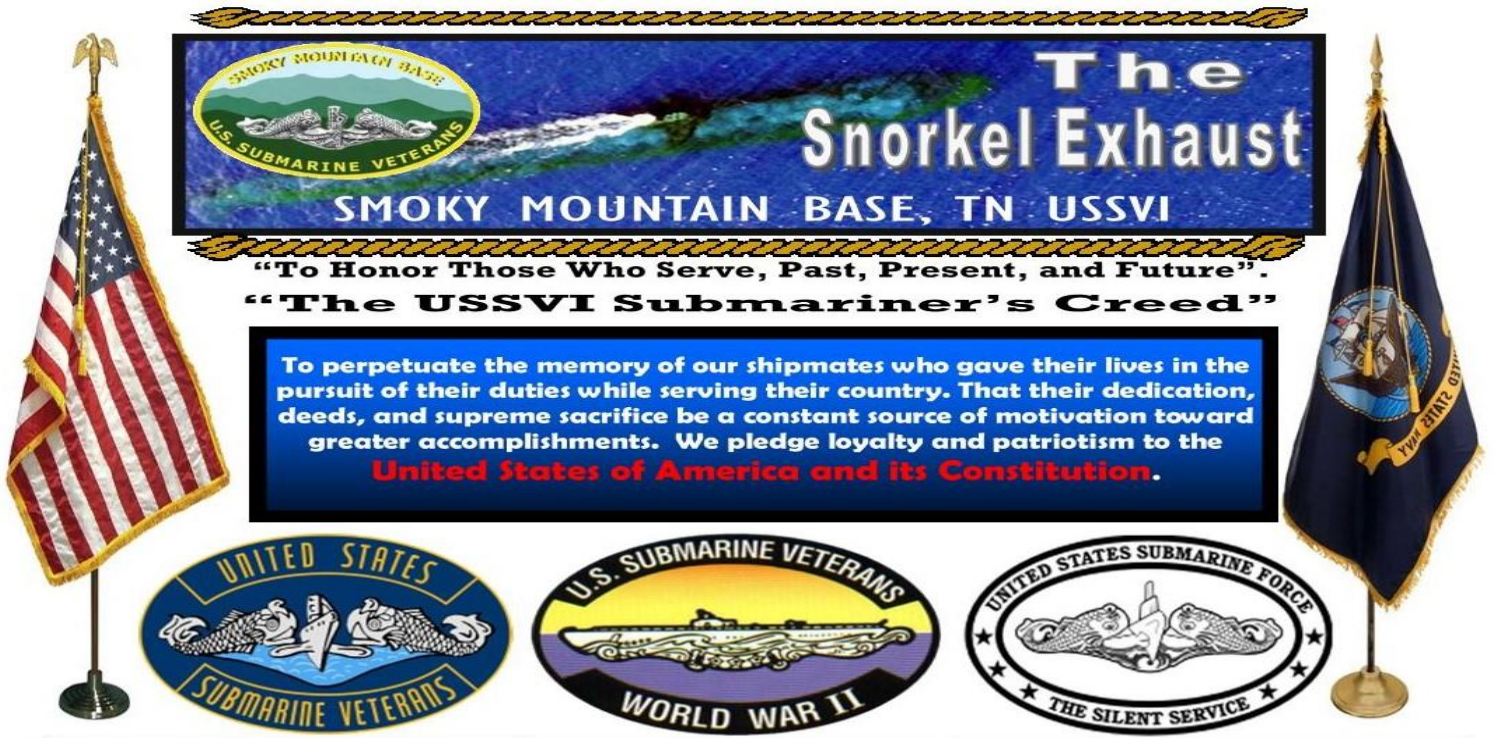




OUR ORGANIZATION

OUR FOUNDERS

OUR BROTHERHOOD

Our Mission

The organization will engage in various projects 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 lifestyles we enjoy today.



