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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



Happy 4th of July
USS Ohio (SSGN-726)



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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
2024 Frank Espinosa
2024 Virgil Claycamp



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/>
<https://ussubvets.org/home.asp>



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



<https://www.sublant.usff.navy.mil/>



www.navyleague.org



www.moaa.org



[Naval History and Heritage Command](http://www.history.navy.mil/)



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



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



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



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



<http://www.military.com/>



<https://www.navy.mil/>



<http://www.va.gov/>



<https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/>



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



Howdy Shipmates,

June has come and gone. It was great to see those of you and your family members that made it out to the quarterly social at Mesa Rosa. My oldest daughter, Brianna, was in town and able to attend with us. Funny that the last social lunch she came to with us was at the same place. She told me how much she really enjoyed seeing so many bubbleheads get together for a visit and that a couple of the sea stories from Mr. Bill Scott really made her day. I'm looking forward to the July 4th parade in Round Rock with everyone that can make it.

Let's talk about the significance of the month of June. Lots of things have occurred throughout history in the month of June, but one submarine event stands out to me. Lots of ships sunk in a short amount of time during this one.

In June 1945, Task Group 17.21, a U.S. Navy submarine force, carried out one of the most effective and daring submarine operations of World War II. Operating from June 9 to June 23 in the heavily fortified Sea of Japan, the group was composed of nine submarines, including the USS Bonefish, USS Flying Fish, USS Segundo, and USS Tino-sa. Trying to find the other five submarines that participated has proven a bit difficult due to the fact that sub task forces were made up on the fly. Their mission was to breach the mined Tsushima Strait and disrupt Japanese shipping lanes, which were critical to the country's dwindling wartime logistics. Over the course of the two-week mission, the submarines sank 33 Japanese vessels, totaling more than 55,000 tons, significantly damaging Japan's coastal transport system. These coordinated attacks helped cripple the movement of coal, food, and supplies between Honshu and Hokkaido, striking at Japan's internal economy just two months before its surrender. The operation also demonstrated the effectiveness of advanced sonar and hydrographic intelligence in navigating dense minefields. This was one of the first successful penetrations into the Sea of Japan by American submarines since Japanese minefields were established in 1943. However, the mission came at a cost: the USS Bonefish (SS-223) was lost around June 18 after reporting several successful attacks near Toyama Bay. Believed to have been sunk by depth charges, all 85 crewmen perished, and the submarine was posthumously awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. Task Group 17.21's success had strategic consequences. It showcased the U.S. Navy's ability to dominate enemy-controlled waters late in the war, validated the effectiveness of coordinated submarine task groups, and accelerated the collapse of Japan's already fragile supply network. Today, the mission stands as a defining moment in submarine warfare—an operation marked by tactical innovation, extraordinary risk, and decisive impact.

I find it interesting that the US Navy didn't adopt the "Wolf Pack" method of submarine deployment until the summer of 1943, but once it did, they called them "Coordinated Attack Groups". These groups usually consisted of three submarines that patrolled together attacking Japanese convoys.

Your shipmate, brother & friend,

Curt Webber, curt.webber@gmail.com , (317)225-1823



Central Region Director Report



Email Scam

Email posted to members 6/16/25

Shipmates,

I have been contacted by a few of you this am and felt like I should go ahead and remind everyone about the various phishing and other scams going on out there using email. This morning many of you received an email that was supposedly from me, here it is:

I need you to get back to me as soon as you receive this message. Please prioritize this and reach out immediately. I'll be in meetings for the rest of the day, so I won't have my phone on me. But if you email me back, I'll be able to reply from my laptop without disrupting the meeting.

Rick Mitchell

Commander

The sender showed as my name but used a different email than I use: **Rick Mitchell** boardofdirector1612@gmail.c (I did not finish it so it wouldn't be clickable)

Anyway, as those who contacted me understood, this is not me. I would never write a stupid email like this and the "I'll be in meetings the rest of the day and not have my phone with me" but still have a laptop is a very common way to get people to click and respond to the email. Once you do that, they now have a live email they know there is a person on the other end to work whatever scam they are attempting.

