

Sculpin Base POD

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The Sculpin Base POD is a quarterly publication of the Sculpin Base; a proud Base of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI).

USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

The purpose/creed of USSVI is to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

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

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

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Lost Submarines—Third Quarter

July

USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 men while conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance.



USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 77 men while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. 4 men sur-



vived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese.

USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 men while on her 1st war patrol. She radioed that she sank two subchasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again.



August

USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 men while on her 3rd war patrol in the Lombok Strait off the Bali coast when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane.



dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII. .

USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef off Rossel Island (Yela), New Guinea while on her 5th war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and was rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.



Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 men while on her 2nd war



patrol. She was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank in less than a minute. 8 men survived and made it to shore where friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin 6 days later. Flier's wreckage has been located south of Palawan Island near the Philippines' Balabac Strait.

USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 6th war patrol near Bataan in the Philippines from a depth charge attack by a Japanese minesweeper.

USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and



chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.

September

USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhaust-



ed crew was rescued during the next few days through a hole cut in the hull in the tiller room. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful. S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned off the Delaware Capes, 40 miles offshore.



USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on September 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 8th war patrol near the Tablas Strait in the Philippines to unknown causes.



USS Pompano (SS-181)

Lost on September 17, 1943 with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol off Honshu, sunk by enemy mine.



USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on September 25, 1925 with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island, RI.



USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on September 28, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 1st war patrol in the Sulu Sea, west of Mindinao in the Philippines, sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs.



Additional information can be found on USSVI Website, just click on "Lost Boats"

Please remember all Veterans and the families of POWs and MIAs. Remember National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, September 17th. National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

A national-level ceremony is held on every National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Traditionally held at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of military service and participation from high-ranking officials.

In addition to the national-level ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities.

No matter where they are held, these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.

Since 1999, the POW/MIA Accounting community has created a post-





The "POD" from the Engineroom Upper Level

Hey Shipmates,

We are all older, but there is still some good fighting left in us. Me, I'm a "fighter" for getting my fellow veterans working together to make our communities better. I enjoy working with other veterans to bring out the patriotism in others and to educate our youth.

I work not only with our SubVets but with American Legion and VFW Posts, and within our USSVI Central District One. I enjoy working with my fellow submarine veterans the most. We all have that certain bond that brings us together as a "crew".

When Bases are spread out such as ours, it takes a little more effort (and a little gasoline) to work on any project or even make a meeting. I try to stress car-pooling as it saves gas and creates bonding. As I tell every veteran, your family comes first, but if you can make it to a Sculpin Base event, please do.

Thanks to all who voted in the Central District One election. I ran un-opposed but was still a little disappointed in the voter "turnout". The USSVI is your organization, please vote in future elections and in all elections. - Moe(SS)

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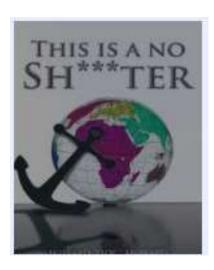
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Other BS scattered about like "sanitary blown inboard"





Commander— E. Dale "Moe" Moses

As you know there is a vacancy for the position of

Sculpin Base Vice Commander. Per the Base Bylaws I can appoint a member (non-associate type) to that position to serve until are next election cycle (2024). The basic duties are to fill-in for the Commander and others tasks as the come along, such as Base Point-of-Contact (POC). The BC and VC must be "Qualified in Submarines" while other elected Officers and appointed position do not have to be. Please consider filling this position.

Our Base turns three years old this month. Time flies when you are having fun. No seriously; we are progressing along just fine. Many of us are strangers to each other. How can we get to know each other better? I'm open to suggestions. Do we need to meet more often? Do we need a "common goal" project (such as the bench)? A family type party or picnic? I'm open to any and all ideas.

Being involved with the Legion, USSVI, and VFW (not to mention the 40et8) for the past 36 years, I understand that not everyone wants to get involved, some of you are "card carriers" only. That's fine we still need you all. I will say that USSVI Bases have the highest ratio of members at a meeting to number of Base members.

I have seen members in all of these or-

ganizations that will work on projects, events, and parades but will not attend meetings. Yours truly never liked "to have a meeting for the sake of having a meeting" in my previous job(s), but I do see the need in my veterans organizations. My coworkers I saw everyday, my veteran workers not. Veteran workers are truly dedicated. They work not for money, but for the enjoyment they receive from working with fellow vets. What a feeling I get when a child comes up to me and says "I remember you coming to my school and teaching us about the Flag." I get that same feeling working with all of you, whether it's in a meeting, on a project, or doing a parade.