Scheduled Meetings

Base meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month at:
MIMI'S CAFÉ,
10945 PARKSIDE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
Meeting @ 1900
 (Guests are Invited)

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Holland Club Chairman



MM1(SS) USS Spadefish SSN-668 '74



BASE VICE COMMANDER
Robert (Bob) Childs



MMC(SS) USS Nautilus SSN-571 '67



BASE SECRETARY
Ernie Ball



MMC(SS) USS LaFayette (SSBN-616) '75



BASE TREASURER
Jim Rock



MM1(SS) USS Andrew Jackson SSBN-619 '76

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



BASE CHIEF OF THE BOAT
Terry McBride



MMC(SS) USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN-624) '93



SOCIAL CHAIRMAN
Dick Love



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BASE NEWSLETTER
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Associate Member

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, USSVI

Meetings, Greetings, Gatherings & Calendar

JUNE - 2026

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Scheduled Meetings:

Base meetings are
on the 3rd Thursday of each month
at
MIMI'S CAFÉ, 10945 PARKSIDE DRIVE
located in Turkey Creek,
Knoxville, TN



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07/04 – Independence Day

07/16 – Smoky Mountain Base Meeting

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VETERANS ASSISTANCE & RESOURCES

Operation Vet Rescue

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(865) 284-3188

info@ovrtn.org

P.O. Box 23, Greenback, N 37742

VA Regional Office Benefits Assistance on every 4th Friday at 1557 Downtown West Blvd. Units 20-21 Knoxville, TN 0900-1400 Hours

East TN Military Assistance Council Calendar of Events web site: www.etmac.org/calendar

U.S. Military Veterans Discounts

Tennessee State Discounted Fees and Taxes

- ☐ \$10 one-time fee for hunting and fishing license for eligible disabled veterans.
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In Service to America

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The Honor and Remember Flag has been designated as the official TN state symbol of remembrance to honor fallen military service members for their service.

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE COMMANDER



First, Bravo Zulu to Dick Love on the picnic - his first function as the social committee chair. We will be marching in the Lenoir City 4th of July Parade, a good fun parade in a small town. I think the parade lineup is longer than the parade route. We will be doing a Holland Club induction in August. I expect there to be four inductees. Working with the national Holland Club chair and the national office to get a duplicate package for the fourth inductee.

VICE-COMMANDER

No Report Submitted

BASE TREASURER

On Jun18th, we had a balance of : **\$5,008.32**

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

Nothing currently planned. Maybe a fall picnic, if wanted. Bravo Zulu on a great spring picnic at the Concord Yacht Club. Good turnout with great weather and fine food.

BASE NEWSLETTER

This issue of the newsletter looks a bit different as it was generated without the use of Microsoft Publisher that is going inactive in October. Comments good or bad are appreciated.

BASE STORESKEEPER

We currently have the following items on hand for sale:

Baseball caps w/SMB patch (White, Pink, or Blue) - \$14.00. Straw Hats w/SMB patch - \$12.00. SMB Iron-on Patches - \$7.00. SMB Logo Magnetic Car Plates - \$12.00. USSVI or SMB Window Stickers - \$3.00. White SMB 11 oz. Coffee Mugs - \$16.00. "Nuke, I am your father" coins — \$20.00 each or 6 coins for \$100.00. Comical submarine poster print - \$10.00

[Remember, all purchases go to support your Smoky Mountain Base](#)



SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE MEETING MINUTES



Date: June 18, 2026

Presiding: Marlin Helms Base Commander

Meeting called to Order at 1900 hours. Dove the Boat

The Base Chaplain presented the Invocation.

The Base Commander led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Commander read the USSVI Creed.

COB and Vice Commander. led the Tolling of the Boats.

COB hosted member/guest introductions.

Number of Attendees: 11 members, 9 guest/wife's

May minutes read and approved

Base Treasurer reported - \$5008.32 in the account.

