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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



Eternal Patrol



USS Harder SS-212

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 was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.

Class: **Gato**

Commissioned: **12/2/1942**

Launched: **8/19/1942**

Builder: **Electric Boat Co (General Dynamics)**

Length: **312**, Beam: **27**

#Officers: **6**, #Enlisted: **54**

Fate: **Sunk by Japanese destroyer 24 Aug 1944. 79 men lost. CDR. Dealey, "a submariner's submariner," was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Harder received six battle stars for World War II service.**

Ed. See more in the History Section of the newsletter.

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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.

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2017 Tom Williams



2021 Rick Mitchell
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2010, 2014,
 2017, 2020



2020 Base
 2023 Bill Bellinghausen



2020
 Bob Steinmann,
 Hubert Jackson



2023 Bill Brinkman



2012, 2013, 2016,
 2018, 2019, 2020,
 2021, 2022, 2023,

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.



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<https://www.silent-service-challenge-coins.com/>



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<https://nationalinterest.org>



<https://gcaptain.com>



<https://warriormaven.com>



I'm always looking for good stuff for The Deck Log. Won't you submit something? -ed.

SILENT RUNNING

AUGUST LOST BOATS

"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.





USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE NEWS

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Shipmates and Friends,

I hope the report finds you all a well and happy as can be. I know from our binnacle list many of you are facing all sorts of challenges and trials. Please let me or any of your shipmates know if there is anything you need and keep us updated. For those

of us fortunate enough to not be on the list please reach out to your shipmates and see what you might do to lessen their load. This brings me to think of our attempt to start a "buddy check" type program a few times in the past only to have it fizzle out. Fortunately, we seem to have a very close base and I'd say except for only a couple of you we keep in pretty good contact. Look for more info on trying to get this re-implemented soon.

Welcome to the Holland Club Charles Goertz! It's always a pleasure to see a shipmate inducted into the Holland Club and Charles was inducted at our last meeting with his sister, brother-in law and son present. We always joke that it is sort of a survival award and well, it kind of is, but the truth of the matter is that it is our shipmates who served well before us and experienced various trials and issues and figured out a better way and we all benefit from that. We all owe it to our shipmates who served before us for the lessons learned so that we don't have to learn it all over again. Our base currently has 45 members of the Holland Club. That is a little over half of our members and I say what a privilege it is to have them as our shipmates!

The 2024 National Convention is only a few short weeks away. This year it will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. I will be attending again this year with a couple of you. Looking forward to seeing you there along with many from around the country. The National Convention is a great time to get out and see and do new things and get a chance to meet various people from around the country. I went to my first convention in 2017 and had a great time, met a lot of new friends for life and learn more about our organization every time. Not to mention these are usually in new places I have not visited before or been to in a while so there is the vacation aspect of it too. I've been every year since. Maybe consider adding attending a National Convention to your list of things to do soon. 2025 will be in Orlando Florida and 2026 is being held right here in our state in Corpus Christi. Really hope to see a big turnout there to support our shipmates like they did us in 2019.

As for the state of our base I think you all can see we are doing pretty good. We have a consistently growing membership, up to 88 members with quite a few new potential members on the horizon. We do not lose many due to choosing not to renew. Attendance at base meetings and our other functions is usually at or above what is normal around the country, and we are active all around our community. One area in which we do struggle though is finding members willing to take on the various positions we need

in our base to keep things going. These include our elected officers and appointed positions. Currently we have no K4K coordinator, and we are looking for volunteers for our USSVCF Ambassador. We have lots of other areas we could use your help in too. What are your interests, what are you willing to do, please consider stepping up into one of these or other positions and help lead our base into the future. Give me a call and lets talk about it.

Thanks for everything you all do!

Rick Mitchell

512-639-0035



USSVI CTB Base Meeting Minutes

Location: VFW Post 8587 and Zoon

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

E-Board was present

Meeting Minutes: None from June due to Base Social

Sailing List: VFW 22 Members+4 Guests. **Zoom** 5. Total 31.

Binnacle List: John Robers, Chuck Trahan, Dick Whitte, Don Atkins, Coy Smith, Bob Steinmann, Bill Brinkman, Gene Hall, Cindy Pomeroy (Chips wife) and Viki Zieser.