Also the email address was not mine. Always check the senders email address in the header. Sometimes it doesn't appear but if you mouse over it and don't click it will appear.

Lastly, I am not the commander anymore and I never sign my emails like that.

This is one of the reasons when we send emails out to large groups, we try to always use BCC so that email addresses are hidden. It doesn't solve the problem, but it does help some. Anyway, most all of my info along with most all of yours is out there so we just need to be careful.

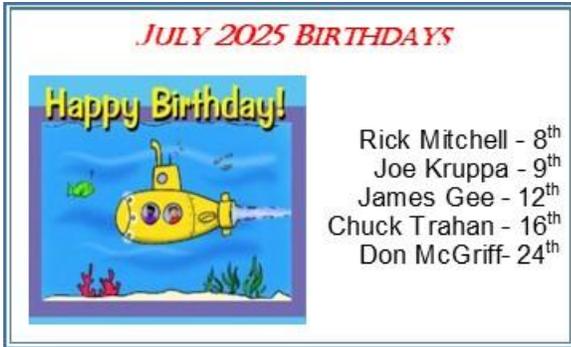
The internet is a great tool but like all things it can be used both by good and bad people.

Thanks,

Rick

512-639-0035

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. Chuck Trahan, broken femur and amputated right leg from a fall, Don Atkins dealing with the big C and Jack Collins dealing with Kidney Cancer added to the Binnacle list.

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

4 July 2025, Annual 4th of July Parade, Round Rock, TX. Float on site at the staging area 0630-0800. Catch the shuttle at the Methodist church. Parade kick-off at 0830.

16 July 2025, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587 and Zoom, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1800 Social hour, 1900 meeting.

20 August 2025, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587 and Zoom, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1800 Social hour, 1900 meeting.

20 September 2025, Quarterly Social, TBD

15 October 2025, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587 and Zoom, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1800 Social hour, 1900 meeting.

19 November 2025, Monthly meeting Central Texas Base, VFW Post #8587 and Zoom, 1000 N College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, 1800 Social hour, 1900 meeting.

20 December 2025, Annual Christmas Party/Social, Details TBD

CENTRAL TEXAS BASE MEMBERSHIP

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

Members listed in Central Texas Database	87
Regular Annual Members	25
National Life Members	54
Base Life Members	60
Holland Club Members	42
Associate Members	1
Dual Members	5
Prospective Members:	0
War Veterans	73
Members pending:	0
Submitted: Rick Mitchell, Membership	

BASE TREASURER'S REPORT

15 June 2025

Financial Report for Period Ending 5/31/2025

Beginning Balance - 5/1/2025 - \$30,627.29

RBFCU Checking (Gen Fund) \$20,166.51

RBFCU Savings (Mem Fund) \$3,725.39

Uncleared Checks - -\$0.00

Ending Balance - 6/1/2025 - \$23,891.90

Submitted: Chris Glover, Treasurer

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



Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Update

Hello Shipmates!

The last month has been kind of quiet as far as K4K goes at our base, but I am sure we have some good visits coming in the near future both at Dell Children's in Austin and Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's in Temple. I will be working to turn over the reins of our base program to Ken Rydolph sometime this month as he has volunteered and has your approval to take over as our base's Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS) Chairman. Ken is a teacher and also joined us at our last visit to Dell and will be a great fit this position. Excited to have him stepping up into this role.

Although it has been quiet here in Central Texas, I am excited to share that the Cowtown Base up in Fort Worth has revived their program and recently had their first visit to Cook Children's up there. Zac Moore has taken the reigns up there and I'm really excited to see what his team is doing. They have some really neat ideas, maybe we shall steal some of them? Here's a picture of the team which includes some Dallas Base members also. Zac is the tall guy in the middle of back row. From the Central Texas Base to our shipmates up North, BRAVO ZULU!



