



PRIDE RUNS DEEP



*"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 its Constitution."*

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## Honoring our WWII Submarine Veterans

By Dr. Darin Detwiler

Some events begin with a simple idea. This one began with two birthdays.

Our USSVI LOS ANGELES / PASADENA BASE initially set out to celebrate two extraordinary shipmates: **Patrick Ziliacus** on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and **Bill Dillon** on his upcoming 102<sup>nd</sup>. As plans developed, however, something remarkable happened. We realized we were not simply celebrating two birthdays. We were honoring two of the last living World War II submariners, men whose generation forever changed the course of history.

The celebration quickly grew into a tribute to every WWII submarine veteran connected to our base, those still with us and those now standing Eternal Patrol.

As I began preparing for the ceremony, I found myself on an unexpected journey through our base's history. I spent countless hours searching through old photographs, newsletters, newspaper clippings, and online archives, trying to identify the faces of the WWII submariners who had once walked among us. Time had blurred many of the names, and I often found myself reaching out to longtime members and families, asking, "Who is this?" or "What can you tell me about him?" There were moments when I felt a quiet sadness, even a bit of embarrassment, that I had not been part of this community during those years and could not recognize so many of these remarkable men. Yet with every story shared and every name remembered, those faces became more than photographs. They became shipmates. I came to realize that while I could never share in their experiences, I had inherited something just as important: the responsibility to help preserve their legacy. Looking back, that journey of discovery became one of the most meaningful parts of preparing for this event, even though I never found the words to express it during the ceremony itself.

Over the months that followed, members of our base worked tirelessly to make this day worthy of the legacy it represented. Letters were sent across California and beyond. City and state leaders answered the call. The NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM joined in recognizing these remarkable veterans (we presented those proclamations and gift packages to Pat and Bill at Pat's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party in May – see last month's issue of *The Periscope*.) Friends and colleagues from my professional life in food safety also stepped forward with messages of appreciation and gifts, many learning for the first time just how few WWII submariners remain among us.

By the time June arrived, what had begun as two birthday celebrations had become something much larger. It had become a community's promise that the legacy of the *Silent Service* would not be forgotten.

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SCAN with phone camera to view a sampler video from the ceremony.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/AExzT2u3EoA?si=L3VcLCSa6a7K5W5r>



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



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# From the Wardroom -

Darin Detwiler,  
Base Commander

## Shipmates and Members,

Over the past several weeks, our base had the privilege of celebrating two extraordinary Americans and submarine veterans, Bill Dillon and Pat Zilliacus. These men represent a generation whose courage helped preserve freedom during one of history's darkest chapters. Hearing their stories and watching our community come together to honor them is a reminder that the legacy of the Submarine Service is not found only in museums, memorials, or history books. It lives in the men who served, the families who supported them, and the shipmates who continue to carry that story forward.

June also reminded us that our mission continues beyond remembrance.

At the June 13 **Seal Beach Health Expo**, our members represented our Base with professionalism, enthusiasm, and pride. We introduced the public to our organization, shared the story of the Silent Service, welcomed interest from potential new members, and even raised some funds through sales of shirts and coins from our Ship's Store. Every conversation mattered. Every handshake mattered. Every person who stopped by our booth left knowing a little more about the men who served beneath the sea and the values they represent. That kind of engagement is important because visibility creates opportunity. It helps us grow. It helps us sustain our programs. Most importantly, it helps ensure that the sacrifices and accomplishments of generations of submariners are never forgotten.

Now we turn our attention to July. This year feels especially meaningful as America celebrates its 250th year. On **July 3, the BAY THEATRE in Seal Beach** is offering a special showing of *"RUN SILENT, RUN DEEP"* with an introduction and discussion from USSVI members. Then, on July 4, we will proudly participate in the **Huntington Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**, representing not only our base but the entire submarine community. These events are opportunities to connect. To educate. To inspire. To remind our communities that the freedoms we celebrate each Independence Day have always depended upon ordinary Americans willing to do extraordinary things. That has always been the story of the Submarine Force.

This month's base meeting is at the **VFW Hall in Anaheim on July 18**. USSVI LA/P is buying pizzas and asking attendees to bring drinks and side (or desserts) for sharing.

As I look at what our base accomplished in June and what lies ahead in July, I am filled with optimism. We are honoring our veterans. We are strengthening our presence in the community. We are welcoming new faces. And we are ensuring that the story of the Silent Service continues to be told. That story belongs to all of us.

