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Commander's Corner

Welcome to the first edition of *Tullibee Times*. It is my hope that this will be an ongoing quarterly newsletter for the veterans of the USS Tullibee SSN 597. In order for this to be successful, it is important to have input from you! The newsletter will include things of interest to the membership from USSVI and other sources. These will include reprints from these sources and will serve as general information articles. However, what is important to include are things that are specific to our crew. Do you have a sea story to share? Did your child recently graduate high school or college? Have you received an award, promotion, or just have something you want others to know about you? This is the place to put that information. Let's include some pictures

from "back in the day." I will be including information about reunions. I would also like to include an Eternal Patrol section ("Eternal Patrol Corner"?), but to do this I have to receive information from you as you learn of a shipmate going on Eternal Patrol. Since this is a new project form me, and something I have not undertaken in the past, your input is valuable! Constructive criticism is always welcomed.

Although this newsletter is actually our Association Newsletter, shipmates do not have to be members of the USS Tullibee SSN 597 Association to include something in this newsletter. All T2 vets are encouraged to be a part of this. If you are not a part of the Association and would like information, please give me a call or send

me an email. You can visit our webpage at www.usstullibee.com to view the Association's bylaws and get more specific information about the Association.

In addition to our webpage, special thanks to Paul Lambert for its creation and to Paul and Tom Barnhart for its maintenance, we also have a Tullibee Facebook page. Thanks to Gerry Hazuka for creating this page and allowing our guys a way to communicate with one another to rekindle friendships and revisit memories. If you haven't been to this page, consider doing so! There are currently 82 members of this facebook page and it is growing.

Remember, send stuff! Send pictures, articles, or things that you would like to see included in the next newsletter. -Bill

Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of June

USS O-9 (SS-70) 20-Jun-1941. 34 men lost.

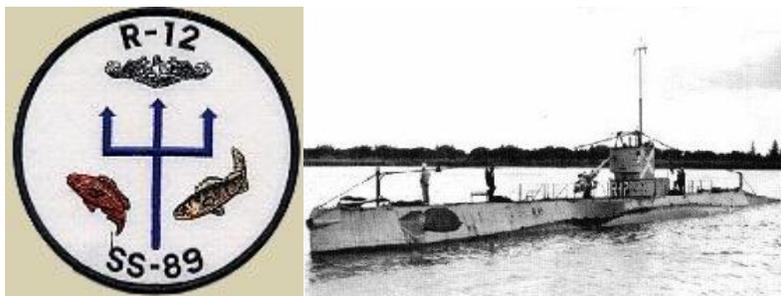
USS S-27 (SS-132) 19-Jun-1942. No loss of crew.

USS R-12 (SS-89) 12-Jun-1943. 6 Survivors 42 crewmen lost.

USS Herring (SS-233) 1-Jun-1944. All hands lost (80).

USS Golet (SS-361) 14-Jun-1944. All hands lost (82).

USS Bonefish (SS-223) 18-Jun-1945. All hands lost (86).



USS R-12 (SS-89) June 12, 1943 – 6 survivors 42 crewmen Lost

July 1920, the designation of USS R-12 was changed from "Submarine Number 89" to "SS-89." At the end of August 1920, USS R-12 (SS-89) took departure from California and set course for Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands where she arrived on 6 September 1920.

The R-boat operated in Hawaiian waters, with occasional exercises off the west coast of the United States, and off Johnston Island, until 12 December 1930. On that date, USS R-12 got underway for the east coast of the United States and arrived at the Connecticut submarine base on 9 February 1931.

USS R-12 conducted exercises with destroyer squadrons of the Scouting Force into the spring of 1931 then, following overhaul, served as a "school boat" for personnel training at the Submarine School at the submarine base at New London/Groton.

