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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



We continue to have a pretty good turnout at our meetings, and I do appreciate everyone that does come out and attend. I know that some of you are not able to physically get around and you enjoy this monthly newsletter. However, if you have not been to a meeting in a while, we would love for you and your significant other to come out and join us. We have several ladies that attend the meetings, and they chip in and help with the raffles and help Fran. It could be that date that she has been wanting you to take her on!

In the latest American Submariner magazine, the last page is the reminder that the 2022 United States Submarine Veterans Convention will be held in Buffalo from 24 – 27 August 2022. Fran and I plan to attend and hopefully, we will see you there. I am sure we will be hearing and telling those

famous sea stories that make us question how are we still alive?

On a more solemn note, we have had two shipmates that recently went on eternal patrol. Please keep the **Passing of a Veteran information** listed in this newsletter. Give it to the person that will be handling your arrangements so once you go on eternal patrol to the greatest liberty port of all your business will be handled properly. I wish you continued health and happiness all hope to see you at the next meeting here in Hampton Roads or at the convention.

Keep a Green Board!

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

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**From the Base Senior Vice
Commander**

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**From the Base Junior Vice
Commander**



Memorial Day is approaching. We take this time to pause and honor our fallen brethren who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can continue to enjoy the liberties and freedoms we have. There are many activities planned throughout the weekend, (detailed below). Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

ETC(SS) Adam Kingsley, U.S.N. (Ret.)
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From the Base Secretary



The new base roster will be out soon. I'm adding the new members now before we send it out, please, look it over for corrections to your data, and any blanks that you fill in or change or that need updating get this information to me. We need everyone's help in keeping everything up to date, for National and the Base, please, help us with this. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman
Secretary.HRBase@gMail.com

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From the Base Treasurer



I'm now 100% up and running and able to accept credit cards. If you owe for Base Sponsorships, send me an email and I will send you an invoice for the Sponsorship using our Clover-Pay app which makes it really easy to pay any monies due by credit card. As always, I'm here to help our Base Membership in any way that I can.

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

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The CoB's Corner



I had a discussion with "The New Squadron 8 Command Master Chief about support from the fleet and our group. We need to start seeing who is willing to participate in functions on base so we can meet our future members and what interests they might want to see our base grow. Badges are available at the meetings for pickup. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

MM1(SS) Gary Merryman U.S.N. (Ret.)
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From the Base Chaplain



Do you know the historical legend behind the song "TAPS" played at military funerals? Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission from his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found



on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.
The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.
We've all heard it at the military funerals we've attended (too many).
Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

IC1(SS) Art Nelson
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From the Base Storekeeper

Additional supplies are being ordered and I am looking forward to seeing more folks at the upcoming picnic in June. I will have two tables set up; one table will be new items for sale and the second table will be items that have been donated. We ask for a small donation for items taken from the second table. Keep in mind that if you have some Submarine memorabilia laying around that you do not want anymore, please bring it to the June picnic and we will take that off your hands. Looking forward to seeing you then!
Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).



Blessings to all. XOXO.
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From the Editor

I recently came across an online article that is a great description of life on board an American Nuclear Submarine, titled "Nukes, Nubs, and Coners". It is much too long for inclusion here as it runs several pages, but it is worth reading if you are interested and can be found here:



https://getpocket.com/explore/item/nukes-nubs-and-coners-the-unique-social-hierarchy-aboard-a-nuclear-submarine?utm_source=emailsynd&utm_medium=social

Please note: It has come to my attention that you must use either the Internet Explorer (outdated, I know) or Firefox web browsers in order to access the **USSSVI.org** website. We know that National has put a new team to work on redoing the website but there is no indication of when that will be completed. Until then we must do what we can.

