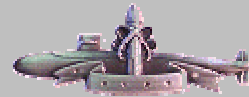
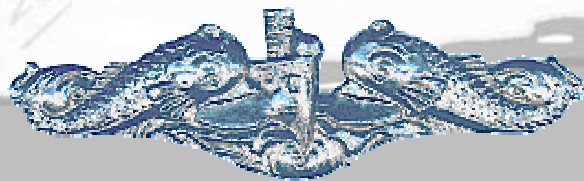


# Pikes Peak Periscope

## THE USSVI 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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government.*



"That's our CREED above, but it's not who we are.

**We are United States Submarine Sailors! We were, and are, members of the elite fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES.**

**Included are submariners from the very early boats: S, R or earlier: WWII boats; post-war GUPPY boats and FBM and Fast Attack submariners. All Qualified in Submarines - from E2 to 4 Stars. Retired, short timer, or active duty - it makes no difference.**

**If you are Qualified in Submarines we want you in United States Submarine Veterans Inc.**

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## UP SCOPE!!!

The participation is booming, give us a clue what we need to continue doing right, we had another excellent meeting. Even had room for a lot of the wives. Glad they missed last month, we'd been in big trouble with the phone booth we were in. Super turn out, lot of potential members showed up, and hopefully what they saw convinced them we need their participation. We had a great lunch graciously hosted by our newest member Kevin Hubbell, at the, by the now "Infamous" Southside Johnny's (Colorado version of the "Horse & Cow" ??). Kevin many thanks to you and the Staff for making us feel welcome.

As a side bar to our potentially new members, here's a picture of the Memorial that USSVI, and WWII vets worked so diligently to get erected, please go by Memorial Park's "Ring of Valor" and check it out.

*Chief Editor & Dishwasher; Steve*



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## Chaplains Message !

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.

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## March Meeting Minutes!

**Meeting Place:**

Southside Johnny's  
528 S. Tejon St.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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### 19 March 2005

Meeting called to order at 1247 by Base Commander Joe Maurelli.

**Officers Present** (7): Base Commander Joe Maurelli, Vice Commander Steve McKee, Base Secretary Jim Manning, Base Treasurer Bernie Herpin, Base Chaplain Charlie Flood, Base Storekeeper Bill Perkins, Base COB Woody Woods

**Members Present** (11): Ken Andrew, Willis Broyhill, Ken Gilman, Ed Hanemann, Kevin Hubbell, Snuffy Hughes, Tom Maher, Brandon Martinez, Dennis Miller, Gerald Puls, Robbie Robertson,

**Guests** (13): Sandy Broyhill, Elli Flood, Laurie Manning, Jake Manning, Elaine Puls, Susie Butters, Gregg Zoppa (Wasson NJROTC Senior Chief), Pete and Sharon Disterlic (Rocky Mountain Base), Potential New Members: Ray Butters (USS Bugara, SS 331), Pete Klismet (USS Bugara, SS 331), Dave Kreger (USS Sunfish SSN 649) and Michael Smith, CDR USN (USS Narwhal SSN 671).

Pledge of Allegiance: Yes  
Prayer: Yes, Charlie Flood.

**Introduction of New Members:** Kevin Hubbell

**Introduction of Guests:** All Guests were introduced

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the 19 February 2005 Meeting read by Jim Manning  
Motion to accept Secretary's Report: Snuffy Hughes  
Seconded: Dennis Miller  
Motion Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** as of 19 March 2005:

Attached  
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Jim Manning  
Seconded: Ken Andrew  
Motion Carried

**Chaplains Report:** None

**Storekeeper Report:** Showed Items in the Ships Store for Sale.

**Memorials and Services:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Social Committee:** VA: Pueblo, Ice Cream Social

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each Month at 2pm  
Volunteers: Steve

McKee, Brandon Martinez

**Membership Committee:** Ed Hanemann (Chairman)

**Road & Park Committee:** Warren Riedell (Coordinator)

**Annual Picnic Committee:** Snuffy Hughes (Chairman), Ken Gilman, and Jim Manning

**Special Reports/Speakers:** 2

1. Letter from Ann Cloyd was read, she is moving to Pueblo, thanked SCB for support.
2. Letter from Jim McDonald was read, they are moving south, thanked SCB for support.

