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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



The Loss of USS Herring (SS 233)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Herring

Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol, conducting a surface attack. Spotted by a shore battery and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.

Specifications:

Class: **Gato**
Laid Down: **7/14/1941**
Launched: **1/5/1942**
Commissioned: **4/5/1942**
Lost: **6/1/1944**

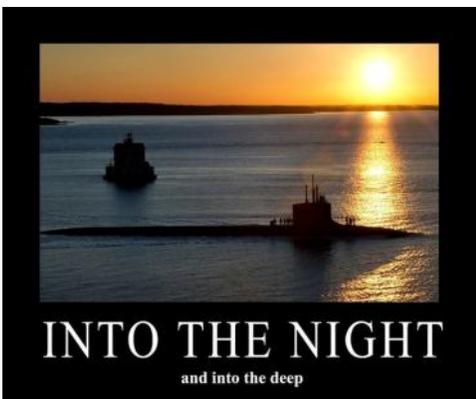


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BASE MEETINGS: Base meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at M/SGT Ben D Snowden VFW Post 8587, 1000 N College St, Georgetown, TX 78626. We hold a quarterly social in lieu of a Base Meeting in March, June, September and December.

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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 Bellinghouse
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



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



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SILENT RUNNING

JUNE 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 Herring (SS 233)

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USS R-12 (SS 89)

Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



USS Golet (SS 361)

Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



USS Bonefish (SS 223)

Lost on June 19, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



USS S-27 (SS 132)

Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



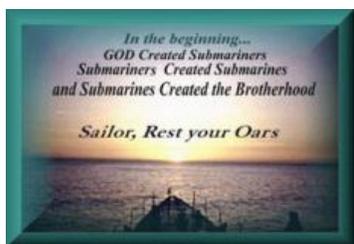
USS O-9 (SS 70)

Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH. O-9 submerged at 0738 to conduct deep submergence tests, the sub did not surface thereafter but was crushed by the pressure of the water 402 feet below.



USS Runner (SS 275)

Lost between June 26 and July 4th with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. The boat's last known ship sunk was on June 26th, so she probably hit the mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.





USSVI CENTRAL TEXAS BASE NEWS

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Dear Brothers,



This month's Base Commander Report has been a challenge for me. I debated on what to write, but after talking with a couple of other military folks, I decided to write what I was dwelling over for lack of understanding myself. At this month's Tolling the Boats, I could barely get through my part of the reading and even choked up as others

read. Maybe part of it was stage fright, but I had rehearsed my part of the ceremony up to the point I felt comfortable reading. I haven't been a very compassionate or empathic man for most of my life. I joined the submarine force as an 18-year-old kid from a very broken family and left as a 29-year-old kid refusing to grow up. I remember one day, when I was home on leave, my mother just stopped me dead in her tracks and asked "What happened to you? You used to be such a nice boy." I almost wore that as a badge of honor for my career. Each of us have had different experiences in the military as I have found out from talking with fellow submariners, and mine was certainly an interesting one in my opinion. My first boat was mostly plank owners and they let us know it. As I have reflected after our Memorial Day ceremony, I apparently needed to dive into what, over the last 25 years, has changed for me and why. Some, most, or all of you may have already have this figured out, but I'm a bit behind most and here's my conclusion for me.

As a fellow submariner, my emotional response at the Tolling the Boats ceremony for our fallen shipmates was deeply human and profoundly meaningful for me. Here's why I believe it hit me so hard:

1. Shared Brotherhood and Identity

We, as Submariners, form an unusually close bond. Life aboard a boat demands total trust, mutual dependence, and sacrifice. We don't just serve together — we survive together. When a boat is lost or a submariner dies, it feels like losing family. For me, speaking at the Tolling ceremony wasn't just ceremonial — it was personal.

2. The Weight of the Silent Service

Our risks are unique, the isolation is total, and the stakes are always high. When I stand before others to honor the fallen, I believe that I carry the invisible weight of that knowledge — of how easily it could have been my boat and my name.

3. We Carry Their Memory

When a submariner is lost, they can't speak for themselves. When I was asked to speak/read, I was not just sharing words — I felt like I was becoming their voice. When Bill sounded the Diving alarm for Surfacing and I

read the words inviting our departed shipmates to join us, I felt their presence and it was almost haunting to me. That responsibility, that honor, feels heavy to me. It deserved emotion and apparently, it demanded it.