Prayer: Bob Steinmann led the base in our opening Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Frank Abernathy

Tolling of the Boats – Rick Mitchell Reading, Carl Repp Tolling

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Virgil Claycamp.

Funds as of 1 July 2024
\$38,528.49 1 Jun Balance
\$27,909.05 1 Jul Balance
General: \$23,868.19
Memorial: \$4,170.86

Storekeeper – Virgil Claycamp

USSVI Diamond Anniversary Patch and Challenge Coin are available. The Patch is \$15 and the Coin is \$10

Memorial (Rick): Park renovations almost complete. Torpedo will need some touch up work.

Kaps 4 Kids: Currently the K4K chair is vacant and we are looking for someone to take on the position. Contact Rick Mitchell if you are interested. The on 14 June 2024 at DELL Children's in Austin was attended by Carl Repp and Jack Collins meeting with 5 Children.

Parade (Tom Sprague): Next Events will be in Elgin and Killeen, more details to follow.

The 4th of July parade in Round Rock, was well attended by visitors; we had 16 members and family walking or riding the trailer. The Base Submarine Float is completed and was pulled in the parade this year. Thanks to Rick, Mike Gauthier and Carl Repp for getting the Float done.

Membership (Chuck Malone): 88 Current Members, 52 National Life, 52+ Base Life and 45 Holland Club.

June Social: 15 June, was held at Lakeline Park at the Ridgetop Pavilion. The Base Provided Jason's Deli Lunch Boxes and members brought various side dishes, desserts and drinks. A total of approximately \$675 was donated to the base by members. Door prizes were won by several folks, SORRY I failed to retain the details of the Door Prizes and winners.

Birthdays 2024: 7/8 Rick Mitchell, 7/9 Joe Kruppa, 7/12 James Gee, 7/16 Chuck Trahan and 7/24 Don McGriff.

Unfinished, Ongoing and Old Business

Holland Club Induction of Charles Goertz and Jim Andrea who was inducted previously received his certificate with Rick Mitchell and Bill Scott officiating. Charles Goertz's family, Michael, Patti and son Charles was in attendance. Charles was qualified on the USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642) in 1973.

USSVI National Convention will be in Cleveland, Ohio. 19-24 August 2024. Rick and a few other base members will be attending the 2024 Convention.

The 2025 Convention is scheduled for Orlando, FL
The 2026 Convention is scheduled for Corpus Christi, TX

Honor Flight Austin: They are searching for WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans. For more information or to apply for this FREE TO VETERANS trip; call 888-530-8880 or go to the website <http://www.honorflightaustin.org/forms/veteran-application/>

Virgil, Hubert Jackson and others have gone and strongly recommend taking the trip.

Get your application in NOW, it can take a few months to get processed.

USSVI 2024 National Elections: Please go to <http://ussubvets.org> and got to the MEMBER LOGIN and navigate to the Elections and make your choices. Optionally you can get a hardcopy and mail in to the election master as shown on the ballot.

NEW Business:

Annual Fund Raiser: Please consider options for the 2024 Base Fundraiser. We are considering not holding our annual raffle this year since the base is in good financial shape and the man power to sell tickets seems to be wading. Will discuss and make decision next base meeting.

USSVCF: The United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation. The base is looking for a USSVCF Ambassador this position is someone who promotes the USSVCF to our base.

The USS Cobia is a functional WWII submarine at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum and one we can be proud of. Funds are always needed to maintain the Cobia and they are currently working on the 2025 Campaign for drydock work.

Carl Repp put forth a Motion for the Base to match up to \$500 of Base Funds for each dollar our members pledge to the USS Cobia. Jack Odom seconded, and the motion passed by all members present.

Please let Virgil know by email the amount you might pledge vclaycamp@yahoo.com or send checks, 'memo- USS Cobia Fund', to Virgil Claycamp, 30006 Bumblebee Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628 Watch Rick's video on the USS Cobia here <https://youtu.be/le2IPbrdAbw> Thank You.

Blood Drive at Georgetown VFW 8587: 12 Oct 2024, 12:00-16:00 at the VFW. Hoping to get ~30 units. Frank Espinosa will be the contact.

