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The purpose/creed of USSVI is 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.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

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From the Base Commander

The Base picnic is right around the corner and I look forward to seeing a lot of you there. Gary, our Senior Vice Commander, and his wife, Beverley, have done an outstanding job putting the picnic together after a couple of years of not having the picnic. I can almost smell the hamburgers and hotdogs being cooked and the sound of sea stories being told.

I also wanted to give a Bravo Zulu again to my Vice Commander, Gary, for leading our last Base meeting while Fran and I cruised out of Norfolk to the Bahamas. My first non-Navy cruise and looking forward to the next one. It was strange being a "target." Please keep in mind that the USSVI 2022 National Convention



is right around the corner, from 24 thru 27 August, in Buffalo, NY.

Note: If you plan to attend the evening illumination tour of Niagara Falls on the Canadian side you will need your passport. You will not need your passport for the illumination tour on the United States side.

Note: If you call for reservations at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and are told that there are no rooms, please rest assured that this issue is being addressed if not already resolved as of this posting. Keep a Green Board!

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Senior Vice Commander

It was a pleasure to preside over our last meeting, while Ted was on sea duty. I want to remind everyone that we are looking for volunteers for various duties for the 2024 national convention here in Norfolk. We need volunteers for many duties and we need to identify these positions to find out if HRB is going to bid on the convention. Remember this is a whole Base effort, "One Ship One Crew One Shaft One Screw". Next month our ERF Chairman, Craig Dudley is finalizing plans for submarine tee shirts. If you want a tee-shirt, sign up with Craig D.

On a final note, the next meeting is the Base picnic at 11:15. Bring family and friends; It will be \$5 per person at the door, the Base is self-catering everything. The menu is cheeseburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, potato chips, and cookies. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Junior Vice Commander

It's June and summer is almost upon us. As temperatures rise and we enjoy outdoor activities remember to keep safety in mind. Hydrate frequently and take breaks to avoid exhaustion. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Secretary

Hello, I hope all are doing well. Going through the month of June I found there are a lot of great things to celebrate. I have chosen three that stand out to me most. They are Flag Day, Armed Forces Day, and Father's Day! Which ones stand out to you all? Also, let's not forget all who were born in the month of June. Yes, there are a lot of things to celebrate so enjoy!! Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman
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From the Base Treasurer

There is still time to take advantage of our Base Sponsorship program. It really is an important part of our internal fundraising for our yearly Base operations. If interested, please send me an email. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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The CoB's Corner

Introductions Procedures Reminders

- New members are asked to stand and give their name, their qual boat, and qual year.
 - Anyone in a Leadership position visiting from National, the Region, or the District is asked to stand, give their name, their qual boat, and identify their leadership position.
 - Anyone visiting from other Bases is asked to stand and give their name, qual boat, and which Base they're visiting from.
 - Base members are asked to stand, give their name, and qual boat. They also should identify any guests they have with them.
 - Members of Leadership identify their leadership position as well as their qual boat.
- Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Chaplain

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From the Base Storekeeper

Hello from your Storekeeper, I have placed an order from National of items for sale that will be available at the Submarine picnic on 18 June. Remember, if you have submarine items you want to get rid of please bring them and donate them to the supply locker. We will assess them and put them on



the table for a small monetary donation or put a price on them for sale. All monies go to the Hampton Road USSVI. Summer is here and looking forward to seeing everyone next month.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Blessings to all. XOXO.

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From the Editor

As you review this month's newsletter, please note, there are several new email addresses for the leadership positions. We are trying to standardize their email addresses and make it easier during position turnover and so that information is not lost in transition or if someone is suddenly no longer available for any reason.



I have Naomi and one other new proofreader for the newsletter, but am still looking for backups. This is primarily for grammar, punctuation and spelling, or other glaring errors. Someone who has taught English grammar in a school setting would be ideal. It only requires a little bit of time and attention to detail, but does require a quick turnaround. It should only take a couple of hours, at most, once a month. If you or someone you know would be interested in doing this, please, contact me by email.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~

EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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Membership

Please note that membership is staying steady. We need everyone's help to increase membership.

Advertise with submarine clothing, cell phone ring tones and of course, business cards.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Ways & Means

As always we're on the lookout for ideas for Base fundraising opportunities. You can present them to the Base leadership or contact me directly at any time.