**Recognitions:** None

**Old Business:**

1. Adopt a Highway vs. Adopt a Park
  - a. After a survey of the stretch of highway, it was determined that it would be too dangerous.
  - b. Coordinator met with the City of Colorado Springs to secure a park to adopt.
    - i. Monument Valley Park was secured.

- c. Jim Manning made a motion, "Accept the park over the Highway for safety reasons"
  - i. Seconded by Kevin Hubbell
  - ii. Motion Carried
- d. Will coordinate clean up days with our meeting dates.
- 2. Wasson NJROTC Sponsorship
  - a. Report from Sr. Chief Zoppa.
    - i. Currently 89 Cadets
    - ii. Career and Citizenship building program.
    - iii. Discussed mutual help.
      - 1. We could provide support, financial and time
      - 2. They can help in our memorial services, clean up, etc.
    - iv. Kids hold their own fundraisers, but sometimes come up short.
  - b. Driving Factors
    - i. SCB Sponsor all activities
    - ii. Some time to show up for Award nights and Balls
    - iii. Monetary Support
  - c. Ken Gilman made a motion, "SCB be the sponsor of the Wasson NJROTC, They are to approach SCB for any funds and SCB will vote on at that time dependant on funds"
    - i. Seconded by Willis Broyhill
    - ii. Motion Carried, 3 opposed
- 3. Float – Snuffy Hughes
  - a. Robbie building Guppie Fleet Boat and Snuffy to build a Nuclear Style Boat
  - b. Snuffy has an 8'6"X 26' Trailer
  - c. Working on getting some materials donated
  - d. Will be fiberglass with keel and ribs
  - e. Will need fringe/skirting, can get wholesale.
  - f. Would like to use Wasson NJROTC.
- 4. Picnic – Steve McKee
  - a. Secured Turkey Creek Ranch
  - b. Will be on 16 July 2005

- c. Emailed Denver and Thunder Mountain Bases, Denver was favorable, Thunder Mtn. had other things going but is interested in next year.
- d. Southside Johnny's will donate to the picnic.
- e. Jim Manning will get information for dry camping.
- 5. Flower Fund – Bill Perkins
  - a. Due to negative balance in the flower fund, stop sending to members and use for wives and Deceased.
  - b. Bill Perkins made a motion, "The Post Commander use discretion on when flowers will be sent, using the guidelines of using for wives and deceased, no flowers to members."
    - i. Seconded by Woody Woods
    - ii. Motion Carried
  - c.
    - 1. Public Information Officer
      - a. Jim Manning made a motion, "Create the Public Information Officer (PIO)"
        - i. Seconded by Ed Hanemann
        - ii. Motion Carried
      - b. Kevin Hubbell accepted the position, Passed by membership.
    - 2. Membership Coordinator
      - a. Robbie Robertson made a motion, "Create the Membership Committee"
        - i. Seconded by Dennis Miller
        - ii. Motion Carried
      - b. Ed Hanemann volunteered, Passed by membership
    - 3. Memorial Services
      - a. Memorial Day Service – 30 May 2005
      - b. Battle of Midway Memorial Service at Memorial Park – 4 June 2005
        - i. Tom Maher requested we do this memorial

- ii. There is concern with our monetary commitments
- c. Ken Gilman made a motion, "Sponsor the Battle of Midway Memorial, with no monetary commitment, Ken Gilman and Snuffy Hughes will Fund"
  - i. Seconded by Snuffy Hughes
  - ii. Motion Carried
- 4. Bernie Herpin made a motion, "50/50 split to go to the Wasson NJROTC fund"
  - a. Seconded by Woody Woods
  - b. Motion Carried, 2 Opposed

**Local/National Sub Vets News (WWII & INC.):**

- 1. USS Grayling Memorial, 21 May 2005 in Denver
  - a. All Sub Vets are invited.
  - b. This function is free.

**Next Months Location, any Issues:**

Next Months location is at TREA, 16 April 2005.  
We will forgo the May meeting, so everyone can attend the USS Grayling Memorial at Sloan's Lake Park,  
June Meeting, Location at the Westcliffe Bowling Alley.  
Ray Butters won the 50/50

Call for Motion to Adjourn: Vice Commander Steve McKee  
Motion to Adjourn: Steve McKee  
Seconded: Ken Gilman  
Motion Carried.