Thank you for your service, your dedication, and your continued commitment to this great organization. Take pride in what you have accomplished and in the legacy you represent.

And as always, stand proud and keep the watch.

Pride runs deep.



*Darin Detwiler*

Base Commander, USSVI Los Angeles-Pasadena Base



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Gary Wing



Dolphins on a USAF uniform??

Gary Wing joined the Navy in 1985, completing boot camp at Great Lakes before graduating with honors from both Submarine School and advanced sonar and maintenance training.

In 1986, he was assigned to the USS *Richard B. Russell* (SSN-687), where he later earned his submarine dolphins. He qualified as Sonar Supervisor and served as a member of the captain’s briefing team, ship’s photographer, and Deck Division LPO. Following advanced sonar training, he returned to the *Russell* in 1990 and continued supporting special projects operations until leaving active duty in 1994.

In 1998, Gary joined the USAF Reserve, serving with the 55th Aerial Port Squadron. Over a 14-year career, he supported humanitarian missions and provided technical support for senior leadership. He retired in 2012 after more than 23 years of combined USN and USAF service. We are so proud to have Gary as a member of our base.

## Minutes of June 20, 2026, eBoard Meeting

The Base **Executive Board** meeting was called to order by Base Commander **Darin Detwiler** meeting at LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM in Bellflower at 1005 Hrs.

The following members in attendance:

**Darin Detwiler** Base CO / **Ray Teare** Base VC / **Bill Moak**, COB / **Sue Bolton**, Treasurer / **Stan Westrick**, Secretary / **Ken Dorn**, Director / **Dave Vanderveen**, Immediate-Past Commander. Not Present: **Dennis Bott**, **Chuck Senior** (Directors). A quorum was met.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** (May) With no corrections or additions noted, **David Vanderveen** moved to approve the minutes from the May Meeting, **Bill Moak** seconded. Motion approved and the minutes were accepted.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** **Sue Bolton** presented the reconciliation as of May 2026:

Checking Account-	\$24,946.18
Cash on hand-	\$50.00
Uncleared checks-	None
Total-	\$24,996.18
<b>Expenses</b>	
Supplies and Patches	\$123.23
USSV Charitable Fund (General) Donation	\$2500.00
BC Patches	\$29.52
<i>All bills have been paid.</i>	
<b>Income/Donations</b>	
Ken Dorn	\$200.00
Robert Cailor	\$100.00
“Willie” Williamson	\$50.00

Sue Bolton reported on the completed transfer of \$2500.00 donation to the USSVI Charitable Foundation “General Fund”

With no corrections or additions noted, **David Vanderveen** moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, **Stan Westrick** seconded. Motion approved and the Treasurer’s Report was accepted.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Total Members	Holland Club Members	USSVI Life Members	Base Life Members
99	66	67	64

**MEMORIAL REPORT:**

- During the **light clean-up on May 23** we had the Seal Beach Lion’s Club as was the local Navy recruiter, TM1(SS) Kania John. [Ed. Note: photos in last issue.]
- **Darin Detwiler** reported that he and **Dennis Bott** noted some repair and painting needed on the torpedo as well as replacements needed on the short brick wall caps.
- **Memorial Day 2026 Ceremony** – great feedback on the combined event (with the Seal Beach Lions Club) at Eisenhower Park in Seal Beach. [Ed. Note: photos in last issue.]

While some folks were sad that we could not hold our event at the Memorial site, due to national security issues, we received great, positive feedback about the inclusion of **Pat Zilliacus** and about the Tolling of the Boats and the wonderful job by **Dave Vanderveen**.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Mike Kish.....	7/5
Beauchamp Tran.....	7/7
Chuck Senior.....	7/9
John Weisenberger.....	7/11
Larry T. Lovett .....	7/12
Susan Bolton .....	7/14
Bill Moak .....	7/14
M. Mark Hoffer.....	7/15
Scott Hultner .....	7/18
Michael Grubbs.....	7/21
Michael Polis.....	7/23
David Nates.....	7/29
Ron Wagner.....	7/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

## BINNACLE LIST:

Marilyn Shares the following:

### Ed Barwick

reports that his doctors at the VA are looking to discharge him to his home on July 2. This is great news seeing as he has been in the hospital since May 9! *You can send Ed a Text or give him a call at (562) 268-6066.*