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Public Relations and Publicity

A reminder for everyone, please wear your HRB ball caps and other USSVI logoed clothing (shirts, jackets, etcetera) when running around and about town. We want to be seen, to get our name out in the community, and to promote our public image.

I have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone. Please, get rid of your old ones and pick up new ones at any meeting.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman

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HRB Scholarship Program

The end of this month (May 31, 2022, at 23:59 hours) is the deadline for the Hampton Roads Base Scholarship. All applications have to be submitted with all supporting documentation. The applicants should send the applications to the Base Secretary. Remember the selectee of the scholarship will receive \$1000 sent to their school in their name.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 18 is our annual picnic in lieu of the monthly meeting. Tickets are \$5 per person. We hope to see many familiar faces. For those who don't get out to the meetings regularly, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and shipmates and catch up while enjoying some good eats.

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Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame

The 2022 World War II Memorial Service was conducted at Submarine Learning Facility Norfolk on Thursday, May 26th. Key events were the tolling of the World War II lost boats, and presentation of the World War II memorial wreath honoring lost US Submarine Veterans while the U.S. Fleet Forces Band played TAPs.



Following this portion of the service, the Submarine Hall of Fame Ceremony was conducted during which the USS Hyman G. Rickover, (SSN 709) was inducted as the 2022 awardee. The commissioning CO, CAPT (Ret.) Spruitenburg was the guest speaker. His main point was that the ship and crew of any Submarine are combined into a single entity and cannot be separated and cannot exist one without the other. A shadowbox with Rickover memorabilia was presented by Gary Merryman.

Although the ceremony was held indoors due to inclement weather, the auditorium was full, with many Rickover Alumni, SubVets and Sailors. VIPs, RADM Cohen, the Rickover's second CO and CAPT (Ret.) Mong, the decommissioning CO, were also in attendance with their wives as were several plank owners. The U.S. Fleet Forces Band did an outstanding job of providing music throughout the ceremony.

The ceremonies were followed by tours of the Training Facility, tours of the USS Albany and a hearty picnic sponsored by SYSCO and US Submarine Veterans, Inc. Nobody went home hungry.

Many thanks go to Dick Helm for overall coordination, Gary Merryman for his nomination and shadow box coordination, the SLF Command Team and particularly Senior Chief Austin Gilbert as the SLF coordinator.

We look forward to seeing your Hall of Fame nominations for the 2023 ceremony at the October 2022 Hampton Roads Base meeting.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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About The Base Website and Social Media

Additions to the Website:

- Taps – A popular version of the original version of taps (see the History/Blog Tab).
- Veteran's Checklist (see the Benefits Tab).

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Holland Club News

Heads-Up everyone; we will be doing our Holland Club Inductions at our 16-July meeting and we have 15 members to induct:

- ROBERT A. PHILLIPS
- DOMINICK A. MISSAGGIA
- WILLIAM R. RALSTON
- DAVID I. STANLEY
- BRADLEY P. MATTERS
- THOMAS H. ETTER
- EARL W. KOEPCKE
- ANTHONY E. WALKER
- ALFRED D. WALTERS
- DUANE ETTWEIN
- NEAL CHAVES
- BYRD H. SAVILLE, Jr.
- OSCAR D. HUDSON
- FRANKLIN DUNN
- HARRY W. HAMPSON

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[The Norfolk Sail Project](#)

Norfolk Sail Committee is looking for a **logo designer** so we can come up with a logo for the project.

"Hey Mister, can you spare some change". A submarine bank has been placed on the table in front for spare change to help fund the Norfolk Sail project account. Any change is appreciated. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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[Emergency Relief Fund](#)

We have a new email address for contacting the Emergency Relief Fund (below).

In this time of National Emergency due to COVID-19, many *Brothers of the Phin* may find themselves (or their small business that they own) being economically impacted through no fault of their own. If you have a current financial support need, please reach out to me on my Cell (757-618-5624), or to any of ERF Committee, EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell: 757-481-1297), or HMCS (SS) Jack Ritz (757-647-4669), or contact our Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman (Cell: 757-354- 7259), as this is the reason that the USSVI-HRB Emergency Relief Fund was put in place. There is a designated ERF donation box at each of our meetings. All funds donated are kept separate from other Base funds and are only used for ERF purposes. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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[The USS SCORPION Memorial](#)



The Navy has started to release more information about the loss of the USS Scorpion. The records will be published throughout the year in the Navy FOIA reading room at

<https://www.secnav.navy.mil/foia/readingroom/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Of course, classified material is redacted but hopefully, with the help of our Scorpion Shipmates,

we can learn something more about the loss of the USS Scorpion.