Closing Prayer: Yes: Charlie Flood.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1423**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Manning, Base Secretary  
U.S. Submarine Veterans  
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## **April Meeting Agenda!**

**Meeting Place: 16 April 2005**


**TREA, Murray & Emory, off Platte, in the Auxillary Room.**



Ok guys, I was reflecting on last months meeting and all the money we seem to have. Well, based on Bernie's report, were getting a little short, so as a suggestion for Aprils meeting I've included a couple of ideas from the bulletin boards of USSVI for doing fund raisers. I think we need to at least give it a look and see if we can come up with something to replenish the coffers.

Another thought, might be getting some sponsorship, and publishing their business cards in the newsletter for a small donation. We can advertise their business for a small donation. And maybe do some recognition and certain events. Just a couple of thoughts to table at the next meeting.

Please review the following ideas and bring some more ideas, or possible solutions on how we can raise some funds, without selling chocolate bars door to door. If we do some good pre-planning and get some advertising help, maybe we can make it work.

Of course there is always the proverbial Car Wash, on the corner of Academy and Fountain, with everyone wearing their Vests, and matching Speedo's ..... 

**Such as, we might try !!!**

### *Ozark-Runner Base Garage Sale*

We are a base that is not in a Navy town so we had a garage sale to fund a project we are currently doing.

We advertised it as a "Navy" garage sale with interesting items from all over. We held it in the parking lot of our local American Legion and set up a quarterdeck with a table and canopy, played patriotic music, made lots of strong "Navy Joe" and offered free coffee to anyone who purchases \$5 or more. We played on the peoples sense of patriotism and entertained them with sea stories and Navy tradition. This may not work in a heavy "Navy" town but in Springfield, Missouri it did! We had a good time our customers had a good time and we raised lots of money.

### ***RI Base Movie Marathon/Army-Navy***

Game/Pearl Harbor Memorial Service

The RI Base will be running a two-day event at American Legion Post #27 in Hope Valley RI on Dec 6th and 7th.

Over the weekend we plan to show a bunch of classic and contemporary submarine-related movies, Silent Service episodes, and will listen to some of Tommy Cox's best tunes during the intermissions.

On Saturday afternoon we'll watch the Army/Navy game on a BIG screen TV, and on Sunday we'll have a Pearl Harbor Memorial Service with some RI Pearl Harbor Survivors in attendance. For a small donation at the door, attendees will get an admission ticket good for BOTH days and includes pizza, popcorn and soda!!

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## **May, Proposed Agenda!**

For the month of May, We have been invited to participate as a Base in the Grayling Memorial Service, the following invitation was received and is open to all members of Southern Colorado Base.

At the April meeting we would like a head count, email or a phone call on your expected plans. This is an event we would like to make a significant showing to support Colorado SUBVETS. So if you can in anyway support it, it would be sincerely appreciated.

Also would like to suggest car-pooling as well, if you would like to team up with others lets arrange at the meeting.

**MAY MEETING, will be conducted with participation at the Memorial Service.**

COME ONE, COME ALL (FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOO!)

### ***U.S.S. GRAYLING (SS209) ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE***

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THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL INVITATION\*

TO THE  
SUBMARINE VETERANS' STATE  
MEMORIAL AND LUNCHEON  
DATE: Saturday, May 21, 2005  
TIME: 1100 Hours Sharp  
PLACE: SLOAN'S LAKE PARK, DENVER,  
CO

LOCATION: SHERIDAN BLVD. AND W.  
17<sup>TH</sup> AVE (N. E. Corner of above  
intersection)

### ***Directions!***

COMING FROM THE SOUTH: I-25  
NORTH, EXIT

COLFAX AVE. HEADING WEST FOR 2  
MILES, TURN RIGHT

OR NORTH ON SHERIDAN BLVD., GO 2  
BLOCKS AND TURN RIGHT. ON  
W. 17<sup>TH</sup> AVE., IMMEDIATE LEFT INTO  
PARKING LOT

COMING FROM THE WEST : TAKE I-70  
EAST TO SHERIDAN BLVD., SHERIDAN  
BLVD. SOUTH FOR 2.8 MILES, LEFT OR  
EAST  
ON W. 17<sup>TH</sup> AVE., IMMEDIATE LEFT INTO  
PARKING LOT

Please bring lawn or folding chairs as seating is limited.