4. Unspoken Grief

I believe that we, as submariners, are trained to be silent and stoic, especially under stress. I felt that we were invisible in my younger days. I didn't give much thought to the lost boats and their crew back then. But today, memorials give a rare and sacred space to release grief that's often buried deep — grief for shipmates, for missed chances, for survivor's guilt, for the sheer weight of memory.

5. It's a Reflection of our Own Service

In honoring them, I also face my own journey — what I gave, what I saw, what I carry still. It's a mirror, and sometimes what it reflects is raw, painful, and humbling.

So, in conclusion of my inner journey and reflection, is that I feel deeply because I care deeply. Emotion at a memorial isn't my weakness — it's the truest form of respect. Every tear, every crack in my voice, every pause — it's a tribute. And it reminds everyone that the submarine force is more than steel and systems. It's people. It's shipmates. It's you and me.

Your shipmate, brother & friend,

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



USSVI CTB Base Meeting Minutes

Location: VFW Post 8587, Georgetown, TX

Meeting Opened: At 19:00 by Curt Webber, Base Commander

E-Board Present: All with the exception of Treasurer Chris Glover, who arrived later

Meeting Minutes: April 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Sailing List: 22 Members at VFW, 1 Member on Zoom and 1 Visitor at VFW

Binnacle List: Don Atkins, Jack Collins and Chuck Trahan

Prayer: Chuck Malone delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Gene Hall led the Base.

Tolling of the Boats for May: Curt Webber, Reading, Chuck Malone, Tolling

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Curt Webber

Funds as of April 30, 2025

\$40,403.21 Apr 1, 2025 Balance
\$30,627.29 Apr 30, 2025 Balance
General Fund: \$26,902.85
Memorial Fund: \$3,724.44

Kaps 4 Kids (Rick Mitchell): Rick Mitchell, Chuck Malone and Joe Luna (Heart of Texas Base) visited McLane Children's Scott & White Clinic in Temple on April 18. Harry Boyer, Ken Rydolph and Rick Mitchell visited Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin on April 30. Additional volunteers are encouraged to experience this uplifting outreach. Rick announced that Ken Rydolph is assuming the role of Kaps 4 Kids Leader.

Parade (Tom Sprague): The next event is the Round Rock 4th of July Parade. Information will be provided.

Membership (Rick Mitchell): 86 Current Members, 54 National Life Members and 42 Holland Club Members

Welcome Aboard: Scott Lindemood (was unable to attend)

Storekeeper (Virgil Claycamp): No report. Contact Virgil if you need anything.

Memorial (Gene Hall): Gene requested volunteers to assist him in polishing the Torpedo and policing the area around the Memorial in Round Rock at 1700 on Friday 23 May 2025.

Birthdays May 2025: 5/1 Dale Messing, 5/13 Michael Goulding, 5/17 Frank Abernathy, 5/18 Chris Glover, 5/18 Frank Espinosa, 5/28 Mike Gauthier, 5/30 Harry Ullman, Jr.

Unfinished, Ongoing and Old Business

Round Rock Express Baseball Game: Rick Mitchell reported that there were 43 attendees at the event on Friday night May 16, 2025. Pictures were shared.

USSVI 2025 National Convention: Scheduled for August 31 – September 6, 2025 in Orlando, Florida. The Plan of the Week is available on the web.

Memorial Day Tolling Ceremony: On May 24, 2025 at 1100 (Saturday before Memorial Day), the Tolling Ceremony will be conducted at the Round Rock Memorial. Advertise to family and friends and invite them.

NEW Business:

USSVI Charitable Foundation: Frank Espinosa presented information on the Building Funds section, which included the manager, purposes, recent activity, fund balance as of 31 March 2025, and how to donate.

June Social: The Social will be held on Saturday, 21 June 2025 (additional details forthcoming). The Base discussed whether the preferred location for the social would be Mesa Rosa in Round Rock or Circleville Store outside Taylor. A motion was made to hold the June Social at Mesa Rosa by Harry Ullman, Jr., seconded by Frank Espinosa, and approved unanimously by the Base.