A list of documents contained on the FOIA reading room site includes:

- [27 May 1968 USS Scorpion](#)
- [USNS Mizar Scorpion search documents FINAL](#)
- [USS Scorpion search messages FINAL](#)
- [Propellor 1](#)
- [Shaft](#)
- [Stern](#)
- [RELEASED DOCUMENTS - FOIA 2013F041255 2013F041289](#)
- [Rule Letter to N87 of 03APR09](#)
- [N87 SCORPION Info Rlse ltr 30Apr98 REDACTED FULL](#)
- [1998 Action Memo to SECNAV on Release REDACTED FULL](#)

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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[KAP\(SS\)4KID\(SS\) News](#)

We had (3) Base Members supporting our Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) for our visit at NMC-P on 24-May visiting (7) patients ranging from 6 days old to 19 years old. The 19-year-old was an active-duty Marine that had to endure some friendly ribbing as he was set up by Chris Brogan the Child Life Specialist at the Hospital. He really liked the Pink Plushy Elephant that we gave him and we told him that the "Best Marine is a Submarine". Of course, we thanked him for his service.

Our next visit will be on Tuesday 21-June at 10:00 hours. Please call me at 757 328-9796 if interested in partaking in this visit.

Rules for visits:

- ☐ Must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated, (booster shots are not required). You do not have to show a vaccine card as this is on the honor system.
- ☐ Following patient isolation protocols, each visit will be at the patient's room door only.
- ☐ Face Masks must be worn in the hospital.

Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program should give it to our Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman, or myself as Base Treasurer. Please make sure you specify that it's for the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program.



Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).



Parents Shameeka and Arnol Colon with their 5-year-old son.

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Re: The USSVI 2022 National Convention

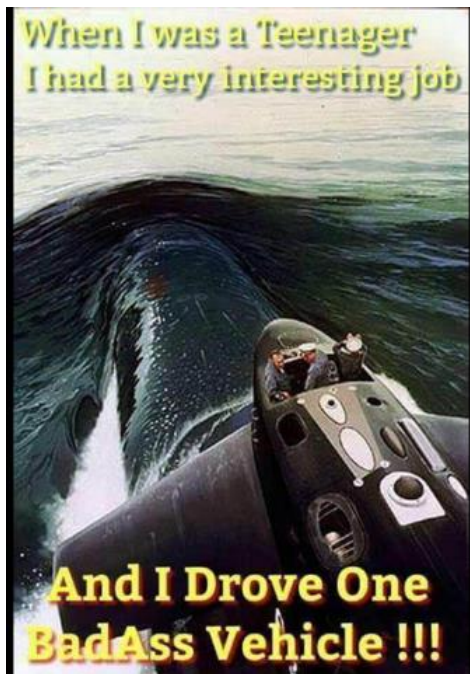
From Fred "Fritz" Marazita:

I have been told that individuals are having issues trying to make hotel reservations at the Hyatt only to be told that there is nothing available. This is incorrect. I am working with the hotel management to correct the issue. Please be patient and try again in the next day or two.

If anyone has any issues, please contact Fred directly.

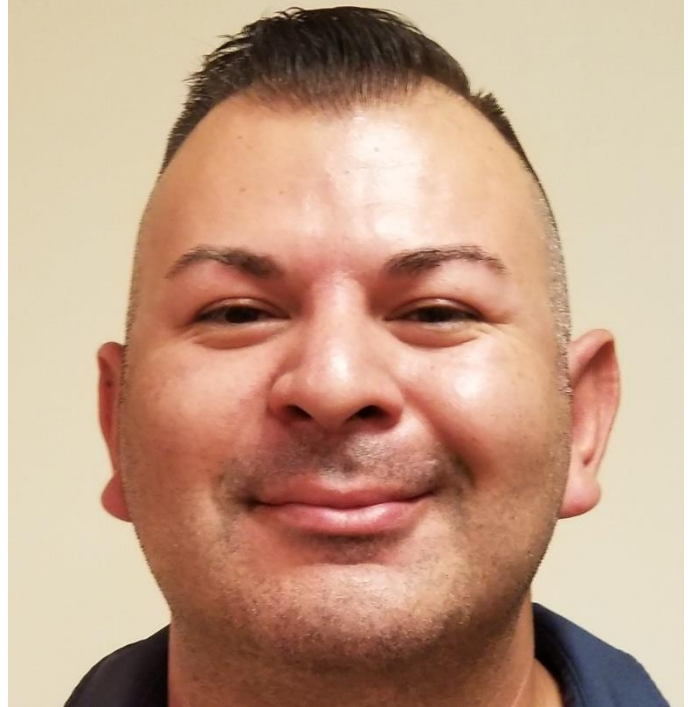
Fred "Fritz" Marazita

Buffalo Base - Home of the 2022 USSVI National Convention



Some New Members from the Meeting Say Hi!

