Navy's goal to enhance Sailors' combat readiness by increasing access to training facilities and instructors to improve individual and team performance on our submarines," said Antcliff.

"To succeed in the era of Great Power Competition, our Sailors must remain the best trained and educated naval force in the world. The opening of this detachment allows us to meet this goal by providing local access to Ready Relevant Learning to our submarine crews stationed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard."

The Naval Submarine School builds a foundation upon which officers and enlisted personnel are prepared to develop the competence and proficiency in skills necessary to operate and maintain their submarines.

The Naval Submarine School is part of the Navy's Submarine Learning Center, and is located aboard Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, CT.

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**OUR 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 & its Constitution."

With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

- I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (Yr)  
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)
- I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in \_\_\_\_\_ (Yr)

**Name:** (Print /Type) \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Your E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Base/Chapter Desired:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Please indicate your term preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$115.00; 3 Yr term: \$70.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$25.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$30.00;  
 Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00;  
 Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Crash Dive Base dues are \$15 annually.

How did you find USSVI?  Friend,  Boat Assn,  Local Event/News,  Internet,  Other (\_\_\_\_\_)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Applicant is:  Veteran  Spouse of Veteran  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

**Date Of Birth** (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **If other military service, What Branch?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Rate & Rank Attained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mil Retired (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_ **On Active Duty? (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_

**YR entered Mil Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YR left Mil Service** \_\_\_\_\_ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

Check here if your Military Service falls within these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946; June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7, 1975; and Aug 2, 1990 to date.

Check here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal

### Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_

**Next of Kin: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, Parent, Other)

**Addr:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

Upon completion, give or mail this form, including your National and Base membership DUES (payable to 'Crash Dive Base') to Crash Dive Membership Chairman Tom Polzin, 1305 Winslow Circle, Woodstock, IL 60098; 847-867-8668