VFW Post 8587 Fourth of July Celebration: The upcoming event was discussed with a motion by Rick Mitchell to donate \$150 towards the cause. Ray Wilgeroth seconded

the motion. The Base approved the donation unanimously.

2025 Convention Magazine: A discussion was held on a recommendation to place a half page ad in the 2025 Convention Magazine as a show of support to our shipmates in Orlando, Florida. Ken Rydolph made a motion to approve a half page ad for \$175, which was seconded by Bill Scott and approved unanimously.

Members were encouraged to send any ad they want to submit to Rick Mitchell by 28 May 2025 so he can send out options to the Base for a quick vote. The winning ad will be sent to Orlando. They currently list 1 June 2025 as the deadline. The CTB ads from the last three years were provided.

2026 National Convention: Rick Mitchell provided an overview of planning and schedule for the 2026 convention to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas by the Sea Turtle Base. Committee members from all bases are involved in the planning. Rick Mitchell made a motion for the Base to commit to a \$500 donation with Harry Ullman, Jr. seconding the motion. The Base approved the motion unanimously. A request was made for the Base to commit to purchase a full page ad in the magazine at a cost of \$350 when the request is made. Ken Rydolph made a motion to commit the Base to a full page ad not to exceed \$500. Harry Ullman Jr. seconded the motion and the Base approved unanimously.

Good of the Order:

VFW Post 8587 Blood Drive Results: Frank Espinosa reported that the Post had 27 donors, but only 23 pints were collected. Due to donations since November 2024, the Post was credited for 30 total pints, which will provide hospitals with 90 pints. The target was 26 pints.

Holland Club Challenge Coins: Bill Scott informed the Base that Holland Club members can have their names engraved on a challenge coin for \$35.

Memorial Day Activities: Several members identified Memorial Day activities that were available in Leander, Georgetown and Pflugerville.

50/50 Raffle: \$50 of \$100 was won by Rick Mitchell, which he donated back to the Base.

Next Regular Meeting: 16 July 2025 for 18:00 Social and 19:00 Meeting at VFW Post 8587, Georgetown

Sailing List Summary:

Total Base Members Present: 23

Local at VFW Post 8587: 22 Members; Frank Abernathy, Jim Andree, Harry Boyer, Bill Brinkman, David Clark, Virgil Claycamp, Ken Dallman, Frank Espinosa, Chris Glover, Gene Hall, Eric Heter, Hubert Jackson, Colin King, Chuck Malone, Dale Messing, Rick Mitchell, Ken Rydolph, Bill Scott II, Roy Silva, Harry Ullmann, Jr., Curt Webber, and Ray Wilgeroth.

Remote on Zoom: 1 Member; Bill Bellinghausen - **Visitors:** 1 Visitor; Ed Finan, MMCS (SS), member of Bowfin Base

Meeting Adjourned: At 20:20 by Base Commander Curt Webber

Minutes Submitted: May 26 2025 by Yeoman Dave Clark

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BASE TREASURER'S REPORT

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15 May 2025

Financial Report for Period Ending 4/30/2025

Beginning Balance - 4/1/2025 - \$40,403.21



RBFCU Checking (Gen Fund) 26,902.85
RBFCU Savings (Mem Fund) \$3,724.44
Uncleared Checks - -\$0.00

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

Submitted: Chris Glover, Treasurer

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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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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.

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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

21 June 2025, Quarterly Social, Mesa Rosa Restaurant, 15515 Ranch Rd 620 N, Austin, TX 78717, Time 1300.

4 July 2025, Annual 4th of July Parade, Round Rock, TX. Float on site at the staging area at 0700. Catch the shuttle at the Methodist church kick-off at 0800.

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, USSVI Central Texas Base Tolling of the Boats Ceremony, Round Rock Memorial Park, 600 N Lee St, Round Rock, TX 78664, 1000 hours.

19 November 2025, USSVI Central Texas Base Tolling of the Boats Ceremony, Round Rock Memorial Park, 600 N Lee St, Round Rock, TX 78664, 1000 hours.