Correspondence/Discussion - None

Committees:

- Newsletter – Max Gildner - need officer inputs, need suggestions on what to be in our newsletter
- Library – Marlin Helms - new books "Torpedo Run" and "Silent Service" TV Series
- Storekeeper – Max Gildner - buy something
- Membership –Marlin Helms - stable
- Scouting – Marlin Helms - still no contacts
- Media Manager – Marlin Helms - nothing new
- Social Committee - Dick Love - Need Good Picnic

Old business:

Marlin Helms - Voted to accept all officers

New Business:

July 4th Parade information to come

Navy Ball Oct 10th, 1 table for \$400.00 Cob will pay the first \$100.00.

Motion and approval of paying the \$300.00 for the Navy Ball table.

Cob talked about shirts for sale.

Good of the Order

- 50/50 - \$62.00

Next Meeting: 1900 hrs. Thursday, July 16, 2026, at **MiMi's Café, 10945 Parkside Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934.**

Meeting Adjourned at 1932 hrs. Surfaced the Boat

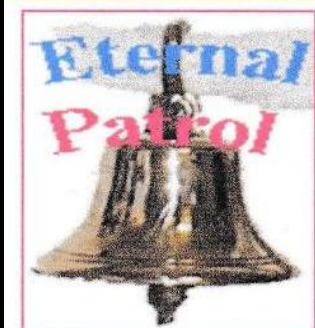
Ernie Ball, Secretary



Lost Boats of June



USS HERRING (SS-233) - 1 June 1944



84 MEN LOST

The *Herring's* career is unique because she served in two theaters during World War II. Her first four war patrols were in the Atlantic. On July 26, 1943, the *Herring* arrived at New London from the United Kingdom, pursuant to her transfer from ComSubLant to ComSubPac. She left New London for the Panama Canal on August 9, 1943, arriving at Hunter's Point naval dry-docks for an overhaul on September 1, 1943. She departed San Francisco on October 29, 1943, and arrived at Pearl Harbor on November 2, 1943. The *Herring* completed her sixth and seventh war patrols out of Pearl Harbor between November 1943 and May 1944. On May 16, 1944, the *Herring*, captained by Lieutenant Commander David Zabriskie, Jr., departed Pearl Harbor on her eighth and final war patrol. On May 21, 1944, she topped off her fuel at Midway Island, and then headed for her assigned patrol area in the Kurile Islands. On May 31, 1944, she kept a rendezvous with the USS *Barb* (SS-220) to coordinate patrol strategy. This would prove to be the last contact anyone would have with the *Herring*. A few hours after parting ways, the *Barb* detected and began approaching an enemy convoy. Then she heard a distant depth-charge barrage and assumed the *Herring* had attacked the same convoy and was being counterattacked. Later, the *Barb* fished an enemy sailor out of the water who said the *Herring* had sunk an escort vessel (the frigate *Ishigaki*) from the convoy the *Barb* was tracking. The *Barb* eventually tracked, torpedoed, and sank two of the fleeing vessels - the *Koto Maru*, a small freighter, and the *Madras Maru*, a passenger-cargo man. The *Herring* had destroyed the third merchant, the freighter *Hokuyo Maru*.

The *Herring* failed to acknowledge receipt of orders dispatched to the *Barb* and her by ComSubPac on June 4, 1944, directing them to stay clear of a restricted area during the Marianas Campaign. The details of her loss did not become known until after Japan's surrender. Japanese reports obtained after the war revealed that the *Herring* was sunk on June 1, 1944, two kilometers south of Point Tagan on Matsuwa To Island in the Kuriles, after sinking two merchant ships at anchor close to shore at Matsuwa To with torpedoes at 0742 hours. The report stated the surfaced submarine appeared to have been damaged from running aground off Cape Tagan. In a counterattack made at 0756 hours, shore batteries scored two direct hits on the *Herring's* conning tower, and the gallant submarine went down with all hands. The Japanese report stated the sinking brought bubbles and foam to the surface; later a fifteen-mile long heavy oil slick covered the surface. The *Herring* was the only U.S. submarine to be sunk by a shore battery during the war.