Meet HM1(SS/AW/SW) Rick Perez.



Rick is Active-Duty and qualified onboard USS HELENA (SSN-725) in 2021.

HRB Members with June Birthdays

(If I've gotten your birthday wrong, or missed it, please let me know.)

- 03: Paul Schmidt
- 08: Bill Tilton
- 11: Dick Helm
- 13: J. J. Jackson
- 13: Jon Walsh
- 13: Nick Corey
- 20: Bill Mulligan
- 24: Jose Mercado
- 26: Andrew Vuckovich
- 26: Dan Bohlke
- 28: Dave Lockwood
- 30: Dave Stanley
- 30: Efron Monis
- 30: Bill Newton

Marlin Boyle

As everyone should know, we lost our brother submariner, USSVI & HRB life member, and our good friend, Marlin Boyle this past month.



Marlin P. Boyle

November 19, 1947

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April 15, 2022



The Submariner's Prayer

Almighty, Everlasting God,
the Protector of all those
who put their trust in Thee;
hear our prayers in behalf of
Thy servants who sail their
vessels beneath the seas.
We beseech Thee to keep in
Thy sustaining care
all who are in submarines,
that they may be delivered
from the hidden dangers
of the deep.

- William Whiting

Lord God, our power ever-
more, Whose arm doth reach
the ocean floor, dive with our
men beneath the sea; traverse
the depths protectively.
O hear us when we pray,
and keep them safe from
peril in the deep.

- Stanza added in 1965
by David Miller

He was a veteran having served in submarines for some years after he qualified, in 1969, onboard the USS George Washington, our first ballistic missile submarine.

When he left the United States Navy, he went to work for what is now Dominion Energy in one of their nuclear power plants until he retired. After retiring he joined the UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. which is where I met him ten years or so ago.

While a member of the SubVets he did several things including partaking in our KAP(SS)-4-KID(SS) program where we supported kids and their families in the Naval Medical Center – Portsmouth. This was something he loved to do.

Marlin marched (strolled, Submariners don't march) in several parades with us in the Tidewater area.

He also served for several years as the editor of our newsletter and won a national best newsletter award within the organization. When he had the newsletter all put together, he would send it to me to proofread.

Before he left the Tidewater area to move up to the Richmond area, I took over his newsletter as its editor, and used him as my proofreader.

Basically, we swapped duties.

Marlin was our friend, and I will miss him.



An Update About the USSVI.org Website

NEWS-01: New Website Monthly Briefing
Submitted by: Tim Carlisle on 5/16/2022

May 16, 2022

Good morning USSVI - here is the monthly update regarding the website. We have successfully combined the 7 pertinent databases and appended them into one database and delivered this backup file to Blackbaud on May 5th - two days early.

Our initial conclusion regarding size constraints was wrong, apparently there was a different reason for the existing 7 databases. This was a herculean effort to make this happen in 6 weeks. My cost estimate to have a company do this work for us would have been \$150-\$250K just to convert everything.

Blackbaud's estimate is 12-16 weeks to go live with a new website after receiving the backup, based on that it would likely be sometime in August 2022.

The current website and database will be shut down on the current virtual server on June 1st, this year.

Base Commanders should download all your current member data by June 1st just to be safe.

There will be a dark period (no website) between June 1st and June 15th. This will give us time to test the rebuild of the old website.

There are a lot of moving parts to make this work and the work is tedious. This discussion took place on May 15th.

There are 726 connections between the website and the database that will have to be changed out (they are obsolete), and over 1400 web pages to be modified.

That's just for starters. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

One other thing our team will be doing is taking Eternal Patrol, and Boat Reunions (both of which require updates) well as static data (Lost Boats, etc.) and placing that data on another website. This site will be linked to the main USSVI website, primarily for cost effectiveness. We have over 44,000 Eternal Patrol records, as an example, to add that to the Blackbaud database would be extremely expensive.

