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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



U.S. Navy 249th Birthday Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMqcDRbsoPg>

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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
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2010, 2014,
 2017, 2020



2020 Base
 2023 Bill Bellinghause
 2024 Base



2018 Rick Mitchell
 2020 Bob Steinmann,
 2020 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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<https://www.sublant.usff.navy.mil/>



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



<https://www.navyleague.org/news/council/greater-austin-council/>



www.navyleague.org



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



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www.shiftcolors.navy.mil

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

SILENT RUNNING

NOVEMBER 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 Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



USS Scamp (SS-277)

Lost on Nov 9, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate her and destroy her with depth charges.



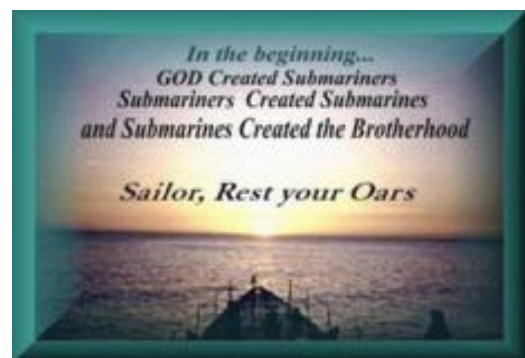
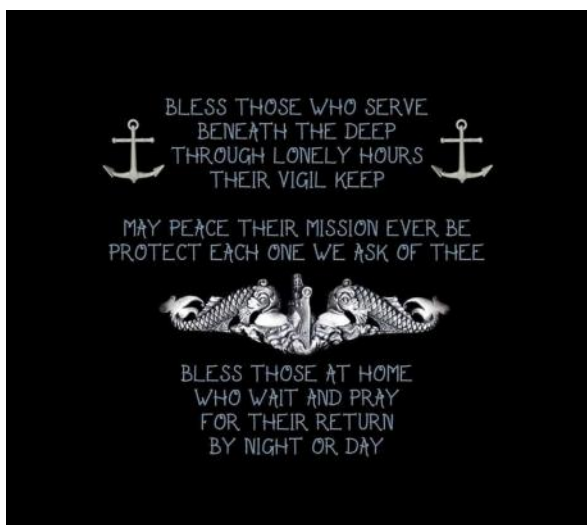
USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 40 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.





USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE NEWS

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Shipmates,

I just returned a couple of days ago from a mission trip overseas to SE Asia. Just an observation from what I experience. We are extremely privileged to be American citizens and live here in the US. No commentary other than that. Last year as I sat down to

write the BC report for November, missiles and bombs were flying in the Middle East and our Navy was actively engaged in helping Israel defend itself and protecting our troops being targeted in Syria and Iraq. Hmmm, 1 year later and much the same. Our fleet is posturing itself for whatever needs arise and I am sure our Submarine force is right there among them ready to answer as needed. Godspeed to all of them and let's all pray, hope, or whatever your pleasure is that this gets resolved soon before spiraling much more out of control. It does give me some comfort that we still have the greatest Navy in the world that can and will respond as needed.

We have a lot going on this month as it is always busy around Veterans' Day. I am not going to rehash everything we have already shared at our meetings and emails but just encourage you to look at the calendar and try to participate in one of more of our events we are supporting this month. As always, we will send out reminders periodically via email and our social media channels of what's coming up. I do want to mention the Field of Honor taking place in Georgetown though. Please take some time to stop by and check out all the flags in honor of veterans and first responders. We have been flying 10 flags out there for base members who have gone on Eternal Patrol. This year unfortunately that number has risen to 11 as we have added Shipmate John Roberts to the list. Something different though we started this year is we are honoring some of our living members also with the flags earned by our sponsorship. This year's honorees are Don Atkins, Ray Wilgeroth, Bob Steinman, and Bill Brinkman, all plank owners of the CTB. These flags are theirs to keep after the event is over. I hope everyone gets out to see them and the various events that are happening out there during the week.

A few housekeeping items to mention and this is a repeat from last month but please read. As it is Fall, it brings about preparations for a new year. This includes looking for volunteers to take on new positions in the base. If you are interested let me know. There is no requirement to sit back and wait till someone vacates a position. Having an actual election would be a good thing as that shows we have many engaged people willing to help. All our positions are open. What role do you see yourself in? It's your base and it needs you to help keep it going and hopefully growing. It is also dues season so please bring your check books or cash to our next meeting in November if you are not a life member and help get this annual chore out of the

way in a timely manner. Just think of it like this, as many do not want to volunteer because they don't think they have the time, well those of us collecting and recording dues spend a lot of time chasing folks down so please help us save some time and effort and get them paid. Details were sent out via email previously. Oh Yeah, when you decide whether to pay annually or maybe a multiyear period such as life know that starting Jan 1 dues are increasing for national by \$10 a year. You can save some money by taking advantage of the discount over a multi-year period and getting it before the increase. Update: It is encouraging to me that it appears we may have volunteers for the entire slate of base officers this year. Still not too late for you to volunteer.