On 27 September 1932, USS R-12 departed the submarine base on the Thames River in Connecticut and transited to the Philadelphia Navy Yard at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where the submarine decommissioned on 7 December 1932, and joined other R-boats berthed there in the Reserve Fleet. Some 7 1/2 years later (on 1 July 1940), USS R-12 recommissioned, in ordinary, and transited to the Connecticut submarine base to complete activation.

Recommissioning, in full, on 16 October 1940, the submarine commenced a transit to Panama on 10 December 1940 and arrived in the Panama Canal Zone thirteen days later. For the first ten months of 1941, USS R-12 patrolled in the approaches to the Panama Canal. On 31 October 1941, the R-boat returned to New London/Groton and for the next three months, operated off the New England coast.

On 7 December 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor thereby making the United States an active participant in World War II. During February of 1942, USS R-12 commenced patrols to the south and, for the next year, operated primarily from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Key West, Florida. During March and April of 1943, the R-boat was back at the submarine base at New London/Groton, Connecticut.

During May of 1943, USS R-12 returned to the United States Naval Station at Key West where she trained submariners for the remainder of her career.

Shortly after noon on 12 June 1943, USS R-12, while underway on the surface while transiting from Key West to her operating area, came to her end. While making preparations to dive for a torpedo practice approach, the forward battery compartment started to flood. The collision alarm was sounded and her commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander E. E. Shelby, who was on the bridge, immediately ordered all hatches shut and to blow all main ballast tanks. But, those actions were too little and too late as the boat went down in only fifteen seconds.

The six men on the bridge, including the commanding officer, were the only ones rescued while forty-two others, including two Brazilian naval officers, who were on board to observe the torpedo firing exercise, were lost. Luckily, eighteen other crew-members had stayed in that day and were on liberty at the time the boat went down for the last time.

A board of Inquiry concluded that the cause of the R-12's loss was not clear but was probably due to the flooding of the submarine through a forward torpedo tube that is, because of an accidental opening of both the inner and outer doors of a torpedo tube at the same time. This could never be confirmed as the R-boat sank in six hundred feet of water too deep for salvaging, or even investigation, in those days.

"We shall never forget that it was our submarines that held the lines against the enemy while our fleets replaced losses and repaired wounds," Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, USN.

Honoring Our Members on Eternal Patrol

*There is a part of no return, where ships
May lie at anchor for a little space.
And then, some starless night, the cable slips,
Leaving only an eddy at the mooring place...
Gulls, veer no longer,
Sailor rest your oar.
No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore.*

USS Tullibee veterans honored our boat's veterans serving on Eternal Patrol by placing a wreath at Submarine Memorial in Groton during our reunion last summer. At present, we have listed 54 former Tullibee (SSN 597) sailors on Eternal patrol:

Alford, Zeb D. 8/4/09
Ash, James R. 9/29/99
Bogges, Layne Forrest 10/6/08
Bradley, Richard
Bullough, Bruce 4/28/03
Cremin, Raymond J. 1/23/05
DeNicola, Vincent J. 2/12/07
Dickson, Ernie 11/5/06
Dizdul, Mike 3/1/86
Dollison, Larry L. 7/19/01
Eck, William S. 2/21/07
Fitzgerald, Jr., Thomas Wooten 12/27/05
Forni, Elwood Henry 4/10/63
Garrelts, Larry H. 5/10/08
Gentry, Robert 4/14/06
Hale, Robert
Hall, Gareld Edward 5/20/09
Harvey, John W. 4/10/63
Hinkle, David R. 4/27/09
Huffaker, Douglas Dean
Jamison, Hugh
Jeffcoat, A. Bruce 7/29/07
Jortberg, Richard E.
Kalata, Emil R.
Keich, Edwin G. 5/8/98
Kessell, Edward 2/1/87
Klinedinst, Paul R. 1/13/80
Lee, Charles J. 11/9/09
Low, Douglas 4/6/08
Mays, Pete
McGrath, William J.
Monogue, Kenneth R. 1/1/03
Montgomery, David R. 6/24/09
Morgan, John Franklin 11/14/86
Moshier, Clyde 11/1/70
Moyer, David 5/11/09
Murtha Sr., William P. 8/10/09
Nicely, Randolph Lee (Randy)
Nikola, John H. 11/26/04

