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Shipmates,

The 2018-2019 USSV CF Academic Scholarship Program has been completed and all of the awards have been mailed, each with a personal letter of congratulations, to each High School and College applicant who was selected by the USSV CF Scholarship Committee.

The award data for this year is:  
26 High School Applicants  
21 High School Awards totaling \$24,500.00.

46 College Applicants  
25 College Awards totaling \$28,000.00

I have also mailed a personal letter to each applicant who was not selected, encouraging them to apply next year starting on 15 October 2018.

Application Package quality was disappointing with nearly each applicant having made errors, such as in-complete, illegible, or missing critical data. The Committee and I spent a great deal of time assisting the applicants so that every application was complete. I am in the process of addressing this issue in separate correspondence to The National Board as part of my recommended actions to convert the USSV CF Scholarship Program to a mature paperless system in conjunction with the efforts of the Dolphin Scholarship Program.

I believe that while each of our scholarships is important, there are elements of our program that require improvement and modification. These elements are:

- **USSV CF Scholarship Amounts are too low by half at a minimum.** We should increase the value of each scholarship by 100% at a minimum. However, this requires that the Scholarship fund be increased accordingly or the number of Awards be reduced by 50%. I strongly recommend that USSVI conduct a Scholarship Fund Donation Drive to our member base. I continue to work on external philanthropic donations which are a major challenge.
- **The Scholarship application process and procedure is antiquated and requires significant streamlining and improvement.** To that issue I have met with the leadership of the Naval submarine League and the Dolphin Scholarship Program. I have recommended and requested approval to team with the Dolphin Scholarship Program to create a paperless scholarship application procedure and tools. I leave approval of that request to the National Leadership Board decision on approval.

I have been supported without pause or hesitation from all the senior USSVI Staff and the Scholarship Board. My thanks to the always responsive assistance from Fred Borgmann, Bob Bowman and Paul Orstad.

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