Thanks for everything all of you contribute to make our base what it is. I'm off now to Elgin to meet up with many of you as we participate in the first of 2 new parades for us this month. Hope to see you all soon.

Thank You for everything you all do!

Rick Mitchell, 512-639-0035



USSVI CTB Base Meeting Minutes

Location: VFW Post 8587 and ZOOM

Meeting opened at 19:03 Rick Mitchell, Base Commander

E-Board was present with the exception of Carl Repp, Vice Commander

Meeting Minutes: Due to September Social, No Minutes

Sailing List: 21 Total: VFW 19, Zoom 2.

Binnacle List: Chuck Trahan, Bob Steinmann, Don Atkins and Coy Smith. John Roberts went on Eternal Patrol of 23 September 2024 after a long battle with Cancer.

Prayer: Chuck Malone led the base in our opening Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Frank Espinosa

Tolling of the Boats – Rick Mitchell, Reading, Frank Abernathy, Tolling

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Virgil Claycamp

Funds as of 1 Oct 2024
 \$27,353.37 1Sep Balance
 \$28,083.10 1Oct Balance
 General: \$23,849.09
 Memorial: \$4,174.01
 Uncleared Checks: \$250.02

Storekeeper – Virgil Claycamp: The 2025 Calendars, Challenge Coins and Silver Anniversary Coins and Patch-es as well as other items are available in our Ships Store.

Memorial (Gene Hall): Rick Mitchell: The Park renovations around the Memorial are complete and open.. Rick is looking for 2 working parties to touch up the Torpedo, the first will do any repairs and the second will be to paint. Please contact Rick if you are willing to help.

Kaps 4 Kids: Currently the K4K chair is vacant and we are looking for someone to take on the position. The past event was at McLane Children's in Temple, Texas. 6 Sep 2024 at 10:30. Carl Repp, Rich Mitchell and Joe Luna were present. There are no future visits currently scheduled.

Parade (Tom Sprague): We are currently set to participate in TWO Parades.

The **First** will be in Elgin, TX on 2Nov2024 check in will be 07:30 to 08:30 near Elgin High School. Tom will provide maps and more info later. Arrive by 09:00, the parade starts at 10:00.

The **Second** will be on 11Nov2024 at the Killeen Veterans Day Parade. Line up is at 10:30 at 761st Tank Battalion Avenue. A meeting spot will be promulgated in the near future. Please let Rick, Carl or Tom know if you will be participating in either of these.

Rick Mitchell needs help in Salado, on the 30th or 31st to move the Sub Float onto the Trailer. Please contact Rick if you can help with this task.

Membership (Chuck Malone): 87 Current Members. John Roberts departed on Eternal Patrol on 23Sep2024. Dues are due; please contact either Chuck Malone or Rick Mitchell to learn of options.

Birthdays 2024: 10/1 Roy Silva, 10/4 Bill McCoy, 10/5 Bill Graham, 10/8 John Zieser, 10/9 Carl Repp, 10/12 Gene Whitenack, 10/13 Randy Patterson, 10/16 Chuck Cohn, 10/22 Greg Kline, 10/28 Troy Stearns, 11/2 Walt Whittingslow, 11/5 Vern Williams, 11/6 Jake Ferrigan, 11/11 Chip Pomeroy.

Eric Heter presented a comprehensive report on the History of the **USS SEA LION SS-315**. She was built at Electric Boat, Groton. 1st Commissioning 8Mar1944, 1st Decommissioning 16Feb1946 and she was recommissioned as a troop carrier 2Nov1948 and Final Decom in 1970.

Unfinished, Ongoing and Old Business

Blood Drive, Combined VSO Blood Drive at the VFW 8587 Post located at 1000 N College Street, Georgetown, TX on 12 Oct between 12:00-16:00. Frank Espinosa indicated 20 total units were collected at the VFW. In addition, 30 total units were collected from auxiliary locations 23Nov through 24Oct; VFW and American Legion. Frank E. indicated that If we use the code **D682** when donating through 'WE ARE BLOOD' locations, the VFW 8587 Post will be credited for those units.

Dues for BOTH Base and National will be increasing after 31Dec2024, so this may be a good time to consider paying 'Life Dues' one time. See Chuck Malone or Rick about the rates.

Our Annual Fund-Raising Raffle has been suspended while looking for other methods of income. **Curt Webber**

has suggested a BBQ/Car Show in late Feb or Mar of 2025. More details and discussions will take place.

Discussion about our IRS Tax Exempt status, was presented by Rick. We are a 501c19 so donations to us are NOT Tax exempt for those making donations to us. We could potentially offer 501c3 donations via the USSVICF, BUT how those donations are spent is more regulated.

NEW Business:

Frank Espinosa asked if there was a way to pay Base and National dues through our website. This will be looked at down the road.

