



PRIDE RUNS DEEP



"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 accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

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Submarine Veterans Celebrate Independence Day at the Huntington Beach Parade

By Darin Detwiler

On July 4, 2026, members of the USSVI *LOS ANGELES / PASADENA* BASE joined together with shipmates from USSVI's *BONEFISH* BASE (from Redlands, CA), to participate in the annual HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE.

Representing our Base were **Dennis Bott, Sue Bolton, Darin Detwiler, Bill Moak, Paul Riggs, Chuck Senior, Dave Semrau, Mike Swanson, Ray Teare, Cindy Teare, Dave Vanderveen, George Walrath, Stan Westrick, and Tami Westrick.**

Dave Semrau once again led the way in his classic white 1973 Chevy Caprice convertible, while **Stan Westrick** drove a second vehicle pulling a trailer that allowed additional members to ride and participate throughout the parade route.

Semrau's iconic Caprice has become a familiar and celebrated sight at major community events. This beautiful piece of American automotive history has now been enjoyed by tens of thousands of parade spectators during the 2025 and 2026 HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENCE Day Parades, as well as the 2023 - 2025 HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADES.



Ron Jones made possible this SCREEN CAPTURE from the live ABC7 News Coverage – Sue Bolton, Ray Teare, and Bill Moak wave to the crowd from Dave Semrau's car. Stan Westrick drives Tami Westrick and Cindy Teare while Dennis Bott and Paul Riggs (current and past Memorial Directors) wave from the trailer.

ABOVE:

Immediate Past Base Commander **Dave Vanderveen** (left) and current USSVI Los Angeles / Pasadena Base Base Commander **Darin Detwiler** (right) both carry the banner for a portion of the parade.



Events like the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE help fulfill our USSVI mission visible within our communities while also promoting the US SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEST.

See page 10 for more
photos from the parade!

LINK -> [Short video](#) -
our members in the parade.

LINK -> [Long video](#) -
coverage of the parade.



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From the Wardroom

Shipmates and Members,

July was a month that reminded me what it means
to be part of something larger than ourselves.

Our monthly Base meeting, along with our patriotic America 250 events on July 3 and 4, brought many of our members together in service and remembrance. I hope you enjoy the photos and stories later in this newsletter because they reflect the spirit of our Base.

What makes me most proud is not simply that our members participated, but that they represented all of us. Every time we wear our dolphins in public, march in a parade, or stand at a memorial, we represent not only ourselves, but also our shipmates who live too far away to attend, whose health keeps them at home, and those who are no longer with us.

Our presence in the community carries a purpose beyond any single event. It honors the legacy of the Silent Service and ensures that every member of our Base remains represented, even when they cannot be there in person. Thank you to everyone who represented our Base with pride this month. Your service continues to reflect the values that unite us all.

The ELECTION for **USSVI National Officers and Regional Directors** is now underway, and every eligible member is encouraged to participate. The preferred voting method is online through the personalized email you received from **ElectionBuddy**. Online voting is now open and the deadline to cast your ballot is **September 5, 2026, at 8:59 p.m. PST**. Each member must complete and submit their own ballot. Proxy voting is not permitted, although members may assist others with the voting process. Any proxy ballots will be rejected. If you have not yet voted, please take a few minutes to do so. Your participation helps shape the future leadership of our organization and ensures your voice is heard. For election questions, email subvet635@aol.com.

This month's base meeting on August 15 will be our USSVI base's annual **LEROY STONE MEMORIAL PICNIC** and will be held at the home of **Dennis Walsh** (925 Carlson Drive, Brea, CA 92821). This **Hawaiian Themed BBQ Extravaganza** invites attendees to **bring their own meat to BBQ, as well as drinks and side (or desserts) for sharing.**

Thank you for your service, your dedication, and your continued commitment to this great organization. Take pride in what you have accomplished and in the legacy you represent.

Pride runs deep.



Darin Detwiler

Base Commander, USSVI Los Angeles-Pasadena Base



Darin Detwiler,
Base Commander



LeRoy Stone
1925-2007



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Ron Jones



Ron Jones served from 1970 - 1982 as an IC1(SS) during the Vietnam War era aboard USS *Haddock* (SSN-621), USS *Pollack* (SSN-603), and USS *Ethan Allen* (SSBN-608).

His father - a WWII veteran - was a BUFFALO SOLDIER – a founder of the 9th and 10th CAVALRY ASSOCIATION, an organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of BUFFALO SOLDIERS.

Ron later became a passionate Buffalo Soldiers historian and advocate, sharing the story of the 25th INFANTRY BICYCLE CORPS, better known as the *IRON RIDERS*.

Jones shares that the Buffalo Soldiers paved the way for legendary military units such as the TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, MONTFORD POINT MARINES, TRIPLE NICKLES, HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS, 761ST TANK BATTALION, 442ND COMBAT REGIMENT, and NAVAJO CODE TALKERS.

Today, Ron continues that tradition of service as a member of our USSVI Base. Ron regularly engages audiences at our public events, such as the submarine movie events at BAY THEATRE in Seal Beach. He is a Life Member with the VFW AT POST 3173 IN ANAHEIM and a Board Member with the LOS ANGELES NATIONAL CEMETERY in Westwood.

Minutes of July 18, 2026, eBoard Meeting

The Base **Executive Board** meeting was called to order by Base Commander **Darin Detwiler** meeting at THE VFW HALL in Anaheim, CA at 1000 Hrs.

The following members in attendance:

Darin Detwiler Base CO / **Ray Teare** Base VC / **Bill Moak**, COB / **Sue Bolton**, Treasurer / **Stan Westrick**, Secretary / **Ken Dorn**, Director / **Dave Vanderveen**, Immediate-Past Commander, **Chuck Senior** (Directors). Not Present: **Dennis Bott**. A quorum was met.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: (May) With no corrections or additions noted, **David Vanderveen** moved to approve the minutes from the May Meeting, **Ray Teare** seconded. Motion approved and the minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Sue Bolton** presented the reconciliation as of June 17, 2026:

Checking Account-	\$24,930.18
Cash on hand-	\$50.00
Uncleared checks-	None
Total-	\$24,980.18

Expenses

USSVI National Convention	\$175.00
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Advertisement

All bills have been paid.

<u>Income/Donations</u>	\$104.00
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Ship's Store Sales	\$27.50
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50/50 Draw	\$27.50 (Sue Bolton Won and donated)
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With no corrections or additions noted, **Bill Moak** moved to approve the Treasurer's report, **Ray Teare** seconded. Motion approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The Treasurer presented questions regarding establishing a **USSV Charitable Foundation (CF) savings account** to receive **501(c)(3) tax-deductible charitable donations** for the Base Outreach Program.