(Eternal Patrol – Continued)

O'Malley, John S.
Papillard, Georges Marcel 10/17/08
Scott, Harold Truett 9/18/02
Shelton, Sr., David
Shimckus, Carl A. 1/2/10
Steiner, Frederick T. 2/9/07
Stolz, William C.
Synhorst, Gerald E. 10/1/86
Tardiff, Henry
Templin, Ron 6/3/08
Towery, Robert
Turner, John 8/1/71
Turnier, Harry A. 12/28/02
Wallace, John
Winge, Don 1/1/05

Tullibee Association Ship's Store

We still have a variety of items available in our ship's store. Items currently in stock include shirts and ball caps (with gold or silver dolphins), as well as coffee mugs. We also have boat patches, association patches, and T2 patches. If there are other items in which you are interested, let me know and I will see if we can get them for you.

--Wear your Dolphins - you earned them!--

Reunion 2011

Plans are underway for the 2011 USS Tullibee SSN 597 reunion. Check the website later this month for location selections. Some of these meeting cities are those that were suggested by T2 sailors. Everyone will have a chance to vote for a reunion site, either Springfield, Missouri (Branson), the site of the 2011 USSVI National Convention, or a location and/or time frame separate from the convention. Your input is important. Our reunion in Groton last summer was immensely successful because of the involvement and attendance of so many of our crewmates and their family members and friends.

----- Pride Runs Deep -----

Reunion 2009 – Groton

Did you miss the reunion last summer? Don't miss out again! Many shipmates regretfully missed the reunion because they simply didn't know about it! Share reunion information with friends.



**USS Tullibee SSN-597 Association Members as of 15 June
2010 and Expiration of Membership Dates:**

1.	Arnstam, Mark	Life Member	37.	Kuemper, Roger	Life Member
2.	Arnstam, Cindy	Associate Life Member	38.	Kuykendall, Clifford	Honorary Life Mbr (SS-284)
3.	Ash, Sandi	Honorary Life Member	39.	Lesnet, Michael	Life Member
4.	Banister, David	Life Member	40.	Lister, William	Honorary Life Mbr (SS-284)
5.	Barnhart, Tom	Life Member	41.	Lundberg, Dennis	Life Member
6.	Baumstark, James	Life Member	42.	Mackensen, Warren	Life Member
7.	Bell, David	Life Member	43.	Maddox, Ray	Life Member
8.	Black, Lee	Life Member	44.	Mary, Arthur	End of 2010
9.	Blankenship, Sterling	Life Member	45.	McGann, William	Life Member
10.	Bode, Robert	Life Member	46.	McKeon, James	Honorary Life Mbr (SS-284)
11.	Cassell, Michael	Life Member	47.	Munro, Jake	Life Member
12.	Clark, Mark	End of 2011	48.	Neiswonger, James	Life Member
13.	Coons, Robert	Life Member	49.	Onorato, Howard	Life Member
14.	Corcoran, William	Life Member	50.	Peluso, Joseph	Life Member
15.	Cosentino, Dean	Life Member	51.	Peterson, Scott	End of 2011
16.	Cowles, William	Life Member	52.	Plummer, Rudy	End of 2010
17.	Davis, John	Life Member	53.	Raby, Tom	Life Member
18.	Doe, Barry	Life Member	54.	Repphun, Brian	End of 2010
19.	Dommers, Richard	Life Member	55.	Riley, John	Life Member
20.	Drooker, Michael	Life Member	56.	Rogers, Alton	Life Member – Plank Owner
21.	Dunkin, Robert	Life Member	57.	Romberg, Wayne	Life Member
22.	Dvorak, Dave	Life Member	58.	Shew, James	Life Member
23.	Elmer, Jim	Life Member	59.	Shoup, Dennis	End of 2010
24.	Ewan, Joel	End of 2010	60.	Simmons, Richard	Life Member
25.	Farnon, Thomas	Life Member	61.	Stein, Randy	End of 2010
26.	Fleitz, John	Life Member	62.	Sterner, George	Life Member
27.	Foster, Tim	Life Member	63.	Swiercz, Pete	End of 2010
28.	Gildner, Max	End of 2010	64.	Tapley, Frank	End of 2010
29.	Given, Thomas	End of 2010	65.	Vincente, Jose	Life Member – Plank Owner
30.	Haldeman, Harry	Life Member	66.	Walker, Kelly	End of 2010
31.	Hambor, William	Life Member	67.	Weisensee, William	Life Member
32.	Hargan, Tony	Life Member	68.	Whitcomb, Al	End of 2010
33.	Holstrom, Anton	End of 2010	69.	Wigley, Lawrence	Life Member
34.	Ingraham, Collin	Life Member	70.	Wilkerson, Michael	End of 2010
35.	Keel, Bill	Life Member	71.	Woolfolk, William	End of 2010
36.	Kippley, Martin	End of 2010	72.	Young, John	End of 2010