Kaps 4 Kids – Rick Mitchell

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



4th of July Round Rock Parade

Happy Friday Shipmates,

We've received the parade information. Looks like it'll be an early muster for a 0830 launch, just like last year. Let me know if you have any questions/concerns. I hope to see everyone there and don't forget to invite your family/friends.

Regards, Curt

Parade Info:

- 1) Staging opens at 0630. Float/Vehicle must be in place NLT 0730 via Gattis School Rd.
 - 2) All participants should park in the United Methodist Church parking lot. There will be a shuttle (6am-8am) to take you to our float at the parade staging area.
 - 3) Floats are staged in a First Come/First In Line order, so you'll have to look for us in the staging area but if you want exact location of float just **"reply all"** to this email (Curt and Rick will get your response) by next Thursday and Rick will make a text group to share it out once he gets staged.
 - 4) Parade ends in the United Methodist Church parking lot, which is nice if you park there.
 - 5) Subvet vests and sub hats are the uniform of the day otherwise Red, White, and Blue encouraged.
 - 6) We'll have a cooler with water for you.
 - 7) If you are coming and want to ride on the float, please **"reply all"** to this email we can make sure we have enough seating.
 - 8) Bring candy to hand out, we will have a few bags but could always use more, this is a very well attended parade.
- NOTE: Wrist Rockets are forbidden to launch candy into the crowd, so leave them at home. Maybe we can rig up a potato cannon for next year.

Editor's Office

Lots goin' on around our base. Plenty to read and peruse here too. Me? Still keepin' busy juggling "The Deck Log" publication—what else is new?! Stop by my email (hscottss242@gmail.com) and say hello sometime. Or make yourself useful and send me a Sea Story or two, huh? The Editor is often guilty of plagiarizing anything he reads that he likes. Please also feel free to copy anything you like, but if he gets into trouble, so will you.



NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETINS

Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation Newsletter for June 2025

USSVI Technology
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6/19/2025

July 2025 VSO Update

USSVI Technology
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6/29/2025

Shipmates,

From your "The Deck Log" Editor.

The above noted National Bulletins from the USSVCF Vice-President and Executive Director, George Palmer, and the USSVI Veterans Service Officer, John Dudas will no longer be published in their entirety in "The Deck Log," as they are distributed to the membership and initially were included in the newsletter as a courtesy to Base members who did not have an email. Additionally, they constitute approximately 4-5 pages to the content of "the Deck Log" requiring editing, copying and pasting in the newsletter.

If you would like to continue seeing the monthly USSVCF and VSO National Bulletins published in the newsletter, please contact me at hscottss242@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Harold W (Bill) Scott II

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

DFAS Retiree Newsletter - June 2025

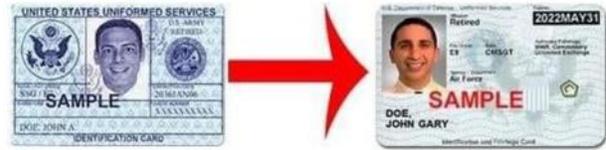
Ed. The following is provided as a reminder to all retirees.

chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcgclclefindmkaj/https://www.dfas.mil/Portals/98/Documents/RetiredMilitary/Newsletter/DFAS%20Retiree%20Newsletter%20June%202025.pdf?ver=EmWrq82Dg5jWI_1koDj8Cg%3d%3d

News From Our Partners: Next Generation USID Card for Retirees, Spouses, & Dependents

Military retirees are required to update their Uniformed Services Identification (USID) cards to the new Next Generation USID card by December 31, 2025. The paper-based USID cards with indefinite expiration dates will no longer be accepted after this date. The new cards are more se-

cure and durable, incorporating features like plastic card-stock and enhanced security measures.



According to the DoD Common Access Card website, USID cards are issued to retired military and Reserve members, dependent family members of uniformed Service members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy.

