



# ***THE DECK LOG***

## USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE

### SEPTEMBER 2022



#### *USSVI Creed*

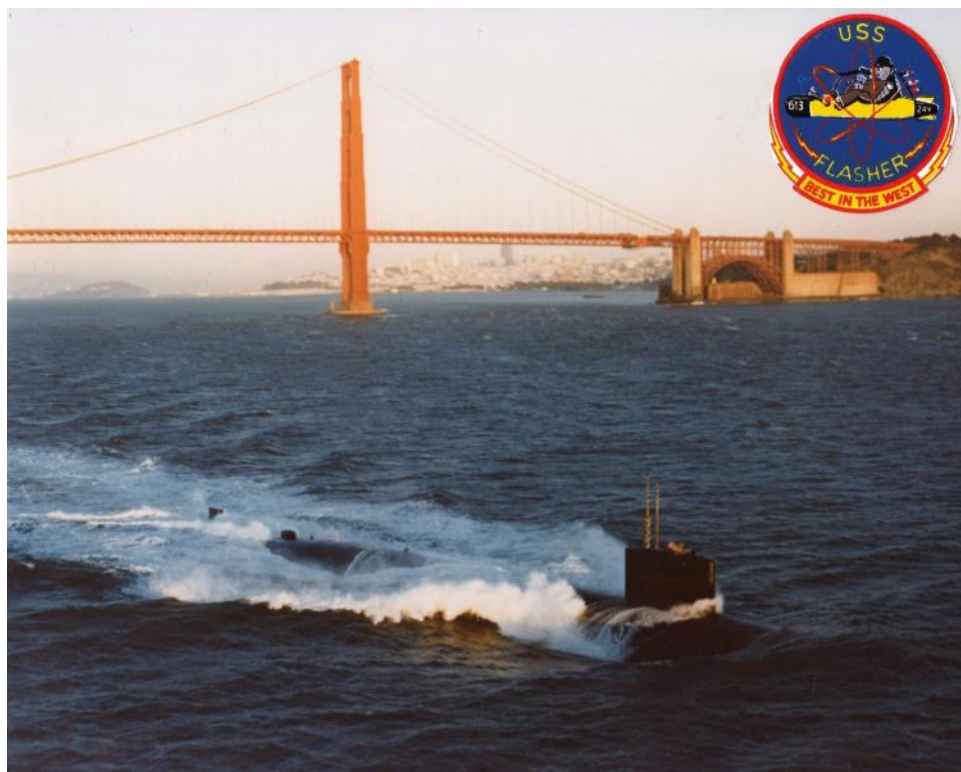
*Section 1: To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.*

#### *Camaraderie*

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

#### *Perpetual Remembrance*

*Section 3: The organization engages in various projects and deeds that bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. USSVI also endeavors to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services United States submariners performed and how the sacrifices of lost shipmates made possible the freedom and lifestyle American enjoy today*



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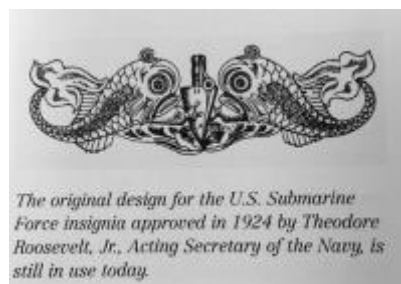
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**BASE MEETINGS** - Base meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at M/SGT Ben D Snowden VFW Post 8587, 1000 N College St, Georgetown, TX 78626. We hold a quarterly social in lieu of a Base Meeting in March, June, September and December.



2021  
Rick Mitchell  
Bill Scott

2010, 2014,  
2017, 2020

2020 Base

2020  
Bob Steinmann,  
Hubert Jackson

2012, 2013, 2016,  
2018, 2019, 2020,  
2021, 2022

**NATIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES**

A listing of Internet information addresses of the various organizations as places to obtain information on national items of interest. Shipmates, you are invited to add to the list (just let me know via email of any you use), so over time it would become more comprehensive.



<https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>



<http://www.ussvi.org/base/CentralTexas.asp>



<http://www.csp.navy.mil/>



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[www.military.com/military-report/](http://www.military.com/military-report/)



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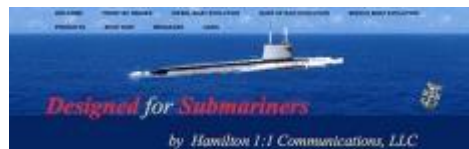
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<http://isasusa.org/>



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<http://www.dfas.mil/>



<http://www.usmilitaryforum.com/forums/>



<http://www.ausn.org/>



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## SILENT RUNNING - SEPTEMBER

"I can assure you that they went down fighting and that their brothers who survived them took a grim toll of our savage enemy to avenge their deaths." Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN



### USS Bullhead (SS 332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3rd war patrol when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. U. S. and British submarines operating in the vicinity were unable to contact Bullhead and it was presumed that she was sunk during Japanese antisubmarine attacks. Bullhead was the last boat lost in WWII.



### USS Flier (SS 250)

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin.



### USS S-39 (SS 144)

Lost on August 14, 1942 after grounding on a reef south while on her 3rd war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by the HMAS Katoomba. S-39 grounded on submerged rocks off Rossel Island and took on a 35° list to port. The crew was rescued. The S-39 was abandoned and left to "break up" on the rocks.



### USS Harder (SS 257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6th war patrol. Harder had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey, "a submariner's submariner," was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.



### USS Cochino (SS 345)

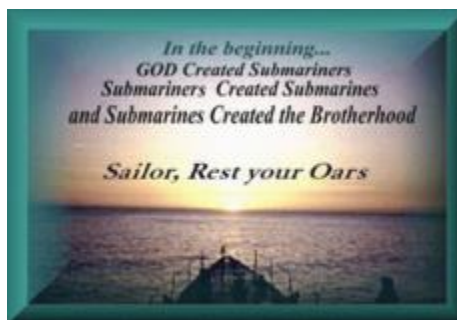
Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered, Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.



### USS Pompano (SS 181)

Lost on August 29, 1943 (between Aug 8 and Sept 27) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably fell victim to a mine. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

**We Remember** - For those who gave their lives in the defense of our country - **We Remember**





## USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE NEWS

### ***BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT***



Hello Shipmates,

I've just returned from the USSVI National Convention in Buffalo, NY. Had quite a few of you decide to attend this year and it was good having a large Central Texas Base presence at the convention. The convention was good, and we were able to catch up with old shipmates and meet new ones. Buffalo has a really great Naval and Military Park where we were able to tour the USS Croaker, USS The Sullivans, and the USS Little Rock. The Boston's sail is up there also as those of you who follow our FB group probably saw the picture of Chuck next to it. It is a really great park if you ever get the chance to visit. Probably one of the best benefits of attending the convention if you ask me is meeting new shipmates. Of course, we had all the usual activities such as the Holland Club breakfast

where we get to honor our Holland Club members and the Awards Banquet where we enjoy a good dinner and see many annual awards made to them. Part of the convention also is breakout sessions for the various base positions such as Kaps4Kids, Membership, Secretaries, BC/DC meetings and the Annual Business Meeting. At the annual business meeting it is a chance to see and hear from the Board of Directors and get updates on what is happening in your organization. You also have opportunity to provide direct feedback. Hopefully many more of you decide to mark your calendars for next August and join us in Tucson, AZ for the 2023 National Convention. I hear the resort they have booked for us is something special and there will be plenty to do. 2024 will be in Cleveland and 2025 unsure right now but I'm thinking Texas sounds good. Anyone else?