Discussion included:

- Donations would be limited to charitable purposes.
- Randy Stein was referenced regarding charitable use.
- Chuck Senior will contact **Ken Zarls** to clarify the requirements and determine the appropriate course of action.
- The Board agreed to **table further action until the next meeting.**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Total Members	Holland Club Members	USSVI Life Members	Base Life Members
99	66	67	64

Discussion around potential new members including seven people who have expressed interest or who we need to reach out to. Additional discussion included providing Base officers access to the National USSVI membership website.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Ramon O. Aguilar 8/9
 Jack Mahan..... 8/11
 Charles B. McCarthy, Jr. 8/20
 Dennis Walsh..... 8/23
 Stan Westrick..... 8/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!
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## BINNACLE LIST:

Marilyn Shares the following:

### Ed Barwick

was finally from the VA hospital. I just (7/26) learned that he is, unfortunately, back in the hospital. *You can send Ed a Text or give him a call at (562) 268-6066.*

### Ed Arnold

is still in his assisted living facility in Yorba Linda. He recently had surgery and splints were placed in his heart. *You can send Ed a Text or give him a call at (714) 797-9286.*

### Michael "Willie" Williamson

still says "*getting old is not for sissies.*" He is staying close to home as he is still caring for his mother. *Text or give him a call at (909) 754-0326.*

### Marilyn Senior

was recently discharged from a stay at the hospital and is now back home.



## MEMORIAL REPORT:

- Torpedo repair and replacement of more than 25 brick caps.
- Flag maintenance and foundation needs (Darin Detwiler will reach out to the NWS base leadership). Richard Smith identified as contractor contact regarding foundation work.
- Podium hasp and lock installed (combination shared with Richard Smith at NWS).
- The concept of QR codes for monuments were discussed. The Seal Beach Lions Club has expressed interest in focusing on this as a future project. Proposal tabled for future vote.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- The USSVI National Convention team has our half-page ad ready to go.
- July 4 Huntington Beach Parade (see coverage later in this issue).
- July 3 Bay Theatre showing of *Run Silent, Run Deep* in Seal Beach (see coverage later in this issue).
- During last month's meeting, the Base approved a motion to pay for 1<sup>st</sup> year membership dues and initiation dues for Navy Recruiter **TM1(SS) Kania John** (she is active duty). National has since indicated that they would not charge her for her first year's national dues.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ray Teare** proposed sponsoring Two Pacific Fleet submarines and two Atlantic Fleet Submarines for issues of the *American Submariner Magazine*. Sponsorship costs approximately \$31 per year each. **Chuck Senior** Seconded. Motion approved..

## GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Marilyn Senior would want us members to be reminded to vote in the National USSVI elections via email.
- Future events / meeting locations:
  - **August** – **THE LEROY STONE MEMORIAL PICNIC** - Dennis Walsh's house @ 925 Carlson Dr. Brea CA 92821
  - **September** - VFW Anaheim (**Detwiler** will confirm)
  - **September 26** - Pop-up at the Pier in Seal Beach
  - **October** – L.A. County Fire Museum in Bellflower (**Detwiler** will confirm)
  - **November** – TBD (perhaps American Legion in Los Alamitos?)
  - **December** – Navy Golf Course (Christmas Luncheon)

## ADJOURNMENT

**Dave Vanderveen** moved and **Ray Teare** seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1108 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stan Westrick*

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI





The UNITED STATES  
SUBMARINE VETERANS'  
CHARITABLE  
FOUNDATION

is the official charitable arm of USSVI. It is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which means donations made to the foundation may be tax-deductible and are used exclusively for charitable, educational, memorial, scholarship, and veteran-support purposes. The Foundation supports submarine veterans, their families, memorial preservation, education, scholarships, museums, and outreach programs that honor the legacy and continuing service of the U.S. Submarine Force.

The USSVCF funds include:

- Brotherhood Fund
- General Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Museum Boat Fund
- Scholarship Fund
- Submarine Library Fund
- Building Fund
- Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Fund
- Legacy Fund

These dedicated funds allow donors to support specific aspects of the submarine veteran community and its mission.

## Minutes of June 20, 2026, USSVI LA/P Base General Meeting

The Base **General meeting** was called to order by Base Vice Commander **Ray Teare** at THE VFW HALL in Anaheim, CA at 1108 Hrs.

**Ray Teare** opened with a prayer. **Bill Moak** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dave Vanderveen** read the USSVI Purpose / Creed.

### READING OF BOATS LOST THIS MONTH IN HISTORY (July)

| Submarine                   | Date Lost    | Hands Lost |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| USS S-28 (SS-133)           | 4 July 1944  | 49         |
| USS <i>Runner</i> (SS-275)  | 11 July 1943 | 78         |
| USS <i>Robalo</i> (SS-273)  | 26 July 1944 | 81         |
| USS <i>Grunion</i> (SS-216) | 30 June 1942 | 70         |

**MOMENT OF SILENCE....**

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Westrick, Sue Bolton, Larry Butler, Ray Teare, Dave Vanderveen, Larry Duncan, Bill Moak, Mike Swanson, Ron Jones, Dennis Walsh, Dave Semrau, Scot Schuman, Chuck Senior, Joe Koch, Ken Dorn, Reta Schwartz, Bruce Danielson, and Arthur B. Schwartz JR

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

**Ray Teare** reported that the Board had approved the minutes from the last meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report that was approved at the Executive Board meeting. (See full report in eBoard minutes above.)

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

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### OLD BUSINESS:

- 2026 National Convention Program ½ page add has been submitted to the convention team.
- We talked about the great turn out and response to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Bay Theatre "Run Silent, Run Deep" movie was a success. The Q & A went well.
- Darin Detwiler and Ken Dorn met with State Senator Bob Archuleta.

### NEW BUSINESS:

During the Executive Board Meeting, Ray Teare moved that our base sponsor two boats (not currently sponsored) in the Atlantic Fleet and two boats in the Pacific Fleet for copies of the American Submariner magazine. Chuck Senior seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- August meeting will be picnic at Dennis Walsh's house. Bring your own meat, drinks and a side dish. 925 Carlson Dr. Brea CA 92821 (714.257.0443)
- Chuck Senior passed along Marilyn's reminder the National elections are coming up.
- The \$20K to the Submarine Charitable Fund that was approved last meeting has been tabled until some questions that Sue and Chuck have are answered. Chuck Senior will talk to Ken Earl.
- The September 26 Pop-up at the Pier in Seal Beach.
- The USSVI National Convention in Corpus Christi is September 6-11.

### ADJOURNMENT:

**Joe Koch** moved and **Chuck Senior** seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1158 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stan Westrick*

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI





## UNITED STATES SUBMARINE FORCE LOSSES ON ETERNAL PATROL

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WENT DOWN SINGING AND THAT THEIR BROTHERS WHO SURVIVED THEM  
TOOK A GRIM TOLL OF OUR SANGUE ENEMY TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS."  
- Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN

### JULY TOLLING OF THE BOATS



USS 5-28 (SS-133)



USS Rammer (SS-275)



USS Robalo (SS-273)



USS Gnat (SS-216)

Lost on 4 July 1944 with the loss of 49 men. The loss of 5-28 took place while she and her crew were carrying out mine operations off the coast of Pearl Harbor, HI. The wreck of USS 5-28 was discovered in 2017 by the Navy's Lost 53 Project, and has positively been identified by the Naval History & Heritage Command's Underwater Archeology Branch.