We will provide some shade and complimentary water.

### ***LUNCHEON:***

***AMERICAN LEGION POST 161***

6230 W. 60 th Ave., (S. W. Corner of W.  
60<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Jay St.)

Please Use Special Events Entrance on the West Side of the Bldg..

TIME: 1300 Hours

Directions from Memorial to American Legion:

Sheridan Blvd. North To W. 60 th Ave, For 4.9 Miles, Turn Left or West onto West 60<sup>th</sup> Ave., Go approx. 1 mile and Turn Left at Jay St., The American Legion is located on the S. W. Corner of W. 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Jay St.

MENU: Beef or Cheese Lasagna  
Tossed Salad with dressing/Garlic Bread

Lemonade or Iced Tea and Cake

COST: \$8.50 per person (pre-paid only) No tickets available at the door due to advanced notice required by our **caterer**.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WIVES OF SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII

SEND TO: Bev Gibson (303-987-9358)  
2641 S. Hoyt Ct., Lakewood, Co. 80227

BEFORE MAY 11, 2005.

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## **Historical Notes !!**



Correction: There was a correction for the Red Devling article in last months Newsletter, so here it is.

Delete "Slade Cutter" and enter  
"and Medal of Honor holder, Cdr. George L. Street"

Slade Cutter did commission the Requin on 4/28/45 and his wife was sponsor. I don't know when Street took command, however I do remember the Cochino's CO, Cdr. W. A. Stevenson , who made 5 patrols as CO of USS Aspro SS-309, talking about the all of the "Big WWII shooters" that commanded the 10 boats in Squadron 4 at Key West. 5 EB and 5 Portsmouth boats, all commissioned between Feb and Dec 1945.

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### ***USS GRAYLING SS 209***

#### **September 9, 1943 - 76 Men Lost**

Grayling (Lt. Cmdr. R. M. Brinker) departed Fremantle on 30 July 1943, for her eighth patrol,

going through Makassar Strait and thence to the Philippine area. On 19 August, she reported having damaged a 6,000-ton freighter near Balikpapan, and the following day told of having sunk a 250-ton Taki Maru-type pocket tanker by gunfire in Sibutu Passage, taking one man prisoner. This was the last report received direct from GRAYLING. On 23 August, she completed a special mission at Pandan Bay, Panay, delivering cargo to guerrillas. Guerrillas reported this mission. Then she departed for Tablas Strait, there to reconnoiter until 2 September, when she would patrol approaches to Manila until 10 September. She was to return to Pearl Harbor for refit, passing from SubSoWesPac to Subpac on 13 September. She was not heard from after 19 August 1943, and on 30 September 1943, GRAYLING was reported as presumed lost.

Following war's end, the Japanese have submitted the following reports, which bear on GRAYLING. On 27 August 1943 a torpedo attack was seen by the enemy, and the next day a surfaced submarine was seen northeast. Both of the positions were in the Tablas Strait area. On 9 September a surfaced U. S. submarine was seen inside Lingayen Gulf; this ties with GRAYLING's orders to patrol the approaches to Manila. It is said that the freighter-transport HOKUAN MARU was engaged in a submarine action on the 9th in the Philippine area, but no additional date were available, and no known enemy attacks could have sunk GRAYLING. Her loss may have been operational or by an unrecorded enemy attack. At any rate, it is certain that GRAYLING was lost between 9 and 12 September 1943 either in Lingayen Gulf or along the approaches to Manila. ComTaskFor 71 requested a transmission from GRAYLING on the latter date, but did not receive one.

GRAYLING's first patrol, made in January and February 1942, was a reconnaissance of the northern Gilbert Islands. She went to the Japanese homeland for her second patrol, and sank a freighter and damaged a sampan. Truk was the scene of GRAYLING's third patrol;



she sank a large freighter. On her fourth patrol, this boat again went to Truk, and sank a medium tanker, while she damaged an aircraft transport. In January and February 1943, she patrolled the approaches to Manila on her fifth patrol. Here she sank two freighters and a medium freighter-transport and two schooners. Damage was done to a large tanker and two freighters. She went to the area west of Borneo for her seventh patrol, and sank a medium freighter and two sampans. Damage was done to a large tanker. Thus GRAYLING's total record is 16 ships sunk, totaling 61,400 tons, and six ships damaged, for a total of 36,000 tons.