Just as the convention kicked off the new National Web Page was launched. Everyone who had a valid email in the system had an email sent to you with your username and directions for accessing and setting your password. The new website uses the original URL [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org). The reworked [ussubvets.org](http://ussubvets.org) we are currently using will remain active until they get the database training out late this month. Most of you don't need this part anyway. I strongly encourage all of you to get access to the web page. This is one of the biggest perks of your membership in being able to find and contact other SubVets. Additionally, the National bulletins that have been being passed out via emails through the COC will now come directly to members through the email notification so if you don't have your correct info in there then you won't get them.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at J and J Barbeque in Cedar Park on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> for our base social. We will be gathering at 1400 to let the lunch crowd get out of the way. I hear they do a great job.

Thanks for everything you all do. If you need anything at all please don't hesitate to ask.

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### ***USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEETING MINUTES - 20 JULY 2022***

**Location:** VFW Post 8587

**Meeting opened** at 19:00 by Rick Mitchell, Base Commander.

**E-Board was present**

**July Minutes Approved**

**Sailing List:** LOCAL 22 + 1 Guest and Guest Speaker and 8 via ZOOM; 31 Total

**Binnacle List:** Bob Lind pneumonia

**Bob Steinmann:** Led the base in our opening Prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Garret Onderdonk IV

**Tolling of the Boats –** Rick Mitchell with Gene Hall Tolling the Bell

**USS Growler SS-215** (Eric Heter) was not present but his report on the USS Growler was reviewed.

**Guest Speaker: Susie Marr, Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, of WilCo Blue Star Mothers**

Visited our base and gave a presentation on the history of the Blue Star Mothers and their impact on the local area.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Virgil Claycamp

Current Total Funds as of 1 Aug

July 1 Balance - \$28,495.57

August 1 Balance - \$28,927.63

General: \$25,099.52

Memorial: \$3,828.11

Cash to be deposited: \$74.00

Uncleared checks -\$250.00

Ending Balance August 31: \$28,751.63

**Storekeeper's Report:** Virgil Claycamp

There are items available for sale in the Base Store. Items can also be purchased through the National Store. If you are looking for any specific patches, BC Patch is a good resource, see Virgil.

**Kaps 4 Kids (Shawn O'Shea)** Not present. No report for this period.

**Parade (Tom Sprague):** No report for this period.

**Memorial (Gene Hall):** City of Round Rock will go ahead with the project while they continue to work with the Insurance Company.

**Membership (Chuck Malone):** 81 Current Members, 48 USSVI National Life, 40 Base Life, 41 Holland Club, 70 War Vets and 1 Associate Member. See Chuck if you don't have your Submarine Veteran Longevity Pin.

**Birthdays 2022:** 8/4 Garret Onderdonk IV, 8/5 Byron Sage, 8/9 Leonard Snyder, 8/12 Garret Onderdonk III, 8/18 Hubert Jackson, 8/27 Virgil Claycamp, 8/21 Jack Bellinoff, 9/5 Bill Bellinghausen, 9/6 Joe Keller, 9/9 Richard Beason, 9/11 Tim Pacl, 9/12 Paul Craven, 9/14 Curt Webber

**Recent POC's:**

#2022-27 National Web Site Update

#2022-19 VSO News

#2022-20 National Election Update

**Unfinished, Ongoing and Old Business**

**OLD Business:**

**2022 National Convention** - Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo, New York at the Hyatt Regency, rooms \$119.

**CTB Shipmates attending:** Rick M., Chuck M., Craig R., Weldon K., Tom W., Bill S., Chuck Trahan

**Sept Social:**

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1400** (Note the time)

J&J BBQ & Burgers

300 W. Whitestone Blvd

Cedar Park

**Charitable Contributions:** Rick Mitchell

We had \$1500 left to donate and after discussion, with additional suggestions of The Caring Place (Frank Espinosa) and Solo's Kids (Larry Ullman) in addition to the Patriot Guard, Vet Ride and Wilco Blue Star Mothers.

**We voted for the following three organizations to receive \$500 each; Patriot Guard, Vet Ride and Wilco Blue Star Mothers.**

**Base Float (Rick Mitchell):**

Drop tank on hand. Sail and Stern salvaged from decom'd unit. Going to build similar Sub. Hull will be smooth and gloss paint this time - better presentation and easier to clean/maintain. Working on various trailering ide-

as.

### **Base Challenge Coin:**

Bill Scott is personally underwriting the initial 100 coins. They may be available by the time of the September Social.

### **New Business.**

#### **Annual Base Raffle:**

Tickets (1000) are ready and were being distributed at the August meeting. Gene Hall – Coordinating, contact him to get more tickets. Seller of Grand prize ticket gets \$50 prize.

Seller of most tickets gets \$50 prize. If you buy tickets, please don't sell to yourself. Prizes are \$1000, \$750, \$500, \$250, Metal Art Flag

#### **Blood Drive:** Frank Espinosa

22 Oct 2022 from 10:30 to 16:30 at VFW Post 8587. 50 slots are open and we hope to get at least 38 pints. USSVI, American Legion and the VFW are supporting this drive. You can go to <http://weareblood.org> to pre-register and ensure you are able to give.

**Sea Poacher SS-406 Reunion:** 2-6 Nov 2022. Memphis, TN in conjunction with the Western TN USSVI Base. See Bill Brinkman for more details.

#### **Texas Navy New Honorary Admirals:**

On Saturday, 20 August 2022, one of our members along with his wife, **Bill and Karen Bellinghausen**, were honored by the **Texas Navy and made honorary Admirals**. This short ceremony took place at the Georgetown VFW and was supported by the Sea Scouts Ship 405. This was not a CTB Base function, but everyone was invited to come on out to support our shipmate.

**Tom Williams** mentioned the success of the USSVI Charitable Foundation, and the 65 College Scholarships of \$2000 each that were awarded this year.

### **Good of the Order**

**50/50 Raffle** – \$65 of the \$65 was won by Rick Mitchell, who gave it to the Base. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes, Glass Mugs were won by Chuck Trahan and Bill Bellinghausen.

**Don Atkins** Donated a framed Navy Recruiting Poster that was auctioned off with the proceeds to the base. Hubert Jackson bid, and won, \$50. See the photo in the Shipmates in Action section at the back of the N/L (Ed.).

**Chuck Trahan** (after the close of the July meeting) donated to the base a piece of the Original Superstructure and Battle Flag from the USS Ray SS271. Thank you Chuck! See the photo in the Shipmates in Action section at the back of the N/L (Ed.).