Ryan Pilmer: Contacted the CTB to introduce himself as a 30 year old with a genetic disorder known as White Sutton Syndrome. He indicated he has Autism and is developmentally delayed; he enjoys skiing, swimming and exercising with his family. Ryan's favorite hobby is collecting Challenge Coins. The Base will be sending Ryan a Base Patch and Challenge Coin. Bill Scott will be putting this together and adding some more in the package to Ryan. We hope he enjoys them.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle – \$48 of \$96 was won by Carl Repp.

Next Meeting – 21 Aug 2024 at the VFW Post

Sailing List

Total Base Members and Visitors (26) and ZOOM (5) for a Total of 31 attending:

Local at the VFW Post 8587 (22): Frank Abernathy, Jim Andrea, Dwayne Ariola, Harry Boyer, Ed Carr, David Clark, Virgil Claycamp, Jack Collins, Ken Dallman, Charles Goertz, Eric Heter, Hubert Jackson, Dale Messing, Rick Mitchell, Chris Munn, John Odom, Shawn O'Shea, Carl Repp, Bill Scott, Roy Silva, Bob Steinmann and Vern Williams.

Guests (3): Michael Goertz, Patti Goertz and Charles Goertz (son). Charles Goertz's Guests.

Visitor (1): Dave Gurling

ZOOM (5): Sam Amato, Bill Brinkman, Chuck Malone, Tom Sprague and Chuck Trahan.

Meeting Adjourned by Rick Mitchell, 2039 hours

Minutes submitted by Frank Abernathy, Yeoman, 21 Jul 2024

BASE TREASURER'S REPORT

15 August 2024

Financial Report for Period Ending 7/31/2024

Beginning Balance - 6/30/2024 - 38,528.49



RBFCU Checking (Gen Fund) 23,868.19
 RBFCU Savings (Mem Fund) \$4,170.86
 Cash to be deposited - \$00.00
 Uncleared Checks - -\$0

Ending Balance - 07/1/2024 - \$27,909.05

Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer

AUGUST 2024 BIRTHDAYS



David Lewis - 2nd
 Garrett Onderdonk IV - 4th
 Garrett Onderdonk III - 12th
 Hubert Jackson - 18th
 Virgil Claycamp - 27th
 Jack Bellinoff - 21st

CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEMBERSHIP

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

Members listed in Central Texas Database	88
Regular Annual Members	26
National Life Members	52
Base Life Members	61
Holland Club Members	45
Associate Members	1
Dual Members	5
Prospective Members:	0
War Veterans	75
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. 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

Prayer for our brothers and friends in need.

Our Heavenly Father, we are so helpless. We care so much for our brothers and friends. They are special to all of us. It hurts us to see them suffering. And while we cannot be with them Lord, You be with them please and be with those who attend them. Comfort those who love them and need them, as well as those who must wait. Amen

Shipmates notes at the July Base Meeting: Chuck Trahan, Don Atkins, John Roberts, Dick Witte, Don Atkins, Coy Smith, Bill Brinkman, Cindy Pomeroy and Viki Zieser. .

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.

First Monday, every Month, 0800 hours, Texas Veterans breakfast, Texas Grill, 101 State Hwy 71, Bastrop, TX 78602

15 August 2024, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, Zoom and VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.

19 - 24 August 2024, 2024 USSVI National Convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton Cleveland Rockside, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd, Independence, OH 44131 (<https://subvetconvention.org/>)

15 September 2024, Quarterly Social, TBD

16 October 2024, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587 and Zoom , 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.



Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) Update

As discussed at the July meeting, we are still looking for a new Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) chairman and we still need an am-

bassador for our base for the USSVCF. Neither of the positions takes a while lot of work yet can provide so much benefit to the base and others. Isn't it time you considered playing a more active role in our base? Please let me know you are interested and let's talk about it.