Lost on 11 July 1943 with the loss of 78 men while on her third war patrol off the coast of Hawaii. The loss of the Rammer began as she was being towed from following her departure from Midway. Her loss was later ascribed to an enemy midget submarine.

Lost on 26 July 1944 with the loss of 81 men. The loss of the Robalo included four men having escaped and became POWs but were never recovered. The final resting place of USS Robalo was discovered by divers of the Sea Search Survey Team in Philippine waters in May of 2019. Initially assumed to be a loss due to a battery explosion, the loss of Robalo was later assumed to have been caused by striking an enemy mine. The identity of the mine has been verified by the Naval History and Heritage Command.

Lost on 30 June 1942 with the loss of 76 men. The loss of the Gnat (SS-216) remains one of WWII's enduring submarine mysteries. One account, based on the testimony of a Japanese sailor states that after Gnat was attacked the transport Kame Maru with torpedoes and surfaced to continue the fight with her deck gun. The Japanese vessel returned fire, striking the submarine's conning tower and sinking her. An alternative U.S. Navy theory suggests that Gnat may have been hit by one of her own defective torpedoes, which dived back and struck and fatally struck the submarine. An expedition to the Marianas Islands found the wreck in 2006.



WE REMEMBER For those who gave their lives in defense of our country WE REMEMBER



U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS

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## The Bay Theatre

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posts followers following

The iconic Bay Theatre is Seal Beach's premiere independent theatre for films & live events. Opened in 1945. Carefully... more  
linktr.ee/sealbeachbaytheatre...

sealbeachbaytheatre Join us for an early 4th of July celebration featuring a special screening of RUN SILENT, RUN DEEP with an introduction & discussion with U.S. Submarine Veterans! This special event is hosted by Base Commander @detwilerdarin and will take place on July 3rd at 3:00PM!

The captain of a submarine sunk by the Japanese during WWII is finally given a chance to skipper another sub after a year of working a desk job. His singleminded determination for revenge against the destroyer that sunk his previous vessel puts his new crew in unnecessary danger.

For Tickets, visit [www.baytheatre.com](http://www.baytheatre.com) by clicking the link in our bio! You can find 'Run Silent, Run Deep' under our Special Events tab!

Special thanks to @detwilerdarin for the photo!

#4thofjulyweekend #submarineveterans #burtlancastrer #baytheatre #baytheatresh



## Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter Jul - Aug 2026 Newsletter

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nslpacsw@hotmail.com

### Special NSLPACSW Summer Break 2026 Issue

## 24 May 2026 - Visit to the U.S. Submarine Veterans WW II National Memorial West in Seal Beach, CA

Special thanks to USSVI Los Angeles / Pasadena Base Commander Darin Detwiler for a guided tour of the U.S. Submarine Veterans National Memorial West. This impressive memorial is easily accessible from the 405 freeway via the Seal Beach Blvd exit. It is outside the main gate of the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and has ample parking. Memorial Day 2027 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Memorial West.



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52 bronze plaques are arranged in a semi-circle around the flag pole



Examples of the recently-restored bronze plaques



A time capsule is scheduled to be opened in 50 years. What might it contain?

## 20 June 2026 - USSVI Los Angeles / Pasadena Base honors two centennarian WW II submariners and all other WW II-era submariners

In an event organized by USSVI Los Angeles / Pasadena Base in Bellflower, CA, all WW II-era submariners, with a focus on two centennarian WWII submarine veterans, were honored for their service. The two centennarians, William "Bill" Dillon (102) and Patrick "Pat" Zillicus (100), are among the last known living members of the Silent Service who served our Nation during World War II.

| William "Bill" Joseph Dillon, RM1055                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Patrick "Pat" Wilhelm Zillicus, TM0555                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Born in 1924<br>Served in the United States Navy 1942 to 1947. First seas of Coast Guard's TACDSS<br>Served multiple war patrols in the Pacific Theater aboard three submarines and one ship:<br>• USS Squalor (SS-392) (1942-1943)<br>• USS Hammer (SS-393) (1943-1944)<br>• USS Sea Leopard (SS-403) (1944-1947)<br>Quarried in Submarine Warfare (1943)<br>Rank: Rear Admiral (1955) | Born in 1926<br>Served in the United States Navy 1943 to 1947. First seas of Coast Guard's TACDSS<br>Served in the Pacific Theater aboard two submarines:<br>• USS Sea Leopard (SS-403) (1943-1944)<br>• USS Sea Leopard (SS-403) (1944-1947)<br>Quarried in Submarine Warfare (1944)<br>Rank: Rear Admiral (1955) |
| Received two Bronze Stars, one with valor; Presidential Unit Citation; as well as numerous awards and decorations of appreciation and citations & medals including:<br>• Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal<br>• WWII Victory Medal<br>• Navy Good Conduct Medal                                                                                                                            | Received two campaign and service medals including:<br>• Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal<br>• WWII Victory Medal<br>• Navy Good Conduct Medal                                                                                                                                                                       |
| He is the author of <i>Stops Along the Way: A Submarine Chief's Story</i> .<br>He was featured in the <i>National WWII Museum</i> exhibit <i>Stops Along the Way</i> .<br>He was featured in <i>WWII Museum's 2024 "Stops Along the Way"</i> exhibit.                                                                                                                                   | He is the author of <i>Stops Along the Way: A Submarine Chief's Story</i> .<br>He was featured in the <i>National WWII Museum</i> exhibit <i>Stops Along the Way</i> .<br>He was featured in <i>WWII Museum's 2024 "Stops Along the Way"</i> exhibit.                                                              |

USSVI Base Commander Darin Detwiler served as master of ceremony at this public event, which included guest speakers and military honors. However, both centennarians, Bill Dillon and Pat Zillicus, were unable to attend in person.



On behalf of the Naval Submarine League, NSLPACSW Chapter member CDR Gilbert "Gil" Wolvert presented certificates of appreciation and citations approved by NSL Exec. Director Andy Wilde and NSL Chairman, ADM John Richardson. These will be delivered to the centennarians after the ceremony.

Gil Wolvert (L) & Darin Detwiler (R) display an NSL certificate of appreciation and citation.

# USSVI Los Angeles / Pasadena Base IN THE MEDIA last month –

(Top Left) Our monthly 'Tolling of the Boats' list appears in the monthly newsletter of the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce. Our base is a member of the Chamber.

(Top Center) A screen capture from the ABC 7 live news coverage of the 2026 Huntington Beach Independence Day Parade – featuring our USSVI members, Dave Semrau's car, Stan and Tami Westrick's truck (and trailer)!

(Center) Instagram post from The Bay Theatre (in Seal Beach) promoting their Independence Day weekend July 3 Movie event (w/ USSVI): "RUN SILENT, RUN DEEP."