2024 Christmas Party: There were two dates suggested by Rick M. Based upon venue availability, 7Dec and 14Dec2024. Stiles Switch BBQ and Iron Cactus were suggested. Stiles Switch would cost less for a BBQ Buffet. After brief discussion of both locations Chuck Malone placed a motion to use Stiles Switch on 7Dec and it was seconded by Virgil Claycamp and approved by the members present. Cost would have been approximately \$20/ person. Shortly after the APPROVAL, a motion to change to the 14th and another location; Curt Webber's on 14Dec was made by Vern H. and seconded by Frank E. and approved by the members present. Currently the Christmas Party will be held at Curt's house. Details to follow.

Round Rock Veterans Day Ceremony and Celebration, 11Nov2024 and 11:00. If you attend, please wear Sub Vests and take some pictures for our website and FB. This is at the Flag Plaza at Yonder's Point in Old Settlers Park. Refreshments will be served after.

Field of Honor, Georgetown, TX from the 9th to 17Nov2024. San Gabriel Park. The Opening Ceremony is on 10Nov2024 at 13:30. Three members are needed for the Parade of Colors; see Rick if you can help. We will have flags amongst the approximately 2000 Flags for our members on Eternal Patrol as well as Flags for a few active members; Don Atkins, Bill Brinkman, Ray Wilgeroth and Bob Steinmann. There will also be a ceremony on 11Nov for those available to attend. See <http://Georgetowntxfieldofhonor.org> for more details of events for those days.

Veterans Friendship Meal at VFW Post 8487, Sunday 11/10/2024 at 15:00. Free meal and a USMC Cake Cutting Ceremony will be made.

Red White and Blue Banquet in Bastrop was mentioned by Bill Bellinghausen and Jack Collins on 9Nov24.

Visit <http://rwbvterans.com> for more information.

Friends of Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony, has THREE opportunities to help; on 23Nov2024 to PREPARE the Wreaths and then on 30Nov2024 to PLACE the Wreaths and on 11Jan2025 to RETRIEVE the Wreaths. Killeen, TX. It is suggested that you park at the Texas A&M parking lot and take the shuttle. See <https://www.wreathsforvets.org/home/schedule-of-events/> for more information.

The Walsh Middle School Career Fair, is on 3Dec2024 in Round Rock from 08:30-11:00. This is an opportunity to expose middle school students to a possible career path in the Navy. 3850 Walsh Ranch Blvd, Round Rock, TX.

End Veteran Suicide, Presentation by the Department of Texas VFW, Wilco Vet Center and the VA. Hosted by VFW Post 8587, Held on 10/26/2024, 13:00 to 15:00. 1000 N. College Street, Georgetown, TX

Central Texas Base Charitable Donations.

Rick had suggested the following three organizations for our yearly donation. SS American Memorial in Sequin, TX; Georgetown Caring Place and Field of Honor. A motion by Bill Scott was seconded by Vern W. and approved by all present. Each to receive a \$500 donation. An additional motion was placed by Vern W. to add the Samaritan Center to the list of three and was seconded by Curt Webber and approved by those present. A total of 4 organizations will receive \$500 each from the Central Texas Base.

Heads Up from Rick.

Budget is being worked on for Nov2024 approval. Provide input to the E-Board.

We'd like to get Dues paid by 1 Dec if possible.

The Base needs your HELP, consider running for an **elect-ed** position this Fall; Treasurer, Yeoman, Vice Commander and Base Commander are all available.

In addition there are several **appointed** positions: Librarian, Social Coordinator, Parades, Kaps4Kids and others.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle – \$70 of \$70 was won by Frank Espinosa who donated it all back to the Treasury.

Rick Mitchell brought several Submarine based items as give aways at the end of the meeting.

Events –

Next Event – 9th through the 17th of November 2024 , various Veterans Day Celebrations.

Next Meeting – 20Nov2024 18:00 Social and 19:00 Meeting.at VFW Post.

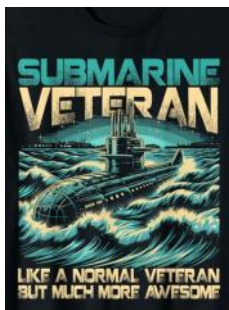
Sailing List

Total Base Members 21, 19 at VFW and 2 via ZOOM:

Local at the VFW Post 8587 (19): Frank Abernathy, Jim Andrea, Harry Boyer, Ed Carr, David Clark, Virgil Claycamp, Jack Collins, Ken Dallman, Frank Espinosa, Mike Gauthier, Chris Glover, Vern Hagen, Hubert Jackson, Chuck Malone, Rick Mitchell, Bill Scott, Roy Silva, Harry Ullman, and Curt Webber. **ZOOM (2):** Eric Heter and Tom Sprague.