***Sailors Lost On USS GRAYLING (SS-209) 9-12-1943***

Arnold, D. E. LT  
Baker, E. N. TM1  
Beavers, A. R. EM2  
Booker, J. W. LTJG  
Boyne, G., Jr. EM1  
Brinker, R. M. LCDR  
Burch, J. M. EM2  
Bush, J. W., Jr. MOMM2  
Campana, C. J. MOMM2  
Chockley, J. E. CMOMMA  
Clark, B. R. GM1  
Corbett, R. A. SM2  
Criswell, H. W., Jr. LT  
Dallaire, W. J. ENS  
Day, J. E. CTM  
Dillow, H. E. MOMM2  
Donaldson, F. W. COX  
Ellis, W. EM3  
Fontaine, D. I. PHM1  
Goodnight, J. C. MOMM1  
Grimes, C. A., Jr. S1  
Gurasko, T. J. S1  
Harbauer, R. E. SC1  
Harper, J. K. FC2  
Hawkins, C. H. MOMM1  
Hickcox, F. J. S1  
Hoffman, E. J. CTMA  
Howard, R. GM1  
Howell, J. L. S1  
Hunt, C. W. TM3  
Johnson, E. S1

Kelley, W. W. S1  
Kelly, J. E. MOMM1  
Keplinger, D. L. RM3  
Kysar, C. R. Y2  
Loudon, L. E. GM3  
Mabuti, S. P. CK2  
Maloy, F. B., Jr. LTJG  
Marks, J. H. MOMM1  
Mathis, M. O. F2  
Mulvenna, G. A. CTMA  
Nichols, C. W. BKR1  
Nichols, J. T., Jr. LT  
Oeldemann, H. C. F1  
Oliver, R. G. EM1  
Parrino, A. J. GM2  
Pawloski, J. T. MOMM1  
Quesenberry, M. J. TM  
Rainault, A. L. MM3  
Santos, J. C. ST2  
Sawerbrey, A. S. S1  
Schmidt, C. E. ELECT  
Schmidtmeier, H. A. EM3  
Scott, G. L. TM3  
Sebourn, L. E., Jr. TM3  
Sharrock, D. P. RM2  
Shields, W. S. EM3  
Simpkins, J. D. TM1  
Simpson, R. T. F1  
Small, R. E. CMMA  
Smith, J. C. CRMA  
Smoak, H. A. EM1  
Spencer, D. H. EM2  
Stevens, R. F. TM3  
Sullivan, E. F, Jr. LTJG  
Wallace, W. L. SC3  
Waller, J. J. QM2  
Welch, J. LTJG  
Welch, F. MOMM1  
Wetsel, A. F. MOMM2  
Whitcomb, H. O. EM1  
Wilson, J. H. TM2  
Wolf, M. A. MM3  
Young, J. H. RM2  
Zabs, R. L. S1

## Sea Story's

I'd say the thing that most characterized my time in the Navy was that no one really knew what I did for a living. It became clear early on that no one outside the military understands it fully. (Hell, some people IN the military didn't understand it. Remember all the people that refused to honor their commitment to serve in Desert Shield/Storm? Repetitive quotes of 'I didn't join for War! Just for the education!' Please. Remember when they kept mentioning 'guns' in boot camp.....? I'm willing to bet they NEVER said, 'And for those of you that signed up for combat.....' before a lesson.) Then the different services are REALLY different. And there is almost as much difference between the submarine fleet and the rest of the Navy. And on all of my subs, most of the guys didn't really connect with the Weapons Way of doing things. In Strategic Weapons, the Missile Techs were often PROUD of the fact that they didn't grasp Fire Control's process of targeting. Or our procedures. Or even our indications. (Honestly. On most of the PLANET, if you get an alarm, it's an alarm condition. In Fire Control, there are a lot of procedures that produce an 'expected' alarm, so it isn't really an alarm. WE knew the difference....) This never changed the fact that my chain of command was heavily sprinkled with or influenced by people that could give me orders they didn't understand. I think most of my pre-submarine screening wasn't to see if i could be trusted with nukes as much as if i could be trusted to follow the right orders, and follow the wrong orders in the right manner....