**Social Media:** If you use Social Media, please Like, Follow and be active on our sites.

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Central Texas Base – United State Submarine Veterans, Inc. <http://ussvicentaltexasbase.org>

**Next Meeting** – 19Oct2022 19:00 at VFW Post 8587 and Zoom.

### **Sailing List**

**Guest Speaker:** Susie Marr, WilCo Blue Star Mothers

**Guest:** Karen Bellinghausen

**Base Members: Local at the VFW Post 8587 (22):** Rick Mitchell, Gene Hall, Garrett Onderdonk III, Garrett Onderdonk IV, Frank Espinosa, Hubert Jackson, Bill Scott, Frank Abernathy, Chuck Trahan, Sam Amato, Harry Ullman, Jack Collins, Chuck Malone, Don Atkins, Ed Carr, Dave Messing, Virgil Claycamp, Bill Bellinghausen, John Odom, Derald Vogt, Michael Gauthier, Bill Brinkman.

**Via ZOOM (8):** Bob Steinmann, J Weldon Koenig, Gene Whitenack, Ron Bennett, Tom Williams, Tom Sprague, Joe Keller, Walter Whitingslow.

Meeting Adjourned by Rick Mitchell, 20:40 hours

Minutes submitted by Frank Abernathy, Yeoman, 19Aug2022

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*WILCO BLUE STAR MOTHERS VISIT CTB*

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Submitted by: Frank Abernathy

During our August base meeting the base was visited by Suzie Marr with the Wilco Blue Star Mothers. She spoke to us on the history and the impact that Blue Star Mothers are having on local and national causes. The Blue Star Service Flag was designed and patented by Captain Robert Queisser of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry, who had two sons serving on the front lines in 1917. The Flag has a Blue Star on a White Field with a Red Border. The Flag became an unofficial symbol of having a child in service. During WWII this custom became more widespread and were displayed in the front window of a home with children serving in the military.



In January 1942, Army Captain George Maines ran a newspaper article in Flint, Michigan requesting information about children serving in the Armed Forces; more than 1000 mothers responded and on February 1, 1942 the first meeting was held with more than 600 mothers and the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. was organized. Early on the purpose was to send Care Packages to military members overseas and to provide assistance to the family members back home.

In 1960 Congress chartered the Blue Star Mothers of America as a Veterans Service Organization and in 1966 the DoD revised the specifications for the design, manufacture and display of the Service flag.

Each year the WilCo Blue Star Mothers host two major events: The Our Community Salutes Ceremony honors graduating High School Seniors who are joining the military and allows the new Blue Star Mothers to meet and know that the WilCo BSMothers are here to support them.



The second, and most treasured and honored event is hosting a Gold Star Mothers Luncheon on National Gold Star Mothers Day, the last Sunday in September. The Gold Star Flag is similar to the Blue Star Flag with the following exception: The Gold Star has a thin Blue line outlining the Gold Star.

Blue Star Mothers also help at least 22 other Non-Profit Organizations.

For Further Information please contact Susie Marr at [wilcobsm@gmail.com](mailto:wilcobsm@gmail.com) or visit them on their FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/wilcobsm>

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*BASE TREASURER'S REPORT*

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**15 August 2022**


**Financial Report for Period Ending 7/31/2022**

<b>Beginning Balance - 7/1/2022</b>	<b>\$28,495.57</b>
RBFCU Checking (General Fund)	\$25,099.52
RBFCU Savings (Memorial Fund)	\$3,828.11
Cash to be deposited	\$74.00
Un-cleared Checks	-\$250.00
<b>Ending Balance - 7/31/2022</b>	<b>\$28,751.63</b>

Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer



*SEPTEMBER 2022*



Bill Bellinghausen - 5 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Keller - 6 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Beason - 9 <sup>th</sup>
Tim Pacl - 11 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Craven - 12 <sup>th</sup>
Curt Webber - 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Williams - 17 <sup>th</sup>
Coy Smith - 21 <sup>st</sup>
Ed Carr - 24 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Hall - 26 <sup>th</sup>
John Koenig - 26 <sup>th</sup>

*CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEMBERSHIP*

Report presented to Base Commander w/copy to the Yeoman.

Members listed in Central Texas Database	81
Regular Annual Members	23
National Life Members	48
Base Life Members	40
Holland Club Members	41
Associate Members	1
Dual Members	4
Prospective Members:	0
War Veterans	70
Members pending:	0

Submitted: Chuck Malone, Membership

*STOREKEEPER CORNER*

The Central Texas Base (CTB) Supply Store is open for business. The Supply Store can obtain most of the items you need for memorabilia, your vest, gifts for others, etc. You can order them from the Storekeeper at a meeting or online at [vclaycamp@yahoo.com](mailto:vclaycamp@yahoo.com). CTB can often get items at a lower than normal price, so you save money. The SK can search the net to find out-of-the-ordinary items, for all branches of the service. When requesting a ship's patch, tell the SK which coast you served on board, as the patches are often different for each coast.

The Base E-board is working on a way to inform you of the SK items in stock and prices and a way for to you purchase them either at the in-person meetings, or via an online email system to the SK for in-stock items.

*BINNACLE LIST*

We ask Lord, in your Son's Name, that you be with our Brother's and Sister's who are sick and ask that you hold them in your arms and heal them so that they might again join us around our table. In your Son's name, We pray, Amen.

Prayers for Base Commander Rick Mitchell and his family on the passing of his daughter Jenni on Sunday July 17th.

Please keep us informed of any person who should be listed. These are the people that we know about, so please e-mail any E-Board member if you know of any member or his family that might be in crisis. Also please keep the Base Chaplain, Shipmate Bob Steinmann informed as well.

*CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**Unless otherwise promulgated, the Base Monthly meetings will be held in-person and/or a combination of in-person and Zoom meetings.**

17 September 2022, Base Quarterly Social, Details J&J BBQ & Burgers, 300 W. Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park, TX

19 October 2022, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting. In-person and Zoom.

16 November 2022, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting. In-person and Zoom.

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***KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)***

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I have been staying in touch with the Children's hospitals. Due to the Coronavirus they have canceled all volunteer visits until further notice. I am checking with them monthly to reschedule as soon as it is safe to do so for the children and our volunteers. Any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 702-682-9170. Stay safe and be well. Thanks for all your support.

Shipmate Shawn O'Shea, Chair, Kap(SS)4Kid(SS)

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***CHAPLAIN'S CORNER***

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**No Time**

As you got up this morning, I watched you, and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday. But I noticed you were too busy, trying to find the right outfit to wear. When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy.

At one point you had to wait, fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip instead. I watched patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me. I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay.

There is still more time left, and I hope that you will talk to me yet. You went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done, you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it not thinking about anything, just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me.

Bedtime, I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay because you may not realize that I am always there for you. I've got patience, more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well.

I love you so much that I wait everyday for a nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation. Well, you are getting up once again. And once again I will wait, with nothing but love for you. Hoping that today you will give me some time. Have a nice day!