Meeting Adjourned by Rick Mitchell 20:45

Minutes submitted by Frank Abernathy, Yeoman, 21Oct 2024



From Base Commander Rick Mitchell, 10/12/2024

Shipmates,

I regret to inform you of another of our members who has gone on his Eternal Patrol, Sept 23, 2024. John Roberts ET1 (SS). John did not make many of our meetings in recent years due to his health struggles, but John and his wife Sandra did get out to some of our social events and Tolling ceremonies. It was there that I got to talk to him and Sandra and got a feel for who he really was. We also spoke on the phone a few times in recent years usually about nothing much but just checking in. Wish I had the chance to get to know him better. He was a very interesting man. Here is a link to a web page he used to do though it has not been updated in many years, you can see a little about his navy history and the things that interested him: [Quiet Warriors](#). I also attached his obituary that Sandra sent me. I spoke to her Friday and she said she is doing OK, but dealing with grief is hard and I assure you it is, and its different for everyone too. As the obituary states there is no ceremony planned. John was cremated and she said the immediate family will have a small private ceremony in Oregon at a later date. We will make a shadow box in his honor and provide it to Sandra for the family. John will also have a flag flying in honor of him same as we do for all CTB members on Eternal Patrol at the Georgetown Field of Honor.

R/

Rick Mitchell



Lonestar Subvet Round Up - 2025

9/15/2024



Pleased to announce we have confirmed dates and location for the 2025 Lonestar Subvet Round Up. We will be in Arlington, Texas <https://www.arlington.org/> April 10-13th! Hotel details coming in a few days! Save the date now and plan to join us in 2025. Excited to be here especially with the grand opening of the [National Medal of Honor Museum](#) scheduled for 2025. How many submariners earned the Medal of Honor, and who were they?

8 - TM2(SS) Henry Breault, Captain John Cromwell, Commander Samuel Dealey, Rear Admiral Eugene Fluckey, Commander Howard Gilmore, Commander Richard O’Kane, Commander “Red” Ramage, LCDR George Street, III

Veterans Service Organizations Hold 4th Blood Drive
October 12, 2024, Georgetown, Texas

U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., Central Texas Base, in partnership with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8587 and American Legion Post 174 hosted their 4th blood drive in three years at the VFW in Georgetown on October 12th to help We Are Blood collect 18 units of blood during a 4-hour period from 25 potential donors.

We Are Blood will distribute the donations to over 41 medical centers and hospital located in central Texas in the surrounding nine counties around Williamson County, including Williamson County.

We Are Blood has been drawing Central Texans together since 1951 when they were founded by the Travis County Medical Society. Their very first name was the “Travis County Medical Society Blood Bank” and their very first home was at 1705 1/2 North Congress. The year they opened their doors they served four Austin hospitals (Brackenridge, Seton, Holy Cross, and St. David’s) and a few surrounding rural hospitals.

Serving in the role of Blood Drive Coordinator once again, Frank Espinosa, Jr., a life members of all three Veterans Service Organizations ensured the needs of the donors and the collection agency were met.



Hubert Jackson



We Are Blood Equipment arrival

Georgetown VFW Post 8587 M/SGT Ben D. Snowden is feeling thankful.

10/19/2024

Wishing to thank all my family & friends who donated blood or recommended someone to donate at our blood drive October 12th. We exceeded our goal of collecting 26 units - we collected 30 units! Below is an article which ran in the digital Sunday edition of the local Williamson County Sun newspaper.

Veterans donate blood to area hospitals

Georgetown VFW Post 8587 — in partnership with U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., Central Texas Base and American Legion Post 174 — worked with We Are Blood in a blood drive, donating 18 units of blood and 4-double red blood cell donations.

Held on October 12, the blood drive was the fourth drive in three years at the VFW in Georgetown.

The donated blood will be distributed by We Are Blood to 41 medical centers and hospitals in Central Texas, according to Frank Espinosa Jr., blood drive coordinator and webmaster for American Legion Post 174.

“This event continues to be important to all three organizations — the VFW, The American Legion, and the U.S. Submarine Veterans

Inc., Central Texas Base — because of the connection it brings between these organizations and our local communities,” Mr. Espinosa Jr. said in an email to the Sun. “As blood drive coordinator, I was pleased to see members of our local community join these organizations in the effort to donate the gift of life.”

— Kaitlyn Wilkes



Rick Mitchell



Carl Repp



Gene Hall

BASE TREASURER’S REPORT

15 October 2024

Financial Report for Period Ending 8/31/2024

Beginning Balance - 8/31/2024 - \$27,353.37



RBFCU Checking (Gen Fund) \$23,849.09
RBFCU Savings (Mem Fund) \$4,174.01
Cash to be deposited - \$0.00
Uncleared Checks - -\$250.02

Ending Balance - 09/30/2024 - \$27,773.08

Submitted: Virgil Claycamp, Treasurer

NOVEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS



Walt Whittingslow - 2nd
 Vern Williams - 5th
 Jake Ferrigan - 6th
 Colin King - 8th
 Chris Pomeroy - 11th
 David Clark - 18th
 Curt Webber - 14th
 Tom Sprague - 19th
 Dentous Holloway - 28th

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	

2025 USSVI National and Base Dues

	Years Renewed/age at Lifetime	National Dues 1/1/25	Base Dues*
Annual Dues	1 Year	\$40	\$15
	Oct-Dec & Next Year	\$47	\$20
	3 Years	\$113	\$55
	5 Years	\$185	\$90
Lifetime dues	76+ Years	\$150	\$75
	66-75 Years	\$300	\$150
	56-65 Years	\$450	\$225
	46-55 Years	\$625	\$310
	Up to 45 Years	\$750	\$375
			*Holland Club member dues paid by Base after 1 st year's paid

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

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

Prayer for our brothers and friends in need. Shipmates noted at the August Base Meeting: Chuck Trahan, Bob Steinman, Family of John Roberts, Don Atkins, Coy Smith.