The *Herring* received five battle stars for her service in World War II.

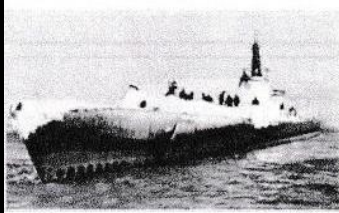




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USS GOLET (SS-361) - June 14, 1944

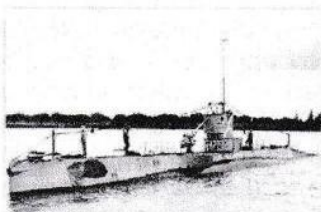


82 MEN LOST

The Manitowoc-built *Golet*, captained by Lieutenant Commander James S. Clark, left Midway Island on May 28, 1944, on her second and final war patrol.

The *Golet* was probably depth charged and sunk on June 14, 1944, off the north-eastern coast of Honshu, at the geographic position 41° 4' 0.000" N, 141° 30' 0.000" E, by Japanese naval aircraft, a patrol boat, and an auxiliary submarine chaser. The *Golet* had unsuccessfully attacked a cargo vessel on that date. The enemy air and surface units then pursued the *Golet* to an area northeast of Hakuoto Lighthouse. In late 1942 the Japanese armed merchant cruiser *Bangkok Maru* had laid a field of 200 Type 93 mines in that area. On June 18, 1944, the patrol boat discovered an oil slick two kilometers long and 100 meters wide there. For the next nine hours the surface vessels and the aircraft dropped depth charges on that spot. More oil continued to rise to the surface. The enemy concluded they had attacked and sunk a submarine previously damaged by a mine.

USS R-12 (SS-89) - 18 June 1943

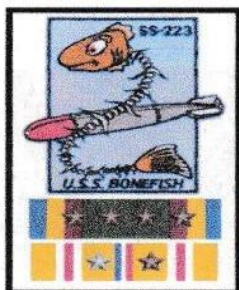
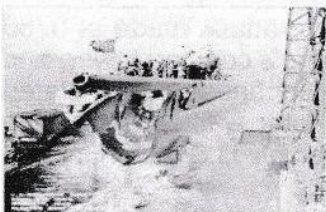


42 MEN LOST

Only two United States submarines were lost in the Atlantic during World War II, both in 1943: *R-12* and *USS Dorado* (SS-248).

On June 12, 1943, *R-12*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Edward E. Shelby, got underway from Key West, Florida to conduct a torpedo practice approach. As she completed preparations to dive, her forward battery compartment began to flood. The sea began rushing in and *R-12* sank within fifteen seconds in 600 feet of water. Two officers and three enlisted men, who were on the bridge, were the only survivors. The men lost included four U. S. Navy officers, thirty-six U. S. Navy enlisted men, and two Brazilian observers. It was the opinion of a Court of Inquiry that the exact cause for the loss of *R-12* was unknown, but was probably due to rapid flooding of the forward part of the ship through a torpedo tube.

USS BONEFISH (SS-223) - 18 June 1945



85 MEN LOST

Japanese records reviewed after the war revealed that the 5,488-ton cargo ship *Koczan Maru* was torpedoed and sunk in Toyama Wan on June 19, 1945, and that an ensuing severe counterattack by Japanese escorts brought debris and a major oil slick to the water's surface. The *BONEFISH* was sunk in this action. She went down fighting with all hands.

