



THE DECK LOG

USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE

JULY 2024



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



Left: "Liberty Girl (Rosie to the Rescue)" by Norman Rockwell (1943)

See the "Editor's Corner" for the story of this art.

Below: The Birth of Old Glory by Edward Percy Moran.

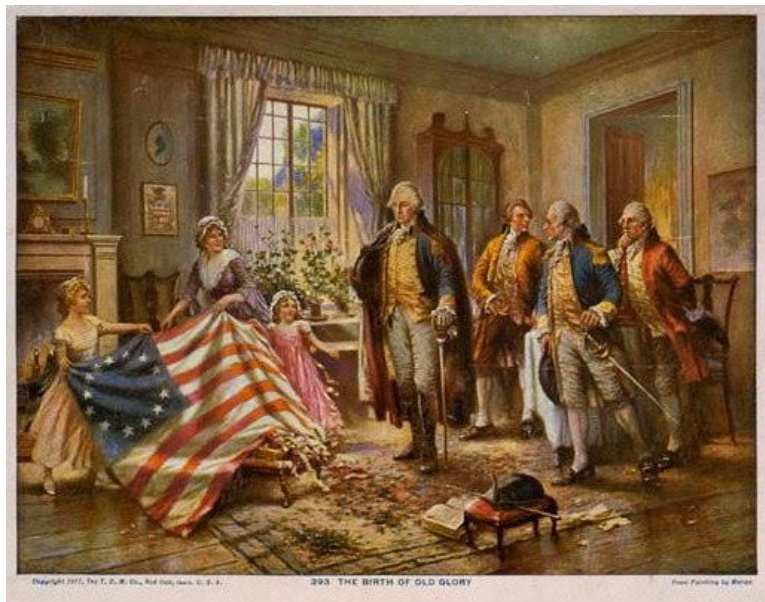


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BASE MEETINGS: Base meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at M/SGT Ben D Snowden VFW Post 8587, 1000 N College St, Georgetown, TX 78626. We hold a quarterly social in lieu of a Base Meeting in March, June, September and December.

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2017 Tom Williams



2021 Rick Mitchell
2021 Bill Scott
2023 Carl Repp



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.



<https://www.ussvi.org/>
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<http://www.csp.navy.mil/>



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www.shiftcolors.navy.mil



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<http://www.submarinesailor.com>



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<http://isasa.org/>



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<https://nationalinterest.org>



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<https://warriormaven.com>



SILENT RUNNING JULY 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 S-28 (SS 133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28 where she had been operating, but the extreme depth of the waters there exceeded the range of available rescue and salvage equipment. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



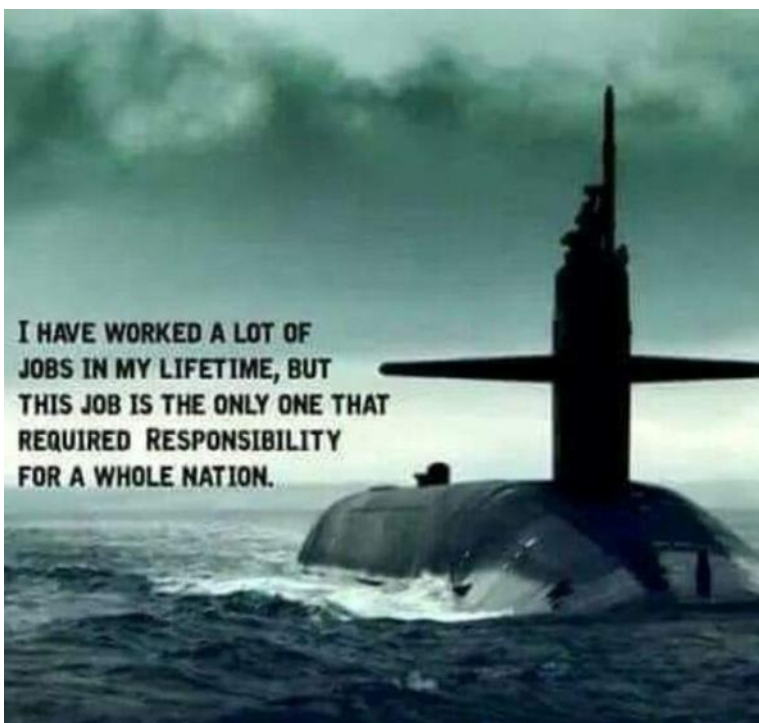
USS Robalo (SS 273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



USS Grunion (SS 216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Her loss remains a mystery.





USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE NEWS

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Happy Independence Day Shipmates!

July 4th is a few day days away and across America our citizens will be out celebrating. Hopefully we all realize the significance of this day and really understand how fortunate we are to live in a free country. Here at our base, it has long been a tradition

to join in this celebration at the Round Rock 4th of July parade and we will be continuing the tradition this year. This year with our own float. The submarine is finished, and we have a temporary trailer to display it on. I think you all will like it. Last time we had our own float we had over 25 shipmates plus family join in the parade. Let's see if we can do this again. See your email sent a few days ago with details. I know there is a lot going on, but I also wanted to let you know the Georgetown VFW will be having a 4th of July celebration that afternoon and evening and you all are invited to attend also. Great spot to view the fireworks.

Last month we held our base social at a new park in Cedar Park. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was surprised with a bout of pneumonia. Thanks for everyone who stepped up and made this happen. I hear from many it was a good time regardless of the heat. I think the common theme that I see time and time again is that if you find a few qualified folks to hang out with, you will have a good time. It's the company that matters not the surroundings, though they do have some effect but mainly getting out for an hour or so and catching up with old and/or new shipmates and their friend and family is what makes these things special. Thanks to everyone for your donations to the base and congrats to Ken Dallman who won the dolphins and Jovita who won the bottle of SS-322 Gin. I'm looking forward to the next one. Looking for a more central area or East or South this time.

Don't forget our base meeting coming up on the 3rd Wednesday, July 17th. We will be at the Georgetown VFW as usual. I hope to see many of you there. Don't forget also election time for our organization and it is important that you vote this year. You have a choice in who leads our regions next year. You can vote for me or Fred Kinzel. Of course I would greatly appreciate your vote. Voting is easy either online through the ussubvets.org web page or use a paper ballot. I sent out a copy a while back and we will have then at our next meeting. Either way please vote. I cannot see who voted but I can see that we have had 25 votes online and few have told me they used paper ballots. Guessing that leaves about 50 shipmates out there still left to vote. Please take a few minutes and vote. It means a lot to me, and it should you also as it directly affects who leads our region next year and is our voice on the BOD.

Thanks for everything you all do!

Rick Mitchell

Call, Text, Email anytime!

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BASE TREASURER'S REPORT



15 May 2024

Financial Report for Period Ending 4/30/2024

Beginning Balance - 4/1/2024 - \$44,455.01

RBFCU Checking (Gen Fund) \$34,358.66

RBFCU Savings (Mem Fund) \$4,169.83

Cash to be deposited - \$00.00

Uncleared Checks - **-\$9,589.80**

Ending Balance - 05/31/2024 - \$28,938.69

Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer

JULY 2024 BIRTHDAYS



- Rick Mitchell - 8th
- Joe Kruppa - 9th
- James Gee - 12th
- Chuck Trahan - 16th
- Don McGriff - 24th

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

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STOREKEEPER CORNER

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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.

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BINNACLE LIST

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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 May Base Meeting: Chuck Trahan & daughter Valerie, Don Atkins, John Roberts, Dick Witte and Bob Steinmann. .

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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

4 July 2024, Annual 4th of July Parade, Round Rock, TX. Float on site at the staging area at 0700. Catch the shuttle at the Methodist church (see map at the back of the N/L) earlier than the last shuttle at 0800.

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

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



K4K visit June 14, 2024 recap

USSVI Central Texas Base

6/14/2024

Carl Repp and W Jack Collins spending Flag Day visiting kids through the **United States Submarine Veterans** Kap (SS)4Kid(SS) program today at Dell Children's Hospital, Austin, TX.



Carl and Jack were the only ones on the visit today. From Carl: It went great and there were more kids there today than any other visit I have attended. We had six children. And five parents. Two of which we veterans. We had a great time with the group talking about subs and our time in the service. One of the best trips.

Along with the traditional coloring books, ballcaps etc., as today was Flag Day they handed out Flags to all the kids.