Navy News

Female Midshipmen Selected for Sub Service

Submitted by: James A Fox on 5/11/2010

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) --

Eleven female midshipmen from the Naval Academy's Class of 2010 have been selected for submarine service upon graduation, following the Department of the Navy's announcement two weeks ago that female officers now have the option to serve on board subs.

"I heard about the opportunity to go on subs and thought wow, what a chance that would be to challenge myself and be able to do something different," said Midshipman 1st Class Rachel Lessard, of Newburyport, Mass.

Full story - See attached link.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=53249

Navy Shipbuilding Plan Not Affordable; New Boomers to Cost \$8 Billion Each: CBO

By Greg Grant, Defense Tech, May 24, 2010

The Congressional Budget Office is out with a new estimate of the Navy's latest 30 year shipbuilding plan, issued in February. While that new plan reduces the total number of ships purchased between 2011 and 2040, and thus shipbuilding costs, CBO says the annual price tag is still much higher than the total shipbuilding funds the Navy has received in recent years.

The Navy's new plan calls for buying 276 ships between now and 2040; the previous 30 year plan called for 296 new ships. Still, with the annual shipbuilding budget at around \$15 billion (the average for the past three decades), the Navy can't afford to buy all of those ships, CBO said.

CBO puts the annual shipbuilding price tag at around \$19 billion versus the Navy's projections of around \$16 billion. If the costs to refuel aircraft carriers is included, the cost to buy and outfit new ships rises to about \$21 billion a year.

Included in the CBO projections is the cost to build a new class of ballistic missile submarines, the SSBN(X). The Navy estimates that building 12 SSBN(X)s will cost \$86 billion, which is about \$7.2 billion a copy. Based on the historical track record for building subs, CBO estimates it will cost \$99 billion to

build 12 boomers, at a cost of \$8.2 billion a copy.



Crewmembers from the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Newport News (SSN 750) pose with the monument for the USS Scorpion (SSN 589) during a wreath laying memorial service on Sunday. Scorpion and her 99 crew members were lost in 1968 400 nautical miles southwest of the Azores. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Danna M. Morris.



Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, Commander, Submarine Group Nine, Capt. (ret.) Mal Wright, 1st commanding officer USS Alabama (SSBN 731) (Gold Crew), and Cmdr. Christopher Kline, Commanding Officer USS Alabama (Blue Crew) celebrate the 25th anniversary of the USS Alabama at the Keyport Undersea Museum in Keyport, Wash. May 25th. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Gretchen Marie Albrecht.