As a separate issue, with the loss of our fellow shipmate, and my friend, **Marlin Boyle**, I find myself in need of a new proofreader for the newsletter. 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. 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

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

We're still looking for some ideas for base fundraising opportunities. You can present them to any member of Base Leadership or contact me directly at any time. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

ETC(SS) Adam Kingsley, U.S.N. (Ret.)
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Public Relations and Publicity

I had a discussion with "The New Squadron 8 Command Master Chief and our CoB about support from our group and meeting the submarine community. This also means their families. Their time in town is always full of family matters adding our group to the pile is a two-way street. More to follow.
Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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HRB Scholarship Program

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[Upcoming Events](#)

- There will be a gravesite flag placement event at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery at 09:00 hours, Friday, 27-May-2022. Volunteers are invited to come assist in placing the gravesite flags.
- Towne Bank is sponsoring the Montero Medical Missions boat parade and fish fry on Sunday, 29-May-2022. See the flyer below and there are more details available at <https://www.monteromedicalmissions.org/upcomingevents>
- The 2022 Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade step-off will be at 10:00 hours, Monday, 30-May-2022. The parade starts at I.C. Norcom High School and will proceed down High Street towards the waterfront.
- The annual Virginia Beach Memorial Day ceremony and wreath laying will be held, weather permitting, starting at 12:00 hours, Monday, 30-May-2022, at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The HRCVO will lay a wreath during the ceremony. All HRCVO members are invited.

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

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[Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame](#)

Everything is still on track for the ceremony at 10:00 hours, Thursday, 26 May 2022. I'm looking forward to a good turn-out from HRB.

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

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[About The Base Website and Social Media](#)

For those desiring membership on the Base Website: I validate members against the Base Roster. If you provide a different email address than you've given to the Secretary on the Base membership application, you need to provide the Secretary with that email address for an update of the roster to avoid delays. I have added a new section to the History/Blog section of the website titled "Taps" Members may locate the new section by selecting the History/Blog tab on the left of the home screen.

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

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[The Norfolk Sail Project](#)

Paperwork has been submitted to Parks and Recs in the City of Norfolk to rename the park. If Parks and Rec agree with the name change then this moves on to Arts and Culture again with renewed drawings and cost. Website: www.NorfolkSubMemorial.com. Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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[The USS SCORPION Memorial](#)

The USS Scorpion 54th Memorial will be conducted via a ZOOM meeting on Sunday, 22 May 2022. This is a link to that ZOOM meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82724215656?pwd=Q0tKTWx2b0lueEZBaHAwdzJjSC83QT09>.

In addition to the ZOOM meeting memorial, the Knights of Columbus will hold an in-person Scorpion Memorial at the Military Cemetery adjacent to the Newport News Military Museum, 9285 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, at 1430, Sunday 29 May. More details will be provided at our next SubVets meeting. Everyone is encouraged to participate in both the ZOOM meeting and the in-person SCORPION Memorial to commemorate our shipmates on eternal patrol. A picnic lunch will be served after the ceremony.

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

CWO4 John Donaldson, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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[Emergency Relief Fund](#)

Editor's note: Last month's newsletter had incorrect phone numbers. Please, use the numbers listed here.

I have relieved Sid as ERF Chairman since he is a statutory ERF member as Base Treasurer. In this time of National Emergency due to COVID-19, many Brothers of the Phin may find themselves (or the 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 ERF Committee Members EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell: 757-481-1297) or HMCS (SS) Jack Ritz (757-647-4669) or to 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 container at each of our meetings. All funds donated are kept separate from other Base Funds and are only used for ERF purposes.

Also, everyone should be aware that you must dial all ten digits to make local calls these days.

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

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



We had (7) Base Members supporting the April visit. We visited (6) patients, one was a repeat visit, and we had the honor of visiting our youngest patient ever – a 3-day old baby boy. My personal thanks to all the KAP(SS)4KID(SS) Team Members that come out each month to support this very worthwhile Base outreach program. Our next KAP(SS)4KID(SS) visit is scheduled for 10:00 hours, Tuesday 24-May-2022. If you are interested in helping with these visits, please reach out to me. As a reminder, all donations for this program are only used to support the HRB KAP(SS)4KID(SS) visits.