Your friend,

GOD

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**That's God**

*"Nobody wins by accident; its because they were prepared!.."*

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for?

THAT'S GOD talking to you through the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to?

THAT'S GOD wanting you to talk to Him.

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you needed, but couldn't afford?

THAT'S GOD knowing the desires of your heart.

Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it was going to get better, how the hurting would stop, how the pain would ease, but now you look back on it. .

THAT'S GOD passing us through tribulation to see a brighter day!



## SUBMARINE NEWS



*The previous Undersea Warfare News weekly news bulletin email articles have been discontinued.*

*I have been saving articles of interest posted on Google News website and at for publishing in The Deck Log. Some of the following articles were downloaded from "The Broadcast, Official Newsletter of Commander Submarine Force [www.sublant.usff.navy.mil](http://www.sublant.usff.navy.mil). All other articles are supported by the appropriate URL for the articles."*



### **World's first nuclear-powered submarine returns to museum**

by: [Jenn Brink](#), Aug 4, 2022

[World's first nuclear-powered submarine returns to museum \(wtnh.com\)](#)

New London

GROTON, Conn. (WTNH) — The world's first nuclear-powered submarine returned to its moorings at the Navy's Submarine Force Museum in Groton on Thursday.

The USS Nautilus has been dry-docked at Naval Submarine Base New London, where it underwent repairs and restoration work as part of a \$36 million project that started in October.



USS Nautilus

The final phase of the preservation project ensures the historic ship will be used to inform, educate and engage the public for the next 30 years, Submarine Base New London Assistant Public Affairs Officer Mark Jones said.

The Navy and museum expect to reopen the submarine to the public next month. A ceremony is planned for Sept. 9, which coincides with the kick-off of the [Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival](#), taking place Sept. 9-11.

The [USS Nautilus](#) and [Navy's Submarine Force Museum](#) are located at 1 Crystal Lake Rd. in Groton.



## Taiwan Might Have To Fight China With World War II Submarines

[Taiwan Might Have to Fight China with World War II Submarines - 19FortyFive](#)

By [Christian Orr](#) Published 8/9/2022



Taiwan's World War II Submarine. Image Credit: ROC Navy.

Red China's latest round of [belligerent posturing](#) toward Taiwan is [justifiably](#) a cause for [concern](#). An article in this past Monday's edition of [The Washington Times](#) noted, among other things, that "The exercises would include anti-submarine drills, apparently targeting U.S. support for Taiwan in the event of a potential Chinese invasion, according to social media posts from the eastern leadership of China's ruling Communist Party's military arm, the People's Liberation Army." That passage, in particular, sparks the question: how ready is the submarine fleet of the Taiwanese Navy — officially the [Republic of China Navy](#) (ROCN; 中華民國海軍; *Zhōnghuá Mínguó Hǎijūn*) — to take on a would-be invading force of the [People's Liberation Army Navy \(PLAN\)](#)? And how far has the ROCN submarine fleet come in recent years?

### Flashback to 2019

Thinking back to September 11, 2019, when I was a Strategy and Policy Analyst on a contract assignment with [Naval Warfare Group/OPNAV N5i6](#) at the Pentagon, I attended the "Reinforcing the U.S.-Taiwan Defense Alliance" event at the Washington, D.C.-based [Hudson Institute](#) think tank. The discussion panel consisted of former Taiwan Defense Minister [Michael Tsai](#) and the President of the [Formosan Association for Public Affairs](#), Dr. Mike Kuo, and was moderated by Hudson Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for American Seapower, [Seth Cropsey](#). During the Q&A session, I posed a question to the panel about the status of the Taiwanese submarine fleet. Both Messrs. Cropsey and Tsai fielded my question, but for the sake of brevity, I shall only quote [Minister Tsai's reply](#) for now:

*"There are two major vital threats against Taiwan from PLA – one, submarine underwater warfare systems. The second is missiles. That's two of the vital threats against Taiwan. The submarine's development program, we are far behind. Although 15 years ago when I served [in the MND](#) in Taiwan, I strongly recommend we have to develop the indigenous development for Taiwan for the submarine but did not materialize, and the U.S. – the government under the George Bush instruction, the U.S. was planning to sell the eight diesel-powered submarine to us, but that did not materialize either. Therefore, now under the current government three years ago, we start to undertake in the submarine project .... But because of the sophistication of the submarine systems, we needed technical support from the United States, probably also from Japan and other nations, as well. If this indigenous submarine project can be materialized, I think, in the next five to seven years, we should first, our nation, build that submarine while coming to service. But in the interim – in this period, the next five or seven years, we're still seeking for the alternative if we can purchase new submarine of – used submarine for Taiwan. This what – I personally believe submarine warfare is very important to ensure we are capable to deter China from taking this submarine systems attack against Taiwan. This is what – my personal view."*

### Flash Forward to 2022

So then, three years later, has the state of Taiwan's submarine program improved significantly? Unfortunately, not by much. Yes, the ROCN's Indigenous Defense Submarine (IDS) program [finally got underway](#) in November 2020. But the IDS program, though a step in the right direction, is currently set to build only eight subs, a mere fraction of the PLAN's 60-strong submarine fleet. Moreover, the first of the desperately-needed IDS boats isn't expected to enter service until September 2023, which, needless to say, will be way too little, too late if Beijing decides to invade this year.

### WWII-Era Submarines? Yes.

In the meantime, the ROCN is hamstrung by a submarine fleet consisting of [a mere four boats](#): two *Chien Lung* ("Sword Dragon") aka *Hai Lung II* ("[Sea Dragon](#)") class submarines and two *Hai Shih* ("[Sea Lion](#)") class submarines based at Tsoying Naval Base in Kaohsiung.

The *Hai Lung* class diesel-electric attack submarines were built in the Netherlands in the mid-1980s. At the very least that makes them a newer design, than, say, the 1970s vintage Soviet-designed [Typhoon/Akula](#) ("Shark") class boats.

Consisting of the *Hai Lung* (SS-793) and *Hai Hu* (“Sea Tiger;” SS-794), they are in essence modified versions of the Dutch *Zwaardvis* “Swordfish”-class design, with a length of 219 feet, a reported speed of 20 knots, and a carrying capacity of up to 28 torpedoes. Interestingly, the *Zwaardvis* namesake has a proud legacy in the history of the Royal Netherlands Navy, as during WWII [the original Zwaardvis](#) [S814] sank several Axis vessels, including the Nazi German submarine *U-168*.

As for those other two Taiwanese subs, this passage from [Thomas Newdick](#), staff writer for *The War Zone*, is particularly troubling: “Even older than the *Hai Lung* class submarines are the *Hai Shih* class boats, comprising *Hai Shih*, built as a *Tench* class submarine, and *Hai Pao*, originally completed as a *Balao* class submarine. Both of these underwater veterans were constructed during World War II and transferred to Taiwan from U.S. Navy stocks in 1973 and 1974, respectively.”