Base Commander, Rick Mitchell

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Simple truths to repeat when you're in a spiritual battle:

- God's got this
- The Lord fights for me
- Jesus loves me
- Not today satan
- I am a child of God
- He is able
- It is finished
- His Grace is sufficient
- Joy comes in the morning
- I am not alone
- I am fearfully & wonderfully made
- Fear has no grip on me
- Christ is enough for me
- He has overcome the world
- I am a new creation in Christ
- Jesus conquered the grave
- Sin doesn't define me, Christ does
- Be still & know
- God is good

Ten Commandments for Seniors

1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
2. "In style" are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop irritating you.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is: "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. You've noticed people your age are much older than you.
8. Ageing has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
9. You still haven't learned to act your age and I hope you never will.
10. "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

Editor's Office

Lots goin' on around our base. Plenty to read and peruse here too. Me? I'm still keepin' busy juggling "The Deck Log" - what else is new? Make yourself useful and send me a Sea Story or two, huh? Stop by my email (hscottss242@gmail.com) and say hello sometime.

The August edition cover story:

Eternal Patrol for the USS Harder SS-216



Central Texas Base on Independence Day

USSVI Central Texas Base is with Frank Abernathy.

Facebook post, 7/4/5024

Enjoying the crowds this morning celebrating Independence Day in Round Rock. Crowds were as big and loud as we have seen in some time. Round Rock is always a great parade and there are many other parades and celebrations going in on the area wish we could show in all. Many of our shipmates were representing in other area towns also. Happy 4th of July Everyone!

[2024 4th of July - Central Texas Base](#)

[4th of July Round Rock parade | FOX 7 Austin](#)

Thousands gather to celebrate July 4th in Round Rock despite heat

Different videos with close up piece of us in one "Round Rock July 4th parade celebration" (22 seconds in) videos. In the third video "4th of July Parade in Round Rock" we are at 40-41 minutes in.

<https://www.fox7austin.com/news/round-rock-4th-july-celebration>

USSVI/CTB Shipmates

Facebook Post on 7/5/2024

Hey Shipmates,

Hope you all had a fantastic Independence Day wherever you found yourselves. I know quite a few were out of town and unfortunately, we have far too many under the weather currently but that being said CTB shipmates were out and about celebrating and representing well. Of course, we had our new float in its first parade in Round Rock with many in attendance. Round Rock always shows up big for this but have to say the crowds this year were some of the best and possibly the best we've ever saw. So supportive, heck I even had 3 young men at various times tell me unsolicited they are gonna join the submarine force. I know Frank A. met a young lady very interested in Submarines

also. Anyway, it was a great time. Besides the RR parade we had shipmate Dave Clark representing out in the Lago Vista Parade, and "Master Chief Mayor Ariola" representing in his town of Taylor. Frank Espinosa was working hard at the Georgetown VFW where we hold our meetings helping put on a daylong celebration there. I'm sure others were out doing the same but I just haven't heard any news yet. There is a link to an album for this year's 4th of July below. If you have any pics of events, you were at, please feel free to add them. I took the liberty of stealing 2 from Duane off FB for the Talar event and added them to the album. Also attaching a video link to the RR Parade, we show up around the 49:30 point.

Have a great rest of your weekend and hope to see you at our meeting on July 17th!

Rick Mitchell, 512-639-0035

[2024 4th of July - Central Texas Base](#)

[4th of July Round Rock parade | FOX 7 Austin](#)

(Ed., See pictures at the back of the Newsletter)

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Holland Club Induction

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At our July Meeting, we had 4 guests including 3 of Charles Goertz's family along with a visiting shipmate from Port Aransas. Charles qualified in 1973 onboard the USS Kamehameha (SSBN - 642). Congratulations to Charles Goertz on his induction into the Holland Club.



L/r, Harry Boyer, Bob Steinmann, Jack Odom, Hubert Jackson, Virgil Claycamp, Bill, Scott, Jim Andree, Ed Carr, Dale Messing, Charles Goertz, and Frank Abernathy.



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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

National Election Online Voting Info

Tom Conlon, Election Master <info@ussvi.org>

6/19/2024

Shipmates,

Online voting began at 0001 June 19th. Voting, both online and by paper ballot will end at 2359 August 17th. Members may log on and vote at any time. You can use your desktop/laptop or smartphone (iPhone uses Safari as its internet browser; I don't know what Android uses) The address is ussubvets.org Click the red Member Login button and log in. Return to the Home page and click the green Vote in Nat Election. Click on your choices and click on The Cast Your Vote button.

With all these ways for members to vote I hope for a great turnout of voters.