(Left and Bottom) The Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter's July – August newsletter featured two articles pertinent to us – the first being the NSL PSW Secretary's visit to the US SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEST, the second being our June meeting at the Los Angeles County Fire Museum where a NSL PSW representative (CMDR Gil Wolvert, USN Ret.) presented special recognition to our two living WWII Submarine Veterans during an unforgettable event!

(Right)  
Our own WWII Submarine Veteran Bill Dillon's baseball card was seen during the live news coverage of AMERICA 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION in Washington, D.C.!



If you see anything, such as a newspaper or newsletter or social media post, regarding our base, please make sure to share and we will post it in the newsletter for all to see!



## Helpful Phone Numbers for Veterans

### MyVA411

(General VA Inquiries):  
**1-800-698-2411**  
available 24/7

### VA Benefits Hotline

(Claims, Back Pay):

**1-800-827-1000**,  
M-F, 8 AM – 9 PM ET

### Veterans Crisis Line:

Dial **988**, Press 1;  
also 24/7 text **838255**  
for immediate support

### VA Homeless Programs:

**1-877-424-3838**, 24/7

### CHAMPVA

(Civilian Health &  
Medical Program):

**1-800-733-8387**,  
M-F 8 AM – 7:30 PM ET

### VA Community

Care Network:

**1-877-881-7618**,  
M-F, 8 AM – 9 PM ET

### VA Caregiver

Support Line:

**1-855-260-3274**

### GI Bill Assistance:

**1-888-442-4551**

## Name Badges (and more!)

Shawn, the owner, is a Navy Veteran who has worked with us for a long time and has the Dolphins as well as our national and base logo templates!



Shawn Fitzpatrick - Owner

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**June 27:**

THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM threw a surprise birthday for their Docent (and our USSVI Director / Member) **Ken Dorn**

In addition to his old fire crew, **Ray Teare** and **Darin Detwiler** popped-in to ~~humiliate him~~ celebrate his birthday!

Not quite a submarine, but there are some similarities. **July 3: Darin Detwiler** and **Ken Dorn** posing with the famous OSCAR MAYER WIENERMOBILE AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM!

**July 3: Darin Detwiler** and **Ken Dorn** met with California State Senator **Bob Archuleta**, 30th Senate District (portions of Los Angeles County and Orange County). Detwiler and Dorn shared about our USSVI mission as well as about our base members and activities. State Senator Archuleta currently serves as the Chair of the SENATE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS and on the GOVERNOR'S MILITARY COUNCIL, which oversees some 30 military bases in California.

**July 3:** New Member **Larry Duncan** joined **Ron Jones**, **Dennis Bott**, **Dave** and **Sarah Vanderveen** (not pictured) and **Darin** and **Gennette Detwiler** at THE BAY THEATRE in Seal Beach for a special America Semiquincentennial showing of "Run Silent, Run Deep" where our USSVI members provided a brief welcome and introduction to the 1958 classic film, then and answered audiences' questions after the film. We highlighted differences between diesel submarines and nuclear submarines, offered our observations about the ages of the crew and officers as seen in the film (as opposed to reality in WWII and even now) and we shared some sea stories, because we would not be submarine veterans without sharing our tales of long ago.



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## L.A.-Pasadena Base's Holland Club Roster:

(75-year members noted with \*)

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Earnest Glen McNeece       | ....2026   |
| Arthur B. Schwartz         | .....2025  |
| Scott Hultner              | .....2024  |
| Stanley O. Westrick        | .....2024  |
| Bruce Danielson            | .....2023  |
| Ronald R. Jones            | .....2023  |
| Larry Duncan               | ..... 2022 |
| Gerard A. Krudwig          | .....2022  |
| Gregory M. Paulson         | .....2022  |
| Michael J. Swanson         | .....2022  |
| Ralph J. Hansen            | .....2021  |
| Robert F. Schive, Sr.      | .....2021  |
| Larry D. Long              | .....2021  |
| G. Judson "Jud" Scott, Jr. | 2021       |
| Edward E. Kushins          | .....2020  |
| Bruce Evan Neighbors       | .....2020  |
| Frank M. Berezney          | .....2019  |
| David H. Vanderveen        | .....2019  |
| Dennis Bott                | .....2018  |
| Robert "Mike" Cailor       | .....2018  |
| Robert Miller              | .....2018  |
| Roger C. Dunham, MD        | ....2017   |
| Richard McPherson          | .....2017  |
| Harry "Bill" Moak          | .....2017  |
| Elliot Rada                | .....2017  |
| Ronald G. Wagner           | .....2017  |
| Dennis J. Walsh            | .....2017  |
| Michael Kish               | .....2016  |
| Charles B. McCarthy, Jr.   | ...2016    |
| Gary Wheaton               | .....2016  |
| Lawrence R. Butler         | .....2015  |
| Samuel T. Higa             | .....2015  |

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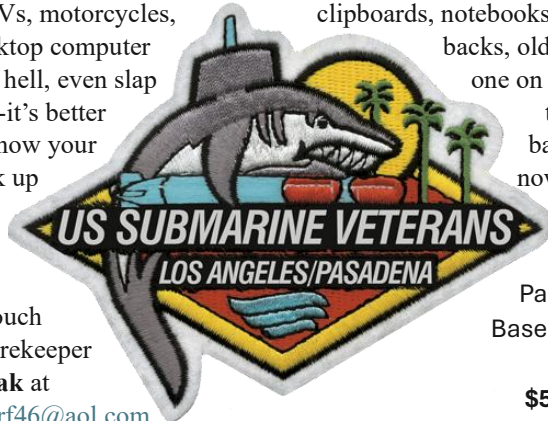


### Clearance Price on T-Shirts!

Our ever-popular L.A.-Pasadena Base "Submarine Veterans" Tees are once again selling like fresh whites after a fall down the pump room hatch! Now a mere **ten bucks** apiece, there's no reason not to have a closetful. Contact Bill Moak for yours, or just bring a few extra bucks to the next meeting, you skinflint!

### L.A.-Pasadena Base Logo Stickers!

They're not just for the refrigerator, bubblehead! Stick 'em on cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, clipboards, notebooks, laptops, desktop computer backs, old steamer trunks... hell, even slap one on your forehead-it's better than a base pride tattoo! Show your and stock up now!