Jack says: "One thing... The little girl in the picture's father and grandfather was there. Her Dad was a Navy surface veteran and Grandfather was an Army Vietnam Veteran. Both got Challenge coins and flags."

Q: "How can you tell if a pig is hot?"

A: *It's bacon.*

Q: "What did the beach say when the tide came in?"

A: *Long time, no sea.*

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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The Mop

My 4 year old son spilled his cola on the rug the other day, and wanted to clean up the mess himself. So, I told him that the mop was just outside the back door. Quickly, he ran to the door, but realized that it had become dark outside.

Suddenly scared, he told me what the problem was. Assuring him, I told him that Jesus is everywhere, even in dark places, and that he'll always protect him. This put a smile on his face!

So, he opened the door just enough to poke his head outside and called out, "Jesus, if you're out there, could you pass me the mop?"

The Challenge

Satan challenges Jesus to a programmers' contest, with God the Father as the Judge. The idea is to see who can write the best, most complete, most impressive, bug-free program in only an hour's time. So, Satan and Jesus take their seats at their computers, God rings the starting bell, and the contest is on!

For the next 59 minutes, both computers are a blur of code, line after line scrolling up each CRT faster than the eye can follow. But, just before the final bell, a stray bolt of lightning strikes! Both Satan's terminal and Jesus' terminal are kicked off-line by the sudden surge, leaving nothing but a darkened screen in front of each contestant! God snaps his fingers, of course, and power is instantly restored. As the screens light up and the computers re-boot, God says, "Okay, time's up anyway; show me what you've got."

Satan's CRT carries only a single line: "File not found." He said lightning dumped my entire program; there's nothing on the drive. I demand a re-match!"

But Jesus just smiles as his CRT boots up brightly with a beautifully-rendered full-screen Photoshop graphic, 256-million colors, depicting a silver cloud festooned with dancing angels, while his computer's speakers begin playing a WAV-audio featuring a thousand perfectly-tuned harps in unison.

Satan is flabbergasted. "How," Satan angrily asks God, "did that saintly wimp keep His program intact while *mine got dumped?"

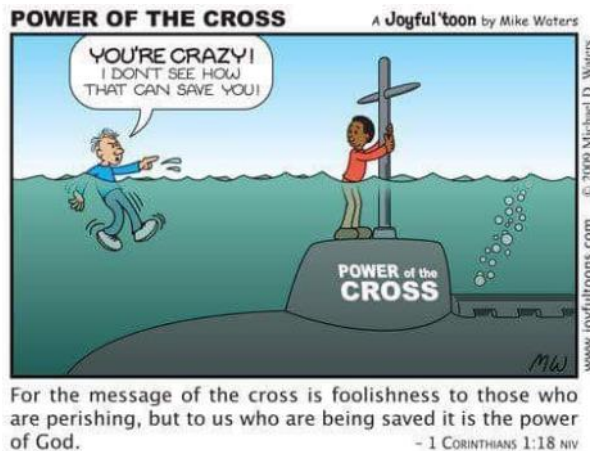
God chuckles condescendingly. "Didn't you know?" God says to Satan "Jesus saves"

Q: Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?

A: In the big inning. Eve stole first, Adam stole second.

Q: Why should you not use an unsharpened pencil?"

A: It's pointless.



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Editor's Office

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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 July edition cover art story:

"Liberty Girl (Rosie to the Rescue)" by Norman Rockwell (1943)

Norman Rockwell hired a professional model for the Post cover Liberty Girl (Rosie to the Rescue), honoring the mythical embodiment of all the new roles that now belonged to the American woman during wartime. As a symbol of the ability of Americans to mobilize and transform themselves during the war effort, Rockwell might have chosen a more idealized or classic portrayal, just as he based Rosie the Riveter on a classic Michelangelo painting, but he chose to paint her as a girl-next-door, accentuating her authenticity.



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June 2024 Central Texas Base Social

Lakeline Park (Ridgetop Pavillion) 1100 Hours
1510 Alexis Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613
Cedar Park, Texas

6/13/2024

Guys,

We might need to make alternate plans for this weekend. Currently I am quite a bit under the weather and I hope I wake up better tomorrow but based on watching Carla I think it will be with me a bit longer. Anyway, originally I was gonna cook burger and hotdogs but I don't know that I can commit to that now. There are about 45 people who said they were coming.