Yes, you read that correctly; half of the ROCN’s submarine fleet is of WWII vintage! Now, mind you, [back in their hey-day](#), the *Tench* and *Balao*-class boats were top-notch submarines that [absolutely devastated](#) the Imperial Japanese Navy and merchant fleet. But now, roughly 80 years later? *The Hai Shih* and her sister ship, the *Hai Pao* (“Seal”) are the world’s oldest submarines still in active service, which is hardly a prestigious claim or badge of honor when you consider: that they reportedly can no longer even dive below 100 meters (328 feet); there have been reports of warped pressure hulls and metal fatigue; they’ve evidently been relegated mainly to training usage.

Taipei’s politico-military leadership has been keeping their fingers crossed that any CCP invasion doesn’t transpire prior to September 2023.

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**USS Halibut (SSGN-587) (SSN-587)**

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*Photos and info from Navsource.org*

*Halibut Class Guided Missile Submarine: Laid down, 11 April 1957, at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, CA.; Launched, 9 January 1959; Commissioned, USS Halibut (SSGN-587), 4 January 1960; Converted to an Attack Submarine at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, 6 February 1965 to 6 September 1965, Redesignated (SSN-587), 8 August 1965; Decommissioned, 30 June 1976; Laid up awaiting disposal through the Nuclear Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program (NPSSRP) at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA., at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA.; Struck from the Naval*

Register, 30 April 1986; Final Disposition; disposed of through NPSSRP, 9 September 1994.

*Specifications: Displacement, Surfaced: 3,655 t., Submerged: 5,000 t.; Length 350'; Beam 29'; Complement 9 Officers 88 Enlisted; Armament, one Regulus missile launcher, (could carry \*five\* Regulus I missiles, and potentially could have carried the Reg II but that program was cancelled before it ever got the chance), six 21" torpedo tubes; 4 forward & two aft. Propulsion, S3G nuclear reactor, twin 5-bladed propellers, \*\*(Contributed by Don Hulse, EMC9SS0 USN RET) & input from Kevin Linskey*



## USS Flasher (SSN-613)

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**Permit Class Attack Submarine:** Laid down, 14 April 1961, at the Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics Corp., Groton, CT.; Launched, 22 June 1963; Commissioned, **USS Flasher (SSN-613)**, 22 July 1966; Decommissioned and simultaneously struck from the Naval Register, 26 May 1992; Final Disposition, disposed of through the Nuclear Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program (NPSSRP) at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA., 11 May 1994.

### The Sub Vet



## THE SEABAG.....

From a USS Barb SSN-956, FB post

There was a time when everything you owned had to fit in your seabag. Remember those nasty rascals? Fully packed, one of those suckers weighed more than the poor devil hauling it.

The damn things weighed a ton and some idiot with an off-center sense of humor sewed a "carry" handle on it to help you haul it. Hell, you could bolt a handle on a Greyhound bus but it wouldn't make the damn thing portable.

The Army, Marines and Air Force got footlockers and we got a big ole' canvas bag.

After you warped your spine jackassing the goofy thing through a bus or train station, sat on it waiting for connecting transportation and made folks mad because it was too damn big to fit in any overhead rack on any bus, train or airplane ever made, the contents looked like hell. All your gear appeared to have come from bums who slept on park benches.

Traveling with a seabag was something left over from the "Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum" sailing ship days. Sailors used to sleep in hammocks. So you stowed your "issue" in a big canvas bag and lashed your hammock to it, hoisted it on your shoulder and in effect moved your entire home and complete inventory of earthly possessions from ship to ship. I wouldn't say you traveled light because with one strap it was a one-shoulder load that could torque your skeletal frame and bust your ankles. It was like hauling a dead linebacker.

They wasted a lot of time in boot camp telling you how to pack one of the suckers. There was an officially sanctioned method of organization that you forgot after ten minutes on the other side of the gate at Great Lakes, Orlando or San Diego. You got rid of a lot of issue gear when you went to the

SHIP. Did you ever know a submarine sailor who had a raincoat? A flat hat? One of those nut hugger knit swimsuits? How bout those roll your own.neckerchiefs... The ones the girls in a good Naval tailor shop would cut down and sew into a 'greasy snake' for two bucks?

Within six months, every fleet sailor was down to one set of dress blues, port and starboard undress blues and whites, a couple of white hats, boots, shoes, assorted skivvies, a peacoat and three sets of bleached out.dungarees. The rest of your original issue was either in the peacoat locker, lucky bag or had been reduced to wipedown rags in the engine room.

Underway ships were not ships that allowed a vast accumulation of private gear. Hobos who lived in discarded refrigerator crates could amass greater loads of pack rat crap than fleet sailors. The confines of a bunk pan and a bunk bag did not allow one to live a Donald Trump existence. Space and the going pay scale combined to make us envy the lifestyle of a mud hut Ethiopian. We were the global equivalents of nomadic Mongols without ponies to haul our stuff.

And after the rigid routine of boot camp we learned the skill of random compressed packing... Known by mothers world-wide as 'cramming'. It is amazing what you can jam into a space no bigger than a breadbox if you pull a watch cap over a boot and push it in with your foot. Of course it looks kind of weird when you pull it out but they never hold fashion shows at sea and wrinkles added character to a salty appearance. There was a four-hundred mile gap between the images on recruiting posters and the actual appearance of sailors at sea.

We operated on the premise that if 'Cleanliness was next to Godliness', we must be next to the other end of that spectrum... We looked like our clothing had been pressed with a waffle iron and packed by a bulldozer.

But what the hell did they expect from a bunch of jerks who lived in the 21 man hole of a 594 class submarine. After a while you got used to it...

You got used to everything you owned picking up and retaining that "distinctive" aroma... You got used to old ladies on busses taking a couple of wrinkled nose sniffs of your peacoat then getting up and finding another seat...

Do they still issue seabags? Can you still make five bucks sitting up half the night drawing a ships picture on the side of one of the damn things with black and white marking pens that drive old COBs into a 'rig for heart attack' frenzy? Make their faces red... The veins on their neck bulge out... And yell, "What in God's name is that all over your seabag?"

"Artwork, Chief... It's like the work of Michelangelo... My ship... Great huh?"

"Looks like some damn comic book..."

Here was a man with cobras tattooed on his arms... A skull with a dagger through one eye and a ribbon reading 'DEATH BEFORE SHORE DUTY' on his shoulder... Crossed anchors with 'Subic Bay 1945' on the other shoulder...

An eagle on his chest and a full blown Chinese dragon peeking out between the cheeks of his butt. If anyone was an authority on stuff that looked like a comic book, it had to be this Chief.

Sometimes I look at all the crap stacked in my garage, close my eyes and smile, remembering a time when everything I owned could be crammed into a canvas bag.

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## [America's Military History](#)

July 25 at 9:19 AM ·



### **Hedy Lamarr**

**Lamarr** was born **Hedwig** Eva Maria Kiesler in 1914 in Vienna, the only child of Gertrud "Trude" Kiesler (born Lichtwitz; 1894–1977) and Emil Kiesler (1880–1935).