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

2 November 2024 - Veteran's Day Parade in Elgin, TX 0730-0830 check in, near Elgin HS, arrive by 0900, [See Map and flyer at the back of the newsletter.](#)

10 November 2024 - Parade of Colors at the Georgetown Field of Honor, <https://georgetowntxfieldofhonor.org/>, (will need at least 3 volunteers to march and carry flags)

10 November 2024 - VFW Friendship Meal, 1500 hours, VFW Post #8587, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626

11 November 2024 - Killeen, TX, Veterans Day Parade, line up 1030 @ 761st Tank Battalion Ave [See Map and flyer at the back of the newsletter.](#)

11 November 2024 - Round Rock, TX, Veterans Day Ceremony and Celebration, 1100, Flag Plaza, Old Settlers Park

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

11/23 Wreath Prep, 11/30 Wreath Laying, 1/11/25 Wreath Retrieval, Wreaths for Vets www.WreathsForVets.org/, Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 South Highway 195, Killeen, TX, Ceremony starts @1000. Parking at Texas A&M Central Texas.

3 December 2024, Walsh Middle School Career Fair, 0830-1100 hours, 3850 Walsh Ranch Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78681

7/14 December 2024, Annual Christmas Party, location TBD

15 January 2025, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base,
VFW Post #8587 and Zoom, 1000 N College St.,
Georgetown, TX 78626, 1900 meeting.

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 November edition cover story:



Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) Update

Kaps 4 Kids Chair – Still Vacant

As discussed at the August meeting, we are still looking for a new Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) chairman and we still need an ambassador 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.

No future events scheduled.

Base Commander, Rick Mitchell

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Letter from Heaven

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say.
But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.
I'm writing this from heaven.
Here I dwell with God above.

Here, there's no more tears of sadness;
Here is just eternal love.
Please do not be unhappy just because I am out of sight.
Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night.

That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through.
God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you.
It's good to have you back again,
You were missed while you were gone.

As for your dearest family,
They'll be here later on.
I need you here so badly, you are part of my plan.
There is so much that we can do, to help our mortal man".

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God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.
And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.
And when you lie in bed at night the days chores put to flight.
God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.

When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years.
Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.
But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.
Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.

I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.
But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.
But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over.
I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.

There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;
But together we can do it by taking one day at a time.
It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too;
That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.

If you can help somebody who is in sorrow and pain;
Then you can say to God at night... My day was not in vain.
And now I am contented... that my life was worthwhile.
Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile.

So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low;
Just lend a hand to pick them up, as on your way you go.
When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind;
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.

And when it's time for you to go...
from that body to be free.
Remember you're not going...
you're coming here to me.



NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

National Awards Update

USSVI National Awards Chairman

Gary Galles

10/6/2024

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Shipmates,

The following awards were announced and presented at 2024 USSVI National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Congratulations to all the Award Recipients. BZ

District Commander of the Year for 2024-2025

Fred Marazita - District Commander Northeast District Five
- Buffalo Base

Golden Anchor Award

Gold Country Base
Bremerton Base
Tucson Base
Corvina Base
Topeka Jefferson Base

Silver Anchor Award

Steve "Buddha" Helms – Charleston Base
Chris Gahan – Perch Base
Alice Woods – Perch Base
Steve Ritter – Wolverine Base
Mike Rainwater – USS Snook Base

Meritorious Award - Individual

George Wallace – Northern Virginia Base
Tim Blevins – South Lake Base
John Lindstedt – Great Lakes Base
Mike Woods – Jersey Shore Base
Ron Mexicott – Wolverine Base

Meritorious Award - Base

Corvina Base
Central Texas Base
Dorado Base
USS Snook Base

Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award

Anthony Van Schaick – Tarheel Base

The Newsletter of the Year Awards

CLASS I - Gold Country Base - Clear The Baffles - Editor - Barry Wyatt
CLASS III - SLO Subvets Base - SLO Subvets Scuttlebutt - Editor – Cathy Wathen
CLASS IV - Sculpin Base - Sculpin Base POD - Editor – E.D. "Moe" Moses
NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR- CLASS I - Bremerton Base - Puget Soundings - Editor - David Pittman