What do you guys think about ordering a bunch (50) sandwich boxes from Jason's Deli probably would be a cost of \$12 each but simple and little work or cleanup required. I would just get random stuff and someone could pickup at the Cedar Park restaurant Saturday morning about 10.

Ed. Best laid plans...

Let me know your thoughts before tomorrow morning and I will update you then where I stand. Hopefully this disappears but it sure seems to linger.

Sorry, I really want to do this but would hate to pass this on to anyone else.

Thanks, Rick

Ed. "Well, here's what transpired.

Virgil picked up the sandwiches, beef, two different ham & cheese, turkey, with bag of chips and condiments. Several folks brought sides to share including ice cream stuff from Frank Abernathy, water and tea and coolers from Chuck Malone. There were 44 folks in attendance. The donation jar collected \$635 and that will be sent to the USSVCF as a donation from the Base.

We were to have a Holland Club induction for Chuck Goertz however, he asked to delay it until the August meeting so that some of his family could attend.

The bottle of SS-322 gin door prize, went to Jovita, a friend of David Paulson and the custom dolphins with personalization from Chip Pomeroy was won by Ken Dallman. Congratulations to both of them.

See the pictures taken by David Paulson at the back of the newsletter.

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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

USSVCF June 2024 Shipmates Caring About Shipmates Monthly Newsletter

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

6/22/24

Shipmates,

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

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

We are still struggling to qualify additional USSVCF Ambassadors. This position is key to educating Sub-Vet members about USSVCF and increasing donations within the bases. I promise this will not take a lot of your time, we cannot do this alone we need your help. If you are interested in helping your Charity Foundation, please contact the

USSVCF Ambassador coordinator Don Young at cfa@ussvcf.org.

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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.

Base Commanders:

You may bring a laptop computer to your Base meeting to allow members to vote. However, keep in mind that each member must use his/her own login and casts their own vote. Also, you may reproduce the ballot in The American Submariner and send the Base's paper ballots as a single package.

Additionally, I will post a copy of the paper ballot that you can download and reproduce in the Documents section of the web site.

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. 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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(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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<https://www.eurasiantimes.com/indian-navys-nuclear-submarine-base-in-worlds/>

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HISTORY

This Month in History

From Shipmate Erik Heter, Base Historian

The USS Wahoo: A WWII Submarine Legend

The USS Wahoo (SS-238) is one of the most celebrated American submarines of World War II, renowned for its daring missions and remarkable success in the Pacific Theater. Commissioned on May 15, 1942, Wahoo was a Gato-class submarine named after a swift and powerful fish. Commanded by Lieutenant Commander Dudley W. "Mush" Morton, Wahoo became legendary for its aggressive tactics and significant contributions to the war effort, embodying the relentless spirit of the U.S. Navy's submarine force.

Wahoo's early patrols in the war were marked by challenges and learning experiences. Her first patrols in the Pacific, under the initial command of Lieutenant Commander Marvin G. Kennedy, yielded limited success. However, it was not until Morton took command in December 1942 that Wahoo began to demonstrate its full potential. Morton's aggressive approach and innovative tactics transformed Wahoo into one of the most feared submarines by the Japanese Navy.

Under Morton's command, Wahoo embarked on a series of patrols that showcased her deadly efficiency. On her third war patrol, Wahoo achieved remarkable success, sinking eight Japanese ships, including the 11,600-ton transport Buyo Maru. This patrol, conducted in the Yellow Sea, marked Wahoo as one of the top-performing submarines in the U.S. fleet. Morton's bold tactics, such as surfacing in the midst of enemy convoys to launch attacks, set new standards for submarine warfare.

Wahoo's fourth war patrol further solidified her reputation. Operating in the dangerous waters off the coast of Japan, Wahoo sank several enemy vessels, including the transport Nittsu Maru and the freighter Zogen Maru. Morton's willingness to take calculated risks paid off, as Wahoo consistently outmaneuvered Japanese anti-submarine forces. The daring attacks and high success rate earned Wahoo and her crew numerous commendations.