### Ed Arnold

is still in his assisted living facility in Yorba Linda. He recently had surgery and splints were placed in his heart. *You can send Ed a Text or give him a call at (714) 797-9286.*

**Michael “Willie” Williamson** still says “*getting old is not for sissies.*” He is staying close to home as he is still caring for his mother. *Text or give him a call at (909) 754-0326.*

## OLD BUSINESS:

- The Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce Health Expo Pop-up (June 13) – **Darin Detwiler, Ray Teare, Bill Moak, Kathleen Carder, and Larry Duncan** manned our booth. [Ed. Note: photos later in issue.] **Bill Moak** (COB / Storekeeper) reported the sales of shirts, challenge coins, and stickers from the Ship’s Store, raising some \$104.00. We discussed working with Treasurer **Sue Bolton** to secure a Venmo or Zell situation for cashless transactions in the future.
- The consensus regarding the *second* Pop-up event (June 27) is that we will skip this one and look forward to some future opportunity. **Darin Detwiler** will inform the Chamber of Commerce.
- **Huntington Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** - **Stan Westrick** reported the rental for a trailer. Stan and **Darin** will supply the chairs. **Stan** will supply bunting (to be installed at the parade site). **Sue Bolton** will work on securing vehicle passes. **Dave Vanderveen** will confirm with the USSVI BONEFISH BASE regarding their model and trailer. We will meet before 7:30 at the **McDonald’s** at 19350 Goldenwest Street, HB.
- **July 18 Base meeting – VFW Anaheim – 805 Sycamore Street.** **Bill Moak** moved, **Dave Vanderveen** seconded that the base will purchase four large pizzas (approx. \$50.00) for lunch that meeting. Motion approved. Attendees are asked to bring drinks and sides (or dessert) for sharing.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Darin Detwiler** moved that our USSVI Base will pay for 1<sup>st</sup> year membership dues and initiation dues for Navy Recruiter **TM1(SS) Kania John** (she is active duty). **Dave Vanderveen** seconded. Motion carried with no objections.
- On **July 3, the BAY THEATRE in Seal Beach** is offering a special showing of “*Run Silent, Run Deep*” with an introduction and discussion from USSVI members. **Darin Detwiler** will participate. Others have already noted their interest.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- There was a continuance on the discussion regarding the money to transfer to the USSVI Charitable Foundation’s savings account. **Dave Vanderveen** moved and **Bill Moak** seconded that **Sue Bolton** connect with USSVI Charitable Foundation to transfer \$20,000.00 to the investment fund “Savings Account.” Motion approved.
- Future meeting locations:
  - **July – VFW Anaheim** (Pizza lunch, please bring drinks and sides or desserts to share)
  - **August – Dennis Walsh’s house @ 925 Carlson Dr. Brea CA 92821**
  - **September – VFW Anaheim** (**Detwiler** will confirm)
  - **October – L.A. County Fire Museum** in Bellflower (**Detwiler** will confirm)
  - **November – TBD** (perhaps American Legion in Los Alamitos?)
  - **December – Navy Gold Course** (Christmas Luncheon)

## ADJOURNMENT

**Bill Moak** moved and **Dave Vanderveen** seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1056 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stan Westrick*

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI



## Minutes of June 20, 2026, USSVI LA/P Base General Meeting



### The UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS' CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

is the official charitable arm of USSVI. It is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which means donations made to the foundation may be tax-deductible and are used exclusively for charitable, educational, memorial, scholarship, and veteran-support purposes. The Foundation supports submarine veterans, their families, memorial preservation, education, scholarships, museums, and outreach programs that honor the legacy and continuing service of the U.S. Submarine Force.

The USSVCF funds include:

- Brotherhood Fund
- General Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Museum Boat Fund
- Scholarship Fund
- Submarine Library Fund
- Building Fund
- Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Fund
- Legacy Fund

These dedicated funds allow donors to support specific aspects of the submarine veteran community and its mission.

The Base **General meeting** was called to order by Base Commander **Darin Detwiler** at the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM in Bellflower, CA at 1107 Hrs.

**Darin Detwiler** opened with a prayer. **Bill Moak** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Detwiler** read the USSVI Purpose / Creed.