We have a very inexpensive hosting site for this new website, maintained by one of our members, most importantly this will provide a level of maintenance that will allow us to take care of all USSVI data for the foreseeable future. The Website team is committed to taking on all online USSVI data so that we don't wind up in the situation we have been in these past few years. I recently briefed the Board of Directors and District Commanders, now I will be meeting with Base Commanders and Membership Chairs by Region on Zoom. I plan to talk for 8-10 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer period until we are done. I have spoken to the Western and Southeast Regions. I also will record one of the upcoming sessions and put it on YouTube and send out the link. We also will be providing training as the project goes on, both on Zoom and through short 3 to 4 minute (maximum) explanation videos. These videos will include voiceovers and screen

recordings to show you exactly what you will need to do for certain functions. A manual is also in the works. All trainers will either be SubVets or close family members of SubVets.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at ussviwebsitequestions@gmail.com.

I will be monitoring that email address and will be happy to answer any questions. I will also likely have a Frequently Asked Questions file (FAQ) as time goes by. Talk to you next month!

Tim Carlisle

It is The Veteran...

by Sarah Palin's uncle.

A definition:

Someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check, made payable to "The United States Government" for an amount up to and including my life.

It is the veteran, not the preacher who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the veteran, not the reporter who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the veteran, not the campus organizer who has given us the freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the veteran, not the politician who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, and whose coffin will be draped by the flag.



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We remember....



Boats Lost in June

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.

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 three-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.

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 C.O. and two other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.

USS RUNNER (SS-275)

Lost between June 26 and July 4, 1943, with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her third war patrol and probably was lost due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

USS HERRING (SS-233)

Lost on June 1, 1944, with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her eighth war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made two direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being

sunk, she had sunk a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.

USS GOLET (SS-361)

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

USS BONEFISH (SS-223)

Lost on June 18, 1945, with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of three Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her eighth war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.

*They shall not grow old as we who are left behind
grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
them.*

*From the rising of the sun in the morning, until
it's rising again the following morning,*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,

FOREVER.

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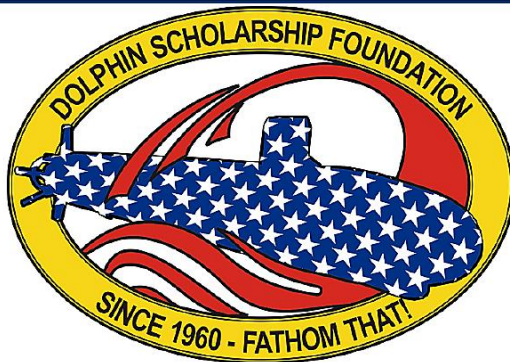
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DSF Announces the Selection of 37 New Scholars!



We are pleased to announce the 2022 Dolphin Scholars!

This year, 30 Dolphin Scholars, 3 USS Nautilus (SSN 571/SS 168) Scholars, 2 USS Hampton (SSN 767) Scholars, 1 USS Colorado (SSN 788) Scholar, and 1 USS Indiana (789) Diane Donald Scholar have been selected.

Your support over the past year has allowed us to fund these scholarships and assist the sons, daughters, and spouses of the Submarine Force in achieving their educational goals. Without your support, this scholarship program would be unable to provide assistance to so many outstanding students.

This year, 135 scholars completed their applications and were scored by a panel of civilian and military evaluators with backgrounds education, submarine service, and former Dolphin Scholars. Their difficult task selected the most qualified candidates to earn the title of Dolphin Scholar.

Congratulations to Our New 2022 Scholars!!!



Justina Biggs (Silverdale, WA)
Avian Flight Center, Inc
MTC(SS) E. Spencer Biggs, USN
Spouse Scholar

Grace Burkholder (St Paul, MN)
Bethel University
CAPT Garrett Burkholder, USN

Tegan Byford (Des Moines, IA)
Drake University
MMC(SS) David Byford, USN (Disch)

Bryce Byford (Ankeny, IA)
Ankeny Centennial High School
MMC(SS) David Byford, USN (Disch)

William Clark (San Marcos, CA)
California State University San Marcos
LCDR William Clark, USN (Ret.)