Sailors aboard the USS Alabama (SSBN 731) celebrated the 25th anniversary of the ship's commissioning with a small ceremony at the Keyport Undersea Museum May 25, Keyport, Wash.

Members from the Northwest Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society (USCS) USS Columbia #106 sponsored the event that included a special guest speaker, Alabama's first Commanding Officer (Gold Crew), Capt. (ret.) Mal Wright.

"It is always great to come back and tell the rich history to the Sailor's," said Wright. "Our guys don't get a lot of recognition so being able to get together and celebrate an

important day in Alabama's history has been wonderful."

Members of the local USCS chapter created commemorative cachets and postmarks in keeping with their tradition of recording naval history through the naval postal system.

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, Commander, Submarine Group Nine, presented Cmdr. Christopher Kline, Alabama (Blue Crew) commanding officer, with a letter from the governor of Alabama commemorating the 25 proud years of service from the boat and crews.

"I think it is important to pause and recognize the contributions of the ship and the crews who have served on her," said Caldwell. "When the ship was put into service 25 years ago there was a threat to our nation. Today that threat has changed but it still remains, and Alabama has the capability to ensure our nation is safe."

Outer vs. Inner Space

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 5/12/2010

As submariners, we all served in a self contained 'inner space' ship, carrying crew, supplies and life support for a prolonged stay away from our normal surface environment.

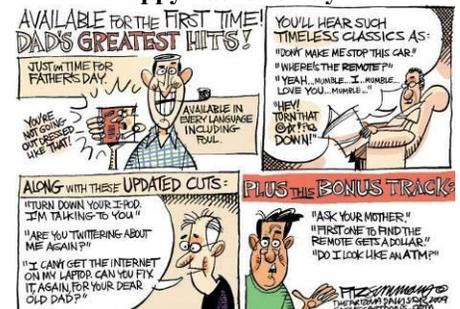
I am struck by how similar a 'outer space' ship is to our own submarine experience. One of the astronauts (Bowen) scheduled to visit the ISS next is a qualified submariner who recently said that the shuttle and ISS 'smells' like a submarine as well.

In the video tour referenced below, you will immediately see the similarities...the crowded multipurpose areas, supplies stacked everywhere and on the deck, compartment hatches, etc.

This is a great tour of the space station, so sit back and enjoy.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=H8rHarp1GEE

Happy Father's Day



***SPECIAL EDITION – HIGHLIGHT
USSVI OFFICER CANDIDATES
Candidates for National Commander***

Carl Schmidt National Commander Candidate



Shipmates, I wish to introduce myself to you throughout USSVI. I have been married for 47 years to Bonny, my best friend. We have 4 children, three daughters and one son. We have 4 grandsons, and one great grandson and one great granddaughter. I retired from the Submarine service in 1979 as an Electronic Technician CPO. I was in the Navy at an exciting time. I qualified on the USS Triton SSRN 582 in 1961. I made three patrols on SSBN USS Casimir Pulaski 633(G) crew. I also served on the following diesel submarines during my 22 years of service USS Cubera SS-347, USS Tang SS-563, and the USS Sailfish SS-572. I attended college to become a Registered Nurse after retirement. I retired from the Veterans Administration in North Little Rock, Arkansas in 2005. Serving veterans medical needs when hospitalized was a most rewarding experience.

I only found out that we had a Submarine fraternity in July 2000 and became a USSVI member. I became a life member in 2004. My wife joined USSVI in 2001 and became a life member in 2004. One of the first things I wanted to do was form the first base in Arkansas, with the help of submariners in Arkansas the USS Arkansas Base was chartered October 28, 2000. I was voted by the USS Razorback to be their Base Commander in 2000 thru 2002. Today there are 3 USSVI bases in Arkansas. It was exciting to have had a small part in helping to bring the USS Razorback SS 394 to North Little Rock, Arkansas.

I have received the following recognitions from shipmates and I have been humbled when the Shipmates selected me to receive these recognitions.