#### READING OF BOATS LOST THIS MONTH IN HISTORY (June)

Submarine	Date Lost	Hands Lost
<u>HERRING (SS-233)</u>	1 June 1944	83
<u>R-12 (SS-89)</u>	12 June 1943	42
<u>GOLET (SS-361)</u>	14 June 1944	82
<u>BONEFISH (SS-223)</u>	18 June 1945	85
<u>S-27 (SS-132)</u>	19 June 1942	0
<u>O-9 (SS-70)</u>	20 June 1941	33

**MOMENT OF SILENCE....**

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darin Detwiler, Ray Teare, Bill Moak, Kathleen Carder, Sue Bolton, Stan Westrick, Tami Westrick, Dave Vanderveen, Ken Dorn, Mike Swanson, Larry Duncan, Chuck Senior, Marilyn Senior, Bruce Danielson, Ron Jones, Larry Duncan, Glen McNeece, Joyce McNeece, Dave Semrau, Joe Koch, Dennis Walsh, Arthur B. Schwartz JR, Reta Schwartz, Larry Butler, Robert Lee Harmon (Guest/Prospect)

#### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

**Darin Detwiler** reported that the Board had approved the minutes from the last meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report that was approved at the Executive Board meeting. (See full report in eBoard minutes above.)

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Total Members	Holland Club Members	USSVI Life Members	Base Life Members
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#### MEMORIAL REPORT:

- **Darin Detwiler** noted some repair needed on the torpedo as well as the short brick wall caps.
- **Memorial Day 2026 Ceremony** – great feedback on the combined event

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Ship Stores reported that \$104.00 was sold at the June 13 Chamber of Commerce Pop-Up in Seal Beach (Coins-2, Shirts- 3, Stickers-2)
- The design for our ½ page ad was approved for the USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION Program.
- We cancelled our participation in the Seal Beach Pop-up event scheduled for June 27

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- USSVI LA/P will pay all first-year membership fees for **TM1(SS) Kania John**, the active-duty Navy recruiter, to join our base.
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** 3-5:30 BAY THEATRE (Seal Beach) will play *Run Silent Run Deep* with USSVI intro

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- July 18 meeting at **VFW Anaheim**. (Pizza lunch, please bring drinks and sides or desserts to share)
- **Sue Bolton** won the 50/50 drawing. She donated it to the flower fund. *Thank you, Sue!*

#### ADJOURNMENT:

**Joe Koch** moved and **Bruce Danielson** seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1145 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

***Stan Westrick***

Secretary, L.A.-Pasadena Base, USSVI

**Helpful Phone Numbers  
for Veterans**

**MyVA411**  
(General VA Inquiries):  
**1-800-698-2411**  
available 24/7

**VA Benefits Hotline**  
(Claims, Back Pay):  
**1-800-827-1000**,  
M-F, 8 AM – 9 PM ET

**Veterans Crisis Line:**  
Dial **988**, Press **1**;  
also 24/7 text **838255**  
for immediate support

**VA Homeless Programs:**  
**1-877-424-3838**, 24/7

**CHAMPVA**  
(Civilian Health &  
Medical Program):  
**1-800-733-8387**,  
M-F 8 AM – 7:30 PM ET

**VA Community  
Care Network:**  
**1-877-881-7618**,  
M-F, 8 AM – 9 PM ET

**VA Caregiver  
Support Line:**  
**1-855-260-3274**

**GI Bill Assistance:**  
**1-888-442-4551**

**Name Badges** (and more!)

Shawn, the owner, is a Navy Veteran who has worked with us for a long time and has the Dolphins as well as our national and base logo templates!



Shawn Fitzpatrick - Owner  
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# USSVI LA / P Booth @ Seal Beach Pier



ABOVE (L-R): Base Commander Darin Detwiler, Vice Commander Ray Teare, **Seal Beach Mayor Lisa Landau**, COB Bill Moak, and new member Larry Duncan.



Below (L-R): Detwiler, Duncan, **Harbour Surfboards'** GM Chris Chan, and Teare, posing with a surfboard.



Darin Detwiler served as the Emcee for the event!



Above: Larry Duncan completely believes Bill Moak's tale about how big of a fish he caught!