Maya Desai (Waterford, CT)
Waterford High School
CAPT Ravi Desai, USN

Casey Duncan (Alexandria, VA)
Commonwealth Academy
CAPT Curtis Duncan, USN

Timothy Forry (Grove City, PA)
Grove City College
LCDR Daniel Forry, USN (Disch)

Amaya Francom (Mahomet, IL)
Mahomet -Seymour High School
MMCS(SS) Joseph Francom, USN (Ret.)

Katherine Gaucher (Gainesville, FL)
University of Florida
RDML Robert Gaucher, USN

Carter Gille (Annapolis, MD)
Broadneck High School
CAPT Matthew Gille, USN

Helen Gillespy (Springfield, MA)
Western New England University
CAPT Andrew Gillespy, USN

Gabrielle Goff (Huntsville, TX)
Sam Houston State University
MMCS(SS) Joe Goff, USN (Ret.)

Emily Grant (Gainesville, FL)
University of Florida
CDR Benjamin Grant, USN

Lucille Hamman (Louisville, KY)
Christian Academy of Louisville
EMC(SS) David Hamman, USN (Ret.)

Ben Jurutka (Blacksburg, VA)
Virginia Tech
LCDR Brian Jurutka, USN (Ret.)

Catherine Longo (Oxford, OH)
Miami University
CAPT James Longo, USN

Andrew Massie (Silverdale, WA)
Central Kitsap High School
CAPT Richard Massie, USN

Trina Orr (Killeen, TX)
C.E. Ellison High School
MM1(SS) Tracy Orr, USN (Ret.)

Dante Parkhurst (Chapel Hill, NC)
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
EM1(SS) Steven J. Parkhurst, USN (Disch)

Morgan Peterson (North Charleston, SC)
Palmetto Scholars Academy
CAPT Andrew G. Peterson, USN

Kathleen Sciarrotta (Bremerton, WA)
Homeschool
EMCM(SS) Santino Sciarrotta, USN (Ret.)

Jackson Shelton (Norfolk, VA)
Norview High School
LT David Shelton, USN (Disch)

Rachel Solomon (Groton, CT)
Robert E. Fitch Senior High School
CAPT William Solomon, USN

Lark Stafford (Kenneth City, FL)
Hollins High School
CWO2 John Stafford, USN (Ret.)

Tara Stevens (Scranton, PA)
Penn Foster Career School
STS2(SS) Dalton Millerdick, USN
Spouse Scholar

Maria Stevenson (Omaha, NE)
Creighton University
CAPT William Stevenson, USN (Ret.)

Matthew Wilkins (Suwanee, GA)
Lambert High School
LCDR William G. Wilkins, Jr., USN (Ret.)

Roger Wszolek, III (The Woodlands, TX)
The Woodlands College Park High School
ET1(SS) Roger Wszolek, Jr, USN (Disch)

Emma Zverinsky (Palm Coast, FL)
Flagler Palm Coast High School
ETVC(SS) Jose Fonseca, USN

Madeline Pfister (Washington, DC)
Georgetown University
LT Jeffrey Pfister, USN (Disch)
USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) SCHOLAR

Joshua Porterfield (Uncasville, CT)
St. Bernard School
CDR Glenn Porterfield, USN (Ret.)
USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) SCHOLAR

MMN1(SS) Michael Shires, USN
(University Park, PA)
Pennsylvania State University
USS INDIANA (SSN 789) Diane Donald SCHOLAR

Lillyana Fort (Norwich, CT)
Three Rivers Community College
ITSCS(SS) Nicholas Fort, USN (Ret.)
USS COLORADO (SSN 788) SCHOLAR

Leslie Ipock (Chesapeake, VA)
Deep Creek High School
CPO Terrance Provost, USN (Ret.)
USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571/SS 168) SCHOLAR

Marc Schwartz (Orlando, FL)
Cypress Creek High School
YN2(SS) Norman Ereksan, USN (Disch)
USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571/SS 168) SCHOLAR

Miranda Schwartz (Orlando, FL)
Cypress Creek High School
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Our May meeting was held on Armed Forces Day

How Well Do You Know Your Military History?



Questions:

1. How many years did WWII last?
2. "Better to fight for something than to die for nothing," is a quote from which general?
3. What branch of the Service did the Army give birth to in 1947?
4. What do the Marines cry out?
5. Who led the first U.S. Troops to fight on European battlefields?
6. On what date did the Civil War's "Overland Campaign" begin?