Hedy Lamarr, often proclaimed "the most beautiful woman in the world." The 26-yr-old Lamarr was thriving in Hollywood when, in September 1940, Nazi U-boats hunted down & sank a cruise ship trying to evacuate 90 British schoolchildren to Canada. 77 drowned in the bleak north Atlantic. Lamarr, a Jewish immigrant from Nazi-occupied Austria, who had been making America her home since 1938, was outraged. She fought back by applying her engineering skills to development of a sonar sub-locator used in the Atlantic for the benefit of the Allies.

'Secret Communications System'

In 1942, during the heyday of her career, Lamarr earned recognition in a field quite different from entertainment. She and her friend, the composer George Antheil, received a patent for an idea of a radio signaling device, or "Secret Communications System," which was a means of changing radio frequencies to keep enemies from decoding messages. Originally designed to defeat the German Nazis, the system became an important step in the development of technology to maintain the security of both military communications and cellular phones.

The principles of her work are now incorporated into modern Wi-Fi, CDMA and Bluetooth technology, and this work led to her to be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2014.



## USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS

### USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-028

**NEWS-01:** August 2022nVSO Newsletter

Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI VSO on 8/1/2022

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Shipmates,

Why You Should Get a Veterans Designation on Your Driver's License

[https://www.military.com/discounts/veterans/why-you-should-get-veterans-designation-your-drivers-license.html?ESRC=navy-a\\_220720.nl](https://www.military.com/discounts/veterans/why-you-should-get-veterans-designation-your-drivers-license.html?ESRC=navy-a_220720.nl)

Military Retirees and Dependents With ID Cards That Don't Expire Need to Get Replacements Within 4 Years

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/14/military-retirees-and-dependents-id-cards-dont-expire-need-get-replacements-within-4-years.html?ESRC=navy-a\\_220720.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/14/military-retirees-and-dependents-id-cards-dont-expire-need-get-replacements-within-4-years.html?ESRC=navy-a_220720.nl)

House Approves Higher Inflation Bonuses as Sweeping Defense Bill Advances

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/15/house-approves-higher-inflation-bonuses-sweeping-defense-bill-advances.html?ESRC=navy-a\\_220720.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/15/house-approves-higher-inflation-bonuses-sweeping-defense-bill-advances.html?ESRC=navy-a_220720.nl)

The VA Just Changed This Home Loan Inspection Rule

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/15/va-just-changed-home-loan-inspection-rule.html?ESRC=navy-a\\_220720.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/15/va-just-changed-home-loan-inspection-rule.html?ESRC=navy-a_220720.nl)

155,000 Military Health System Patients to Be Pushed to Civilian Care Starting This Year

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/12/155000-military-health-system-patients-be-pushed-civilian-care-starting-year.html?ESRC=mr\\_220718.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/12/155000-military-health-system-patients-be-pushed-civilian-care-starting-year.html?ESRC=mr_220718.nl)

These Resorts and Hotels Are Just for Veterans and Military Members

[https://www.military.com/travel/these-resorts-and-hotels-are-just-veterans-and-military-members.html?ESRC=mr\\_220711.nl](https://www.military.com/travel/these-resorts-and-hotels-are-just-veterans-and-military-members.html?ESRC=mr_220711.nl)

Senators Block VA Review of Hospital Closures, Upgrades

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/06/28/senators-block-va-review-of-hospital-closures-upgrades.html?ESRC=mr\\_220704.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/06/28/senators-block-va-review-of-hospital-closures-upgrades.html?ESRC=mr_220704.nl)

Requirement for Women to Register for the Draft Back on their Annual Defense Bill

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/06/27/requirement-women-register-draft-back-table-annual-defense-bill.html?ESRC=mr\\_220704.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/06/27/requirement-women-register-draft-back-table-annual-defense-bill.html?ESRC=mr_220704.nl)

New Defense Department ID Cards Are Finally Compatible With TSA Security

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/22/new-defense-department-id-cards-are-finally-compatible-tsa-security.html?ESRC=mr\\_220725.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/22/new-defense-department-id-cards-are-finally-compatible-tsa-security.html?ESRC=mr_220725.nl)

House Panel Approves Expansion of GI Bill Eligibility After Sparring over COVID Vaccine

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/19/house-panel-approves-expansion-of-gi-bill-eligibility-after-sparring-over-covid-vaccine.html?ESRC=mr\\_220725.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/19/house-panel-approves-expansion-of-gi-bill-eligibility-after-sparring-over-covid-vaccine.html?ESRC=mr_220725.nl)

Roughly 150 Patients Harmed by Flaw in the New VA Medical Records System, Watchdog Finds

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/19/roughly-150-patients-harmed-flaw-new-va-medical-records-system-watchdog-finds.html?ESRC=mr\\_220725.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/19/roughly-150-patients-harmed-flaw-new-va-medical-records-system-watchdog-finds.html?ESRC=mr_220725.nl)

Church that Allegedly Scammed GI Bill Benefits Is Proof More Oversight Is Needed, Advocate Tells Congress

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/20/church-allegedly-scammed-gi-bill-benefits-proof-more-oversight-needed-advocate-tells-congress.html?ESRC=mr\\_220725.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/20/church-allegedly-scammed-gi-bill-benefits-proof-more-oversight-needed-advocate-tells-congress.html?ESRC=mr_220725.nl)

VA to Get First Permanent Official for Top Health Job Since 2017



[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/21/va-get-first-permanent-official-top-health-job-2017.html?ESRC=mr\\_220725.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/21/va-get-first-permanent-official-top-health-job-2017.html?ESRC=mr_220725.nl)

Disney Discounts for Military Families

[https://www.military.com/discounts/disney-discounts-for-military-families.html?ESRC=navy-a\\_220727.nl](https://www.military.com/discounts/disney-discounts-for-military-families.html?ESRC=navy-a_220727.nl)

Fate of Historic Toxic Exposure Bill Unclear After Shocking Senate Defeat

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/28/fate-of-historic-toxic-exposure-bill-unclear-after-shocking-senate-defeat.html?ESRC=mr\\_220801.nl](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/07/28/fate-of-historic-toxic-exposure-bill-unclear-after-shocking-senate-defeat.html?ESRC=mr_220801.nl)

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**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-029**

**NEWS-01:** Proposed Amendment clarification

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, NC on 8/2/2022

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Shipmates,

National Bulletin 2022-029 is OBE due to being past the convention for publication of the N/L. (Ed.)

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**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-030**

**NEWS-01:** USSVCF Videos

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer on 8/8/2022

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Shipmates,

We ask all of you to click on the two links below and watch the videos in their entirety.

The purpose is to acquaint all of you with our United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation and all that it accomplishes for our organization.

There will be more videos to come in the future, so please stay current and watch each of them as they are posted.