My intention is to inspire you to get involved, not to make anyone feel bad about not being able or wanting to get involved. I really, really thank you for your membership and your service to our Great Nation. And thank you that have brought in new members. Don't quit asking other Bubbleheads to join, we need them, especially the ones younger than us.

And don't forget to get the wives involved. They are the ones that kick our butts off the couch and get us going. They can be associate members. They get things done. They have motivational skills above and beyond.

Thank you all for listening. - Moe(SS)



Vice Commander Vacant (your name could be here)

HELP WANTED

The Sculpin Base is seeking a "Qualified in Submarines" candidate to fill the position of Vice Commander.

Duties include:

Assist the Base Commander in the performance of his/her duties.

Preside over meetings in the absence of the Base Commander

Serve on the Board of Directors.

Perform all the duties of the Base Commander should he become incapacitated (he drank too much again).

Serve as the membership chairperson of the Base unless another member is appointed as the Membership Chairperson.

Prepare a turnover package for his/her relief, containing all information and correspondence relative to the office.

This position is open to all SS rates and even to "O-gangers" (Skimmers need not apply)

The pay is terrible, but is rewarding to work with fellow Sculpin Base members a.k.a. "the Cream of NE Kansas"

Contact Moe(SS) for further details.

Hurry, this position may not last long (at least I hope not).

Base Secretary/Treasurer/ Membership Bret Cortright

I will email the minutes of our last meeting in the upcoming week prior to our next meeting on August 12th so everyone will have the opportunity to "refresh" their memories. Also, just planting a seed,



Sculpin Base elections are a year away. I encourage everyone to step up and run for an office. The positions of commander and vice commander are the only two that require full USSVI membership, treasurer and secretary can be filled by Associate Members and can be separate officers, they do not have to be one person as it currently is

Treasurer's Report will be sent out via email to all membership along with the minutes of our previous meeting about a week in advance of our August 12th meeting in Burlington.

Since our last meeting in May, June 12th to be exact, I renewed Sculpin Base's Non Profit status with the State of Kansas. This will be reflected on the upcoming Treasurer's Report.

We have not added any new members this quarter. I did however, since our last meeting, hand out six (6) of my Sculpin Base business cards for potential new members. Four of them were at Legend's Field in Kansas City, KS where the wife and I were watching the Monarchs play. One was in a drive through at the Bonner Springs Dairy Queen and another at the Shawnee Days Parade. While I haven't heard back from them, at least it's

getting our name out there.

Membership renewals will be here before you know it. I will be sending out letters to each member reflecting their specific membership status and amounts due to ensure membership(s) do not become inactive.

Sculpin Base Caps.....\$20.00 Sculpin Base Patch....\$5.00 USSVI 2023 calendars.....\$8.00

If there is any sub related item(s) that you may be interested in, please let me know and I will see about getting it.

Sculpin Base Binnacle List

Faye Schmidt!

Next Base Meeting is Saturday, August 12th.

American Legion
Post 38
113 N. 3th St.
Burlington, KS

A Light Lunch (if desired) provided (by donation)at 1200

Meeting to follow at 1300.

Come have *Chow* with some shipmates.



Chief of the Boat Dennis Mosebey

COB's Corner-My First Eagle Scout Presentation

On June 18, I made my first Eagle Scout presentation to Anthony Fusaro, son of Marc and Sherri Fusaro of Emporia. Anthony is a member of Troop 158. On his journey to Eagle Scout, he completed 35 merit badges, 13 of which are mandatory in such areas as citizenship, leadership, and First Aid. He also received two separate awards, one for the One Mile Swim and another for Ad Altare Dei. Ad Altare Dei is a Catholic award started by Father Dolan and means "to the Altar of God" and it is unique to Roman Catholic Boy Scouts.

His favorite thing about scouting was attending Camp Orr and Camp Geiger. He was inducted into the honorary tribe of Mic-O-Say and has advanced to the rank of Fire Builder. His tribal name is Stone Flight. He has also been inducted into the Order of the Arrow and is a member of the Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge.