Rules for visits:

- Must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated, (booster shot is 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 are to be worn.
 - Please inform me if you intend to support this visit.
- John "Sid" Sidlovsky, 757-328-9796

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.

Here is a photo from our last visit:



April 2022 Visit

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[Re: The USSVI 2024 National Convention](#)

The Base is seriously thinking about bidding to host the 2024 USSVI National Convention. We have a cutoff date of 01-August this year to submit that bid. Hosting the National Convention is a lot of work and as the hosting Base, the brunt of that work will fall on us, if we are the host Base. We have identified approximately 24 key positions necessary to run a convention and HRB has to hold at least half those positions. We cannot use the majority of our Base Leadership for those positions; they already have too much to do just running the Base. We will seek help and support from other nearby Bases, but still, the great majority of the work, including the preparations, would be our responsibility. We will need lots of worker-bees to do the grunt work. The actual convention is normally scheduled to run for about a week, but the preparations would start this fall. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ted Vorce (BaseCommander.HRB@gmail.com) or Ken Swan (Ken.A.Swan@gmail.com) to let them know you are interested in volunteering. The cutoff date for volunteering before we make the decision is 01-June.

[Some New Members from the Meeting Say Hi!](#)

Unfortunately, I couldn't be at the April meeting.

If you joined us between the March and April meetings, please, get together with me at the May meeting so that I can get your picture and bio.

~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~

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

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HRB Members with May Birthdays

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

01: Harry Allison
03: Mike Kennedy
03: Tom Nutter
03: Gary Harris
04: John Pearl
05: Smiley Cochran
06: Imants Baltgalvis
06: Art Nelson
09: John Ritz
10: R.O. Bradford
10: Gene Lockwood
11: Bruce Marshall
12: Ed Potts
15: Jim Woodward
16: Jim Taylor
16: Andrew Clark
17: Al Friedman
21: Sam Stevens
23: Bill Schoenberg
26: Buggs Moran
26: Fran Vorce
30: Byron Pianalto

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We remember....



Boats Lost in May

USS SQUALUS (SS-192)

Lost on April 3, 1943, with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.

USS LAGARTO (SS-371)

Lost on May 3, 1945, with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam, on her 2nd war patrol. She is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) two weeks later.

USS STICKLEBACK (SS-415)

Lost on May 28, 1958, when she sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein

(DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to her sinking.

USS SCORPION (SSN-589)

Lost on May 22, 1968, while returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment. She reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.

*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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History of the USS SCORPION (SSN-589)1960–1968

The sixth U.S. Navy ship named *SCORPION*, named to perpetuate the name of the fifth *SCORPION* (SS-278), which sank with all hands in 1944.

Laid down on 20 August 1958 by the Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics Corp., Groton, Conn. Launched on 19 December 1959. Commissioned on 29 July 1960.

Assigned to Submarine Division 62, Submarine Squadron 6, *SCORPION* set out from New London, CT., on a two-month deployment (24 August through 28 October 1960) in European waters. After returning to New England, she trained along the eastern seaboard (29 May through 9 August 1961) until she crossed the Atlantic again for operations which took her into the summer, and included slipping into Holy Loch, Scotland. She shifted homeport to Norfolk, VA.

With Norfolk her home port for the remainder of her career, *SCORPION* specialized in the development of undersea warfare tactics. Varying her role from hunter to hunted. *SCORPION*'s meritorious service during these operations brought her the Navy Unit Commendation award, and CMDR. Robert Y. Kaufman, her commanding officer, received the Legion of Merit for his leadership. The increasingly seasoned boat spent the first five months of 1963 carrying out undersea warfare exercises, including more than eight weeks of aggressively stalking hunter-killer antisubmarine groups as their "opposition" submarine.