Best Regards,
Tom Conlon, PNC
USSVI Elections Master

(Ed./COB. At the July Base meeting eight paper ballots were completed by shipmates attending and they have been forwarded to the Elections Master, bringing the total number of ballots submitted online and in-person to 42 as of 7/20/24. See the ballot at the back of the newsletter if you desire to fill one out and mail it to the Elections Master as noted above.)

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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

Charitable Foundation Update

Robert J. Bachman vp-
ed@ussvcf.org via blackbaudemail.netcommunity1.com
7/3/2024

Shipmates,

<https://www.facebook.com/share/mEsRzgonZBCFCdWJ/>

[US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation](#)

USS Cobia (SS-245 Drydock Fund Campaign

Moored in the Manitowoc River, adjacent to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, World War II fleet submarine USS Cobia (SS-245) is a National Historic Landmark. Cobia is a memorial to all submariners and an icon of Wisconsin's shipbuilding heritage. Built by Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut, Cobia, a Gato-class submarine, is nearly identical to the 28 submarines built by Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company from 1941 to 1945. The submarine is one of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum's major exhibits, open to the public for guided tours and various overnight programs.

Annual maintenance on site is not sufficient to preserve this historic vessel over time, and a "haul-out" dry docking is required periodically.

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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

National Commander Email

USSVI National Commander <info@ussvi.org>

7/13/2024

Shipmates,

It is my sad duty to inform you that our Northeast Region Director, Les Altschuler departed on Eternal Patrol this morning, 13 July 2024.

Les qualified on the USS Tigrone, SS/SSR/SGSS-419 in 1966 and the USS Ling, SS270.

Les joined the US Navy in 1963 and served as an E-4 Et until 1967.

Les joined USSVI in 1981 and was a Life, Holland Club and Senior member, with 43 years seniority.

Les has served USSVI as the NE Region Director, Current Vice Cmdr. NJ North Base, Past NJ-North Base Commander, POC, Past ENRD2Cmdr. And the Submarine Memorial Assoc./NJ Naval Museum Vice-Pres.

Les was a member of both New Jersey North Base and Long Island Base.

Les was a prominent member of USSVI and will be greatly missed by his Shipmates, friends and family.

Please keep Les and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sailor, rest your oar, we have the watch.

Respectfully,
Bill Andrea
USSVI National Commander

NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

Charitable Foundation Update

USSVCF July 2024 *Shipmates Caring About Shipmates* Monthly Newsletter

Robert J. Bachman vp-
ed@ussvcf.org via blackbaudemail.netcommunity1.com

7/20/2024

Shipmates,

USSVCF is a standalone fully certified 501 (C) 3 charitable organization. This edition of our - USSCF one page Newsletter contains a short video from the Memorial Fund Manager Don Young and updates via links within the newsletter. This newsletter focuses only on the United States Submarine Charitable Foundation Memorial Fund, how this fund supports Submarine Veterans. Don Young explains this very well in his video, please take a moment and view the Newsletter and the Video.

To view the USSVCF July 2024 *Shipmates Caring About Shipmates* Monthly Newsletter please click this link: <https://july-2024-ussvcf-newsletter.my.canva.site/>

All newsletters are available for viewing on the USSVCF home page www.USSVCF.org.

All Charitable Foundation accounts have been reconciled with their respective bank and brokerage statements monthly through June 30, 2024. In June the Scholarship Fund Manager authorized the USSVCF Treasurer to print and mail him 60 \$2,200.00 scholarship checks. They have been mailed directly to the colleges and many have already been cashed. All financial reports are available for viewing by USSVI Members by clicking on this link <https://www.ussvcf.org/cf-financials.html>.

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USSVI Skills Assessment

USSVI National Commander <info@ussvi.org>

7/20/2024

Shipmates,

Do you have a special skill or talent? USSVI would like to know so we can increase our pool of volunteers, who we can call on if needed.

This is our [USSVI Skills Assessment Form](#), which the National Leadership will use only to identify volunteer skill sets.

This form aims to identify individuals with skill sets that may be needed now and in the future. We sincerely appreciate your assistance with this and all you do for USSVI.