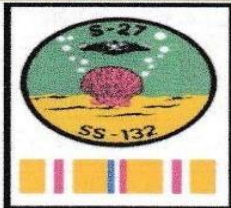
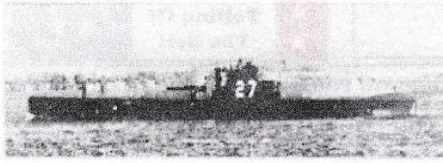
At 0615, *BONEFISH* torpedoes KONZAN MARU at 37-13N, 137-18E. The Japanese 31st Escort Division is alerted immediately and CD-63, OKINAWA (F) and CD-207 arrive at the scene of sinking. OKINAWA makes sonar contact with a submerged submarine and drops a series of depth charges set to a depth of 295 to 390 feet. Next, CD-63 and CD-207 attack. CD-158 is also dispatched to the same location. After another attack, the sonar contact is lost. Pieces of cork and oil are sighted at 37-18N, 137-55E. *USS BONEFISH* is lost with all 85 hands. The *BONEFISH* earned Navy Unit Commendations for her first, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth war patrols, and seven battle stars for her World War II service.



Lost Boats of June



USS 2-27 (SS-132) - 19 June 1942



NO MEN LOST

On June 12, 1942, the **S-27** departed Dutch Harbor for her first and final war patrol with Lieutenant Herbert L. Jukes in command. She had been ordered to reconnoiter Constantine Harbor at Amchitka Island and to patrol the Kuluk Bay area at Adak Island. On June 16, 1942, she was told to deploy to Kiska Island. On June 18, 1942, she reconnoitered Constantine Harbor finding no signs of enemy activity. She then headed for Kiska Island as ordered. When **S-27** surfaced that night to re-charge her batteries, heavy fog caused her to drift five miles from her estimated position. On June 19, 1942, she grounded on rocks off St. Makarius Point on Amchitka Island. All attempts to right the boat were unsuccessful. The entire crew was safely transferred to Constantine Harbor on the 20th, and a camp was established using the buildings and heating equipment that had survived a Japanese bombing. The entire crew was eventually rescued by PBY aircraft. All equipment, classified material, and guns aboard **S-27** were destroyed. Only the submarine's flooded hulk remained.

USS O-9 (SS-70) -- 20 JUNE 1941



33 MEN LOST

USS O-9 (SS-70) was one of 16 O-class submarines of the United States Navy commissioned during World War I. She was recommissioned on 14 April 1941, prior to the United States entry into WWII, for use as a trainer.

The O class submarines were designed to meet a Navy requirement for coastal defense boats. During the final months of World War I, **O-9** operated on Coastal patrol and protected the Atlantic coast from German U-boats. She departed Newport, RD on 2 November 1918, with a 20-sub contingent for Britain, to conduct her first war patrol. However, the end of the war came before **O-9** reached Europe. After the war, **O-9** continued in Naval service and trained submarine crews at the Submarine School in New London. She was decommissioned in Philadelphia on 25 June 1931. She was recalled to training service as the US involvement in World War II became more inevitable. She required extensive work and still suffered mechanical problems.

On the morning of 19 June 1941, **O-9** left from the submarine base in New London, for the submarine test depth diving area east of the Isles of Shoals. **O-9** began her dive; the sub did not surface thereafter but was crushed by the pressure of the water over 400 ft (120 m) below. Divers went to record depths for salvage operations but could stay but a brief time at the 440-foot (130 m) depth; but nonetheless set endurance and depth records for salvage operations until those operations were cancelled. The boat and her 33 officers and men were declared lost as of 20 June 1941. ^[6]



Lost Boats of June



USS RUNNER (SS-275) – 4 JULY 1943



USS *Runner* (SS-275) was a *Gato*-class submarine. Her keel was laid down on 8 December 1941 by the Portsmouth Navy Yard at Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 30 May 1942, and commissioned on 30 July 1942.

She set out on her first war patrol from Pearl Harbor on 18 January 1943, bound for a patrol area in the Pacific Ocean between Midway Atoll in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the Palau Islands. She suffered damage from a near-miss by a bomb dropped from a Japanese patrol bomber while she was making the last attack of her patrol, on a cargo ship off Peleliu.