It's important for military retirees/dependents/surviving spouses to know these old forms of ID will not be valid to access a military installation, and you will need issuance of the NextGen ID card. This will be true even if your old ID card has an INDEF expiration date on it - the ID will still be invalid. The deadline is 31 December 2025.

Based on this, we strongly encourage everyone with an old-style ID card to get a NextGen ID card now!

There are several ways to make an appointment to get a new ID card. (1). You can visit the RAPIDS ID Card Office Locator website to find the closest office and either call them to make an appointment or (2). schedule your own appointment using the website, <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/> to make an appointment using this site select the "ID Card Office Locator & Appointments" block. - do it now!



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

Reproduced from the Bloomberg website. US Navy to Field 'Game-Changer' Anti-Ship Tomahawk by September

[US Navy to Field 'Game-Changer' Anti-Ship Tomahawk by September](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-06-19-us-navy-to-field-game-changer-anti-ship-tomahawk-by-september)

Reproduced from the National Interest website. WWI submarine captured in never-before-seen images over century after it sank off San Diego coast

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/wwi-submarine-uss-f-1-images-san-diego-coast/>

Reproduced from the Newson6 website. Lawmakers approve \$4 million to move USS Batfish in Muskogee

<https://www.newson6.com/story/6839955e1b4baa3d1b49a174/lawmakers-approve-4-million-to-move-uss-batfish-in-muskogee>

Reproduced from the National Interest website. China Is Laughing: The Navy's Next-Gen SSN(X) Submarine Is Facing New Delays

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/china-is-laughing-the-navys-next-gen-ssnx-submarine-is-facing-new-delays>

Reproduced from the The Providence Journal website. History A German U-boat brought WWII to RI's doorstep. Now it lies on the ocean floor

<https://www.providencejournal.com/story/news/history/2025/06/02/german-u-boat-sunk-off-block-island-during-wwii-remains-in-place/83646548007/>

Reproduced from the Daily Aviation website. How US Scraps Its Billions \$ Worth of Old Nuclear Submarine

[How US Scraps Its Billions \\$ Worth of Old Nuclear Submarine](https://www.dailyaviation.com/how-us-scraps-its-billions-dollar-worth-of-old-nuclear-submarine/)

Reproduced from the National Security Journal website. Russia's 'New' Lada-Class Submarine Has Just 1 Mission

<https://nationalecurityjournal.org/russias-new-lada-class-submarine-has-just-1-mission/>

Reproduced from the Sustainability Times website. "U.S. Caught Off Guard": France's New Nuclear Submarine With 620-Mile Missiles Triggers Panic Inside Pentagon War Rooms

<https://www.sustainability-times.com/energy/u-s-caught-off-guard-frances-new-nuclear-submarine-with-620-mile-missiles-triggers-panic-inside-pentagon-war-rooms/>

Reproduced from the The Defense Post website. Pentagon Awards \$5 Billion Virginia Sub Contract to Boost Production

<https://thedefensepost.com/2025/06/04/pentagon-virginia-sub-contract/>

Reproduced from the Facebook website. Navy gets 'game changer' missile as China tensions threaten to boil over

[Navy gets 'game changer' missile as China tensions threaten to boil over](https://www.facebook.com/USNavy/posts/10159844444444444)

Reproduced from the National Interest website. The U.S. Navy Is Rushing Production of the Virginia-class Subs

[The U.S. Navy Is Rushing Production of the Virginia-class Subs](https://nationalinterest.org/news-feature/the-u-s-navy-is-rushing-production-of-the-virginia-class-subs)

Reproduced from the Visegrad Post website. "US Unleashes Unstoppable Underwater Arsenal": This Game-Changing Submarine with Autonomous System Revolutionizes Sea Warfare and Sends Shockwaves Across the Globe

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<https://visegradpost.com/en/2025/06/08/us-unleashes-unstoppable-underwater-arsenal-this-game-changing-submarine-with-autonomous-system-revolutionizes-sea-warfare-and-sends-shockwaves-across-the-globe/>

Reproduced from the Zona Militar website. The Russian Navy commissions the sixth of the new improved Kilo-class attack submarines intended for the Pacific Fleet

<https://www.zona-militar.com/en/2025/06/11/the-russian-navy-commissions-the-sixth-of-the-new-improved-kilo-class-attack-submarines-intended-for-the-pacific-fleet/>

Reproduced from the Global Defense News website. China Proposes Transfer of Former Chinese Navy's Type 039A 'Yuan'-Class Submarines to Indonesia.