SCORPION was then overhauled at Charleston, SC (June 1963 through May 1964)

Resuming duty off the eastern seaboard in late spring, she conducted two transatlantic patrols (4 August through 8 October 1964 and 1 May through 26 June 1965). During the late winter and early spring of 1966, and again in the fall, she then took part in special operations. CMDR. James R. Lewis received the Navy Commendation Medal in recognition of his leadership and foresight while commanding the submarine, and several other crewmen were cited for their meritorious achievement during these operations.

The submarine accomplished another extended overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (1 February 1967 through 15 February 1968) and beginning in October. *SCORPION* stood out to sea for a Mediterranean deployment on 15 February 1968, she touched at Rota, Spain (1 through 5 March), and then passed through the Straits of Gibraltar and reached Taranto, Italy, on the 10th.

SCORPION operated with the Sixth Fleet into May, and then came about and headed west for home. On 21 May, she indicated her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Six days later, *SCORPION* was reported overdue at Norfolk, and the United States initiated a massive search for her. On 5 June, she was declared "presumed lost" with all hands. Her name was stricken from the Navy list on 30 June. A court of inquiry convened but did not determine the cause of her loss. The search continued, however; and, at the end of October, Military Sea Transportation Service-manned oceanographic research ship *MIZAR* (T-AGOR-11), located sections of *SCORPION*'s hull in more than 10,000 feet of water, about 400 miles southwest of the Azores. Subsequently, the court of inquiry was reconvened and other vessels, including research bathyscaph *TRIESTE II*, were dispatched to the scene. Despite the myriad of data and pictures collected and studied, however, the cause of *SCORPION*'s loss remains a mystery.



As many of you know, this past month Brian Daugherty has had to step up and help the spouse of a former BERGAL shipmate who departed on eternal patrol without leaving any instructions. Brian did a lot of research in a short period of time and came up with the following which is provided so that you and your family can be prepared for when the worst that can happen does:

How to Request Navy Funeral Honors

Benjamin Franklin famously quoted: "...in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes." Recent events serve to remind us that we should be prepared for our eventual demise. Have you thought about your own arrangements for departing on Eternal Patrol? Have you left specific instructions, references, points of contact, etc. for your next of kin? If you've ever had to arrange for services and burial of a loved one, then you already know that it can be an overwhelming task, on top of the grief and mourning with which the loved ones are left.

There are many resources and options out there to deal with these issues, and we'll endeavor to document and communicate as many of those as possible to help you or your loved ones deal with this eventuality.

Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, is but one option that may be used to render military honors at a Veteran Funeral. While this is not an elaborate ceremony like you may see at Arlington, it is moving nonetheless, and is a service that is free, and can be arranged in short notice. As Veterans, we may see it as a simple ceremony, but I promise you it is moving to the uninitiated, and few can keep a dry eye when Taps sounds. The most recent ceremony I witnessed consisted of two Petty Officers in their Dress Blues with a 4-foot by 6-foot flag. With choreographed and precise motions, they unfolded the flag, snapped it to full display, then folded it perfectly, sounded taps, and presented the flag to the next of kin. Simple, but moving!

To request Military Funeral Honors from CNRMA Casualty Assistance/Funeral Honors Support Program Manager Navy Region Mid-Atlantic:

1. Obtain the Honors Request Form CNIC 1770/1, which comes from CNICINST 1770.1B for Navy Honors for the **Mid-Atlantic** region. (The form is attached, but it may be necessary to look for the most updated version). Ensure all fields are completed, ensure the address provided is where the team will be expected to conduct honors. All changes to date, day, time, or location requires a resubmission immediately. It is imperative that they receive this information due to significant distances teams may travel if the service is not in the local area. Any changes received within 24 hours of the service are difficult to communicate.
2. Obtain and provide **Proof of Honorable Service** (DD214, Separation Papers, VA Letter, etc.). This MUST BE submitted with the Honors Request form in order for the request to be processed. The office does not have the ability to verify honorable service. A 48-hour notice is highly recommended, any requests received within 24-hrs of service will NOT be guaranteed.
3. You can contact the following office to request documentation of Honorable Service:
 - a. **VA office: 800-827-1000**
 - b. **National Personnel Records Center: 314-801-0800**
4. Obtain and provide a flag. The **FLAG: MUST BE** provided by Funeral Home or the Requestor. Please retrieve a flag from the Post Office with the DD214 of the deceased. Recently we obtained a 3 x 5 flag that had been flown on a boat, but the honor guard was not prepared to use it because it was not the proper size. There are many ways to request a flag, but if you are requesting it with less than a week's notice, the Post Office is the best route. If you desire to have a flag for your service flown somewhere special, you should