She departed Pearl Harbor on 1 April 1943 to begin her second patrol, 1 April to 6 May. Her primary mission was to lay a minefield off Pedro Blanco Rock. She concluded the patrol with her arrival at Midway Atoll on 6 May 1943.

On 27 May 1943 *Runner* departed Midway for her third war patrol, assigned a patrol area in the Kuril Islands in the waters off northern Japan. Captured Japanese records examined after World War II indicated that she sank the cargo ship *Seinan Maru* on 11 June 1943 in Tsugaru Strait off Hokkaidō and on 22 June 1943 was attacked and apparently damaged by Imperial Japanese Navy forces. She was never heard from again. *Runner* was declared overdue and presumed lost in July 1943.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE MEMBERS ON ETERNAL PATROL



Monty Threatt – June 2018

Roy Hall – June 28, 2020

Thomas Morelock – June 18, 2024



SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE 2026 SUMMER PICNIC



Our Summer picnic was once again held at the Concord Yacht Club on Ft. Loudon Lake. Our new Social Chairman, Dick Love, provided pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, buns and BBQ Sauce. A nice assortment of salads and deserts were contributed by attending members. A nice day contributed to a great time had by all.





CUSTOM SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE APPAREL



I'm sure many of you have already seen one of these t-shirts that are fashioned after the USSVI vest. The ones currently out there admittedly appear a bit faded but were limited by the available processes at the time. Today's printing processes are much better with brighter colors rivaling embroidering. The clothing is Navy Blue in color

Shirts start at \$35. If you're interested in ordering one (or more) of these shirts, including a variety of t-shirts and sweatshirts, please use the link below. Orders are being taken exclusively via the form at the link below.

<https://forms.gle/vz1rnuKoRghB1AYZ7>

A sample mockup is pictured below.



I've also added SUBMARINE SWEETIE and SUBMARINE WIFE designs for your significant others.

Editor's Note: The order form is easy to use and offers various forms of payment for your order. Half of the net profits will go to support our base.



2026 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION



OMNI HOTEL IN CORPUS CRISTI, TEXAS

EVENT DATES SEPTEMBER 6TH – 11TH

Plan of the Week

SUNDAY Sept 6, 2026

1200 – 1700 Vendor/Exhibit Set-Up
1200 – 1800 Registration/Info Desk Open
1600 – 2200 Corpus Christi Hooks Baseball Game

MONDAY Sept 7, 2026 (LABOR DAY)

0600 – 1400 Fishing Trip #1 (Gulf) out of Port Aransas
0800 – 1800 Registration/Info Desk Open
0900 – 1700 Vendor/Hospitality Area Open
0830 – 1200 Texas State Aquarium Trip
0900 – 1200 Sightseeing Historical/WWII Heritage Trail Tour
1230 – 1430 Railroad Brewery Luncheon
1900 Welcome Aboard Party

TUESDAY Sept 8, 2026

0700 – 1300 Fishing Trip #2 (Bay) out of Corpus Christi
0900 – 1700 Registration/Info Desk Open
0900 – 1500 Grand Excursion Tour
0900 – 1700 Vendor/Hospitality Area Open
0800 – 1100 USSVI Pre-ABM/CF Meeting
1100 – 1600 Beer-BBQ and Spirits Tour #1
1800 – 2000 Buccaneer Cruise - Sight Seeing
1900 – 2100 Texas Tease Sunset Bay Cruise

WEDNESDAY Sept 9, 2026

0800 – 1100 Sightseeing Historical/WWII Heritage Trail Tour
0800 – 0915 Base Officer Meeting (VC, Tres, Yeoman, Chaplain, etc.)
0900 – 1700 Registration/Info Desk Open
0900 – 1700 Vendor/Hospitality Area Open
0930 – 1045 DC/BC Meeting
1130 – 1330 Holland Club Luncheon
1330 – 1800 Spirits – BBO and Beer Tour #2

WEDNESDAY Sept 9, 2026 (Cont'd)