Robert Link National Commander's Award

David Harris – USS Chicago Base
John Willhelm – Tri State Base
Frank Espinosa – Central Texas Base
Virgil Claycamp – Central Texas Base
Craig Werner – Hampton Roads Base
Howard Chatham – Northern Virginia Base
Ada Adams – Tucson Base
Fred Kinzel – Wolverine Base
Gary Hildreth – Thresher Base
John Radens – Buffalo Base
Fredrick Vineyard – Egg Harbor Township Base
John Glasser – Egg Harbor Township Base
Edward Galavotti – Cheyenne Base
Cathy Wathen – SLO Sub Vets Base
Michael O'Brien – Dolphin Base
Ronald Triplett – Mare Island Base
Steve David – SLO Sub Vets Base
Peter Gallagher – SLO Sub Vets Base
Alan Williams – Groton Base
Paul Young – Corvina Base
Steven Avery – Sculpin Base
Tim Gregory – Buffalo Base

Thomas Innocente – Egg Harbor Township Base
Charles Weiss Jr. – Base 51

JOE NEGRI AWARD United States Submarine Veteran of the Year

Jon Jaques – Volunteer Base

Respectfully,
Gary Galles
USSVI National Awards Chairman

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USSVI Dues Increase 2025

10/14/2024

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Shipmates,

I appreciate your support of our organization throughout the years. USSVI would not be what it is today without your support.

At our Annual Business Meeting at the Cleveland Convention, the Board of Directors and all present, including you, discussed our current expenses and the increasing costs of doing business. It was collectively decided to raise dues by \$10/year starting January 1, 2025. There was no opposition to the plan.

Until then, dues, including life membership dues, will remain unchanged until December 31, 2024. This may be a consideration for those who don't want to pay higher dues in the future. I am [including a chart](#) that shows the differences. This will result in a good amount of cost savings. I greatly appreciate your continued support and membership in our organization. I am committed to increasing the benefits for our members, whether meeting at other Sub Vet meetings or other events. The discussion with ComSubLant at the National Convention awards dinner left me confident that our Submarine Force is in great hands as we move into the future.

Thank you for all the kind words and support I have received since I became the National Commander—it truly means a lot. I strongly hope you will continue your membership in our organization because our people make a difference.

Respectfully,
Jon Jaques
NC

NATIONAL COMMANDER EMAIL

National Commander Jon Jaques

10/14/2024

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Shipmates,

Message resent 10/14/24 (originally sent 10/11/24).

Hurricanes Helene and Milton have brought widespread destruction to the East Coast in the past month. If you have been affected by either storm, the Charitable Founda-

tion Brotherhood Fund is ready to assist if needed. You can reach out to any national officer for assistance in reaching the Brotherhood Fund manager for assistance.

We appreciate the many calls of our shipmates offering support to those affected by both storms. If you want to help your shipmates and provide financial support, you can make a tax-deductible donation to the USSVCF – Brotherhood Fund and note it as hurricane relief. You can do so here: [Brotherhood Fund - US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. \(flipcause.com\)](https://www.flipcause.com/ussvcf-brotherhood-fund)

Please note hurricane relief in the comments. Thank you for your help. For those that have been impacted by Helene and Milton, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Respectfully,
Jon Jaques
NC

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Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Week

10/17/2024

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Shipmates,

US Submarine Veterans Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Week is just around the corner!

"No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a Child" - Abraham Lincoln

Each year **K4K Week** is celebrated around Veterans Day (November 11th).

Fortunately, more and more Child Health Care Facilities are reopening their doors to us post-COVID.

In addition to other K4K visits made during the year, I encourage USSVI Bases to schedule and make a K4K visit to Kids as close to Veterans Day as possible.

This is done to:

1. Take advantage of a period when Child Health Care Facilities are more likely to welcome visits by Veterans. If your base does not have a K4K Program, it is a perfect time to start one. If your base has a K4K program but is experiencing difficulty accessing a facility, this is a great time to approach them.
2. Obtain local and national recognition of **USSVI's Kap (SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program** and let our communities learn about who we are.
3. Have Sub Vets interact with Children, their families, and facility staff when appreciation for Veterans is at its highest.
4. Bring joy to sick Children, their families, and the Sub Vets who visit them!

"We begin by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us" - Pope John Paul II.

Thanks for all you do for sick Children by participating in this **Life Changing USSVI Community Outreach Pro-**

November 2024

gram!

KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) FUND VIDEO / GUIDELINES / H.S. CERTIFICATE

[Kap\(ss\) 4 Kid\(ss\) Fund](#)

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USSVI VSO News for November 2024

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Charitable Foundation Newsletter—October 2024

Scholarship News

**USSVCF Vice-President & Executive Director
George Palmer**

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10/30/2024

Shipmates,

Scholarship applications for the 2025-26 year open on 1 November. The procedure is easy and available on our website www.ussvcf.org. Applicants should be aware that using AI software or plagiarism to complete the application's essay will result in a "zero" for that portion of the final score (about 30 percent). Additionally, the applicant's birthday will be taken away.

USS Tang Commissioning Support

A separate fund has been established to aid the TANG Commissioning Foundation in their effort to participate in Tang's commissioning (expected in 2029). To donate you may go to our website to make your contribution via credit card. Find the "More" pulldown and click on USS Tang Commissioning then follow the instructions or you can send your check directly to the USSV CF via the National Headquarters.