The fifth war patrol was perhaps Wahoo's most famous. In January 1943, Wahoo entered the Sea of Japan, a heavily patrolled and perilous area. Despite the dangers, Wahoo achieved unprecedented success, sinking four enemy ships and damaging others. This patrol included the sinking of the 8,000-ton freighter Kaga Maru and the escort vessel Tatsutake. Morton's fearless leadership and the crew's relentless determination turned Wahoo into a symbol of American naval prowess.

Wahoo's sixth patrol continued her streak of success, but it was also fraught with peril. Operating off the coast of Formosa (now Taiwan), Wahoo sank the tanker Tosei Maru and several other vessels. However, the increasing effectiveness of Japanese anti-submarine tactics posed significant threats. Despite the dangers, Wahoo's crew demonstrated exceptional skill and bravery, continuing to inflict substantial damage on enemy shipping.



Tragically, Wahoo's seventh patrol in October 1943 would be her last. After a series of successful attacks in the La Pérouse Strait, Wahoo was ambushed by Japanese aircraft and surface vessels. Despite her crew's valiant efforts, Wahoo was lost with all hands on October 11, 1943. The exact circumstances of her sinking remained a mystery for decades until her wreck was discovered in the La Pérouse Strait in 2006, providing closure to the families of her brave crew.

The legacy of USS Wahoo endures as a testament to the courage and ingenuity of her crew and the leadership of Commander Morton. Wahoo's aggressive tactics and impressive success record significantly impacted the Pacific war effort, sinking 20 enemy ships totaling over 60,000 tons. Wahoo's exploits inspired future generations of submariners and cemented her place in naval history.

USS Wahoo's story is not just one of warfare but also of innovation and strategic brilliance. Morton's emphasis on aggressive engagement, combined with the crew's unwavering dedication, demonstrated the critical role of submarines in modern naval warfare. A key figure in this legacy was Richard H. "Dick" O'Kane, Wahoo's executive officer (and future Medal of Honor recipient). While serving as the executive officer on the Wahoo, O'Kane played a crucial role in planning and executing the successful attacks. O'Kane's contributions and later achievements as a commanding officer of the USS Tang further highlighted the profound impact of Wahoo's operations on submarine tactics and strategy.

The USS Wahoo remains an iconic symbol of American naval history, embodying the spirit of daring and resilience that defined the submarine force during World War II. Her achievements, sacrifices, and the indomitable spirit of her crew continue to be remembered and honored, ensuring that the legacy of Wahoo lives on in the annals of naval warfare.



 **41 For Freedom** ... X
 Waylan K. Shropshire · 28m · 

On June 22, 1963, the nuclear-powered submarines USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628), USS Daniel Boone (SSBN 629), USS Flasher (SSN 613), and USS John Calhoun (SSBN 630) are all launched in one day, emphasizing the Navy's accelerated nuclear-submarine construction program.




The Arrow and the Song
 BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I shot an arrow into the air,
 It fell to earth, I knew not where;
 For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
 Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
 It fell to earth, I knew not where;
 For who has sight so keen and strong,
 That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
 I found the arrow, still unbroke;
 And the song, from beginning to end,
 I found again in the heart of a friend.