1330 – 1430 Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Meeting
1500 – 1600 Museum and Memorial Meeting
1900 Halfway Night Party

THURSDAY Sept 10, 2026

0900 – 1300 Registration/Info Desk Open
0900 – 1300 Vendor/Hospitality Area Open
0800 – 0900 Ham Operators
0800 – 0915 Workshop #1 (Topic TBD)
0900 – 1000 ISA Meeting
0930 – 1045 Workshop #2 (Topic TBD)
1100 - 1300 Luncheon
1400 – 1600 Tolling Ceremony
1600 – Till Post Tolling Reception/Dinner (TBD)

FRIDAY Sept 11, 2026 (9/11 - 25th ANNIVERSARY)

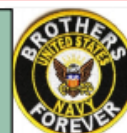
0900 – 1600 Registration/Info Desk Open
1100 – 14 or 1600(TBD) Vendor/Hospitality Area Open
0830 – 1100 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
(All members strongly encouraged to attend)
1130 – 1230 Post ABM/CF Meeting
1700 – 1800 Pre-Banquet Social Hour
1800 – 2100 Annual Awards Banquet

NOTES

- Service Project Potentially sometime during week (TBD)
- All Times subject to change – as much advance notice as possible will be given, POD updated on wen page, Social announcements and listed at registration desk.
- 2 Day Craft Fair possible (Tues-Wednesday)



Northeastern Submarine Museums and Boats



If the summer heat has you looking for cooler weather or if the fall colors are beckoning you to take a trip up north, consider visiting one of these submarine museums or museum boats on your way.

Submarine Force Library and Museum, 1 Crystal Lake Rd., Groton, CT 06340

USS Nautilus (SSN – 571) Nautilus Class

Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park: 1 Naval Park Cove, Buffalo, NY 14202

USS Croker (SS – 246) Gato Class

Intrepid Museum: 12th Ave. & 46th St., New York City, NY 10036-4105

USS Growler (SSG – 577)) Grayback Class

National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey: 100 Camp Dr., Sea Girt, NJ 08705

Intelligent Whale Historic Research Submersible

Peterson Museum: 2 Market St., Peterson, NJ 07501

Holland 1 Historic Research Submersible

Independence Seaport Museum: 211 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19106

USS Bacuna (SS – 319) Balao Class

The Carnegie Science Center: One Allegheny Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

USS Reguin (SS - 481) Tench Class

USS Silversides Museum: 1346 Bluff St., Muskegon, MI 49441

USS Silversides (SS – 236) Gato Class

Museum of Science and Industry: 3700 ~S. Dusable, Chicago, IL 60637

U-505 German Type IXc

Battleship Cove: 5 Water St., Fall River, MA 02721

USS Lionfish (SS – 298)) Balao Class

Albacore Park and Museum: 569 Sub Way, Portsmouth, NH 03601

USS Albacore (AGSS – 569) Research Submarine

USS Cod Submarine Memorial: 1400 North Marginal Road, Cleveland, OH 44114

USS Cod (SS – 224) Gato Class





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(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

☐ I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____ Tel: (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Your E-Mail Address _____ Base/Chapter Desired: _____

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Smoky Mountain Base dues are \$15 per year (\$10 after August 1st).

How did you find USSVI? ☐ Friend, ☐ Boat Assn, ☐ Local Event/News, ☐ Internet, ☐ Other (_____)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member? (Mandatory for Associate Members) _____

Associate Applicant is: ☐ Veteran, ☐ Spouse of Veteran, ☐ Other (specify) _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ If other military service, What Branch? _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ Mil Retired (Y/N): _____ On Active Duty? (Y/N): _____

YR entered Mil Service: _____ YR left Mil Service _____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

☐ Check here if your Military Service falls within these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946, June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7, 1975; and from Aug 2, 1990 to date.

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Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

2. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

3. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

4. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

5. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ Relationship: _____ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Daughter, Parent, Other)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel: _____

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