<https://armyrecognition.com/news/navy-news/2025/china-proposes-transfer-of-former-chinese-navys-type-039a-yuan-class-submarines-to-indonesia>

Reproduced from the Dark Military Tech website. The Nuclear Submarine That Quietly Showed Up Next to China

[The Nuclear Submarine That Quietly Showed Up Next to China | Watch](https://www.darkmilitarytech.com/the-nuclear-submarine-that-quietly-showed-up-next-to-china)

Reproduced from the Facebook website.

I Love Warships

USS Jimmy Carter (SSN-23)

6/17/2025

The Sea Wolf-class attack submarine USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23) sits moored in the Magnetic Silencing Facility at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor for her first deperming treatment, August 2006.



The deperming process reduces a ship's electromagnetic signature as she travels through the water. Jimmy Carter is the third and final submarine of the Sea Wolf-class.

A unique feature of the Jimmy Carter is a 100-foot hull extension called the Multi-Mission Platform, which provides enhanced payload capabilities, enabling the submarine to accommodate the advanced technology required to develop and test a new generation of weapons, sensors and undersea vehicles.

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Reproduced from the National Interest website. The UK and US Are Throwing Away Their Nuclear Submarines
<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/the-uk-and-us-are-throwing-away-their-nuclear-submarines>
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Reproduced from the National Security Journal website. Iran's Submarine Force Is a Threat to the U.S. Navy
[Iran's Submarine Force Is a Threat to the U.S. Navy](https://nationalsecurityjournal.com/iran-submarine-force-is-a-threat-to-the-u-s-navy)
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Reproduced from the Global Defense News website. Dutch Navy Abandons to Acquire US Tomahawk for his submarines to European JSM-SL missiles.
<https://armyrecognition.com/news/navy-news/2025/dutch-navy-abandons-to-acquire-us-tomahawk-for-his-submarines-to-european-jsm-sl-missiles>
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Reproduced from the YouTube website. Nuclear submarine at Cape Canaveral, and a US Navy convoy
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5O3ldh5UvT8>
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Reproduced from the National Interest website. America's Tiny "NR-1" Submarine Spied on Russia for Decades—and the Kremlin Never Knew
<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/americas-tiny-nr-1-submarine-spied-on-russia-for-decades-and-the-kremlin-never-knew> Ed. This may have appeared in "The Deck Log" before and may be a repeat.
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USSVI Central Texas Base

5/14/2025

12 years ago. Time keeps on going, things are always changing, but you can't take away the moments and memories. Here are a few from a Central Texas Base of the **United States Submarine Veterans** meeting in 2013. Back then we used to meet in a building on one of our ship-mates property. He had it set up just for us. Things have evolved, some have moved on and some have went on eternal patrol, but we continue to add new members and we have grown to close to 90 now and we currently meet at the **Georgetown VFW Post 8587 M/SGT Ben D. Snowden**, still 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1900. (Mar, June, September, and Dec) we shift to 3rd Saturdays for social events. Recognize anyone?





This Month in History

From Shipmate Erik Heter, Base Historian

The Submarine O-9 (SS-70): A Tragic Chapter in U.S. Naval History

The USS O-9 (SS-70) was one of the United States Navy's early O-class submarines, commissioned during World War I as part of a growing fleet intended to meet the demands of underwater warfare. Built by the Lake Torpedo Boat Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut, O-9 was launched on January 27, 1918, and officially commissioned on July 27 of that same year. The O-class submarines were small coastal defense vessels, measuring around 172 feet in length and displacing approximately 520 tons surfaced. Though modest by today's standards, these submarines were important stepping stones in the development of American undersea capability.