probably consider making those arrangements well in advance. To request a flag from the VA, via the Post Office, go to: <https://faq.usps.com/s/article/Burial-Flags> or contact the VA directly.

5. Submit the COMPLETED FORM via the following:
 - a. **Email:** cnrma_funeral_honors@navy.mil
 - b. **Fax:** 757-444-2767 For the States of: IL, IN, MI, NC, OH, VA, WI, WV, portions of MD and KY.
 - c. **Fax:** 860-694-3699 For the States of: CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, portions of MD and Canada.
 - d. Norfolk Office Ph: 1-866-203-7791
 - e. Groton Office Ph: 1-800-856-7091

Lastly, don't forget that USSVI, and Hampton Roads Base in particular, are resources that are available to you AND your loved ones in time of need. The Base Chaplain should be well-versed in these procedures, and the Base CoB should be up to speed on Honors and Ceremonies. There are many sources of information out there, and none of us is as smart as all of us. If you have other questions or would like to see more articles related to this subject matter, let the Base Leadership know.

Please note: The two different forms are included below.

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From our Base Commander, YNCM(SS/SW/AW) Ted Vorce, U.S.N. (Ret.)

Passing of a Veteran - What do I need to do now? **What to do in the Event of a Veteran's Death:**

IMMEDIATELY REPORT DEATH TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

VA Pension or Compensation (if veteran was receiving) to avoid an overpayment, you must notify the federal VA immediately at [1-800-827-1000](tel:1-800-827-1000). You will need the veteran's full name, social security number, branch of Service, DOB, and date of death

Social Security Office Bend Phone: [877-405-0302](tel:877-405-0302)

DEERS Phone: [800-538-9552](tel:800-538-9552)

DFAS (Retired military only) Phone: [888-332-7411](tel:888-332-7411)

VA Sponsored Life Insurance Phone: [800-669-8477](tel:800-669-8477)

SGLI Life Insurance (retired military only) Phone: [800-419-1473](tel:800-419-1473)

VA healthcare (if vet was enrolled) Notify the clinic to which they were assigned. Bend CBOC Phone: [541-647-5200](tel:541-647-5200)

Secure a DD214 (Discharge papers from service)



You will need the veteran's DD214 to obtain a flag from the funeral home and obtain other federal VA benefits. If you do not have a DD214 you may submit an Urgent Request for Military Records to National Personnel Record Center.

To make an urgent burial request, you will need to complete request form SF 180 to the best of your ability. <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

Please provide the Next of Kin's dated signature and proof of death.

Fax the request form to the urgent fax line which is [\(314\) 801-0764](tel:3148010764). Make the fax to ATTN: URGENT BURIAL, and please provide the date and time needed for burial/memorial service. Be sure to include a good phone number so they can call if any questions arise and a return fax number with the name the fax is to be addressed. Emergency requests are usually completed within 72 hours after receiving a faxed request. You can send a written request that includes the above information. That request can be faxed or mailed.

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Drive

St. Louis, MO63138

Make Funeral Arrangements (work with your funeral home):

National Cemetery Option (casket and cremated remains)

Veterans who die on active duty, or with discharges that are other than dishonorable, are entitled by law a gravesite in any national cemetery with available space, opening and closing of the grave. Burial benefits available include a gravesite in a national cemetery with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family.