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

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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	

JUNE 2025 BIRTHDAYS



Jack Thormahlen - 7 th
Harold Jackson - 3 rd
Ron Mick - 10 th
Jack Collins - 11 th
Jerry King - 13 th
Sam Amato - 20 th
Erik Heter - 20 th
Jeff Lindner - 23 rd



Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Update

April was an active month for our Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program. We had a visit early in the month up in Temple to McLane's Children's hospital. Chuck Malone joined Rick Mitchell and Joe Luna (Heart of Texas Base for a visit there. We shared some stories, showed some videos and answered lots of questions. Of course, there are a few more honorary submariners now too. Late in the month Harry Boyer and Ken Rydolph joined Rick in a visit to Dell Children's Medical Center, Austin, TX. Had a great time there also talking with the kids and their family and friends who visited. This month besides the normal certificates, challenge coins, ball caps and coloring books we have added a new tool to our toolbox. We now have Teddy bears, and of course there are male and female bears in the mix. They each dress appropriately with either blue or pink shirts. Ken had such a good time he has also volunteered to relieve Rick as the K4K chairman and will be taking the lead on our Base's program. Look for more on this coming up but we are hoping to start a more regular schedule of at least a visit every other month alternating between the 2 facilities. If you know of other places or people to visit let us know. We can visit individual children in their homes or wherever they are at, if there's a need or desire let us know.



Harry Boyer visiting with a new Honorary Submariner and his mother



Joe Luna and Chuck Malone sharing a video with another Honorary Submariner.

Rick Mitchell, K4K outgoing Chair, 512-639-0035

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.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Pray for a Better Me

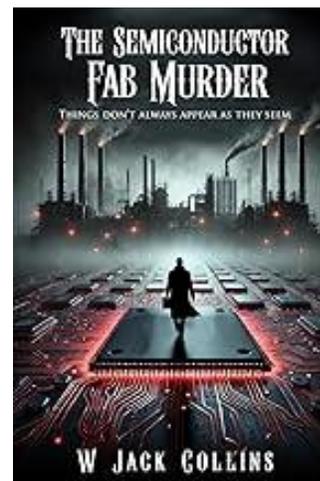
Dear God,
 I'm aware I have many flaws.
 Please help me become a better person.
 Remind me to treat everyone with the same respect and love that You show to all of us.
 Keep my heart humble, Lord,
 reminding me that I'm not better than others,
 but that we are all equally loved by You.
 Clear away the negativity and selfishness within me, and remind me to practice what I preach.
 I want to be more like You,
 spreading light and positivity wherever I go.
 Though I may never be perfect,
 I trust that with Your guidance,
 I can keep growing every day. *Amen*



CTB Shipmates in Action

"The Semiconductor Fab Murder"

Shipmate Jack Collins is now a published author.



Just a quick note to let you all know Jack has had his book he has been working on for some time published. It is called "The Semiconductor Fab Murder." He has some large print soft cover copies on hand if you want some hot of the press and signed. Cost is \$28. It is also available, unsigned, at Amazon.com, as well as at Barnes & Noble.com. on Kindle, paperback and hardcover.

Jack Collins - 512-771-9825 - jackcollins1190@msn.com

Here's his press release:

A Deadly Game of Secrets and Betrayal in the World of High-Stakes Tech

Monday, May 12th 2025, 11:11 PM CDT

The Semiconductor Fab Murder by W Jack Collins plunges readers into the cutthroat world of semiconductor design, where national security and corporate power collide in a high-stakes game of life and death. In a setting where every microchip could be a weapon, the stakes are more than just business—they're a matter of life and death.

Chris Templeton, a seasoned design engineer at Dallas Liker, is thrilled to begin working on Project COMTEA, a top-secret military contract to develop microchips for a new weapons guidance system. But his excitement turns to dread when Paul Skinner, a young engineer, is found dead under mysterious circumstances in the facility's semiconductor fab. As the investigation unfolds, it becomes clear that Skinner's death is just the tip of the iceberg. Project COMTEA is far more than a military initiative—it's the key to a deadly conspiracy that could alter the course of global security.

As Chris digs deeper into the mystery, he uncovers a trail of corruption and deceit, with powerful figures in the corporate world and government pulling the strings behind the scenes. But trust is a rare commodity in this world, and the more Chris learns, the more his life spirals out of control. With every twist and turn, the boundaries between ally and enemy blur, and Chris must navigate a dangerous path to uncover the truth before more lives are lost.