During her early years, O-9 served primarily along the Atlantic coast, conducting training and coastal defense operations. She was stationed out of the Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut, a hub of U.S. submarine activity. Like other O-class subs, she was equipped with four 18-inch torpedo tubes and designed for a top surface speed of 14 knots, with a maximum diving depth of around 200 feet. Though originally considered modern for the time, rapid advancements in submarine technology during and after World War I quickly rendered the O-class obsolete.

After several years of service, O-9 was decommissioned in 1931 and placed in reserve. However, with the outbreak of World War II looming, the Navy faced a sudden and urgent need to train new submariners. In 1941, several older submarines, including O-9, were recommissioned to serve in training roles. Despite their age and outdated systems, these subs were seen as useful platforms for giving new crews hands-on experience in submarine operations and procedures.

The recommissioned O-9, however, was in poor condition. Crews working on her noted various mechanical issues and general wear, a reflection of her aging infrastructure. On June 19, 1941, while conducting a deep-dive test off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, O-9 descended below her rated depth to test the hull's integrity. Tragically, she never resurfaced. The submarine had imploded under the pressure of the ocean, and all 33 crew members aboard were lost.

In the days that followed, a massive search and rescue effort was launched. Divers and rescue ships combed the area around her last known location, but due to the depth—over 400 feet—recovery operations were extremely limited by the technology of the time. On June 21, Navy divers finally located the wreck. They confirmed that the pressure hull had collapsed, making it impossible that any crew could have survived the incident. The operation soon turned from a rescue to a recovery and memorial effort.

The loss of O-9 highlighted the inherent risks of submarine service, particularly with older vessels being pressed back into duty. It underscored the need for rigorous safety standards, maintenance procedures, and a deeper understand-

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ing of the stress submarines face during deep submergence. Despite her age, O-9 had played a small but significant role in preparing the next generation of submariners for the war to come, and her loss was a sobering reminder of the costs of readiness.

A memorial service was held to honor the 33 sailors who died aboard O-9. The site of the sinking, off the Isles of Shoals, is now considered a war grave, and the submarine remains on the ocean floor as a somber monument to those lost. Over the years, O-9 has come to symbolize not only the bravery of those who served aboard her, but also the growing pains of a Navy transitioning into a more modern and capable undersea force.

In retrospect, the O-9's story is both a technical and human tragedy—a vessel that outlived its prime yet was called upon in a time of need. Her legacy lies in the lessons learned from her fate, lessons that contributed to improvements in submarine design, maintenance, and operational standards in the years that followed. Though she sank in peacetime, her sacrifice was no less significant, and her crew's dedication is remembered as part of the proud and perilous history of the United States submarine service.

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If I have...

This should be hung in every dementia care home and in hospitals where there are patients with dementia.

If I get dementia, I'd like my family to hang this wish list up on the wall where I live. I want them to remember these things.

And I would add one more:

Every time you enter the room announce yourself.

"Hi Mom- it's Hal."

NEVER ask- Do you know who I am??? That causes anxiety.

1. If I get dementia, I want my friends and family to embrace my reality.
2. If I think my spouse is still alive, or if I think we're visiting my parents for dinner, let me believe those things. I'll be much happier for it.
3. If I get dementia, don't argue with me about what is true for me versus what is true for you.
4. If I get dementia, and I am not sure who you are, do not take it personally. My timeline is confusing to me.
5. If I get dementia, and can no longer use utensils, do not start feeding me. Instead, switch me to a finger-food diet, and see if I can still feed myself.
6. If I get dementia, and I am sad or anxious, hold my hand

and listen. Do not tell me that my feelings are unfounded.