His Eagle Project was leading a team to rehabilitate a dock at King Lake near Profit Aquatic Research and Outreach Center on the campus of Emporia State University. The old dock was unsafe as it had a hole in the center and a pipe running across the deck. Anthony and his team removed the pipe, repaired the dock and added safety railings such that the dock can now be used again safely. This benefits fishermen and others who wish to use the dock. After the presentation Anthony related to me that when he was in Cub Scouts and lived in Arkansas, he had toured USS Razorback and was instrumental in getting an overnight stay program started. I said to him, "See you already have submariner blood in your veins." Below are some pictures of the presentation and Anthony and his family. Due to his being away, the base commander allowed me to do the presentation and I thank our base coordinator, Monté Schmidt, for getting the certificate signed to support the presentation. Perhaps

we shall see this fine young man in our submarine service someday.

By the way, please ensure you are getting to Scout troops in your area to alert them to this great program.



The Fusaro Family: Sherrie, Talia, Anthony and Marc

Below: COB Dennis Presents of the Certificate





Base Chaplain Lamont "Monte" Schmidt



Monte got busy, so here's some words of wisdom from "God's Little Instruction Book:

God can heal a broken heart, but he has to have all the pieces. My son, give me thine heart...Proverbs 23:26a

The trouble with the guy who talks too fast is that he often says something he hasn't thought of yet. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few. Ecclesiaster 5:2

The best way to get the last word is to apologize. If you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth, then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands; Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor! Proverbs 6:2,3 (NIV)

God plus one is always a majority!... If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31b

Ignorance is always swift to speak. ...Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. James 1:19b

The poorest of all men is not the man without a cent but the man without a dream. Where there is on vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18a

Two things are hard on the heart—running up stairs and running down people. Let no corrupt communication preced out of your mouth; but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the bearers. Ephesians 4:29

Another MoSeS Sea-Story

Since I'm not getting input from "you slackers" you'll just have to listen one of mine.

I came on-board the USS Will Rogers (SSBN-659) in September of '73 right after nuclear prototype training. We drove straight to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, ME in a '73 VW Beetle pulling a small trailer loaded with a baby crib (the only furniture we had) and all our personal belongings. Colleen was seven and a half months "PG" with our first child; before the days of knowing whether to buy blue or pink sheets for the crib.

We got to the base and talked to a lady at Housing Referral. She said there was no Navy Housing available and was worried about Colleen. She directed us to look at some civilian housing, but check back with her in the afternoon.

We looked at some, but not within our price range. We checked back that afternoon and she found us a furnished Navy substandard two bedroom duplex for 90 buck per month. We took it.

A day or two later after settling and wanting to save leave, I checked aboard; or tried. Showed the nice "rent-a-cop" my orders and he pointed me toward the boat saying something about a drydock.

Look, a submarine (never seeing a submarine before) in drydock that's it! I crossed the brow saluted the colors (learned that in the movies) and gave the topside watch my orders. He gave me that "are you stupid" look and said "This is the USS Greenling, you want that barge forward of us. Your boat is in front of that barge."

So I went to the barge and the Quarter Deck watch looked at my orders and said "Wait, I'll get someone from M-Div here." This was like 0700, and I did not know the ship's crew were in sections; I did not know what to expect.

Soon I was greeted by a tall MM1, who introduced himself as the section leader and to call him "Swede". He said, "We are just about to be relieved from Mids, but I'll take you to the shop and introduce you. We



walked down the passage way to a plywood door that said M-Div. Both crews were combined at this time and the section was in the "mid-shift sucks, ready for turn-over mode" with most sitting on stools with their heads down on the work bench, while others sat in chairs "catching some Z's"

Now remember, I went by "Dale" then, but officially "Moses, Ellis D." was on all my Navy documents. We enter the shop, and Swede says, "Hey Sherlock, here's your Brother!" This Black (back then) second class raises his head from the workbench, looks at me and shakes his head, and returns to the bench.

Swede told me later since JW "Sherlock" Holmes was the only black man in M-Div he saw my name and was sure he was getting a "Bro". A few months later while the crews were still together and on sea-trials, Sherlock was my ERLL watch Sea-Daddy. I learned much from this man. I was sorry to see him go the Gold Crew, while I was the last watch ERLL watch to fill-out the Blue Crew watchbill.

JW and I would cross paths often when I would travel to Pittsburgh in my later years working on AP1000 for Westinghouse. Great guy.

Back to the pregnant wife story. I worked on the barge for about three weeks doing "sh*tty little odd jobs" for the Bull Nuke MMCS(SS). I kept bugging him to put me in a duty section so I could learn something, finally he did. We were moved back to the boat by then, except for berthing. That did not bother me, I was in housing. I was assigned to Mid-shift starting that night; so I might be off on the wife's due date.