Collins, drawing on his own experience in the tech and defense industries, delivers a masterclass in suspense, expertly blending cutting-edge technology, military intrigue, and complex character dynamics. From the tightly secured labs of Dallas Liker to the deadly undercurrents of corporate espionage, The Semiconductor Fab Murder explores the lengths to which some will go to protect secrets—and the devastating impact when those secrets are revealed.

This is a story about ambition, betrayal, and the high cost of innovation. At its core, it asks how much one is willing to sacrifice for success—and whether the price is ever worth it. Will Chris survive the fallout of a global conspiracy, or will the truth be buried along with the bodies?

Fans of high-tech thrillers, murder mysteries, and corporate espionage will find The Semiconductor Fab Murder impossible to put down. A tale that mixes the pressure of cutting-edge tech with the adrenaline of a murder mystery, it's a ride you won't want to miss.

Rick Mitchell posted in email.

5/19/2025

June 2025

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.
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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

Email Scams Going Around

USSVI Technology
Inc. ussviwebsitequestions@231236066.mailchimpapp.com

1 May 2025

National Commander—Jon Jaques

Shipmates,

IMPORTANT!

Several members have received emails Allegedly from USSVI National Officers requesting help, money, gift cards, etc. for various reasons. They may also state that there is a "secure message" from Jon Jaques or other national leader. The emails will appear to come from and have an officer's name, but the email address for that officer will not be correct. These are SCAMS! Do not reply or click on any links in those emails. Delete them. If you have any questions or concerns reference the validity of those emails, call or contact that officer by means of his contact information from our website, www.ussvi.org or www.ussubvets.org. Do not respond using any contact info in the email.

Respectfully,
Jon Jaques,
NC

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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

Important Please Read - Email Scams

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Shipmates,

We have received many calls regarding emails with the following scam message: **Please do not open or click on anything in this message if you receive it.**

The National Officers and I will never ask you for money or gift cards or send secure messages. If you have a

question, please call to confirm the validity of any attachment from a national officer or the national office

The message follows below:

You've received an secure message from JON JAQUES from UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS.TO VIEW YOUR MESSAGE

Save and open the attachment

(Secure Message.html), and follow the instructions.

Sign in using the following email address:

Quesera@att.net

The email message and its attachments are for the sole use of the intended recipient or recipients and may contain confidential information. If you have received this in error, please notify the sender and delete this message.

Respectfully,
Jon Jaques,
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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

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Respectfully,
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NATIONAL ALL-HANDS BULLETIN

2025 Orlando National Convention Update

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10 May 2025

Shipmates,

We are pleased to announce our upcoming United States Submarine Veterans 2025 Convention in Orlando. We are offering two ways to help make our Convention great.

First, we would like to invite you to consider advertising

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in the Convention magazine.

Second, we would like to give your business a chance to become a sponsor.

Here is the link to the form, that includes pricing, needed to place an ad. The deadline for ads is July 15, 2025.

Magazine Ads: <https://subvetconvention.org/paper-magazine-ad>

Sponsorship: <https://subvetconvention.org/paper-sponsor-form>

If you are interested in placing an ad or becoming a sponsor in the USSVI 2025 Convention, please contact me at david@ssn688.com. We would like to invite you to consider advertising in the Convention magazine.

David Self

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Respectfully,
Bob Eichelberger and Jay Mack,
2025 Convention Co-Chairs

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USSVCF Newsletter Special Edition

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5/20/2025

Hello Shipmates. I'm sending out this special FLASH edition because we need your help.

TM2(SS) Charlie DeHart, our shipmate from the Naples FI Base, is in a world of hurt. He was in a terrible motorcycle accident back on April 5th and was flat on his back with spine and neck fractures. He also lost a leg which had to be amputated at the scene. Charlie spent a while in a hospital at Ft. Myers, FL and is now in the Brooks Rehab Hospital in Jacksonville, FL.

Charlie enlisted in the Navy in 1966 where he spent 2 years aboard the USS Sterlet (SS-392) and qualified in submarines in 1968. He was also part of the decommissioning crew that year. Charlie went on to serve 4 more years aboard the USS Tiru (SS-416) where attained the rate of TM2 (SS).

The reason we need your help is because Medicare has denied his wife, Mary Jo Welch's, request for an extension of his rehab benefits. She's trying to get the denial turned around but as of now she must pay out of pocket for Charley's care at a cost of about \$2,000 per day.