Bill Andrea
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National Storekeeper—Barry Commons



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Shipmates,

Link: https://store.ussvinalationalstorekeeper.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=USSVINSK&Category_Code=Calendars

Attention Base Commanders and Base Storekeepers

The USSVI National Storekeeper is now taking orders for the 2025 calendars.

Deliveries will commence after the 2024 USSVI National Convention.

Theme: 'DEADLY QUIET'

Virginia-class submarines deliver state-of-the-art stealth, endurance, and firepower, effectively addressing the threats and challenges 21st-century naval warfare.

Number	Cost each	lbs	Shipping
1-2	13.75	1	4.63
3-6	11.00	2	5.38
7-8	9.50	3	6.13
9-11	9.50	4	6.88
12-14	9.50	5	7.63
15-17	9.50	6	8.38
18-20	9.50	7	9.13
21-23	9.50	8	9.88
24-26	9.50	9	10.63
27-29	9.50	10	11.38
30-32	8.50	11	12.13
33-35	8.50	12	12.88
36-37	8.50	13	13.63
38-40	8.50	14	14.38
41-42	8.50	15	15.13
43-45	8.50	16	15.88
46-49	8.50	17	16.63
50-54	8.00	19	18.13
55-58	8.00	20	18.88
59-60	8.00	21	19.63
61-99	7.50	no charge	1 address
100-149	6.75	no charge	1 address
150 +	6.00	no charge	1 address

Respectfully,
 Barry Commons
 National Storekeeper

(Ed. Continuing with the updated typical "Submarine News" section to just listing the numerous articles by title and the URL for your reading at your own pleasure. There are many articles of interest that have more than one page of text increasing the numbers of pages for the newsletter. Let me know if this suits you all for future newsletters.

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This Month in History

From Shipmate Erik Heter, Base Historian

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USS Harder: A Legendary Submarine's Heroic Journey

The USS Harder (SS-257), a Gato-class submarine, is remembered for its remarkable service during World War II. The Harder was commissioned on December 2, 1942, built by Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut. While her operational life was relatively short, the Harder made a significant impact, causing significant damage and destruction to the enemy. Commanded by Commander Samuel D. Dealey, a decorated war hero from Dallas, Texas, the Harder embarked on six war patrols, earning six battle stars and leaving an indelible mark on naval history.

Early Patrols and Initial Successes

The Harder's first war patrol commenced on June 7, 1943.

Harder encountered a Japanese convoy and attacked the Japanese seaplane carrier Sagara Maru. While not sinking the vessel, it did score one hit on the bow of the vessel, forcing it to beach. Despite not sinking the target, the Harder's aggressive tactics set the tone for its subsequent missions. The second war patrol, beginning on August 24, 1943, saw increased success. Harder sank several enemy vessels, including the cargo ships Yoko Maru and Kachisan Maru, and the freighter Kowa Maru, significantly disrupting Japanese supply lines.

Escalating Aggression and Notable Engagements

The third war patrol, starting on October 30, 1943, further demonstrated the Harder's prowess. Alongside submarines Snook and Pargo, the Harder sank three more ships: Udo Maru, Hokko Maru, and Nikko Maru. This patrol concluded with a return to Pearl Harbor for an overhaul at Mare Island, ensuring the Harder was in peak condition for future engagements. On its fourth patrol, beginning on March 16, 1944, the Harder displayed its versatility by performing life-guard duties for downed aviators. However, it also maintained its offensive capabilities, sinking the Japanese destroyer Ikazuchi and the cargo vessel Matsue Maru.

The Legendary Fifth War Patrol

Harder's fifth war patrol, departing on May 26, 1944, is perhaps the most celebrated in her storied career. Operating near Tawi-Tawi, Commander Dealey led the Harder in sinking five Japanese destroyers within four days, including the Minazuki, Hayanami, and Tanikaze. This unprecedented success caused Japanese naval commanders to believe they were surrounded by submarines, leading to a premature and strategic withdrawal. It also earned Harder the nickname "Destroyer killer." This action directly contributed to the Japanese defeat in the Battle of the Philippine Sea. Commander Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary leadership and bravery during this patrol.