- *-USS Razorback Base Commander 2000 thru 2002
- *-Shipmate of the year 2001 District 5

- *-Central Region District 1 Commander 2002 thru 2004
- *-National Memorial and Ceremonies Chairman USSVI 2005 thru 2007
- *-Central Region Commander District 1 2006
- *-National District Commander award 2007
- *-Central Region Director 2006 till September 2010
- *-USS Razorback Chaplain
- *-National Commander Robert Link award 2009

Communications is what I believe will make our organization stronger. I believe in an open door policy that the Commanding Officer that many of us remember in the cold war years when we served on submarines. USSVI belongs to the membership and if elected as the next National Commander I will have an open door policy to all the members of USSVI. Enclosed is my phone number 501-843-7855 my email address is bonnynclyde@classicnet.net.

Base Commanders, please ask your base newsletter editor to please post this biography in your next base newsletter. There will be more that 1 candidate running for the following national officer position, National Treasurer has three candidates. National secretary has 2 candidates and National Commander has 2 candidates. There are also 2 candidates running for Western Region Director, 2 candidates running for Central Region Director. The nominations don't close till April 30, 2010. Your base Commander has received the nominations for National officers and regional directors via a POC message.

Shipmates please vote in the 2010 USSVI elections for the National Commander and Regional Directors for the candidate of your choice. Your vote is important; USSVI belongs to the membership not the USSVI board members. I wish everyone good health in 2010. I look forward to seeing many of you at the USSVI convention in Cincinnati.

Fraternally,
Carl Schmidt

John Carcioppolo National Commander Candidate



Fellow SUBVETS, I am John "Gumba" Carcioppolo (pronounced Car-Sea-O'Pollo) a candidate for the position as your USSVI National Commander in the upcoming election. I qualified in Submarines onboard USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) in 1977. My additional Sea Duty Assignments included a second tour aboard the A-FISH as Leading CPO, USS BILLFISH (SSN 676) as Nav/Ops Dept Chief, and COB of USS DALLAS (SSN 700). Ashore I taught at Submarine School NLON. I served at BUPERS Washington, DC as the RM Detailer, and as CMC of SUBASE NLON. I retired from the Navy as an RMCM with 22 years in 1997. This qualifies me as having successfully served in key leadership and management positions in the US Navy's Submarine Service.

I have been a continuous member of USSVI since joining Groton Base in 1984. As a SUBVETS member I've served in various leadership positions as Base Secretary 1981 – 1984, Base Commander 1998 – 2007, Co-founder and Chairman of the Base Commanders Group 2000 - 2001, Eastern Regional Director 2006 – 2008, and returned as Base Commander from 2009 to the present. I've worked on the C&B committee, and on the Joe Negri selection panel. Gratefully I have received the Robert Link and Joe Negri awards and nominated for the National Spirit of Bob Hope Leadership Award. I also enjoy being a member of CYBERSPACE, Lockwood Internet, and Long Island Bases.

Enough about my past. You are concerned with what I can do for USSVI if you chose me for your National Commander. This is what I feel is vital for us as SUBVETS.

Living up to the expectations of our purpose and our creed is important to me; "To perpetuate the memory", remembering the sacrifices of our departed shipmates and the "brothers of the pin" camaraderie are significant foundations of why this

fraternity was founded. That's what is central to SUBVETS and what is essential for me to provide solid leadership to our unique group.

I'm not going to make promises to you about what I am going to change, or accomplish within the organization. Why? Because as National Commander my job is leadership. It's not my agenda that is important. It's not my organization. It is YOURS! I have to work on what is important for you my brothers.

I believe in TEAMWORK, and there is no I in TEAMWORK. As National Commander I will not work alone. We are a part of a team of elected and appointed members of this association. My job is to work with that team and to keep in prospective that the team works with and for the SUBVETS membership.