We're trying to get the VA involved under the Aid & Attendants Program to do their part but we're also reaching out to all our shipmates to donate whatever they can spare to Charley's "Go Fund Me" account. You can do that with a credit or debit card by going to <https://gofund.me/c8ebc871>

The Charitable Foundation is kicking in \$3,000 to get the ball rolling.

If you have any questions, please contact me at vp-ed@ussvcf.org, at 860-886-3566 or call Mary Jo at 217-652-1042.

I'm sure Charlie will be grateful for anything we can spare.

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George Palmer Editor

Yours in Brotherhood,
George Palmer
USSVCF Vice-President and Executive Director



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June 2025 VSO Update

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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," the Central Texas Base monthly newsletter, as they are published to the membership and initially were included in "The Deck Log" 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 USSCF and VSO National Bulletins published in the newsletter, please contact me at hscottss242@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Harold W (Bill) Scott II



US Navy News



U.S. Navy Facebook Post

5/16/2025

Today, the [US Postal Service](#) unveiled commemorative stamps honoring the 250th anniversaries of the [#USNavy](#), [U.S. Marine Corps](#), and [U.S. Army](#).

"And to all who are here today... may these stamps remind us not only of the past 250 years, but of the promise we

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carry forward. The promise to defend freedom, to deliver peace... and be ready to fight and win at sea." — Vice Adm. Michael Boyle, Director, Navy Staff



[#AmericasNavy250](#) [United States Navy Band](#)



GEDUNK (SUBMARINE NEWS) FROM THE NET



(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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[Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay](#)

May 7, 2025



The [buildsubmarines.com](#) race car made a pit stop at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, parking in front of the historic USS George Bancroft sail for an unforgettable reveal!

This custom car will represent the Silent Service on the NASCAR track, merging the spirit of American innovation on land and undersea. We're proud to partner with the [buildsubmarines.com](#) initiative and spotlight the vital mission—and workforce—behind building the Navy's submarine fleet. Be sure to look for it during the upcoming races!

And yes, the photo makes it look like USS George Bancroft is in the lead... but we promise the car's got some horsepower

[#BuildSubmarines](#) [#NASCAR](#) [#SilentService](#) [#SubmarineForce](#)



Speed on land, stealth below, glory above all.

RFK Racing is "Brad Kesolowski Racing" - [May 25 at 2:39 PM](#)

Along with parking his Coca-Cola 600 car at the Naval Submarine Base King's Bay, BK got to:



Exchange hats with AND receive a challenge coin from USS Wyoming Commanding Officer Robert Moreno.



Learn how to DRIVE a submarine (he kinds already does that).



Look thru the periscope of the USS Wyoming.

He also got a tour of the entire sub, and ate lunch on it.

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This Month in History

From Shipmate Erik Heter, Base Historian

Rising from the Depths – The USS Sailfish, the Phoenix of Submarines

Few, if any submarine histories are as unique as that of the USS Sailfish (SS-192). In fact, the Sailfish wasn't always the Sailfish – she was originally known as USS Squalus, and suffered a catastrophic accident early in her service. And despite this accident, she was resurrected, re-named the Sailfish, and went on to become a decorated combat vessel in World War II, ultimately earning 12 battle stars and the Presidential Unit Citation for her wartime efforts.

The keel of the Squalus was laid down on October 18, 1937, at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Launched on September 14, 1938, Squalus was commissioned on March 1, 1939. However, only a few months later, on May 23, 1939, disaster struck during a test dive off the coast of New Hampshire. Due to a failure in the main induction valve, catastrophic flooding occurred in the aft torpedo room, both engine rooms, and the crew's quarters. Squalus sank to the seafloor with 59 crew aboard. Of those 59 men, 26 died from drowning. Squalus eventually settled on the ocean floor 243 feet below the surface.

A rescue operation was mounted by salvage and rescue expert Lieutenant Commander Charles "Swede" Momsen, using the newly developed McCann Rescue Chamber. Over the course of 13 hours and four descents, the chamber successfully brought 33 survivors to the surface. It was the first successful deep-sea submarine rescue in history. The event captured national attention and proved the value of emergency submarine rescue technology, influencing naval protocols for years to come.