So anyway, here I post some things that happened, that i heard about, that shaped or confirmed my attitudes. (I started to post my attitude, when the FBI warned me about the current hate crime laws.) Ah, well, maybe you can decode my attitude from the following.....

We were giving a tour of the submarine to a few civilians that worked on the Strategic Weapons system. They'd actually never been on a sub, despite several years with the system, so they were quite excited, asking lots of questions. We were excited too, to get a tour group asking the Non-FAQ questions, and understanding the answers. We got to the Missile Control Center, and they were all over it. One guy kept mentioning that

the simulator for the system was a lot roomier, and you could work on equipment and still move around. Finally he said, 'You know, it'd make a lot more sense if MCC was about 8 feet wider.'

I agreed, except, 'See that bulkhead? I mean, the wall? If MCC was 1 foot wider, it'd be 11 inches into the ocean.'  
'Oh.'

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More evidence that we were different:

A reporter rode the sub for a few days. He interviewed the MCC watch:

Reporter: So, what kind of warheads do you have on the missiles?

Launcher: We don't talk about that, it's classified.

Rep: Okay, tell me about the food. (There were a few other soft questions, which we answered, then:) Now, can you confirm that the Mark (##) warhead is deployed on this ship?

Lchr: We WON'T talk about that, it's classified.

Rep: Okay, okay, now why did you join the Navy? (A few MORE questions to distract and lull, which we answered, then:) Now, did you say that was the Mark (##) warhead?

Lchr: Listen! That's classified. If you ask about it one more time, we're gonna call away a security violation, and break your leg!

Rep: Okay, okay, I can get this information anywhere.

Lchr: Then do so.

The fun part was watching the cameraman. We threatened (promised) violence, and he started towards the door. They guy we were gonna hit just kept talking.

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In Maneuvering, the room that controls the Nuc Pwr system, they always reminded me of the BattleStar Galactica Cylons. There was an enlisted at each panel, and an officer behind them, controlling all. In MCC, we had a lot more autonomy in the day to day operation of the system. This used to really bother the Air Force or Army officers touring or inspecting, as the U.S. Navy seems to be the only force in the World that lets enlisted control as much as they do.

Once, when tied up in Cocoa Beach, junior Nuclear Power officers toured our boomer.

One group included a few women. They had a lot of questions about our operation and maintenance. One Ensign kept asking and asking where the officer would be for this or that. She couldn't get her mind wrapped around the idea that our officers would give us NUCLEAR WEAPON instruction and then walk away. I'm sure she was a LOT of fun for those around her.

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I do want to say that the one time we did co-ed midshipmen operations, where 30-40 college kids from the Academy and ROTC program rode the boat for a week, touring, practicing and operating as much as possible, the female middies were the most impressive. The boys watched movies, and played video games, the girls cracked books, asked questions, drove, dove and operated and helped. For people that were probably never gonna ride subs, they took the opportunity for all it was worth. Two conversations I remember clearest from that week:

A female midshipmen went thru a training missile launch, taking it slow, operated every station, and asked questions like: 'If I was your division officer, and we got that indication, what would you do, what would I do?' And she didn't take it personally when I used phrases like '...and you'd try to stay out of my way.'

A male was on the mess decks, watching a movie, and spilled his soda. He looked over the the Chief of the Boat, and asked, 'Master Chief? Is there someone who cleans this up?' COB said, 'Sure.' and handed him a rag. Wish I had a camera for the look on the middy's face.

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In Navy Instructor School, I was the only bubblehead (submarine sailor) in the class. On the first day of class, someone rolled a grenade down the center of the classroom. I saw it, rolled out of my chair and belly crawled toward the door. The only other people in the class to react were the three marines. A marine corporal saw the grenade, stood, and turned toward the window. The Gunny grabbed him, threw him on the grenade. The Lieutenant grabbed the gunny, threw him on the corporal, and crouched. When it didn't go off, he stood, pointed to the pile, and said 'Marines are trained to protect their superiors.' When I stood and walked to my desk,

they razzed me, saying it had to be a dud, or no one would have thrown it. I reminded them that the week before, a guy in Great Lakes flunked out of Electrician School and was headed to the fleet as a Bosun's Mate. He took a gun to school and shot his instructor. 'And hey, if I was wrong, I got dirty, you stayed clean. And if you were wrong, I got dirty....'