7. If I get dementia, I don't want to be treated like a child. Talk to me like the adult that I am.

8. If I get dementia, I still want to enjoy the things that I've always enjoyed. Help me find a way to exercise, read, and visit with friends.

9. If I get dementia, ask me to tell you a story from my past.

10. If I get dementia, and I become agitated, take the time to figure out what is bothering me.

11. If I get dementia, treat me the way that you would want to be treated.

12. If I get dementia, make sure that there are plenty of snacks for me in the house. Even now if I don't eat I get angry, and if I have dementia, I may have trouble explaining what I need.

13. If I get dementia, don't talk about me as if I'm not in the room.

14. If I get dementia, don't feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's not your fault, and you've done your best. Find someone who can help you, or choose a great new place for me to live.

15. If I get dementia, and I live in a dementia care community, please visit me often.

16. If I get dementia, don't act frustrated if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath. It's not my fault.

17. If I get dementia, make sure I always have my favorite music playing within earshot.

18. If I get dementia, and I like to pick up items and carry them around, help me return those items to their original place.

19. If I get dementia, don't exclude me from parties and family gatherings.

20. If I get dementia, know that I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.

21. If I get dementia, remember that I am still the person you know and love."

Copy and Paste in Honor of someone you know or knew who has dementia. In Honor of all those I know and love and lost who are fighting Dementia/Alzheimer's.

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The best friendships don't always come with perfect timing or daily updates.

Sometimes it's weeks of silence, a text that just says "you okay?", and a reply that feels like a warm blanket.

Because real friendship doesn't expire. It doesn't count missed calls. It doesn't guilt you for being human.

It just says, "I get it. Life is heavy sometimes. But I'm here—still."

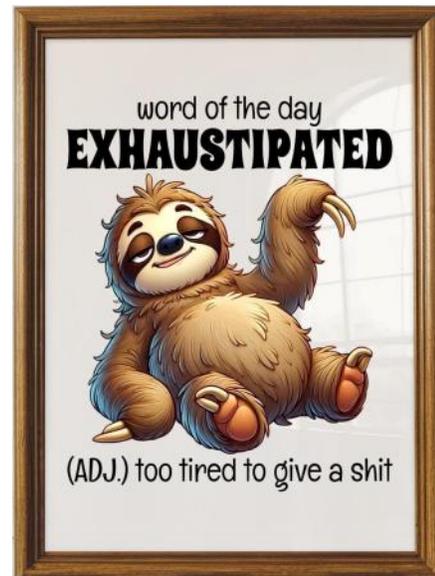
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I don't care how old you are.
You need to tell someone your
whereabouts because there is
too much going on in this world.



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MY DOCTOR TOLD ME TO
START KILLING PEOPLE.



WELL NOT IN THOSE EXACT WORDS.
HE SAID I HAD TO REDUCE THE
STRESS IN MY LIFE.
SAME THING.

USSVI School of the Boat (refresher training)

Learn more about our USSVI organization – an oft repeated subject, but necessary.

In June, I started a series of the USSVI School of the Boat about the USSVI USSVI National Awards and Recognition Program? .At the June Base meeting, Shipmate Frank Espinosa, our Base USSVCF ambassador shared information about the USSVCF program

USSVI Charitable Foundation

Question: What is the USSVI Charitable Foundation? **Answer:** It is a foundation honoring the legacy, helping those who served and supporting the future of the USSVI.

Question: How does the foundation work? **Answer:** The foundation has setup various funds for USSVI Members, and others, to donate to.

Question: What are the funds, and how many are there? **Answer:** There are nine funds: Building, General, Brother-

hood, Legacy, Library, Memorial, Museum Boat, Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS) and Scholarship Funds.

Question: Is my donation tax deductible? **Answer:** Yes. The USSVCF is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. And all donations are tax deductible.

Question: How can I donate to the funds? **Answer:** Go to the USSVCF website at www.ussvcf.org.

This month, I'm continuing the series on the USSVCF and its various foundation funds, starting with the Building Fund and the General Fund.