## L.A.-Pasadena Base's Holland Club Roster:

(75-year members noted with \*)

Earnest Glen McNeece	....2026
Arthur B. Schwartz	.....2025
Scott Hultner	.....2024
Stanley O. Westrick	.....2024
Bruce Danielson	.....2023
Ronald R. Jones	.....2023
Larry Duncan	..... 2022
Gerard A. Krudwig	.....2022
Gregory M. Paulson	.....2022
Michael J. Swanson	.....2022
Ralph J. Hansen	.....2021
Robert F. Schive, Sr.	.....2021
Larry D. Long	.....2021
G. Judson "Jud" Scott, Jr.	2021
Edward E. Kushins	.....2020
Bruce Evan Neighbors	.....2020
Frank M. Berezney	.....2019
David H. Vanderveen	.....2019
Dennis Bott	.....2018
Robert "Mike" Cailor	.....2018
Robert Miller	.....2018
Roger C. Dunham, MD	....2017
Richard McPherson	.....2017
Harry "Bill" Moak	.....2017
Elliot Rada	.....2017
Ronald G. Wagner	.....2017
Dennis J. Walsh	.....2017
Michael Kish	.....2016
Charles B. McCarthy, Jr.	...2016
Gary Wheaton	.....2016
Lawrence R. Butler	.....2015
Samuel T. Higa	.....2015

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## SHIP'S STORE

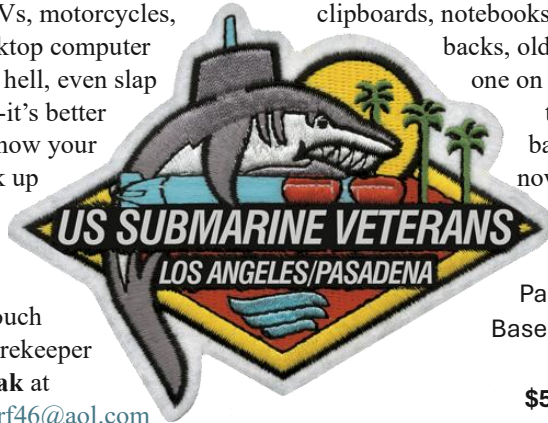


### Clearance Price on T-Shirts!

Our ever-popular L.A.-Pasadena Base "Submarine Veterans" Tees are once again selling like fresh whites after a fall down the pump room hatch! Now a mere *ten bucks* apiece, there's no reason not to have a closetful. Contact Bill Moak for yours, or just bring a few extra bucks to the next meeting, you skinflint!

### L.A.-Pasadena Base Logo Stickers!

They're not just for the refrigerator, bubblehead! Stick 'em on cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, clipboards, notebooks, laptops, desktop computer backs, old steamer trunks... hell, even slap one on your forehead-it's better than a base pride tattoo! Show your and stock up now!



Get in touch with Storekeeper **Bill Moak** at [Golfnsurf46@aol.com](mailto:Golfnsurf46@aol.com)

L.A.-Pasadena Base Sticker (3 3/4 x 5) **\$5.00 ea.**



USSVI Logo Patch (9 3/4 x 6 3/4) **\$11.00 ea.**



L.A.-Pasadena Base Patch (3 3/4 x 5) **\$5.00 ea.**



Holland Club Member Patch (3x3) **\$6.00 ea.**



Submarine Force Challenge Coin **\$20.00 ea.**



## LOS ANGELES - PASADENA BASE

# 2026 FLOWER FUND and BOOSTER CLUB

A special thank you to the following folks whose generous contributions this year have helped make our base activities and charitable functions possible:

- Ken Dorn (multiple)
- Stan Westrick • Bill Moak
- Dennis Bott (multiple)



*Booster Club* and *Flower Fund* donations are welcome in any amount and are often also popular with 50/50 Drawing winners at our base meetings. Contributions can be made in cash or by check payable to L.A.-Pasadena Base of USSVI. Checks may also be sent to **Sue Bolton** at **13561 Iowa Street, Westminster, CA 92683-2637**. To ensure proper credit, be sure to indicate *Booster Club* or *Flower Fund* on your check. **Thanks!**

**(Holland Club  
Roster, concluded)**

(75-year members noted with \*)

Harry P. Ross .....2015  
 Charles H. Senior.....2015  
 Larry E. Smith .....2015  
 David Palagyi .....2014  
 Earl Thomas Peratt, Jr.....2014  
 David D. Semrau, DDS ...2014  
 Ray Tracy Teare.....2014  
 Milton Harry Boudov .....2013  
 Kenneth Jon Dorn.....2013  
 M. Mark Hoffer .....2013  
 Michael P. Klein .....2013  
 Ronald L. Levenson.....2013  
 Edward L. Arnold.....2012  
 T. Michael Bircumshaw...2012  
 Raymond Cheesebrough..2012  
 John V. Mahan .....2012  
 Lee Melody.....2012  
 Clyde Matthew Turner.....2012  
 George R. Walrath .....2012  
 John L. Weisenberger .....2012  
 Edward A. Barwick .....2011  
 Joseph W. Koch, Jr .....2011  
 Robert E. Fleming .....2010  
 Stephen D. Diumentì .....2009  
 David Whittlesey .....2009  
 Dennis A. Yure.....2009  
 Armen Bagdasarian .....2008  
 Paul A. Riggs .....2008  
 Rex L. Shields .....2008  
 Francis R. Traser.....2006  
 Ronald K. Thompson.....2004  
 James Rogers .....2003  
 \*William F. Long.....1999  
 \*Patrick Zilliacus.....1994  
 \*William J. Dillon .....1993