#1 PILOT USSVCF 08 2022 1 – YouTube

Kapss4Kidss USSVCF 08 2022 – YouTube

Thank you,  
Wayne Standerfer  
National Commander

Both videos can be found at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3u75\\_MQTaTRxFV4ffH7uPQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3u75_MQTaTRxFV4ffH7uPQ)

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**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-031**

**NEWS-01:** Proposed Amendment clarification

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Shipmates,

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**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-032**

**NEWS-01:** VSO Bulletin Pact Act & Submarine Issues

Submitted by: John Dudas, USSVI VSO on 8/9/2022

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Shipmates,

The PACT Act has some news for Submarine Veterans, Primarily for Guam and surrounding waters from Jan 9, 1962 to July 31, 1980.

The information on the expanded issue is contained in this LINK:

What's in the PACT Act for Toxic-Exposed Veterans ([woodslawyers.com](http://woodslawyers.com))

The information related to submarines in Guam are primarily for Squadron 15 which was established in Pearl Harbor on 1 September 1963 but transferred to Guam in October 1964 and ended on 30 September 1981 when it was disestablished onboard Proteus. It has since been re-established in 2001.

The information listed for the approved dates listed above include a multitude of different SSBN's, but many SSNs also were refurbished by the Submarine tenders in Guam which included the Proteus and Hunley. The SSNs are not listed in the article below.

The reference for Squadron 15 is below:

Submarine Squadron 15 – Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Submarine Squadron 15](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Submarine_Squadron_15)

The above is a start for you to review to see if Agent Orange has been expanded to the service you had in the Pacific Submarine Fleet between January 09,1962 to July 31, 1980.

This also includes Tender personnel.

If you need to file a claim with the VA, please locate a local Veterans Service officer in your state to help with the claim.

Also, there are about 30 states that use County Veterans Service Officers to help with your claim, so please find one of them if it applies to your state.

None of these personnel will charge you for their help, it is a FREE service and a federal law that prohibits charging veterans for this service.

Good Luck with your Claims!

Respectfully,

John Dudas USSVI Veterans Service Officer

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**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-033**

**NEWS-01:** POC Broadcast System

Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 8/9/2022

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Shipmates,

Again, the POC Broadcast system is not activating some or all of the links in the broadcasts.

The following two links may work by clicking on them. If they do not, copy and paste them into your browser.

What's in the PACT Act for Toxic-Exposed Veterans ([woodslawyers.com](http://woodslawyers.com))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Submarine Squadron 15](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Submarine_Squadron_15)

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Bill Andrea

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**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-034**

**NEWS-01:** USSVI 2023 Calendars

Submitted by: Barry Commons, NSK on 8/10/2022

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Shipmates,  
 USSVI National Storekeeper  
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 Oakley, CA 94561  
 925-679-1744

[nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com](mailto:nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com)

[www.ussvinationalstorekeeper.com](http://www.ussvinationalstorekeeper.com)

Attention Base Commanders and Base Storekeepers:

The USSVI National Storekeeper is now taking orders for the 2023 calendars.

Deliveries will commence after the Buffalo USSVI National Convention.

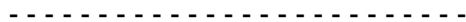
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15-17	8.25	6	4
18-20	8.25	7	4.5
21-23	8.25	8	8.25
24-26	8.25	9	9
27-29	8.25	10	9.75
30-32	7.5	11	10.3
33-35	7.5	12	11
36-37	7.5	13	11.75
38-40	7.5	14	12.5
41-42	7.5	15	13.25
43-45	7.5	16	14
46-49	7.5	17	14.5
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55-58	7	20	16.75
59-60	7	21	17.3
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100-149	6	no charge	1 address
150+	5.5	no charge	1 address



**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-035**

**NEWS-01:** New website monthly

Submitted by: Tim Carlisle on 8/11/2022



Shipmates,

Good Morning USSVI - here is the latest regarding the website.

Everything is going smoothly with the new website and database - we believe barring some out-of-the-box, unforeseen issues, we will complete the project and have the website ready to go just before the National Convention on August 23rd. You will receive an invitation (we will send an email out at that time), and you will need to sign up. You will need to a new password (will likely require a password with letters, numbers, symbols, etc.)

The one area where there will be a delay is the database or "Tools Menu," as we referred to it on the old site. We will need to get our training materials finalized and train our Base Commanders, Treasurers, Mem-

bership Chairs, District Commanders, and above. I anticipate that will take some time, with that portion fully utilized by October 31, 2022.

We are developing "tools" training for all Base Commanders, Membership Chairs, Treasurers, District Commanders, and above. We will start with "live demo" training on Zoom, which will be recorded and posted on Youtube, and we will also develop videos on the "how-to" aspects. I am familiar with this, having developed about \$250,000 of videos for another organization - for free.

The new old reconstructed site <http://ussubvets.org/home.asp>, is working very well, both for reference purposes and the 2022 National Elections - we have repaired some minor issues, as is expected when rebuilding a site of this magnitude. Please bear in mind this site <http://ussubvets.org/home.asp> has been posted to serve as an interim Tools system until we have completed our Blackbaud Database training for all of our members.

If you find a bug, fill out this bug report - we will get to it. Gerry Smith, our webmaster for this site, may reach out to you to test the fix. His email for bug fixes is [ussvi@e911systems.com](mailto:ussvi@e911systems.com)

If you have questions, contact me at [ussviwebsitequestions@gmail.com](mailto:ussviwebsitequestions@gmail.com). I monitor the email and am happy to answer your questions. Talk to you next month!

Pride Runs Deep,  
Tim Carlisle



**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-036**

**NEWS-01:** USSVI Charitable Foundation

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, NC on 8/17/2022

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Shipmates,

The link below should take everyone to the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation website page that has the current videos developed to acquaint our members with various programs that benefits our organization, members, and dependents.

There will be more videos to come in the future (a new video is scheduled for every Saturday), so please stay current and watch each of them as they are posted.

This link is a single source for all current and future videos.

A well-earned BZ goes out to USSV Charitable Foundation Executive Director & Treasurer Ken Earls for the professional work he has devoted to produce these videos.

<https://www.ussvcf.org/videos.html>

Hopefully, our system will transmit this link properly, if not copy and paste it into your browser.

Thank you,  
Wayne Standerfer  
National Commander



**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-037**

**NEWS-01:** 2022 Election Results

Submitted by: Tom Conlon, PNC, Election Master on 8/18/2022

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Shipmates,

The results of our 2022 National Election have been posted on the website, [www.ussubvets.org](http://www.ussubvets.org) . Also posted are the voting statistics by Base. To access them, go to [www.ussubvets.org](http://www.ussubvets.org) , then click on "Documents" and then on "Elections". Our voter turnout was 11%. Thank you to all who submitted your votes either online or by mail.

It has been my privilege to serve as your Elections Master.

With best Regards,  
Tom Conlon, Past National Commander



**USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2022-038**

**NEWS-01:** Precautionary bulletin: IMPORTANT

Submitted by: William C. Andrea, National Commander on 8/30/2022



Shipmates,

We have had a report of one person at the convention that has contracted Covid. Please monitor yourselves for any of the symptoms of Covid and take all necessary precautions should you show any symptoms.



## WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,  
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.  
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,  
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;  
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.  
The plural of *man* is always *men*,  
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,  
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?  
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,  
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,  
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,  
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.  
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;  
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

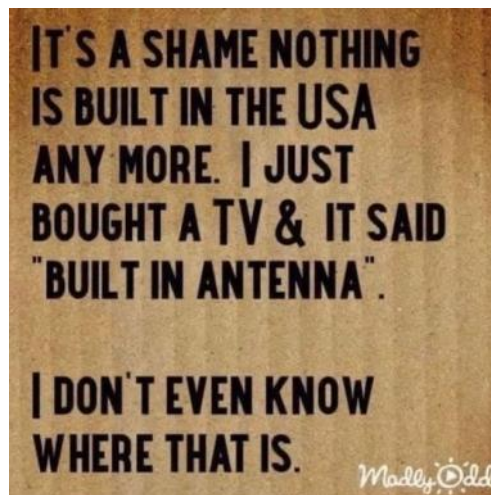
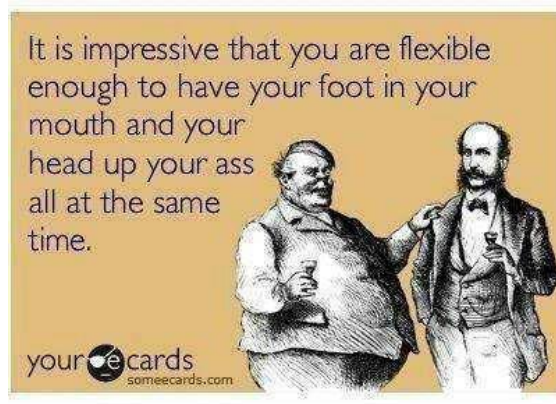
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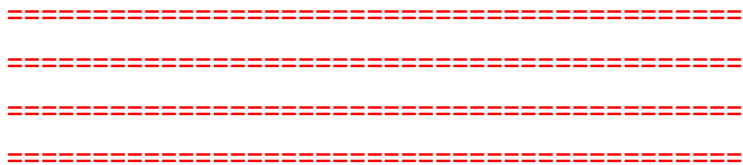
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Bill Andrea,



National Commander  
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**We all Need a Tree**

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled," when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance. We all Need the Tree of God! Jesus!



**Some Dad Jokes**



Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He's lucky it was a soft drink.

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My friend claims that he "accidentally" glued himself to his autobiography, but I don't believe him. But that his story and he's sticking to it. I told my carpenter friend the story and he said he nailed it.

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"Doctor, my child swallowed a roll of film. What should I do?"

"Let's wait and see if anything develops."

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A Mexican magician said he will disappear on the count of 3. He says, ""Uno, dos." Poof. He disappeared without a tres.

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Once upon a time there was a king who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king, but he made a great ruler.

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In Britain it's called a lift but Americans call it an elevator. I guess we were just raised differently

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Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland, every day it's Dublin.

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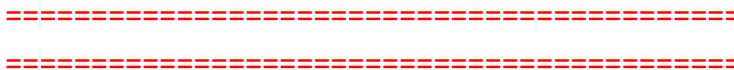
Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He's lucky it was a soft drink.



## SHIPMATES IN ACTION

My son was chewing on electric cords, so I had to ground him. It's OK, though. He's doing better and conducting himself properly.

Grounded at his age. I bet that shocked him. Hope he can still go with the flow and stay positive and not negative since getting into trouble.



### USSVI Central Texas Base - Members Group





**USSVI Central Texas Base · 7m ·**

AHOY! One of our members, [Bill Bellinghausen](#), along with his wife Karen Bellinghausen and friend Edwin De Luna were inducted today into the [Texas Navy Association](#) as Admirals. The ceremony was held at [Georgetown VFW Post 8587 M/SGT Ben D. Snowden](#) and led by Wayne A. Courreges Jr. . They were supported by Sea Scouts from Ship 405 Conor McAlister and Brayden Benson and their leaders Michael McAlister and Linda Callaway. Bravo Zulu to all involved!



**USSVI National Convention - 8/22/22 - 8/28/22  
Buffalo, NY**



**Facebook Posts**

**[United States Submarine Veterans](#)**

Friday, 8/26/22

Tolling the Boats Ceremony today at the [Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park](#) as part of the [USSVI 2022 National Convention](#)

**[USSVI 2022 National Convention](#)** is 😊 feeling awesome.

1100, 8/29/22

**Congratulations** to the Buffalo convention team on having a very successful event in Buffalo. They overcame the compressed time they had for getting this event together, multiple hotel event managers, construction and other challenges.

I will be updating the FB page to reflect 2023 in Tucson next week and it will be one avenue to update on activities in addition to the new website official emails. I'm working with Tim Carlisle as he works on a new convention website that will give you the ability to register for the convention and the hotel plus give you access to all of our info pages. I expect the new convention website to go live around 10/1/2022. Watch for further updates

Dennis Ottley  
USSVI Western District-1 Commander  
USSVI 2023 Convention Chair



**Thank You From the Buffalo Naval Park**

Paul Marzello Sr. <paul.marzello.sr@buffalonaivalpark.org>

Fri, Sep 2, 2:23 PM, to Fritz, Ken

Dear Submarine Vets,

Thank you for coming to Buffalo, NY and visiting us at the Buffalo Naval & Military Park. We hope you enjoyed your stay. We sure enjoyed having you.

I also want to thank you for inviting me to your breakfast at the Hyatt. It was my honor to address your group and premiere our newest short film entitled "The War Beneath the Waves." Originally, we were planning to make this video into a DVD and having it available for sale in the Gift Shop. However, we tacked away from that idea in honor of you and decided to post it to our YouTube Channel for you to view free of charge. I hope you enjoy it as much as the first time. Feel free to give me your feedback at [paul@buffalonaivalpark.org](mailto:paul@buffalonaivalpark.org).

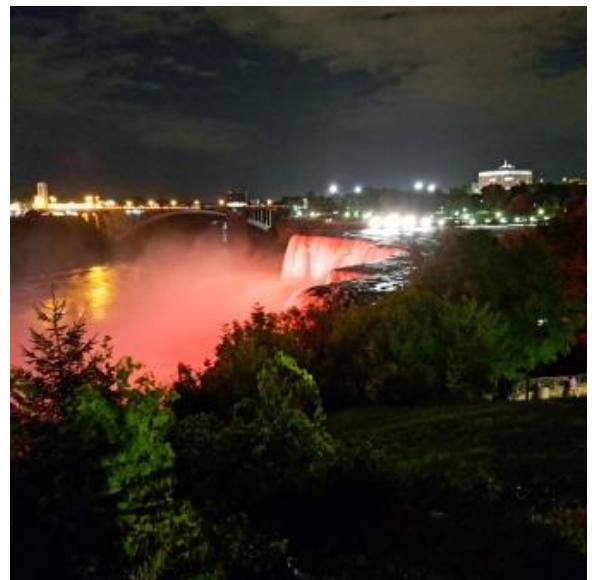
You can assess the video by simply clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9RVdtJtkbs>

I hope you've had a safe return home. Stay healthy and come visit us again soon.

Best regards,

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