I rode an old bicycle with one handlebar and a seat that would not tighten (before duck tape and I was a nub not know about EB green) so that the wife could have the car. I had just gotten to boat and was going to have some mid-rats prior to going back aft. Someone on the Dial-X said I have a call on the engineroom phone. I hauled ass back to answer the call. Her water broke. I told my LPO and he said "Go". I hop on my bike and start peddling ass home, praying the drawbridge was

down, it was. She had two weeks to go, but I got her to the small "hospital" on Base and four hours later I was a Dad. That will be fifty years ago on 18 October. Hard to believe it was that long ago.

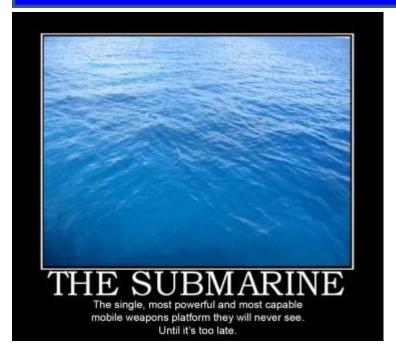
We all went through some crap, but I think our wives did too. Us going to sea and not knowing when or if we'd return; raising the kids; keeping the bills paid; etc.. We started out NUBs, but so did our wives. I'm very proud of my wife, I'd take qualifying all over before I'd take her job. - Moe(SS)



Got a story, I'm sure you do. Maybe your spouse has a story or two. I bet she does. Just takes a few minutes on a rainy, hot, or snowy day to type it up.

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This quarter's newsletter is very skimpy due to lack of crew participation. If this keeps up, we either will not have a Newsletter or, the COB will put you all on the "Dink List".

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to and they will surprise you with their ingenuity." - Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

Please take a few minutes and write a "seastory" or if you have not submitted a "bio", please submit one. I really need your input to keep this newsletter going. And if you like a job being editor, I will gladly accommodate a turnover.—Moe(SS)



Sculpin Base Funny (?) Page

What do you call a hooker on a submarine?

- A Substitute

If everybody in the world held hands around the equator, most of them would drown.

Did you know that after all these years, the swimming pool on the Titanic is still filled with water?

I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.

I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... so she hugged me.

My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else...

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

I thought growing old would take longer.

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, now I have no idea what's going on.

The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" We just laughed and laughed.... I need bail money.

I think the reason we are born with two hands is so we can pet two dogs at once.

Day 12 without chocolate. Lost hearing in my left eye.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to

mention morons.

A dog accepts you as the boss... a cat wants to see your resume.

Life is too short to waste time matching socks.

Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.

I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.

Some people call me crazy. I prefer happy with a twist.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major fit.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Project Manager. Because Miracle Worker isn't an official job title.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

Measure once, cuss twice

I don't care who dies in a movie, as long as the dog lives.

The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail and comes with unconditional love.



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Navy Offers \$75,000 for Recruits who Pursue Nuclear Jobs	<u>Article</u>
USS Kentucky Make Port Call in South Korea, First SSBN Visit in 40 Years	Article
Cuban gov. calls US nuclear submarine stop a 'provocative escalation'	Article
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Got Links or pictures you want to share with the Sculpin Base?

Send them to Moe at donutdad53@gmail.com

I am proud to have the (SS) designation. It's one of my most rewarding achievements; right after my wife and children. I wear Dolphins just about where ever I go; on my shirt, belt buckle or my cap. Sometime all three. I even wear them on my Legion and VFW Caps. I am proud of my time in the service of our Great Nation. And I'm proud to be a member of all my Veteran's groups, especially the USSVI. I thank every Veteran I see wearing a jacket or cap. It's not about who gave more years, it's about the fact that we all gave our word to

defend the United States of America.

So Shipmates, wear your Dolphins proud and educate those who ask "what is that emblem you wear?" Many will ask.





Shipmates leaving on Eternal Patrol this Quarter

Honoring the Sculpin Base Members

and our Sister Bases in Kansas; the Dorado Base and the Topeka-Jefferson City Base.







Topeka-Jefferson City Base member Carl Schmidt left on 4/16/23 for Eternal Patrol. Carl was an Life Member of USSVI. He Qualified in 1961 on the USS Triton SSN/SSRN-586). Carl held dual membership in the Razorback and USS Snook Bases.



John F. Berardi , ETR2(SS)



Topeka-Jefferson City Base member John Berardi left on 6/2/23 for Eternal Patrol. He Qualified in 1965 on the USS Tinosa SSN-606). Carl held dual membership in the Razorback and USS Snook Bases.