The primary element of my election platform is to work hard with the members of the USSVI Leadership Team including the BOD, District Commanders, Committee Chairs and Base Commanders on agenda items important to all of us. To make the necessary improvements to "OUR" organization so that everyone in SUBVETS has a voice in how you want this association to be run.

I intend to use my leadership, management and communications skills in working with the USSVI leadership team, and to make USSVI the organization of choice for Submariners. This includes our brothers in the past, present, and future.

I have a record of success at Groton Base and as a result we have accomplished a lot. I believe I can do the same for USSVI National. I have the necessary skills, experience, desire and motivation to steer USSVI down a path of continued success. But most of all, I care about our fraternity. I live SUBVETS to the fullest extent every day.

Shipmates please give me the chance to help USSVI and vote John Carcioppolo your new National Commander. I believe we can do the same on a National Level for all Submariners.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 514 – 7064, or email at commander@subvetsgroton.org.

What is important is not whether you vote for me or not. What is important is that as members of USSVI you exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election and let your voice be heard. Have a great Summer! Sincerely,

John "Gumba" Carcioppolo

T. Michael Bircumshaw National Commander Candidate



Shipmates, my name is Michael Bircumshaw and I am applying for the position of USSVI National Commander (NC) and asking for your vote.

I ask you to carefully read the statements in the 2010-2 edition of the American Submariner of each of the NC candidates to assist you in your voting decision. Beyond that I ask you to vote, as it is the only way your voice will be heard and what you say and how you vote will determine the future of our organization, now and in the long run. You are electing not only a National Commander, at the same time you are electing the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of what has now become a medium sized corporation with all of the business responsibilities that come with the job. As stated (in part) in the USSVI By-Laws:

The duties of the National Commander shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Act as the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- b. Enforce the Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. Direct and supervise the operation of the organization.

On the National Commander side of the job I want to see USSVI doing all that it can to have as much fun as we can stand; we are all Boat Sailors and we know how to make that happen. We are a "Fraternal" organization that exists for two primary reasons; to maintain and strengthen the bond and connection that we share as "Brothers of the Phin", and to honor the commitment of our creed to the legacy and memory of all US Submariners and

Submariners. We need member friendly meetings, conventions and projects. We need national and local recognition and we are achieving that through programs such as the Eagle Scouts Recognition and the Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) program with more than 70 bases currently involved. I have a plan for selective advertising to enhance our recognition and our membership. It is my intention to provide the guidance and ask for your support to nearly double the membership of USSVI within five years. The project goal is 25,000 members by the end of 2015.

In the CEO half of the job there are two primary considerations to the success of Sub Vets; Members and Finances, both of which must grow in order for us to continue. During my term of office as NJVC (National Junior Vice-Commander) and National Membership Chairman we have experienced the highest rate of membership increase in the history of USSVI. My thanks to the Base Commanders and their Bases who have made this happen. The other side of membership is in retention and our retention rates are on the upward side, in part due to the "Sea Daddy" program, and once again my thanks goes to the Base Commanders for using the program. As a result of the tremendous response by the members (1186) and Base Officers (222) to the recent surveys posted on the Internet we are well on our way to having a viable and functional Long Range Planning Program which accurately reflects the direction desired by our members and officers. The survey has overwhelming indicated the direction we should pursue and I will be sharing that information with you in the very near future. Thank you for participating.

On the financial end we are making progress on our investment policies and our gifting programs which I intend to continue and pursue including legacy gifting (wills) and the possibility of annuities for USSVI. On the business side of my life I have 30 plus years of successful business ownership and management consulting experience.