Get in touch with Storekeeper **Bill Moak** at [Golfnsurf46@aol.com](mailto:Golfnsurf46@aol.com)

L.A.-Pasadena Base Sticker (3 3/4 x 5) **\$5.00 ea.**



USSVI Logo Patch (9 3/4 x 6 3/4) **\$11.00 ea.**



L.A.-Pasadena Base Patch (3 3/4 x 5) **\$5.00 ea.**



Holland Club Member Patch (3x3) **\$6.00 ea.**



Submarine Force Challenge Coin **\$20.00 ea.**

## LOS ANGELES - PASADENA BASE

# 2026 FLOWER FUND and BOOSTER CLUB

A special thank you to the following folks whose generous contributions this year have helped make our base activities and charitable functions possible:

- Ken Dorn (multiple)
- Stan Westrick • Bill Moak
- Dennis Bott (multiple)



*Booster Club* and *Flower Fund* donations are welcome in any amount and are often also popular with 50/50 Drawing winners at our base meetings. Contributions can be made in cash or by check payable to L.A.-Pasadena Base of USSVI. Checks may also be sent to **Sue Bolton at 13561 Iowa Street, Westminster, CA 92683-2637**. To ensure proper credit, be sure to indicate *Booster Club* or *Flower Fund* on your check. **Thanks!**



## (Holland Club Roster, concluded)

(75-year members noted with \*)

Harry P. Ross .....2015  
Charles H. Senior.....2015  
Larry E. Smith .....2015  
David Palagyi .....2014  
Earl Thomas Peratt, Jr.....2014  
David D. Semrau, DDS ...2014  
Ray Tracy Teare.....2014  
Milton Harry Boudov .....2013  
Kenneth Jon Dorn.....2013  
M. Mark Hoffer .....2013  
Michael P. Klein .....2013  
Ronald L. Levenson.....2013  
Edward L. Arnold .....2012  
T. Michael Bircumshaw...2012  
Raymond Cheesebrough..2012  
John V. Mahan .....2012  
Lee Melody.....2012  
Clyde Matthew Turner.....2012  
George R. Walrath .....2012  
John L. Weisenberger .....2012  
Edward A. Barwick .....2011  
Joseph W. Koch, Jr .....2011  
Robert E. Fleming .....2010  
Stephen D. Diumenti .....2009  
David Whittlesey .....2009  
Dennis A. Yure.....2009  
Armen Bagdasarian .....2008  
Paul A. Riggs.....2008  
Rex L. Shields .....2008  
Francis R. Traser.....2006  
Ronald K. Thompson.....2004  
James Rogers .....2003  
\*William F. Long.....1999  
\*Patrick Zilliacus.....1994  
\*William J. Dillon .....1993



In case you  
are  
wondering,  
we have  
67  
Holland  
Club  
members!

## Los Angeles – Pasadena Base

# 2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 17     | <u>Monthly Meeting</u> – VFW Anaheim “Hobo Stew Day”                                                                                                                                                            |
| February 21    | <u>Monthly Meeting</u> – L.A. Co. Fire Museum                                                                                                                                                                   |
| March 21       | <u>Monthly Meeting</u> - Simi Valley Military History Museum                                                                                                                                                    |
| April 16-19    | WESTERN REGIONAL ROUNDUP (Las Vegas)                                                                                                                                                                            |
| April 18       | <u>Monthly Meeting</u> - <i>VIRTUAL</i> [Recording can be viewed here:<br><a href="https://youtu.be/j3RPIQfmvb0">https://youtu.be/j3RPIQfmvb0</a> ]                                                             |
| May 16         | <u>Monthly Meeting</u> - <b>Marni’s Restaurant</b> (formerly “Glory Days”)<br>[Nominating Committee Appointed]                                                                                                  |
| May 16         | <b>Pat Zilliacus’ 100th Birthday Party</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| May 23         | <b>Light clean-up</b> at the US SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII<br>NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEST from 10-12.                                                                                                                   |
| May 25         | <b>Memorial Day Ceremony.</b> 11:30 – 1 (ish) Coordinated with<br>S.B. Lions Club @ Eisenhower Park (Seal Beach Pier).                                                                                          |
| June 13        | <u>Seal Beach Health Expo</u> * - USSVI Booth 10:00 – 2:00                                                                                                                                                      |
| June 20        | <b>MONTHLY MEETING / WWII SUBMARINE VETERAN Event</b> * -<br><u>L.A. County Fire Museum</u> [Brief video here:<br><a href="https://youtube.com/shorts/AExzT2u3EoA">https://youtube.com/shorts/AExzT2u3EoA</a> ] |
| July 3         | <u>“Run Silent, Run Deep”</u> BAY THEATRE, Seal Beach 3-5:30<br>USSVI providing intro and Q&A                                                                                                                   |
| July 4         | <u>Annual Fourth of July Parade in Huntington Beach</u> *                                                                                                                                                       |
| July 18        | <b>MONTHLY MEETING @ VFW Anaheim</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| August 15      | <b>MONTHLY MEETING * LEROY STONE MEMORIAL PICNIC</b> -<br>“Hawaii” Theme at <b>Dennis Walsh’s home</b> in Brea. [2027<br>Base Officer Candidates Announced]                                                     |
| September 6-11 | <u><b>USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION</b></u> *<br>in <b>Corpus Christi, Texas</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| September 19   | <b>MONTHLY MEETING.</b> (Location TBD) [Election of Officers]                                                                                                                                                   |
| September 26   | <b>Pop-up at Seal Beach Pier.</b> USSVI Booth                                                                                                                                                                   |
| October 17     | <b>MONTHLY MEETING -</b> (Location TBD)<br>[Annual Officer Installation Luncheon]                                                                                                                               |
| November 21    | <b>MONTHLY MEETING @ VFW Anaheim</b> “Thanksgiving” Theme*                                                                                                                                                      |
| December 5     | <b>Pop-up at Seal Beach Pier.</b> USSVI Booth 11:00 – 3:00                                                                                                                                                      |
| December 19    | <b>Annual CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON</b> * at the <b>NAVY GOLF COURSE</b><br>5660 Oranewood Ave., Cypress, CA 90630                                                                                                     |



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\* = See ‘fliers’ for more details later in this issue



USSVI LA / P Base  
photos from the  
**2026 Huntington Beach  
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

1. **Cindy Teare and Tami Westrick** tried to escape before the parade started.
2. **Bill Moak, Cave Vanderveen, Mike Swanson, Darin Detwiler, George Walrath, and Ray Teare** posing with our banner.
3. Fly-overs above Huntington Beach.
4. **Mike Swanson, Dave Vanderveen, Chuck Senior, and George Walrath** carrying our USSVI banner.
5. **George Walrath, Chuck Senior, Mike Swanson, Dave Vanderveen** (ready to march away), then **Mike Swanson, Darin Detwiler, and Dave Vanderveen** (posing for a selfie).
6. Happy 250<sup>th</sup> America from Huntington Beach.
7. **Paul Riggs** (taking a photo of **Darin Detwiler**).
8. **Dave Semrau** in the driver's seat of his car with **Sue Bolton, Ray Teare, and Bill Moak** (waving).
9. **Dennis Bott** is chillin' out in the trailer pulled by **The Westricks'** truck.
10. While **Stan Westrick** hauls the trailer to the parade staging area, **Darin Detwiler** takes a selfie with **Ray Teare, Dennis Bott, Bill Moak, Mike Swanson, George Walrath, Chuck Senior, and Paul Riggs**
11. **Dave Vanderveen** and the banner as he waves to the crowd.
12. **Dave Semrau** drives his classic car with the USSVI parade banner behind, followed by the **Westrick's** truck pulling a trailer, then the banner and truck of the USS Bonefish base (with USS *Bonefish* model in tow).
13. **The Westricks'** truck with permanent awesomeness and temporary parade décor as well.
14. **Stan and Tami Westrick** with **Cindy Teare** trying to hide from the camera.
15. The two trucks and their trailers before the parade officially started.