The Final Voyage and Ultimate Sacrifice

The Harder's sixth and final war patrol began on August 6, 1944. In the South China Sea, near Luzon, the submarine joined forces with other American submarines like Hake and Haddo. On August 24, during the Battle of Dasol Bay, the Harder and Hake engaged enemy ships. Tragically, after an intense exchange and the sound of depth charges, the Harder was lost with all hands. The precise details of its sinking remained a somber mystery, for years, until the wreckage of the Harder was located in May of 2024. Harder was discovered mostly intact, but had a large hole just aft of the conning tower on the port side of the vessel. It was determined that this hole was the result of a depth charge that exploded near the Harder during her final engagement.

Commander Samuel D. Dealey: A Heroic Leader

Commander Samuel D. Dealey's leadership was a cornerstone of the Harder's success. Born in Dallas, Texas, Dealey's remarkable naval career was highlighted by his receipt of numerous decorations, including the Congressional Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, and Silver Star. His aggressive tactics and fearless command style turned the Harder into one of the most formidable submarines in the Pacific theater.

Technological and Tactical Mastery

The USS Harder's effectiveness was not just a result of daring leadership but also due to its advanced design and technological capabilities. As a Gato-class submarine, it featured significant improvements in speed, range, and armament over earlier models. These attributes, combined with a well-trained and highly motivated crew, allowed the Harder to execute complex and high-risk operations successfully.

The Impact on Japanese Naval Strategy

The USS Harder's aggressive patrols and successful engagements had a profound impact on Japanese naval strategy. The sinking of multiple destroyers and other vessels forced the Japanese Navy to reconsider their convoy routes and defensive tactics. This disruption in logistics and communication significantly contributed to the broader Allied strategy of isolating and neutralizing Japanese-held territories in the Pacific.

Legacy and Commemoration

The legacy of the USS Harder and its crew is preserved through numerous memorials and historical accounts. The bravery and sacrifices of its sailors are remembered as part of the broader narrative of American naval heroism in World War II. The submarine's story is a testament to the courage and determination of those who served aboard, ensuring that their contributions to the war effort are not forgotten.

Conclusion: A Symbol of Valor

The USS Harder's journey from its commissioning to its tragic loss embodies the spirit of determination and heroism that characterized the U.S. Navy's submarine force during World War II. Under the command of Commander Samuel D. Dealey, the Harder achieved remarkable feats, significantly impacting the Pacific war effort. Its story remains a powerful symbol of valor and a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served in one of the most challenging and dangerous branches of the military.

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More links for USS Darter

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[U.S. Naval Undersea Museum](#)

7/17/2024

Thousands of submariners practiced submarine escape methods inside the Escape Training Tank at Pearl Harbor.

Submariners train for every possibility, including escaping a downed submarine. During submarine school, they simulate escaping from a distressed submarine by making ascents up a 40-foot training tank. They practice donning escape equipment, exiting a submarine's escape truck, and

swimming safely to the surface.

Today's training tanks may be 40 feet tall, but this famous landmark at Pearl Harbor was a whopping 100 feet! For submariners who trained there between 1933 and 1983, the Pearl Harbor tank brings up vivid memories of Momsen lungs, Steinke hoods, and the free ascent ("blow and go") technique.



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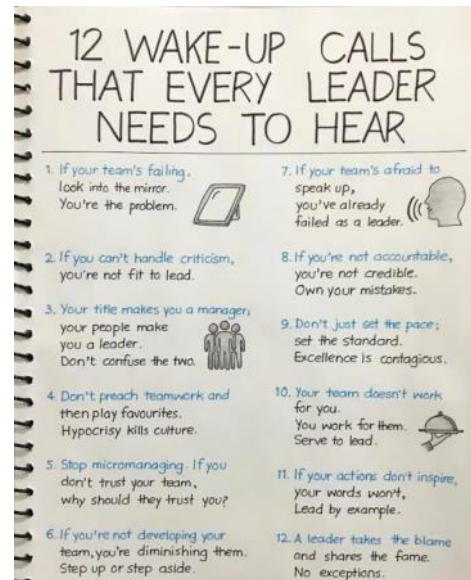
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A BAG OF TOOLS - R. L. SHARPE

Isn't it strange
That princes and kings,
And clowns that caper
In sawdust rings,
And common people
Like you and me
Are builders for eternity?
Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make-
Ere life is flown-
A stumbling block
Or a stepping stone.