Step 1: Fax Eligibility Documentation to 1-866-900-6417 *or* Scan and Email to NCA.Scheduling@va.gov

Step 2: Call 1-800-535-1117

It is encouraged that you visit the National Cemetery benefits page

at https://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/need.asp where you will find useful information related to any burial requests and benefits.

BURIAL at SEA [1-866-787-0081](tel:18667870081)

Death Certificates on average run about \$25.00 each and the funeral home often talks people into buying more than they need. BE ADVISED most agencies, other than insurance companies, will accept a copy of the death certificate.



**FUNERAL HONORS REQUEST
CNIC 1770/1 (01-2016)**

Supporting Directive: CNICINST 1770.1B

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 USC 5013, Secretary of the Navy, 10 USC 1491 Funeral honors at funerals for veterans.
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To maintain funeral plans or requests by specifically authorized individuals who have requested special arrangements for their funeral ceremony; to facilitate coordination of military support for the State, Official or Military funerals.
ROUTINE USES: Disclosure is authorized pursuant to those generally permitted under 5 USC 522a(b) of the Privacy Act.
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary, however failure to provide the requested information may result in denial of Funeral Honors support.

- 10 U.S. Code Section 1491 entitles eligible veterans to receive military funeral honors upon request by next-of-kin or an authorized agent. Military funeral honors consists of two or more military service members (at least one from the parent service) to play Taps, fold and present the U.S. flag to the veteran's family.
- To request Funeral Honors, e-mail a completed request form and a legible copy of a DD-214 or proof of honorable service to the associated office location. The Safe Access File Exchange (SAFE) site at <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/> may be used to send securely. If sending via SAFE, please check your e-mail and follow the instructions. Info on sending files via SAFE can be found at <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safeguide.aspx>.
- Military records can be requested at www.archives.gov/veterans or by calling 314-801-0800.
- Burial flags must be provided by the requester. Burial flag info can be found at http://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp or 1-800-827-1000.
- Please allow 48 hours advance notice to process requests. However, if Funeral Honors are being requested within 24 hours or after normal business hours, please contact the associated office for assistance. When scheduling, please keep in mind the Funeral Honors Team will arrive **45 minutes** prior to event scheduled time.
- Any changes to the date, time or location should be communicated ASAP to ensure the Funeral Honors Team arrives as scheduled.
- Funeral Honors will only be rendered once for each eligible service member.

Additional info on Navy Funeral Honors, including office numbers and email addresses, can be found at www.cnic.navy.mil/funeral_honors.

DECEASED INFORMATION

DAY/DATE OF HONORS:		TIME OF HONORS:		<input type="radio"/> AM <input type="radio"/> PM		TIME ZONE:		SERVICE TYPE:	
				<input type="radio"/> EST <input type="radio"/> HST		<input type="radio"/> CST <input type="radio"/> MST		<input type="radio"/> PST <input type="radio"/> AST	
								<input type="radio"/> URN <input type="radio"/> CASKET <input type="radio"/> OTHER:	
SSN:		LAST NAME, FIRST, MIDDLE:			RATE/RANK:		SERVICE BRANCH:		
							<input type="radio"/> USN <input type="radio"/> USMM <input type="radio"/> OTHER:		
STATUS:		YEARS IN SERVICE:		DATE OF BIRTH:		DATE OF DEATH:			
<input type="radio"/> Veteran <input type="radio"/> Retired <input type="radio"/> Active Duty									
FUNERAL HONORS ARRANGED BY: <input type="radio"/> MORTUARY/FUNERAL HOME <input type="radio"/> FAMILY <input type="radio"/> OTHER									
BUSINESS NAME:			POINT OF CONTACT:			EMAIL:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:				COUNTY:		CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:
WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE THE HONORS TO BE RENDERED?									
<input type="radio"/> CEMETERY <input type="radio"/> CHAPEL <input type="radio"/> FUNERAL HOME <input type="radio"/> CREMATORY <input type="radio"/> OTHER:									
LOCATION NAME:			ADDRESS:			COUNTY:		CITY:	
STATE:	ZIP CODE:	EMAIL:			PHONE:		CELL:		
NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION									
FLAG RECIPIENT NAME:			ADDRESS:			CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:
PHONE:		CELL:		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED:			E-MAIL:		