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The Navy Blue Jumper is very difficult to get on and off unless you get one several sizes too big. I had one that was just a little big, then I bulked into it. (Yeah, yeah, read 'fat') On the first day of a class, someone pointed out that my three ribbons were in the wrong order. I'd pinned the bar on upside down. I wrestled my way out of the jumper, unpinned the ribbons, replace them correctly, and wrestled my way back into uniform. All in the classroom, took 5-6 minutes. Then I sat there for a second, looked at the ribbons. Slid one off each end of the ribbon bar, juggled them for a second, and slid them back on. Would have taken 5-6 seconds. When I mentioned this, of course, the whole class said, 'yeah, that's what I would have done.'

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A lot of sailors prefer for awards to follow them to the next command. The advantage of this is that the first time your new CO sees you, it's to give you an award, medal or other such 'attaboy.' One of my commands forwarded my first Good Conduct Medal to a four-week Leadership course. After I was presented with it, I sat back down at my table, and mentioned, 'Well, that's 4 years of not getting caught.' A female Bosun at the table went beserk. 'SOME people worked HARD for that damn medal, keeping their nose clean, keeping OTHER people's noses clean, earning the eval points, and watching the chief's back! SOME people don't like to hear the medal referred to that way! Especially when it would have been real easy to just go along with everyone else! And SOMETIMES you really got caught, but the officer thought you were worth looking the other way and letting it slide!' I looked at the other 3 sub sailors at the

table:

'I didn't get caught.'

'I didn't get caught.' and the MS:

'Oh, I got caught, but I blackmailed my way out of it.'

She asked to change tables.

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When I was on shore duty in the Navy, the office I worked in did a lot of repair work to documentation. One time, my lieutenant was between me and my desk, and I asked him to pass me some paper officers. He looked at me strange. I had to explain, "O-Ganger" is navy slang for an officer. The reinforcements for binder holes were 'o' shaped, and we had taken to calling them paper O's or paper O-gangers, or paper officers. He said, 'Everywhere else I've ever been, they've been called 'paper assholes.'"

After 10 seconds of pin-drop silence, he left, blushing furiously.

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Checked into Norfolk for Instructor Training. The Disbursing Clerk that checked me in instantly noted that Dam Neck had screwed up my Sub Pay and the Tender had never discovered the mistake (not a big leap to believe this). I had been underpaid for about 2 years. She said it'd be in my next check. At the time, as a 2nd class petty officer, with sub pay, I was getting about \$700 a payday. During IT school, the senior chief was handing out the checks, with commentary: 'Okay, that's \$1100 for me, cuz I deserve it, \$1000 for the chief, who almost deserves it, \$800 for the Aviation 1st, who may earn it some day, ....' Then he got to my check: 'And the bubblehead gets.....\$1950! How does a 2nd class get a \$1950 check?' Honestly, I answered, 'Oh, it's with sub pay....'

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## Convention News



### 2005 CONVENTION NEWS

Here's some information on the KC convention, there website is

<http://www.tjcsbase.org/convention/index.htm>

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

This page is your official, authoritative, and most current source of information regarding convention events. Through these activities, we wish to provide a wide variety of activities that will stimulate, educate, inform, and entertain our guests. And maybe we'll have a bit of fun, too. Here's some basic information to get you started . . .

- The registration desk will be open each day from 0900 to 1800 to help you check-in and answer your questions.
- Convention exhibitors will be in Pershing Exhibit Hall Monday through Saturday from 1000 to 1900.
- A common hospitality room is available Monday through Friday from 1000 to 2200.
- Many boat reunions will be going on during convention week.
- To keep current on what's happening, be sure you check out the PLAN OF THE DAY posted in the hotel lobby.