15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb."

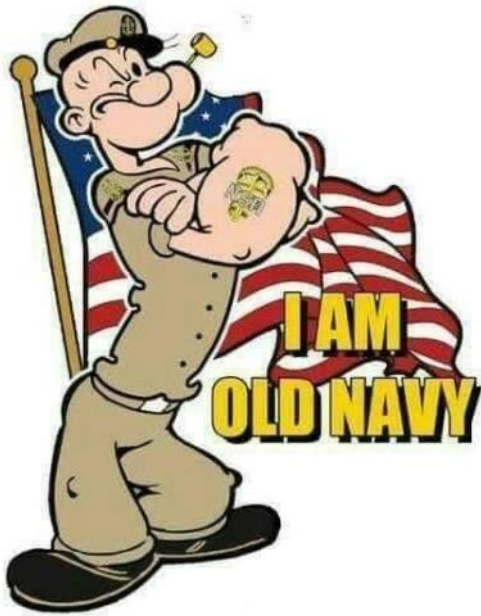
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Hilarious!

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.





More CTB Shipmates in Action

4th of July 2024 Parade
7/4/2024
Downtown Round Rock, Texas

USSVI Central Texas Base is with **Rick Mitchell** and **Frank Abernathy**.

7/4/2024

Enjoying the crowds this morning celebrating Independence Day in Round Rock. Crowds were as big and loud as we have seen in some time. Round Rock is always a great parade and there are many other parades and celebrations going in on the area wish we could show in all. Many of our shipmates were representing in other area towns also. Happy 4th of July Everyone! Just some of the pictures.



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Sam, Chuck, Dale, Roy, & Mike
with some beauty queens



Ed, Bill, Sam, Dale



Rick, & the float with Harry and Bill



Carla & Carl



Harry and Bill



Heading up the bridge



Heading into Downtown



Mike, Carl, Harry, & Bill waving to the



VOTE



2024 NATIONAL ELECTION

VOTING INFORMATION

Voting online on the USSVI website ussubvets.org is preferred.

Online voting will begin at 0001 on June 19, 2024 and end at 2359 on August 27, 2024.

Whether voting online or by paper ballot, each member must complete their own ballot.

Proxy voting (members casting ballots for other members) is not allowed. While members may assist other members in preparing their ballots, the member must complete their paper ballot in their own hand. Proxy ballots will be rejected.

Mail completed ballots to:

Tom Conlon, PNC
USSVI Election Master
8 Davis Avenue
Harrison, NJ 07029

Paper ballots must be received by the Election Master no later than August 27, 2024 to be counted. Ballots received after this date will not be counted.

The duties of the various officers are outlined in the USSVI bylaws and can be found on the USSVI website.

As specified in the USSVI Constitution:

- The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.
- No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms as National Commander.
- The term of office for a National elected officer will begin immediately after the annual business meeting.

2024 ☆ USSVI OFFICIAL BALLOT ☆ 2024

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE

National Officer Candidates

National Commander

Jon Jaques, Volunteer Base

Write-in _____

National Senior Vice Commander

Tim Carlisle, Mare Island Base

Write-in _____

National Junior Vice Commander

Tom Williams, Cowtown Base

Write-in _____

National Secretary

David Farrugia, Tang Base

Write-in _____

National Treasurer

John Sidlovsky, Hampton Roads Base

Write-in _____

Regional Director Candidates

Vote for a Director in your region only. Any other vote will be rejected.

Northeast Region Director

Charles Martin, Northern Virginia Base

Jeff Walsh, Groton Base

Write-in _____

Southeast Region Director

Ken Nichols, Nautilus Base

Write-in _____

Central Region Director

Fred Kinzel, Wolverine Base

Rick Mitchell, Central Texas Base

Write-in _____

Western Region Director

Pete Juhos, Gold Country Base

Write-in _____

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE USSVI CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII — BIENNIAL ELECTIONS

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Submitted by: William Andrea

Intent of the Author: The current requirements are too restrictive and limits the number of possible candidates for the position of Election Master.

Cost to the Organization: Negligible to none.

FOR AGAINST

NAME: _____ BASE: _____