Answers:

1. World War II lasted 6 years, from 1939 to 1945. The conflict would take more lives and destroy more land and property around the globe than any previous war.
2. George S. Patton is best known for his leadership of the U.S. Third Army in France and Germany following the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. He was called in his time, "America's Fightingest General."
3. The U.S. Air Force became a separate military service on September 18, 1947, with the implementation of the National Security Act of 1947.
4. Marines say "Oorah!" They would never say "Hooah!" also they wouldn't say "Hooah!", which is an Army term.
5. General "Black Jack" Pershing became best known in history as the first American Army officer to command troops on the battlefields of Europe. He turned the tide of World War I by successfully countering the German offensive on Paris.
6. General Grant's Overland Campaign began on May 4, 1864. It was the first use of 'total war' and a campaign that changed warfare forever.



Submarine Veteran Tee-Shirts

Submarine brothers, at our last meeting, on Saturday the 21st of May 2022; I presented two tee shirt designs for purchase. However, most seem to be interested in the “Submarine Veteran Hampton Roads Base” shirts you will find a picture of in this post. The shirts will be GILDAN G640 these shirts are 4.5oz Lightweight, 100% ring spun Cotton, Preshrunk. They are available in sizes Small to 5XL. We need a minimum of 48 shirts ordered to place an order. There is an additional discount above 72 shirts. Because of supply chain issue these are the lite colors available for the black design.

Colors available for this order are Cherry Red, Daisy, Heather Royal Blue, Military Green, Sport Grey, White (see the color samples).

There is a small square provided to show you the colors. They are circled on the sheet. Pricing for each Tee-Shirt:

Cost: Small to X Large \$12.00

2X-Large \$14.00

3X-Large \$16.00

4X-Large \$18.00

5X-Large \$20.00

This includes a small mark up to cover taxes and a donation of about \$1.00 per shirt to Emergency Relief Fund.

Once the order is submitted, it will be about three weeks until we receive the shirts. You can email me your order



(CraigD.HRBase@gmail.com). Please include Name, Size, Quantity and Color of shirts. You can mail checks to the Base Treasurer, Sid, or you can pay cash or check at our June picnic meeting. Make checks payable to USSVI-HRB. We will close this out at June picnic meeting. **IF** we do not have enough orders, your money will be returned.



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The National Blood Supply is still critically low.

This has a lot to do with the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant shutdown of much of the country.



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

If you can and are willing to donate blood, PLEASE, make an appointment to donate at any available Blood Donation event. This website gives you all the information you need or want and will allow you to make the appointment:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/blood-donation-process/donation-process-overview.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6pOTBhCTARIsAHF23fl2mCFAQVInErXH86ZAN2-qtXqMAYSJCUj1QiwoxXBZJnLaxBvkpOwaAtpsEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds

The blood donation process from the time you arrive until the time you leave takes about an hour.

The donation itself takes only about 8-10 minutes on average.

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The **Virginia State** Legislature has passed the bill that makes a **Navy License Plate** available for use on our vehicles. The House of Delegates unanimously passed the Navy Plate Bill (SB212), clearing the final hurdle before going to the Governor for signature (TBA). When signed, it becomes law, to be enacted on July 1st. Plate production and mailing for preordered plates will commence in July, likely putting plates in hand by August-September. DMV sales via their website and branch offices will eventually follow at some future date.

(Marketing image. DMV digital proof)



For more information or to pre-order plates contact Roger Hirsh
(navy.plate.va@gmail.com)

**USS FLYING FISH (SSN 673)
ANNUAL REUNION FOR 2022**

24 thru 28 August 2022

Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach-Norfolk

5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-6515

Click [HERE](#) to make a Hotel Reservation

Front Desk: 757-499-4400

Click [HERE](#) to register for the reunion.

Contact Tony Ficca (apficca2@gmail.com) for more information



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Hampton Roads Base

2022 Annual Base Sponsorship Program

Sponsor Level	Benefits	Donation
COLUMBIA Class Sponsor	2 Christmas Party Tickets 4 Summer Picnic Tickets 8 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$500*
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DIESEL BOATS FOREVER Sponsor	Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$25*

As an added incentive, starting in 2023, if you renew your sponsorship at the same level or higher you will receive a 10% discount.

****Must attend the meeting to collect raffle tickets, all tickets are for the same raffle, your choice. *Donations are NOT tax-deductible.**



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Thank you for your support

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 We have pledges of support from:

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