**Los Angeles – Pasadena Base**

**2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

January 17 Monthly Meeting – VFW Anaheim “Hobo Stew Day”  
 February 21 Monthly Meeting – L.A. Co. Fire Museum  
 March 21 Monthly Meeting - Simi Valley Military History Museum  
 April 16-19 WESTERN REGIONAL ROUNDUP (Las Vegas)  
 April 18 Monthly Meeting - *VIRTUAL* [Recording can be viewed here:  
<https://youtu.be/j3RPIQfmvb0> ]  
 May 16 Monthly Meeting - **Marni’s Restaurant** (formerly “Glory Days”)  
 [Nominating Committee Appointed]  
 May 16 **Pat Zilliacus’ 100th Birthday Party**  
 May 23 **Light clean-up** at the US SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII  
 NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEST from 10-12.  
 May 25 **Memorial Day Ceremony.** 11:30 – 1 (ish) Coordinated with  
 S.B. Lions Club @ Eisenhower Park (Seal Beach Pier).  
 June 13 Seal Beach Health Expo \* - USSVI Booth 10:00 – 2:00  
 June 20 **MONTHLY MEETING / WWII SUBMARINE VETERAN Event** \* -  
L.A. County Fire Museum [Brief video here:  
<https://youtube.com/shorts/AExzT2u3EoA> ]  
 July 3 “Run Silent, Run Deep” BAY THEATRE, Seal Beach 3-5:30  
 USSVI providing intro and Q&A  
 July 4 Annual Fourth of July Parade in Huntington Beach \*  
 July 18 **MONTHLY MEETING @ VFW Anaheim** -  
 805 E. Sycamore Street, Anaheim, CA 92805  
 August 15 **MONTHLY MEETING** \* - “Hawaii” Theme at **Dennis Walsh’s**  
**home** in Brea. [2027 Base Officer Candidates Announced]  
 September 6-11 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION \*  
 in **Corpus Christi, Texas**  
 September 19 **MONTHLY MEETING.** (Location TBD) [Election of Officers]  
 October 17 **MONTHLY MEETING** - L.A. County Fire Museum  
 [Annual Officer Installation Luncheon]  
 November 21 **MONTHLY MEETING @ VFW Anaheim** - 805 E. Sycamore  
 Street, Anaheim, CA 92805: “Thanksgiving” Theme  
 December 5 **Pop-up at Seal Beach Pier.** \* USSVI Booth 11:00 – 3:00  
 December 19 **Annual CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** \* at the **NAVY GOLF COURSE**  
 5660 Oranewood Ave., Cypress, CA 90630



**BLUE** = Active hyperlinks



In case you  
 are  
 wondering,  
 we have  
 67  
**Holland  
 Club  
 members!**



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On June 20, 2026, the day of the ceremony, history came alive!

Hosted by the [L.A. COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM](#), 48 attendees gathered to honor our WWII submarine veterans. Many were members we rarely have the opportunity to see together, making the reunion itself a special occasion.

The room reflected the broad respect these veterans continue to inspire. Leaders from the Cities of [BELLFLOWER](#) and [CERRITOS](#) joined us, along with representatives from the [SEAL BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE](#).

**Gil Wolverton**, a retired submarine Commander, represented the [NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE](#). **Marc Koehler**, a former officer on [USS Pogy](#) traveled from San Diego to participate in the ceremony and delivered remarks about submarine leadership.

The L.A. COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM President (and retired Fire Captain) **Ernie Ramirez** graciously provided refreshments, and local firefighters stopped by to pay their respects.

Among the most touching displays was the WWII submarine veteran vest and ball cap belonging to **Jack Herron**, lovingly shared by his wife, **Shirley**. Though Jack could not be with us, his uniform quietly reminded everyone that the legacy of the *Silent Service* belongs not only to those who served beneath the sea, but also to the families who have preserved their stories.