# VIDEOS

## 2026 Huntington Beach Independence Day Parade Focus: USSVI LA / P Base



(Detwiler's cell phone  
and ABC 7 TV News  
Footage)

[LINK](#)

(Photo Montage  
of various photos  
from the parade)

[LINK](#)

(CITY OF HUNTINGTON  
BEACH Coverage –  
starting at our entry)

[LINK](#)

(Spectator View  
of the parade –  
starting at our entry)

[LINK](#)



### "Run Silent, Run Deep"

USSVI LA/P  
July 3, 2026  
BAY THEATRE



[LINK](#)

USSVI LA / P Base Members visit  
**Oscar Mayer Wienermobile &  
CA State Senator Bob Archuleta**  
at L.A. COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM  
July 3, 2026



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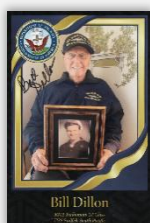
## HONORING WWII SUB VETS

**Event Footage**  
USSVI LA / P Base at  
L.A. COUNTY FIRE  
MUSEUM  
June 20, 2026



[LINK](#)

**Bill Dillon**  
WWII Sub Vet  
(Oral History)



[LINK](#)

**Pat Zilliagus**  
WWII Event Message  
(Filmed by Ron Jones)  
For July 20, 2026



[LINK](#)

**Behind the Scenes footage**  
USSVI LA / P Base at  
L.A. COUNTY FIRE  
MUSEUM  
June 20, 2026



[LINK](#)

**Memorial Day, 2026**  
City event w/ LIONS CLUB  
Eisenhower Park,  
Seal Beach, CA



[LINK](#)

### Submarine Memories

('Coffee table'  
slide show  
collection)



[LINK](#)



If **you** have taken, are in the possession of, or find a video of our base members, activities, or even just submarines in general (maybe from a vacation where you visited a museum boat), please consider sending us the link, along with a brief review explaining the story behind the video. Old, new, bad quality, professional – they're all welcome! Your submission may be featured in a future issue.

## 68 Years Ago This Month: "Nautilus, 90° North"

By Dr. Darin Detwiler



**Admiral Rickover**  
1900-1986

"Father of the Nuclear Navy," he is the longest-serving officer in U.S. Navy history, completing 63 years of active service.



**Vice Admiral Wilkinson**  
1918-2013

"Underway on nuclear power."

Served aboard 6 then commanded 4 submarines. Later commanded Submarine Force Atlantic, served as Deputy CNO for Submarine Warfare.



**Captain Anderson**  
1921-2007

"Nautilus, 90° North."

Later, Assistant to Admiral Rickover; co-author of *Nautilus 90 North*; Democratic U.S. Representative for Tennessee's 6th Congressional District (1965 to 1973).



**President Eisenhower**  
1890-1969

Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during WWII and later championed America's investment in STEC and national defense during the Cold War.

Sixty-eight years ago this month, USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571) secured her place in history with one of the most famous entries ever recorded in a ship's log: "*Nautilus, 90° North.*"

On August 3, 1958, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine became the first vessel to reach the geographic North Pole while remaining completely submerged. The achievement marked the successful completion of *Operation Sunshine*, an extraordinary mission that demonstrated the unmatched capabilities of nuclear propulsion and forever changed submarine operations.

The accomplishment was years in the making. Conceived under the leadership of Commander (later Admiral) **Hyman G. Rickover**, USS *Nautilus* was designed to overcome the greatest limitation of conventional submarines: the need to surface frequently. Following her commissioning in 1954 under Commander **Eugene P. Wilkinson**, *Nautilus* put to sea on January 17, 1955, prompting Wilkinson to transmit one of the most famous messages in naval history: "*Underway on nuclear power.*" With those three words, the Nuclear Navy was born.

By 1958, *Nautilus* had already proven the revolutionary value of nuclear propulsion, but Operation Sunshine would provide its ultimate test. Under the command of Commander **William R. Anderson**, the submarine navigated beneath the Arctic ice cap without landmarks, without opportunities to surface, and with virtually no margin for error. At the height of the Cold War, only months after the Soviet Union's launch of *Sputnik*, the successful transit beneath the North Pole became a powerful demonstration of American technological leadership.

Commander Anderson later recalled that there was no dramatic sensation as *Nautilus* crossed the top of the world. Only the ship's instruments confirmed the historic moment. The crew celebrated with a North Pole party, commemorative postcards, and even a visit from "Santa Claus." One crewmember became the first person in history to reenlist at the North Pole.

After surfacing northeast of Greenland, the achievement was announced to the world. President **Dwight D. Eisenhower** personally congratulated the crew and awarded USS *Nautilus* the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, the first presented to a naval vessel during peacetime. Returning to New York, *Nautilus* was greeted by an armada of tugboats and fireboats before receiving a ticker-tape parade honor.

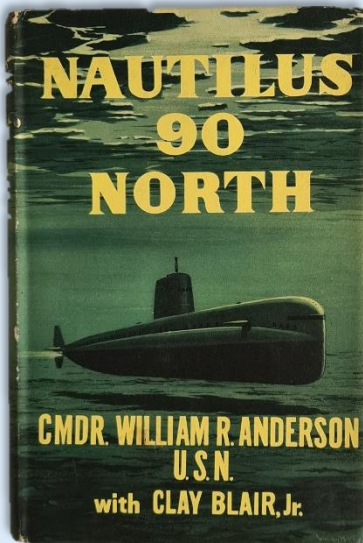
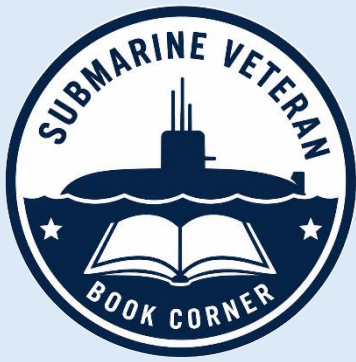
| SHIP'S POSITION                   |                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| U. S. S. NAUTILUS                 |                                                                                                                |
| T-1: COMMANDING OFFICER           |                                                                                                                |
| DATE OF OBS.                      | 3 August 1958                                                                                                  |
| TIME                              | 1915U                                                                                                          |
| POSITION                          | 90° 00.0' N Indefinite                                                                                         |
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| LONGITUDE                         | Honolulu 4844                                                                                                  |
| ALTITUDE                          | North Pole Zero                                                                                                |
| TIME                              | 180 MKM 3E MKM 0 170 E                                                                                         |
| TIME                              | 244 359                                                                                                        |
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| REMARKS: LT J. Paul M. Gendy, USN |                                                                                                                |



For members of the Silent Service, the significance of that simple logbook entry extends far beyond a point on a map. It represents the courage to attempt the impossible, the professionalism of a pioneering crew, and the beginning of a new era in undersea warfare. Nearly seven decades later, "*Nautilus, 90° North*" remains one of the defining moments in the proud history of THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE FORCE.