Question: What is the USSVCF Building Fund, and who is the Fund manager? **Answer:** Steve Day

Question: What does the building fund support?

It supports any building owned by or serving the USSVI maintenance and expansion efforts. And it can serve as a donation 'bank' to collect project donations.

Question: How much money is the Fund Manager authorized to spend? **Answer:** \$3,000.

Question: What is the cash balance in the fund? **Answer:** as of 3/31/2025. A -\$18,086.

Question: Why is there a negative balance? **Answer:** Expenses were for the move of the National Office from Washington state to Connecticut.

Question: How can I donate to the Building Fund. **Answer:** Go to the USSVCF website at www.ussvcf.org.

Question: Is my donation tax deductible? **Answer:** Yes. The USSVCF is a 501(c)3 organization.

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Question: What is the USSVCF General Fund, and who is the Fund manager? **Answer:** Randy Stein

Question: What does the building fund support? **Answer:** The General Fund is established to accept general donations to the Charitable Foundation

Question: What do I do to donate to the General Fund? **Answer:** If you wish to donate to the 'SubVet' Charitable Foundation and do not have a fund program preference, just donate to the USSVCF General Fund.

Question: What is the General Fund Balance? **Answer:** \$28,018 as of 31 March 2025.

Question: How is the fund distributed? **Answer:**

- At the beginning of each fiscal year, the treasurer spreads (allocates) surplus funds to all open funds, on a proportional basis. In February 2021, that resulted in 11.3%; in February 2022, it was 10.8% and in February 2023 it was 5.1% added to every fund.
- It is expected to repeat that level of distribution for Fiscal Year 2024 if the balance follows through like the beginning.



Central Texas Base Quarterly Social

Mesa Rosa Mexican Restaurant
15515 Ranch Road 620 N
Austin, TX 78717

6/21/2025

From Curt,

As promised, here's some pics from yesterday's [CTB June Family and Friends Social](#).

From Rick,

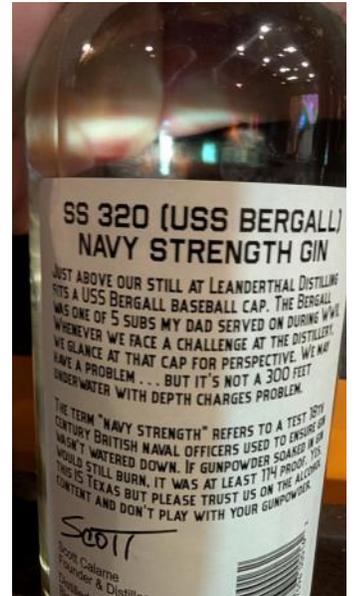
Kinda crazy news to end the day and not sure what to think of it but great day here locally otherwise. Started off with a bunch of friends and shipmates at the [USSVI Central Texas Base](#) social with [Carla Mitchell](#), [Jeff Mitchell](#) and [Liz Mitchell](#). Never served with any of these guys but would be honored to have served with any of them. Afterwards swung by [Topgolf Austin](#) with Jeff, no comment please on our bad form, then after stopping to visit Peanut (Jeff and Liz's new puppy) we all headed out for drinks at [Leanderthal Distilling](#) whose owner Scott is a direct dependent of a WWII Submariner, hence the SS 320 Gin. All in all, a good day. We shall see what tomorrow brings. God Speed to our brothers and sisters serving overseas or heading there now.











4th of July
CELEBRATION!
Friday, July 4, 2025 10am - 11pm


Arts and Crafts
FREE FOOD
FIREWORKS


LIVE Music
 Romeo Jane Duo
 Parker Jensen
 & the New Texas Revival
 Tye Miles & the Hard Times
 Frenzz


Free Event
for the whole family!


 Hosted by
VFW
 Post 8587
 1000 N. College St - Georgetown


 Picnic 11:30 til the food runs out!
 On the grill
Burgers & Hotdogs

