



# Hawgfish Scuttlebutt



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## Upcoming Events:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month is a boat work day.

## June 2010 – SPECICAL ELECTION EDITION

### Commander's Corner

The summer heat has definitely arrived, and this month we as a base, have had a number of opportunities to get together and enjoy the natural state. We started May with a work day on the Razorback on May 8th, followed by the annual base campout and picnic May 21st, 22nd, and 23rd for which we had a great turnout with over 50 in attendance, and we finished the month with two Memorial Day ceremony's, one at the National Cemetery in North Little Rock, followed by a Tolling for lost members at the Snook Memorial.

The work day for May was attended by Gene Prohl, Lee Huss, Mark Taylor and I. Mark worked on touching up some paint on the barge, Gene tested about 40 or 50 tubes for the 1 and 7 MC stack with our new tube test set, and Lee and I worked on cleaning and repairing the MC amplifiers and oscillators. Now the collision alarm doesn't sound like an old broken tin can. Next month's work day will be on June 12th and Jim Gates has promised to have a full work list for us to accomplish.

Apparently it was a good decision to move our annual campout and picnic up to May this year versus June. I don't remember who made the motion to move it up, but whoever it was "THANK YOU". The weather was great for the whole weekend. It got a little warm on Saturday but it was not too bad, and there was not a drop of rain. As has become our tradition, Jim Stephens smoked and prepared the meat for lunch

and dinner Friday and Saturday, brought in doughnuts and breakfast casserole Sunday morning. Also this year Barbara and I prepared our own breakfast casserole bacon and gravy for Saturday's breakfast, and Barbara Wewers brought the biscuits for the gravy. The side dishes covered a wide variety and also tasted great. We conducted a brief business meeting and Tolling of Boats on Saturday and rounded out the weekend as we always do with endless sea stories. I'm confident in stating that "a great time was had by all and I look forward to next year's campout".

Each year the central Arkansas Veterans administration, holds an official ceremony at the North Little Rock Veterans Cemetery, This year's ceremony was attended by Ray Wewers, Billy Holloway, Joe Mathis Paul Honeek and I. The ceremony was well attended by the public, The Patriot Guard, and since it's an election year a large number of elected officials. Governor Mike Beebe was the guest speaker and delivered a meaningful and moving speech. The sea Service portion was delivered by our own Carl Schmidt on behalf of the Fleet Reserve, (well done Carl). After the NLR ceremony, Billy Holloway had prepared a ceremony to memorialize our own members on eternal patrol. At the Snook Memorial we rang the bell and read the names the 21 members of Razorback Base listed as "On Eternal Patrol" This was the first year we preformed this ceremony instead of the usual Tolling of Lost Boats, but I

hope we make it a tradition. Thanks Billy. Also in attendance at this ceremony were Jim Gates, Greg and Bonnie Zonner, John Barr, Ray Wewers, Paul Honeck, myself and a few people who were passing by and got curious, including one little girl who wanted to thank us for our service.

To sum it up the base was well represented this month, and we even saw a few old faces that haven't been able to make it for a while. I know it's a huge goal, but it would be great if every member of the base, who is able, could attend at least one of our events or meetings this year. The USSVI Statement of Purpose states- "TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMEENTS. PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND ITS CONSTITUTION". I assume that this statement is a driving factor with each and every member of Razorback Base, but without the fellowship, friendships and dedication of the members and officers there would be no Razorback Base.

**Greg Schwerman**  
Base Commander

## [Submarines Lost/Damaged During the Month of June](#)

[USS O-9 \(SS-70\)](#) **20-Jun-1941**. 34 men lost.

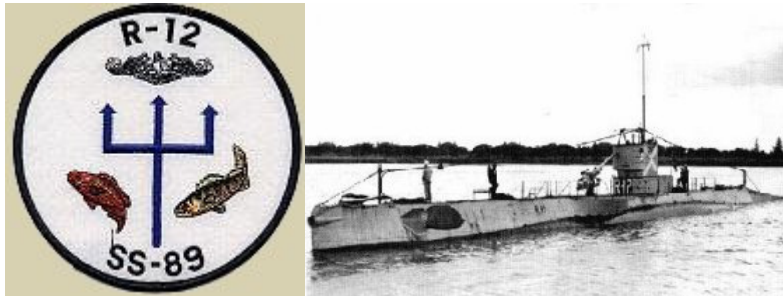
[USS S-27 \(SS-132\)](#) **19-Jun-1942**. No loss of crew.

[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.**

## Razorback Base News

### Honoring Our Members on Eternal Patrol



USS RAZORBACK Members honored all Submarine Veterans and our base members serving on Eternal Patrol by placing a wreath at USS SNOOK Memorial on Monday, May 31, 2010. Those present were (from l to r): Kelly Weilminster, Carl Schmidt, Greg Zonner, Fred Weilminster, Paul Honeck, Greg Schwerman, Ray Wewers, Joe Mathis, John Barr, Billy Hollaway and Jim Gates. Not pictured is Bonnie Zonner. Those base members whose names were tolled include:

02/10/02- Frank Niels Scott  
05/13/02- Robert Joshua Hughes  
06/30/02- Daniel Coy  
02/03/03- John N. Crapo  
02/22/04- Webster Homer Williams  
09/29/04- Ruby Goodwin  
12/21/04- Jon W. Block  
09/12/05- Wayne B. Goodenow  
01/05/06- Ireneo Q. Alcalá  
04/15/06- William G. 'Bill' Medcalf  
08/30/06- Wendell Dedmon  
05/07/07- Joseph R. Di Bari  
05/26/07- David C. Farmer  
08/30/07- Clair E. Prokupek  
03/16/08- Robert L. 'Bob' Stiltz Jr.  
04/23/08- Jack L. Reynolds  
10/23/08- Jesse J. Bryant  
12/26/08- Herman E. 'Shorty' Hagerman  
06/17/09- Maxwell Henry Nelson  
01/18/10- Gerald E. Carlson  
03/25/10- Thomas A. McClung  
03/28/10- Horald R. "Jim" Lemons

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### Razorback Storekeeper News

I just received a new catalog from BC Patch LLC. Anyone desiring to order items from BC give me a ring for availability and price. I am including new items in this article. All submarines' patches are available, some in different sizes, shapes, designs. My e-mail is [retldousn@earthlink.net](mailto:retldousn@earthlink.net), home phone is

501-758-3266 (also you can fax me at this same number). Still have some of the blue, Silent Service t-shirts, various other submariner type T's, pins. Let me know if you want something and will order. Thanks, Billy Hollaway, COB and Storekeeper  
Example Patch:



Base Storekeeper  
Bill Hollaway  
[retldousn@earthlink.net](mailto:retldousn@earthlink.net)  
--Wear your Dolphins - you earned them!--

### Picture from May Campout



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### Razorback Association Visit



Members of the Razorback Association were in town the week of April 19th for their annual work-week on the Razorback. One phrase comes to mind – Boys and Their Toys! A lot of painting. They replaced the hatch to the reefer with a grate so you can see the area without opening that heavy hatch. However, their biggest task was to try and get #4 engine running. The energy and excitement associated with the task was amazing.

Among other obstacles, they needed 350 gallons of 30-weight, non-detergent oil. What glee when they discovered that the sump in #1 had not been drained in Turkey before being brought home. They got the lube oil transfer pump running and moved it to

#4. In the end thought, they were frustrated and disappointed. There was only 150# air available to roll the old brute. It wouldn't start.

To paraphrase a memorable Navy quotation – Damn the lack of air, air compressor ahead! Apparently they have identified a compressor they will acquire and bring it back in September for the reunion. Something tells me the engine will be running come September. They did try to get a HPAC running, but it had some bad coils in it. Thanks to the Razorback Association, and see you in September.

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

**AIMMS NEWS**



### Navy Week Kickoff at AIMM

The opening ceremony for Navy Week in Arkansas began Monday, May 24, again with a ceremony at AIMM and the USS Razorback. Rear Admiral Raymond English was the featured speaker. The picture shows Mayor Hays of North Little Rock and Mayor Stodola of Little Rock presenting proclamations to Admiral English.

Navy Week is a great experience for central Arkansas. Various activities occurred throughout the week, culminating with Riverfest the following Sunday. Next year we need to get more of our veterans attending the opening ceremony.



John C. Barr  
Membership Chair

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

## 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](http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=53249)

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### 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.

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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."

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### 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.

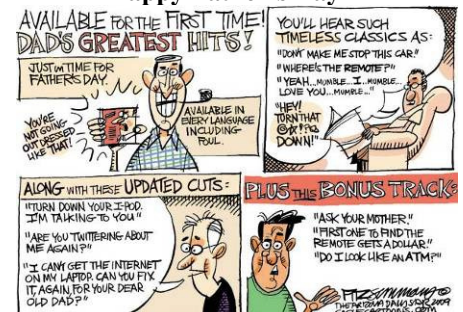
In the video tour referenced below, you will immediately see the similarities...the crowded multipurpose areas, supplies stacked everywhere and on the deck, compartment hatches, etc.

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

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=H8rHap1GEE](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=H8rHap1GEE)

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### 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**

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**John Carcioppolo National Commander Candidate**



Fellow SUBVETS, I am John "Gumba" Carcioppolo (pronounced Car-Sea-O'Pololo) 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 RCMC 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 phin" 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.

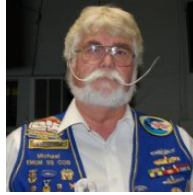
If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 514 – 7064, or email at [commander@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:commander@subvetsgroton.org).

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**

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### **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](mailto: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**

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**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 Birthdays***

- June 4<sup>th</sup> – William Butler
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Robert Denis
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – John Barr
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Marv Blair
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Ralph Slutts
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – John Hertzberg
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Ron Hines
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – David Boyer
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Terence Murphy
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Sam Swires
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Curtis Borud
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Cal Moon
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – William Wiedeman
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Schick
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – William Smith
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Carl Schmidt
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Hal Butler
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Jim Franks

***Happy Birthday!***

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

**Treasurer's Report for May and June  
Base Treasurer**

**Bob Bowlin**

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

**Submarine Museum Trivia**

**From March:** The only city on the East Coast to be home to two museum submarines?

A: Charleston

Q: The only nuclear-powered submarine on public display in the world? (Answer will be posted in next issue)

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**OUR CREED:**

*"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 be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. A pledge of loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government its Constitution."*



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