Looking for your next great read? Each month the **Submarine Veteran Book Corner** will feature a noteworthy book about the Silent Service. Our selections will primarily focus on nonfiction, including memoirs, patrol histories, naval history, biographies, and other works that honor the people, missions, and legacy of the U.S. Submarine Force.

In 1959, William R. Anderson, with Clay Blair Jr., published *Nautilus 90 North*, a significant account of the historic journey of the *Nautilus*, offering a detailed narrative of OPERATION SUNSHINE - a significant technological and military milestone during the Cold War era. Anderson's firsthand insights provide readers with an authentic recounting of the challenges and triumphs faced by the crew. The story celebrates human ingenuity and perseverance while highlighting the broader implications of submarine warfare and nuclear technology in the mid-20th century.



One story from this book is as follows:

In June 1958, as USS *Nautilus* prepared for its top-secret mission to reach the North Pole beneath the Arctic ice, the boat made a brief stop in Everett and Seattle. During the visit, the crew discovered a leaking condenser that threatened to delay the historic voyage.

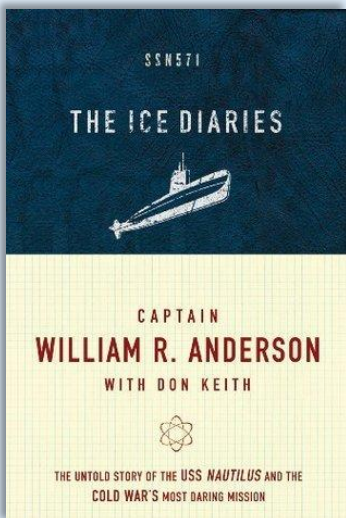
With no time for conventional repairs and strict secrecy surrounding the mission, Commander William Anderson ordered sailors into civilian clothes and sent them in taxicabs to local service stations across Seattle to quietly purchase 140 quarts of Bar's Leaks, an automotive radiator sealant. Half of the supply was poured into the condenser, successfully stopping the leak.

FOLLOW UP:

In 2008, along with Don Keith, Anderson wrote an updated version of the story of the *Nautilus* in *The Ice Diaries: The Untold Story of the USS Nautilus and the Cold War's Most Daring Mission*. This book, according to comments from Anderson in interviews, came about nearly 50 years later, after much information was no longer classified as secret and was approved for public release.

If **you** have a favorite submarine book, we'd love to hear about it. Whether it's a classic WWII patrol memoir, a Cold War history, a biography, or even a submarine-themed novel, we'd welcome your recommendation.

Consider sending a photo of yourself with the book, along with a brief review explaining why you recommend it. Your submission may be featured in a future issue, helping fellow members discover another great story from the Silent Service.





What's in your Collection?  
Share a photo and story  
of a pin from your vest!

For many of us, collecting submarine lapel pins is about much more than building a collection. Each pin represents a story, whether it commemorates a submarine, a reunion, a historic event, a memorial, or the lifelong camaraderie of the Silent Service. Together, they create a visual timeline of my connection to the submarine community and the remarkable people who have served beneath the sea.

They also become conversation starters, giving owners the opportunity to share the history, traditions, and sacrifices of our submarine force with others. Some even come from places like DISNEYLAND, reminding us that submarines have long captured the public's imagination and have become enduring icons in popular culture as well as naval history. Every pin reminds us that our stories deserve to be preserved and passed on, ensuring that the legacy of those who served before us continues to inspire future generations.



YES -  
These are  
REAL!

Badge worn by "crew" on  
the DISNEYLAND  
Submarine Voyage,  
from 1959 to ca. 1970  
(with wreath)  
and from 1959 to ca. 1963  
(without).



**DISNEYLAND Pin:  
SUBMARINE VOYAGE  
EST. 1959**  
Listing of original ride vehicles  
named after  
real nuclear submarines:  
(George Washington, Patrick Henry,  
Ethan Allen, Nautilus, Triton, Sea  
Wolf, Skate, Skipjack)

**U.S. Submarine  
Veterans WWII  
Los Angeles Area Chapter  
39<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
DISNEYLAND Hotel Event  
Anaheim, California  
Sept. 8-11, 1993**





# UNITED STATES SUBMARINE FORCE LOSSES ON ETERNAL PATROL

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WENT DOWN FIGHTING AND THAT THEIR BROTHERS WHO SURVIVED THEM  
TOOK A GRIM TOLL OF OUR SAVAGE ENEMY TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS."

-Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN

## AUGUST TOLLING OF THE BOATS



USS BULLHEAD (SS-332)

USS Bullhead (SS-332), a Balao-class submarine was the last U.S. Navy ship lost to enemy action in World War II. She sank with all hands (84 men) on 6 August 1945, in the Lombok Strait during her third war patrol. *Bullhead* was sunk by a depth charge dropped from a Japanese army aircraft. the same day the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.



USS FLIER (SS-250)

Lost on August 13, 1944 during her second war patrol. Flier had been transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a large explosion (probably a mine) and the ocean closed over her in less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water to swim ashore. Of them, eight survived, and six days later, friendly natives guided them to a coastwatcher who arranged for their safe evacuation by the USS *Redfin* (SS-272). 78 of Flier's total complement were lost.



USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 14, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island in the southwestern Pacific during her third war patrol. Her entire crew was able to get off the boat for rescue by the HMAS *Katoomba* (an Australian convoy escort and anti-submarine patrol ship).



USS HARDER (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 from a minesweeper's depth charge attack near Hermana Mayor Island off the west coast of Luzon. It was her sixth and final war patrol. *Harder* had received a PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION for her first five patrols, and her skipper, Commander Sam Dealey, was posthumously awarded the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. Known as "The Destroyer Killer" for her notable success against these capable anti-submarine vessels, *Harder* is tied for 9th among American submarines in number of enemy ships sunk. Seventy-nine brave souls rode her to the bottom on their Eternal Patrol



USS COCHINO (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway. Effects of the severe storm ignited an electrical fire and battery explosion, generating deadly hydrogen and chlorine gases aboard the boat. In continued extreme weather, men of the *Cochino* and of the nearby USS *Tusk* (SS-426) fought for 14 hours to save the stricken submarine. After another withering explosion, "Abandon Ship!" was called, and *Cochino* finally gave up her struggle and went down. Under the direst of emergency circumstances, *Tusk's* crew managed to rescue *Cochino's* entire complement except for one civilian engineer. Six *Tusk* sailors were tragically lost during the heroic rescue effort.