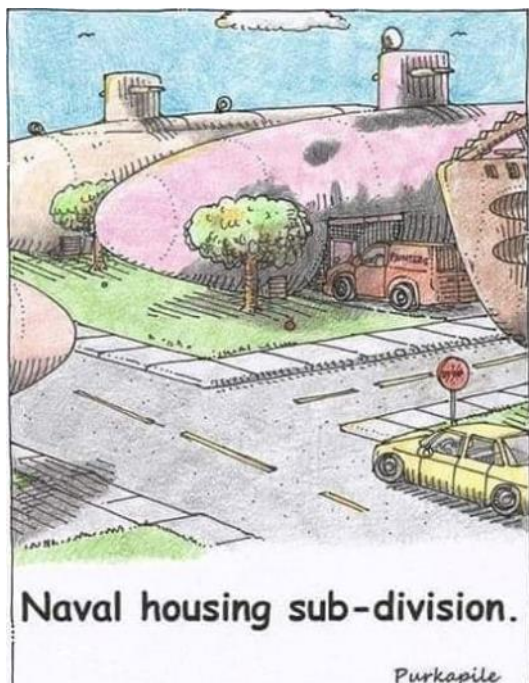
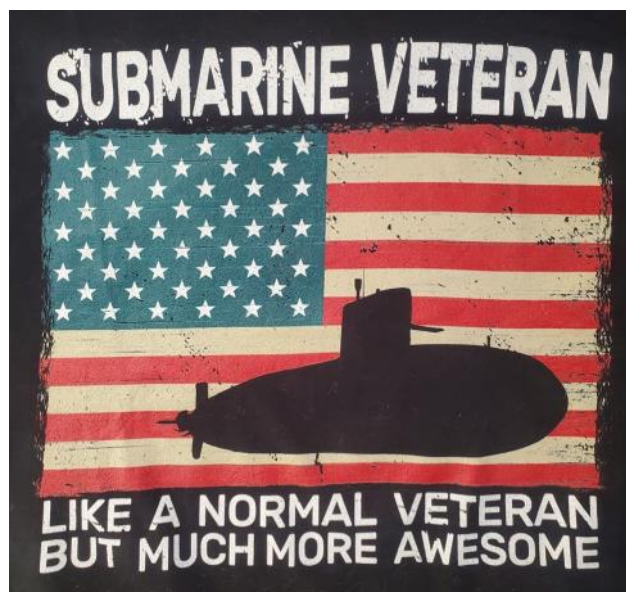
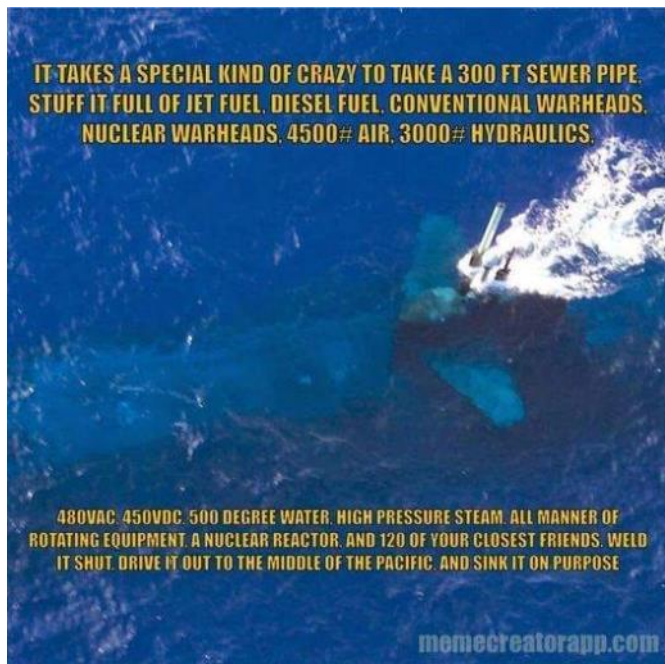
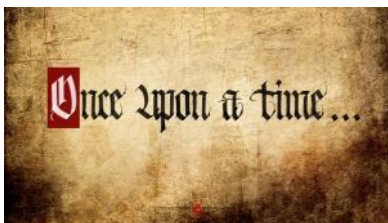


As a SUBMARINER, I'd rather
 look back at my life and say...

"I can't believe I did that"

instead of saying, "I wish I did that"





CTB Shipmates in Action

June 2024 Central Texas Base Social
Lakeline Park (Ridgetop Pavillion) 1100 Hours
1510 Alexis Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613
Cedar Park, Texas







**USSVI Central Texas Base Float
Before/After Pictures**



Delivery after purchase in 2013



At the Steinmann's barn.



At the Steinmann's barn after the
devastating fire.



Prepping the replacement.



Heading to the new barn for finishing.



Painted, ready and waiting for the new trailer,
commissioning and showing off. .



Bow view.



On her temporary trailer.



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

Vote either "for" or "against" the proposed change

PA 2024-1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII — BIENNIAL ELECTIONS

Green = proposed wording • Red = current wording

Section 3. NATIONAL BALLOT

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1. The Election Master shall be a Past National Commander or Past National Officer in good standing.

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A. The National Commander shall appoint an Election Master to count and tabulate the results of the Nation Election Ballots.

1. The Election Master shall be a member in good standing, selected by the National Commander and approved by the Voting Board of Directors.

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:** _____

