



## A Short History

### *Our Purpose*

*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 it's Constitution."*

The United States Submarine Veterans was started by members of United States Submarine Veterans of World War II led by Dominic "Joe" Negri and others who shared a belief in the need for an organization open to ALL submariners from the very beginning of the Submarine Service through to the present and into the future - not limited to just those who served so ably in the Second World War.

A founders meeting was held October 12, 1963 in Orange, NJ and the United States Submarine Veterans organization was born.

On May 24, 1964, the organization was officially chartered in New London. This charter granted the right to operate and conduct business in all fifty states. Since 1964 USSVI has grown to over 12,000 members, with over 150 Bases located throughout the U.S. and with an active Subvets Charitable Foundation established to carry out good works. Base #1, Groton Base has grown to over 2,000 members, far outstripping all other Bases, and the National Office has moved to Silverdale, WA, reflecting the National nature of USSVI.

The purposes of USSVI can be defined as "Remembrance" of our departed submarine shipmates and the sacrifices they made in the name of freedom; Comradeship and good times with our USSVI Subvet brothers at meetings and conventions, and Benevolence, by doing charitable works in support of our creed for all submariners and our offspring.

Joe Negri and the other founders of USSVI would be proud and we honor our finest with the annual prestigious "Joe Negri" award in honor of this farseeing WW II Subvet who wanted to create an organization for all submariners, no matter when they served.

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