George Palmer
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New Website Update and Technology Changes

USSVI National Commander info@ussvi.org

10/30/2024

National Senior Vice-Commander Tim Carlisle

Shipmates,

October is Cybersecurity Month. First, never purchase anything without checking by phone with an individual regarding an email. Recently, a “spoofed email” went out to Base members asking them to buy items, usually gift cards, and send them physically or electronically to an address or email. Always verify this by phone with that person. This happened to my base, and we narrowly avoided an expensive mistake.

Other Technology Changes:

My [slides](#) from the Annual Business Meeting

1. New Website Contractor (\$45,000 in 20% milestone payments).
2. The website contract includes Eternal Patrol, the submarine parts of Decklog, and three-page Base websites.
3. Work estimate 600 hours – completion goal 5/31/2025.
4. A 501c3 called US Submarine Veterans Technology has been created. This is almost completed, and we are awaiting the IRS's final approval.

Base Activity Report Changes. While the data submitted may only have minor changes (not final yet), the reports will be submitted online. This will allow our leadership to view them in real time and easily post annual totals on the website.

I realize I have been long-winded—this has been quite a handful to keep my arms around. However, I sincerely believe it will be worth it in the long run.

Respectfully,
Tim Carlisle,
NSVC



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(Ed., continuing with the updated “Submarine News” section by listing the various articles by title and attendant URL for reading at your own leisure.)

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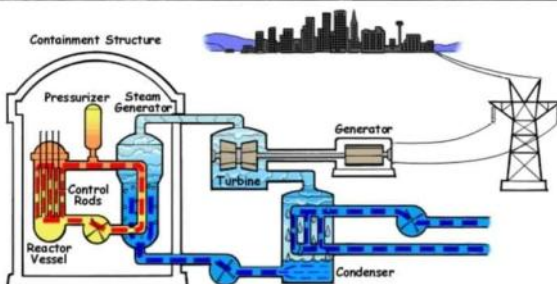
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This Month in History

From Shipmate Erik Heter, Base Historian

(Ed. From Erik: Ironically, I had been working on one for the USS Halibut, but I see there is an article there already. Please use that article and I am going to convert my work into a presentation for the next meeting.)

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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.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a prominent figure in American literature, is celebrated for his accessible and evocative poetry. "The Arrow and the Song," one of his shorter works, encapsulates his talent for blending simple language with profound meaning. This poem explores the enduring impact of our actions and words, using the metaphorical imagery of an arrow and a song.

In "The Arrow and the Song," Longfellow presents a metaphorical journey of two actions: shooting an arrow and singing a song. The poem is structured in three quatrains with a consistent ABAB rhyme scheme, lending it a rhythmic and lyrical quality.

The first stanza describes the speaker shooting an arrow into the air, only to lose sight of it. This symbolizes the physical actions we take, whose outcomes we cannot always predict or immediately observe. The arrow represents the direct, often tangible deeds that can have unforeseen consequences.

In the second stanza, the speaker breathes a song into the air, similarly losing track of where it goes. The song symbolizes words, emotions, or artistic expressions that, while intangible, have the power to spread far and wide. This highlights the theme of unseen influence, where our words can affect others in ways that are not immediately visible.

The final stanza reveals the lasting nature of both the arrow and the song. The arrow is found intact in an oak tree, and the song is discovered in the heart of a friend. The oak tree symbolizes strength and endurance, suggesting that our actions can leave long-lasting impressions. Finding the song in the heart of a friend emphasizes the profound and enduring impact that words and emotions can have on others.

Longfellow's "The Arrow and the Song" is a reflective meditation on the far-reaching effects of our actions and expressions. The poem invites readers to consider the lasting impacts of what they do and say, encouraging mindfulness and awareness of the influence one can have on the world and those around them.

123 years ago, some people
defied logic and sanity to
go underwater to defend a
nation.



They are still doing that
today. You're welcome.

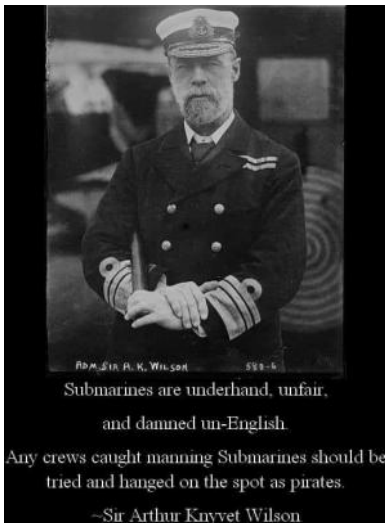
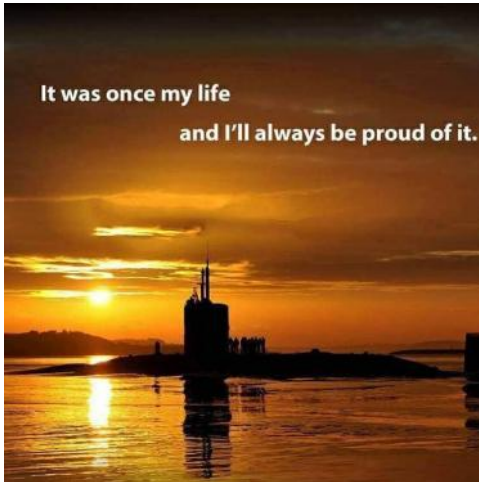


Once upon a time



It was once my life

and I'll always be proud of it.