Once the rescue was complete, the Navy initiated a complex and unprecedented salvage operation to raise Squalus. Through challenging underwater conditions, divers attached numerous cables to the hull of the vessel. On September 13, 1939, she was finally brought to the surface. From there, she Squalus was towed into Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and decommissioned on November 15, 1939. But this was not the end of her story.

After extensive repairs and a complete overhaul, the submarine was recommissioned on May 15, 1940, as USS Sailfish (SS-192). The name change symbolized a new beginning, putting the previous tragedy firmly in the rear-view mirror.

Upon entry of the United States into World War II, Sailfish was quickly deployed to the Pacific Theater. Early war patrols took her into hostile waters near the Philippines, East China Sea, and the Japanese home islands. Despite limited early success due to mechanical issues and inexperience with submarine warfare tactics, Sailfish served as a vital reconnaissance and harassment tool. These early missions laid the groundwork for her future success as the crew gained experience and tactical insight.

Sailfish conducted a total of 12 patrols during WWII, sinking over 18,000 tons of enemy shipping, including freighters, tankers, and warships. Her most famous engagement occurred during her tenth patrol in December 1943, when she sank the Japanese escort carrier *Chūyō*. Unbeknownst to the Sailfish crew at the time, *Chūyō* was transporting American POWs, including survivors from the USS *Sculpin*—a submarine previously damaged in combat while trying to support Sailfish. The tragic irony of this event added a haunting layer to the Sailfish legacy.

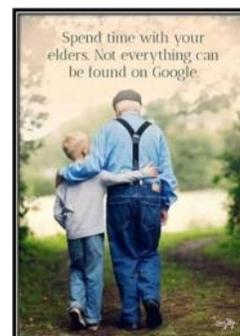
Nevertheless, Sailfish's tenth patrol proved to be her most successful. Patrolling in heavy seas and under the constant threat of Japanese destroyers, Sailfish managed to sink four enemy ships and damage a fifth. For these feats, she was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, recognizing the crew's extraordinary bravery and operational excellence under fire.

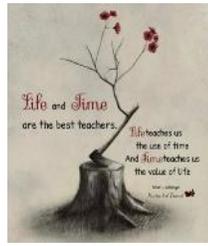
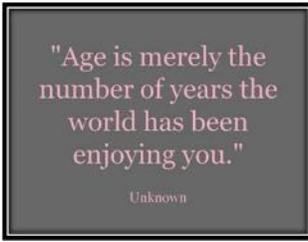
By mid-1944, Sailfish was showing her age, with newer and more advanced submarines entering the fleet. She completed her final war patrol in the East China Sea in December 1944. She then returned to the U.S. for overhaul and then transferred to Groton in January of 1945, where she served as a training vessel. Following the Japanese surrender, Sailfish was decommissioned on October 27, 1945, and eventually sold for scrap in 1948. Her conning tower was preserved and placed on display at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where her story first began.

The legacy of Sailfish will continue to be one of perseverance through setbacks, having overcome one of the worst setbacks a submarine can face during peacetime. Instead of being counted out, Sailfish instead went on to distinguish herself when the country needed her most, providing a critical contribution to the eventual U.S. victory in the Pacific.



**Don't talk, just act. Don't
say, just show. Don't
promise, just prove.**





7. You skipped number 5.
 8. You just checked to see if there's a number 5.
 9. I want my "Like."
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Any definition of a successful life must include service to others.

George H. W. Bush

Animal training

Dogs aren't the only animal you can train. I had a goldfish that could breakdance on the carpet...but only for like 20 seconds.



10 Fun Facts

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried number 3.
5. When you did number 3, you realized that it is possible, only you look like a dog.
6. Your are smiling right now, because you were fooled.

My heart is Heavy

My heart is heavy... I just left the Emergency Room. I wanted everyone to know that whomever has been in contact with me in any way over the last 14 days should stay indoors and contact your nearest test center.

This is why I choose to stay to myself I'm so sorry to every one of my friends, family, and others who have been in close proximity to me.

I have had symptoms for a few days now and it has just been confirmed. I have been diagnosed as being extremely smart, good-looking, hilarious, fun to be around and just a nice person!!

I'm told there is no cure as of yet for all 5 together.

When I see this reposted, I'll know who has read this to the end. I know a few that won't let me down.