In the volunteer world I served 2 years as President of the Chief's Club at CINCUSNAVEUR and 10 years as an officer at various levels of Lions

Clubs International including Deputy District Governor in the Los Angeles area and 2 years as Chapter President of the Military Officers of America, (MOAA), I am currently the Executive Director of two scholarship foundations here in California (one is for JROTC students exclusively). Please add to that the past 8 years of Sub Vets work on memorials, new Bases, K4K, public speaking, and the American Submariner. This last item may very well be the most important; I am sincerely interested in two things from and for the membership, "Questions and Solutions". I welcome them both and I can be reached at NJVC@USSVI.ORG or Toll Free at 951-795-4315. "Questions and Solutions are the only way to the answers for USSVI".

Fraternally,
T Michael Bircumshaw

**Candidate of Central Region-
 Wayne Standerfer**



Shipmates, my name is Wayne Standerfer and I am asking for your support and vote to become the next Central Region Director.

- * Born and raised in Dallas, Texas
- * 1956 - Boot Camp in San Diego
- * 1957 - Submarine School
- * 1957-62 - USS Trigger SS564 (Qualified 1958)
- * 1962 - Advanced to TM1 (SS) in 5 1/2 years when less than 10% were being promoted
- * 1962 - USS Trout SS566
- * 1962-66 - Great Lakes, IL. Completed Leadership, Instructor and Company Commander Schools. Pushed (5) Recruit Companies as a Company Commander and finished out my tour of shore duty training Graduation Brigade Staffs and Drill Teams.
- * 1966 -Honorably discharged from the Navy as a TM1 (SS) and returned to Dallas, TX.
- * Worked in the Reinforced Fiberglass Industry for the next 33 years in sales, plant management and as a

manufacturing plant owner until my retirement in 1999.

- * 2005 - Dallas Base Vice Commander
- * 2008 to present - Dallas Base Commander (plan on being replaced January 1st, 2011)
- * 2008 to present - Central Region D4 Commander (will appoint replacement if elected)
- * USSVI Life Member
- * Holland Club Member
- * SVWWII Associate Life Member
- * Served on Constitution and Bylaw Committee
- * Presently on the New Base Development Committee
- * Married for 50 years to Jo Lynn Standerfer, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.
- * Have implemented several operational, procedural and communication changes to the Dallas Base and CD4 in order to improve the effectiveness of our organization.
- * Was fortunate enough to have been the Dallas Base Commander and Banquet MC during the 2008 National Convention in Fort Worth, which enabled me to meet many of you personally.

As a member of Central Region I am proud to say that due to the cohesiveness of our members, coupled with our past and present leadership, Central Region has the well deserved reputation of being well organized and properly run. That brings us to your obvious question: "If elected, what can I do to improve on what we now have"? The short answer is to leave what is not broken alone and let the District Commanders and Base Officers do their job without unnecessary interference.

In addition to being your voice on the National Board, the areas I will concentrate on are the ones that seem to plague every Region. These include new member recruitment, membership retention and improving the relations and communication between not only the District Commander, Base Officers and members within a District, but our Central Region as a whole.

Individual concerns and problems are normally taken care of locally by the Base Officers and District Commanders, but if the need arises I will always be available and would

welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns that you feel were not properly handled.

USSVI has evolved into one of the premier nationwide veteran's organizations and requires virtually a full time commitment from its Regional Directors. They are the strongest link between the membership and our National Officers which means keeping an open mind, listening to the members in their region, and working to make sure all concerns are passed along, followed up on and taken care of. Being fully retired allows me to devote the time that is necessary to accomplish this.

I have great pride in who we are, what we have done and what we will do as an organization and feel confident that I can pass along my enthusiasm, organizational skills and ability to recruit and retain members in the Central Region. Please contact me with any questions or comments. Fraternally,
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June - August Birthdays

Do you have a birthday coming up during the months of September through December? Let me know so that I can include your name and birthday in this section!

Happy Birthday!

--Wear your Dolphins - you earned them!--

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand\$ 3,558.62
Outstanding DebtNone

----- Pride Runs Deep -----

Submarine Museum Trivia

Q. The only city on the East Coast to be home to two museum submarines?
 A: Charleston

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