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Department of Veterans Affairs **APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES FLAG FOR BURIAL PURPOSES**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/23, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. Giving us the veteran's SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide the veteran's SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine entitlement to benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine eligibility for issuance of a burial flag to a family member or friend of a deceased veteran (38 U.S.C. 2301). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.ombinfo.gov/public/foia/foia.htm. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

IMPORTANT - Postmaster or other issuing official: Submit this form to the nearest VA regional office.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED VETERAN (Complete as much as possible)
(Information provided is considered essential when applying for other VA benefits.)

1. FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Print or type)		2. MAIDEN NAME OR OTHER NAME(S) VETERAN USED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY (Print or type)	
3. VA FILE NUMBER	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER/SERIAL NUMBER	
6. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Check box) <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> SPACE FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> SELECTED SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)			
7. DATE ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY (or Selected Reserve)	8. DATE RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY (or Selected Reserve)	9. DATE OF BIRTH	10. DATE OF DEATH
11. DATE OF BURIAL	12. PLACE OF BURIAL (Name of cemetery, city, and State)		
13. HAS DOCUMENTATION BEEN PRESENTED OR ATTACHED THAT SHOWS THE VETERAN MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA? (See Paragraphs C, D, and E of the "Instructions") <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "No," explain in Item 15, "Remarks" (See paragraph E of the "Instructions"))			

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLAG RECIPIENT AND APPLICANT

14A. NAME OF PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FLAG	14B. RELATIONSHIP OF DECEASED VETERAN (See Paragraph F of the "Instructions")		
14C. ADDRESS OF PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FLAG (Number and street or rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP Code)		14D. TELEPHONE NUMBER	
15. REMARKS			

I CERTIFY that the statements made in this document are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that the deceased veteran is eligible, in accordance with the attached instructions, for issue of a United States flag for burial purposes, and such flag has not been previously applied for or furnished.

16. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Sign in INK)	17. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Number and street or rural route, city or P.O., and ZIP Code)	18. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED VETERAN	19. DATE SIGNED
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PENALTY - The law provides that whoever makes any statement of a material fact knowing it to be false shall be punished by a fine, imprisonment, or both.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF FLAG (ONLY ONE FLAG MAY BE ISSUED FOR EACH DECEASED VETERAN)

20. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING FLAG (Sign in INK)	21. DATE FLAG ISSUED
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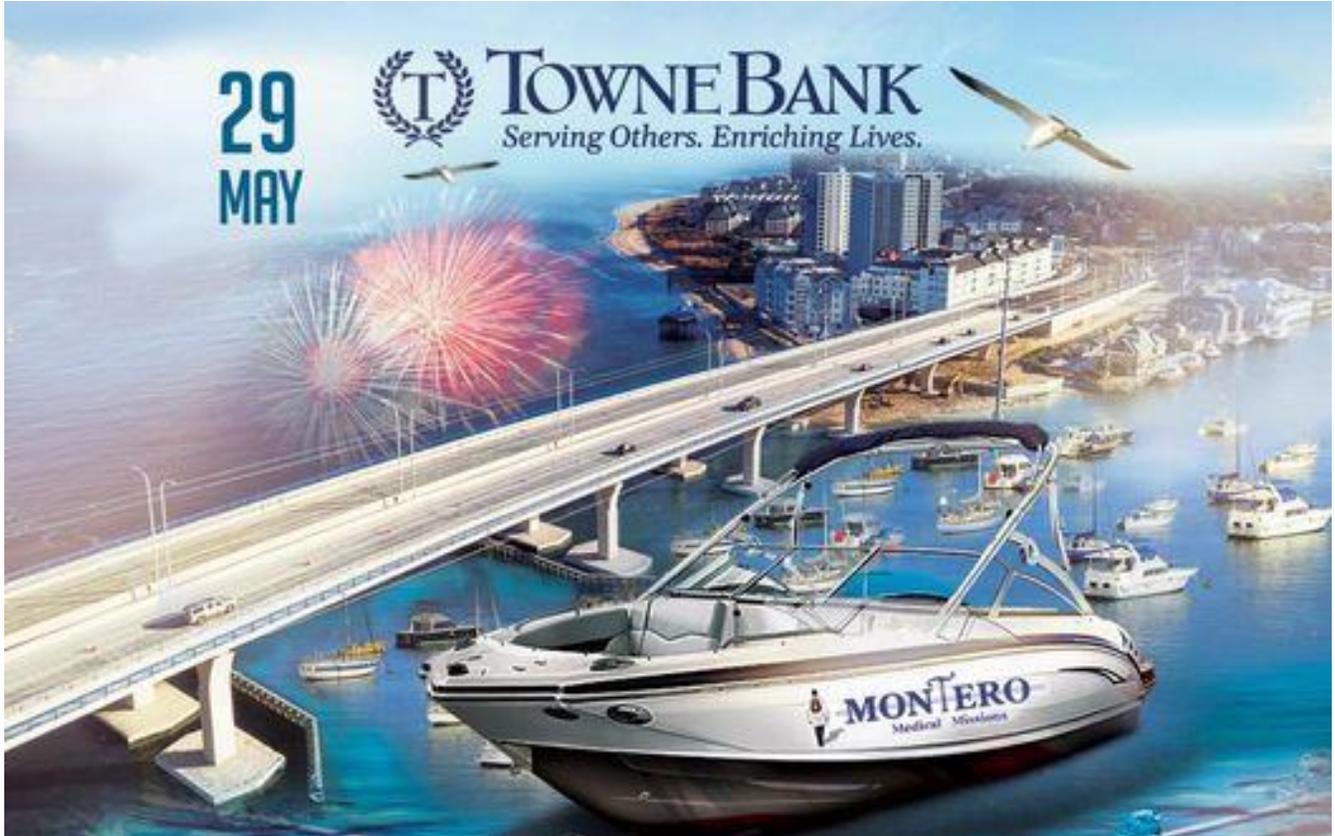
The completed VA Form 27-2008 will be forwarded within 3 business days to:
Memorial Programs Service (41A1)
Department of Veterans Affairs
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903



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FOR EVENT INFO: (757) 568-2666 INFO@MONTEROMEDICALMISSIONS.ORG

FOR BOAT PARADE INFO: PBRIGGS@AUPC.COM



The National Blood Supply is 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=Cj0KCQjw6pOTBhCTARIsAHF23fI2mCFAQVInErXH86ZAN2-qtXqMAYSJCUj1QiwoxXBZJnLaxBvKpOwaAtpsEALw_wcB&gclid=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.

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)

(Advertisement)

**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



United States Submarine Veterans Inc (USSVI)

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*
VIRGINIA Class Sponsor	2 Christmas Party Ticket 2 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$300*
SEAWOLF Class Sponsor	1 Christmas Party Ticket 2 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$200*
OHIO Class Sponsor	2 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$150*
LOS ANGELES Class Sponsor	1 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$125*
STURGEON Class Sponsor	3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$100*
41 for FREEDOM Sponsor	1 Raffle Ticket at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$75*
NAUTILUS Era Sponsor	Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations	\$50*
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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 Ken Swan - - - - - Columbia Level
 Dick Helm (x2)- - - - - DBF Level

Bobby Holt - - - - - Sturgeon Level
 Dave Snyder - - - - - Sturgeon Level
 Brandon Hastey - - - - - Ohio Level
 Ron O'Donnell - - - - - Sturgeon Level
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Thank you for your support

We have pledges of support from:

John (Jack) Lohmeyer
 Gino Destafano

Ken Karr
 Bob Frye