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USSVI School of the Boat (refresher training)

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

Last month, I had a question in the School of the Boat article asking: What is the USSVI National Awards and Recognition Program? The answer was: The USSVI National Awards and Recognition Program recognizes members or bases whose contributions to the organization, or their local community stand out.

Question: Where can I find more detailed information about the program? **Answer:** Go to: <https://ussubvets.org/awards.asp>. Select “Manuals” tab on the left to download the current Awards Manual.

Question: When was the program established? **Answer:** 2001, and a committee Chair was appointed by the Board of Directors. Past Chairs Bill Britt and Art Randall created the present award titles with their recognition scope, design of award materials, and identified a vendor.

Question: Who is responsible for the administration and execution of the program? **Answer:** The USSVI National Awards Chair (NAC) is appointed by the USSVI Board of Directors in accordance with the Awards Manual.

Question: What are the USSVI National Awards recognizing members? **Answer:** There are eight specific awards to consider members for nominations each year. They are:

- Joe Negri Award (Submarine Veteran of the Year)
- Robert Link National Commander Commendation Award
- District Commander of the Year Award
- Meritorious Award
- Golden Anchor Award
- Silver Anchor Award
- Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award
- Newsletter of the Year Award

The Joe Negri Award and District Commander of the Year Award are Lifetime Awards, and are presented only once per Shipmate.

Question: What do the award recipients receive for being selected for an award? **Answer:** Individual Award recipients receive a certificate, plaque and a patch.

Question: Are there specific guidelines for the award nomination process? **Answer:** Yes; see below.

- Any USSVI Member in good standing may nominate any other Member or Associate Member in good standing, or Base as stated in the award description.
- Eligibility requires current membership in the USSVI.
- Nominations should primarily consider activity for the period of May 1st of the prior year to April 30th of the current year.
- All nominations must be received by the NAC via email no later than April 30th of the award year.

Question: Are there specific milestones delineated for the award nomination process? **Answer:** Yes.

- February 1 - Nomination period opens.
- April 30 - All nominations due to the NAC NLT 2359 hours.

- May 5 - NAC submits nominations to the respective selection committee chair for nominations evaluation, voting and selection of recipients.
- June 15 - Selection committee chairs submit their CONFIDENTIAL selections only to the NAC.
- June 30 - NAC submits awards selections to the Vendor: preparation of the award proofs, approval by the NAC, production of award plaques for presentation to recipients at the Convention.

Question: Are there specific guidelines or protocols for award nominations? **Answer:** Yes. The Awards Manual spells it out in the “Award Nomination Protocol” section at the back of the manual.

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- a. Nominations must be submitted using the Awards Nomination Figure outlined in the manual.
- b. Follow the guidelines for preparing the body of the nomination.
 - 1. Content should be standalone
 - 2. Two pages maximum
 - 3. The nomination should focus on the individual or base’s achievement
 - 4. Endorsements and/or photographs are not solicited.
 - 5. Prepare and complete your nomination
 - 6. Be creative, don’t use the ‘cookie cutter’ method
 - 7. Use bulleted lists
 - 8. The nomination should consider the individual or base’s activities in the year
 - 9. The nomination shall be for a single award
 - 10. If the nominee is being considered for a different award, submit a separate nomination and not a duplicate.
- c. Submit the nomination as a .pdf file
 - 1. Save the nomination using the format: File name:
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Name_FirstName_AwardName_BaseName_BaseClass.pdf
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Texas Base_Class #.pdf
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- 3. All Award nominations are confidential and shall be sent only to the National Awards Chair.

Lastly, the 2025 National Awards manual is posted on the website. <https://ussubvets.org/awards.asp>. Select "Manuals" tab on the left to download the current Awards Manual. Take a look.



**Round Rock Express Ball Game
@ Dell Diamond Stadium Party Porch
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USSVI Central Texas Base
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4th of July
CELEBRATION!

Friday, July 4, 2025 10am - 11pm



Arts AND Crafts
FREE FOOD
FIREWORKS



Free Event
for the whole family!



LIVE Music

Romeo Jane Duo
Parker Jensen
& the New Texas Revival
Tyee Miles & the Hard Times
Frendz



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



Picnic 11:30 til the food runs out!

On the grill
Burgers & Hotdogs