**WE REMEMBER** For those who gave their lives in defense of our country **WE REMEMBER**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# USSVI LA/P

## AUGUST MEETING

### *Hawaiian Theme*

E-BOARD MEETING 10-11  
GENERAL MEETING 11-12  
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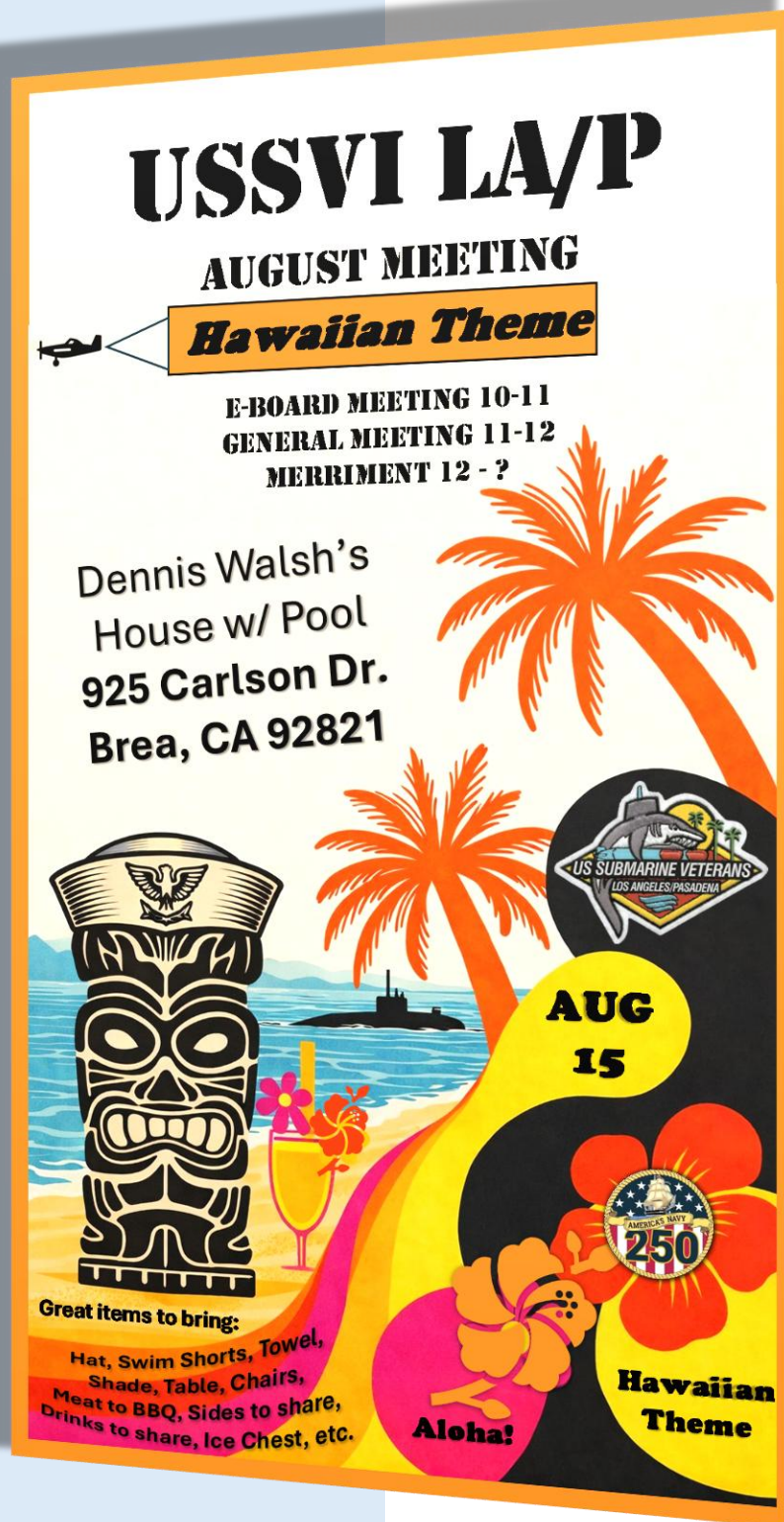
Dennis Walsh's  
House w/ Pool  
925 Carlson Dr.  
Brea, CA 92821

**AUG 15**

**Hawaiian Theme**

**Aloha!**

Great items to bring:  
Hat, Swim Shorts, Towel,  
Shade, Table, Chairs,  
Meat to BBQ, Sides to share,  
Drinks to share, Ice Chest, etc.

A colorful poster for the USSVI LA/P August Meeting. It features a tropical theme with palm trees, a tiki mask, a hibiscus flower, and a submarine. The text includes the event title, dates, location, and a list of items to bring. There is also a '250' anniversary seal.

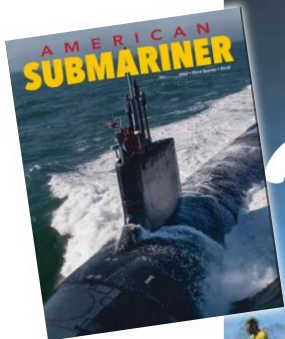
2026 USSVI  
National  
Convention  
Sep 06 - 11  
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## USS Nautilus (SSN-571)

- The first nuclear-powered submarine
- In commission 1954-1980
- After getting underway for the first time, Commander Eugene P. Wilkinson sent one of the most famous messages in naval history: *"Underway on nuclear power."*
- The first submarine to complete a submerged transit of the North Pole - August 1958
- Designated as a NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK in 1982
- Part of SUBMARINE FORCE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM since 1986



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- ✓ First-time sponsors receive a Boat Sponsorship Patch
- ✓ All sponsors entered into the quarterly Boat Model Giveaway drawing (one entry per sponsorship) — a \$500 value

### SUBMARINES IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

USS Columbia (SSN-721)  
USS Connecticut (SSN-22)  
USS Delaware (SSN-791)  
USS Greeneville (SSN-725)  
USS Helena (SSN-725)  
USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN-795)

USS Montana (SSN-794)  
USS North Dakota (SSN-784)  
USS Kentucky Blue (SSBN-737)  
USS Kentucky Gold (SSBN-737)  
USS Maine Blue (SSBN-741)

### Questions?

Jack Messersmith  
(928) 227-7753  
or e-mail  
MesserJ109@gmail.com







*In memory  
of the  
fifty-two  
submarines  
lost in  
World War II*



|           |          |           |
|-----------|----------|-----------|
| SEALION   | CISCO    | HARDER    |
| S-36      | S-44     | SEAWOLF   |
| S-26      | DORADO   | DARTER    |
| SHARK I   | WAHOO    | SHARK II  |
| PERCH     | CORVINA  | TANG      |
| S-27      | SCULPIN  | ESCOLAR   |
| GRUNION   | CAPELIN  | ALBACORE  |
| S-39      | SCORPION | GROWLER   |
| ARGONAUT  | GRAYBACK | SCAMP     |
| AMBERJACK | TROUT    | SWORDFISH |
| GRAMPUS   | TULLIBEE | BARBEL    |
| TRITON    | GUDGEON  | KETE      |
| PICKEREL  | HERRING  | TRIGGER   |
| GRENADIER | GOLET    | SNOOK     |
| RUNNER    | S-28     | LAGARTO   |
| R-12      | ROBALO   | BONEFISH  |
| GRAYLING  | FLIER    | BULLHEAD  |
| POMPANO   |          |           |