In addition to the events listed below, we encourage you to set aside some of your free time, team up with your old acquaintances (and your new ones as well), and [EXPLORE KANSAS CITY!](#)

<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 29</b>	
0800-2300	Boat Reunions as Scheduled
0900-1800	Registration Desk Open
1000-1900	Vendor Tables Open
1600-1800	No-Host "Get Acquainted" Social
1800-2300	Hospitality Room Open
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 30</b>	
0700-0900	No-Host Continental Breakfast
0700	Board Busses for Royal Meadows Golf Course (Tee time is 0830 - at end of play board busses for return to convention headquarters)
0800-2300	Boat Reunions as Scheduled
0900-1800	Registration Desk Open
1000-1900	Vendor Tables Open
1630-2030	Welcome Aboard Party - Isle of Capri Casino

1000-2200	Hospitality Room Open
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31</b>	
0700-0900	No-Host Continental Breakfast
0800-2300	Boat Reunions as Scheduled
0800-1000	Board of Directors Meeting - USSVI
0900-1000	SubVettes Business Meeting
0900-1800	Registration Desk Open
1000-1200	Charitable Foundation Meeting
1000-1900	Vendor Tables Open
1200-1300	Ladies' Luncheon (Guest speaker from Hallmark Cards) Emcee is Ella Blado, SubVettes Pres.
1200-1300	Men's "Beer & Brat Bust" - Guest speaker is MCPON Terry D. Scott (SS/AW)
1330-1500	Hallmark Card Museum Tour (one block from Hyatt)
1000-2200	Hospitality Room Open
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</b>	
0700-0900	No-Host Continental Breakfast
0700-0830	Holland Club Breakfast (Ladies invited)
0800-2300	Boat Reunions as Scheduled
0900-1800	Registration Desk Open
0900	Board Busses for "A Day in Independence, Missouri" - Lunch provided (board busses at 1700 for return to Hyatt)
1000-1900	Vendor Tables Open
1000-2200	Hospitality Room Open
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</b>	
0700-0900	No-Host Continental Breakfast
0700-0900	Base Commanders' Breakfast Meeting
0800-2300	Boat Reunions as Scheduled
0900-1800	Registration Desk Open
0900-1030	Base Officers and Other Break-Out Meetings * Treasurers' Meeting * Membership Chairmen's

	Base Member Expansion Meeting * US SubVets RV Owners' Club * Base Public Relations * Benefits of New Base Expansion * Producing Winning Newsletters
1000-1900	Vendor Tables Open
1100-1200	Memorial Services, Liberty WW I Park & Museum (Van available for infirm)
1200-1300	BBQ Lunch at Liberty Memorial Park
1000-2200	Hospitality Room Open
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</b>	
0700-0900	No-Host Continental Breakfast
0800-2300	Boat Reunions as Scheduled
0900-1800	Registration Desk Open
0900-1100	Annual Business Meeting
1000-1900	Vendor Tables Open
0900-1800	Registration Desk Open
1300-1600	3rd Annual Submarine Film Festival
1800-1900	Social Cocktail and other Beverages Hour - Cash Bar
1900-?	<a href="#">Convention Banquet - Keynote address by U.S. Congressman Ike Skelton</a>
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</b>	
0700-1000	"Farewell Until Next Year" Buffet Breakfast

*Well end of another month, See ya, on the surface, Maintain Your Bubble!*

# United States Submarine Veterans Inc.



## APRIL 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u> • <u>American Submariner Submission Deadline</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> • <u>USS Pickrel (SS-177) - 1943</u>
<u>4</u> • <u>Call for C&amp;B Proposed Amendments</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> • <u>USS Snook (SS-279) - 1945</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> • <u>USS Thresher (SSN-593) - 1963</u>
<u>11</u> • <u>Call for C&amp;B Proposed Amendments</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> • <u>Call for Scholarship Applications</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Monthly Meeting</u> <u>TREA, Auxillary Room.</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> • <u>USS Grenadier (SS-210) - 1943</u> • <u>District 9 Conference</u> • <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MID TERM MEETING</u>	<u>23</u> • <u>District 9 Conference</u> • <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MID TERM MEETING</u>	<u>24</u> • <u>District 9 Conference</u> • <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MID TERM MEETING</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> <u>Pueblo VA home, Ice Cream Social</u>	<u>27</u> • <u>D-3 Conference / Convention</u>	<u>28</u> • <u>D-3 Conference / Convention</u> • <u>Groton Base USSVI 41st Anniversary</u>	<u>29</u> • <u>D-3 Conference / Convention</u> • <u>Groton Base USSVI 41st Anniversary</u>	<u>30</u> • <u>Groton Base USSVI 41st Anniversary</u>	