If a "MARINE" has to be somewhere important in the morning. Then he calls in sick and he calls someone to take his place. Is the guy he calls called a "SUBMARINE"?

To be frank, I would have to change my name.

Did You Know? The History of the Middle Finger...

Well, now..., here's something I never knew before, and now that I know it, I feel compelled to share with my intelligent friends in the hopes that they too, will feel blessed in having gained more knowledge. History is way more fun when you know more fun facts about it, don't you agree?

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as 'plucking the yew' (or 'pluck yew'), Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, See, we can still pluck yew!

Over the decades Americans have since changed up the words, the 'pluck yew' is now "f**K you" and the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute! It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as 'giving the bird.' And yew thought yew knew every plucking thing.

Dad Jokes

--- To be frank, I would have to change my name.

--- "What do you call a funny mountain?" -*Hill-arious.*

--- "I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey... until I turned myself around."

--- "I don't trust stairs... they're always *up to something.*"

--- "Want to hear a joke about construction?" -*I'm still working on it!*

--- "Want to hear a joke about paper?" -*Never mind. It's tear-able.*

--- "What did Spartacus say when the lion ate his wife?" -*Nothing. He was glad-iator.*

--- "Where does 007 invest his money?" -*In the bond market.*

--- "What do you call a deer with no eyes?" -*No idea (no eye-deer).*

--- "You can't trust atoms. They make up everything!"

--- "Why couldn't the produce manager make it to work?" -*He could drive, but he didn't avo-cado.*

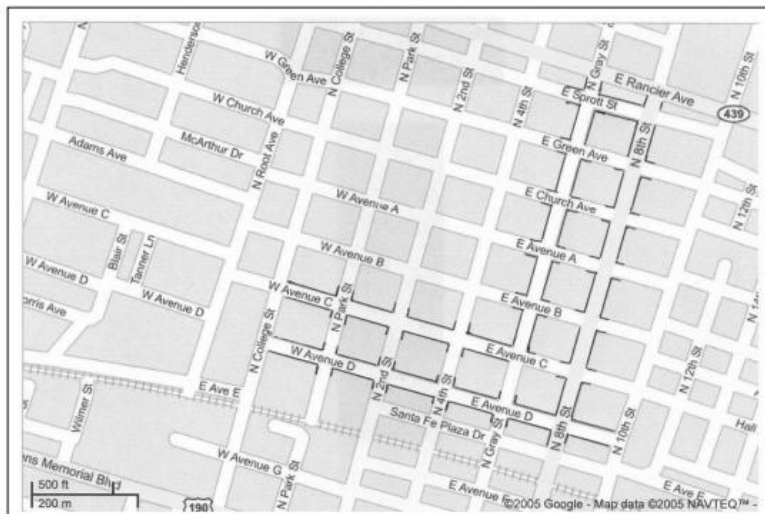
--- "Where do you learn to make ice cream?" -*Sundae school.*

Parade of Colors at the Georgetown Field of Honor

<https://georgetowntxfieldofhonor.org/>



Killeen Veterans Day Parade Map



Assembly area is on W. Ave E starting at N. College St.

Parade route starts at N. College St. and W. Ave D to N. 8th St, to E. Sprott St, to N. Gray St. to W. Ave C and ending at N. College St.

Bleachers located at Gray St next to Killeen Library



Please help us support YOUR Veterans Cemetery! Join us at any of the following events.



WREATH PREPARATION

Saturday, November 23, 2024 @ 10 AM

Killeen Special Events Center @ 3301 S WS Young Drive.
Depending on how many people show up, this activity usually lasts about 2 hours. Please bring a table if you can.



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Saturday, November 30, 2024 @ 10 AM

Ceremony starts @ 10 AM at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 11463 South Highway 195 in Killeen.

Parking is at Texas A & M Central Texas and shuttle buses will be running 8:00 - noon. Please NO parking on Hwy 195!

Bikers who wish to escort the wreaths to the cemetery are to meet at 7 AM at Killeen Special Events Center.

- Family members lay wreaths on their loved one's graves first.
- Volunteers then disperse the remaining wreaths until every grave has one.



WREATH RETRIEVAL

Saturday, January 11, 2025 @ 10 AM

Wreath retrieval & storage at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

Parking will be at Texas A & M Central Texas and shuttle buses will be running 8:30 AM - noon.

www.WreathsForVets.org / FB Wreaths for Vets