Every proclamation presented, every certificate read aloud, every handshake and conversation carried the same message: *America remembers*.

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WWII Submarine Veterans Bill Dillon and Patrick Ziliacus were honored during the event, along with numerous others who have since passed away, but are not forgotten.

State and city officials, the NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE, and some major companies presented or sent letters, certificates, and other items of appreciation to our two WWII Submarine Veterans.



(Below, L-R) Base Commander **Darin Detwiler**, COB **Bill Moak**, and USSVI District Six Commander (and immediate Past USSVI LA / P Base Commander) **David Vanderveen**



USSVI LA / P COB **Bill Moak** Sounded the Ship's Bell for Submariners lost in WWII and again for those we lost since.



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The success of the day could never be measured by the number of proclamations presented or the distinguished guests in attendance.

Its true measure was found in generations brought together through shared stories. In families remembering loved ones. Most of all, it was reflected in the smiles of those whose service reminds us what courage looked like when freedom itself hung in the balance.

The men of the WWII submarine force accepted one of the most dangerous assignments of the war. They served in silence and at extraordinary cost. Their legacy deserves more than remembrance. It deserves to be celebrated while we still have the privilege of thanking these heroes in person.

This remarkable day was made possible through the dedication of our WWII submarine veterans, the members and families of the USSVI LA/P Base, the L.A. COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM, our community leaders, and the many individuals and organizations who came together to honor a generation that continues to inspire us all.

History survives because each generation chooses to preserve it. By gathering to honor these veterans, we did more than remember the past. We strengthened the bridge between those who served and those who will carry their stories forward.

Long after the last WWII submariner has stood his final watch, the values they embodied, courage, sacrifice, humility, and unwavering commitment to one another, will continue to guide our base and inspire future generations of submariners and Americans alike.



SCAN with phone camera to view a sampler video from the ceremony.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/AExzT2u3EoA?si=L3VcLCSa6a7KS5W5r>



(Left and Right) On display was the WWII Submarine Veteran vest and hat worn by **Jack Herron, (1927-1921)**, courtesy of his wife, Shirley.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM

Huge thank you to our host, the L.A. COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM in Bellflower, CA! Ernie Ramirez, Museum President (seen with red name tag on right) arranged for refreshments and seating as well as staff for the event. This museum is the home of TV's Engine & Squad 51!



**CMDR Gil Wolverton, USN (Ret),** represented the Naval Submarine League



**Councilman Dan Koops,** represented the City of Bellflower



**Mayor Lynda Johnson** represented the City of Cerritos



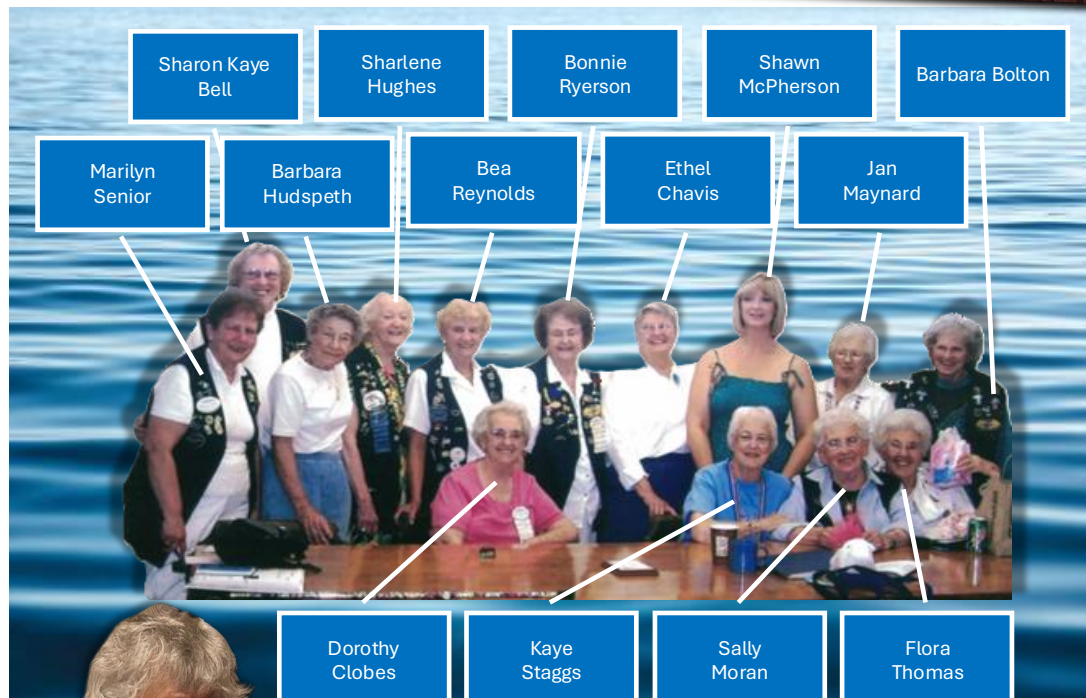
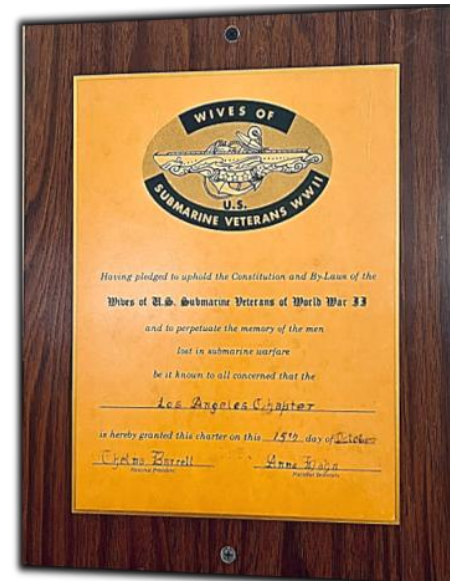
**Board Member Christina Bird** represented the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce



**Marc Koehler** (officer from USS Pogy) spoke about the leadership lessons that industry leaders have learned from submarine sailors

## July, 2010 Roster:

Judy Arnold (Edward)  
 Sharon Bell  
 Barbara Bolton (Herb "Bo")  
 Carol Carney  
 Eileen Cavanaugh (Frank)  
 Ethel E. Chavis (James)  
 Joyce DaSilva  
 Georgianna C. Dobson  
 Barbara Haag (James)  
 Rosa Hagendorn  
 Diana Hedges  
 Linda Hennage (John)  
 Arline Herrington  
 Helen Holman  
 Barbara Hudspeth  
 Charlene Hughes  
 Dorothy Kay  
 Dorothy R. Kelley  
 Ruth Klein  
 Virginia Kuhn  
 Maria Lopez (Joe)  
 Mary Ludwig  
 Pat Mahon  
 Mildred Mathews  
 Jan Maynard (Mark)  
 Shawn McPherson (Richard)  
 Frances Meshulam  
 Frances Milam  
 Jeanette D. Moak (Bill)  
 Sally Moran  
 Betty Mortz  
 Lynn Murphy  
 Yvonne O'Rourke  
 Kay Ostapek  
 Morgie Peirano  
 Diane Polis  
 Ruth Remington  
 Bea Reynolds (James)  
 Claudia Richie  
 Bonnie Jean Ryerson  
 Marilyn Senior (Chuck)  
 Dorothy Snow  
 Katherine Staggs (Harold)  
 Ardys M. Stone  
 Joyce Terry (Carl)  
 Mary Thrane  
 Mary Trujillo  
 Sandra Tupaz  
 Laurie Turdo  
 Connie Van Velson (John)  
 Bea Varalyai (Michael)  
 LaVergne Wille  
 Hope Young  
 JoAnn Young (Fredrick)



Rosa Hagendorn

Marilyn Senior With Dennis "Shipwreck" Kelly



Of course, we cannot forget the many **wives** who were not part of any group as well as the **family and friends** who supported submariners during and after their service!



Shirley and Jack Herron

**Shirley and Jack Herron**

**Lt. Mark Maynard** (1924-2022) is remembered not only for a 30-year career in the Navy during WWII, Korean and Vietnam wars, but also for what he accomplished afterward. He served as a leader of the Los Angeles Chapter of the WORLD WAR II SUBMARINE VETERANS and became one of the principal architects behind the establishment and continued development of the U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEST in Seal Beach.



**Jack Herron** (1927-2021) qualified in submarines on the USS *Atule* (SS-403) in 1946. He also served aboard USS *Cusk* (SS/SSG-348) and USS *Toro* (SS-422). Beyond his family, career, his proud participation in USSVI, and his love of boating, Jack was recognized as a surfing legend in the Southern California surf scene.





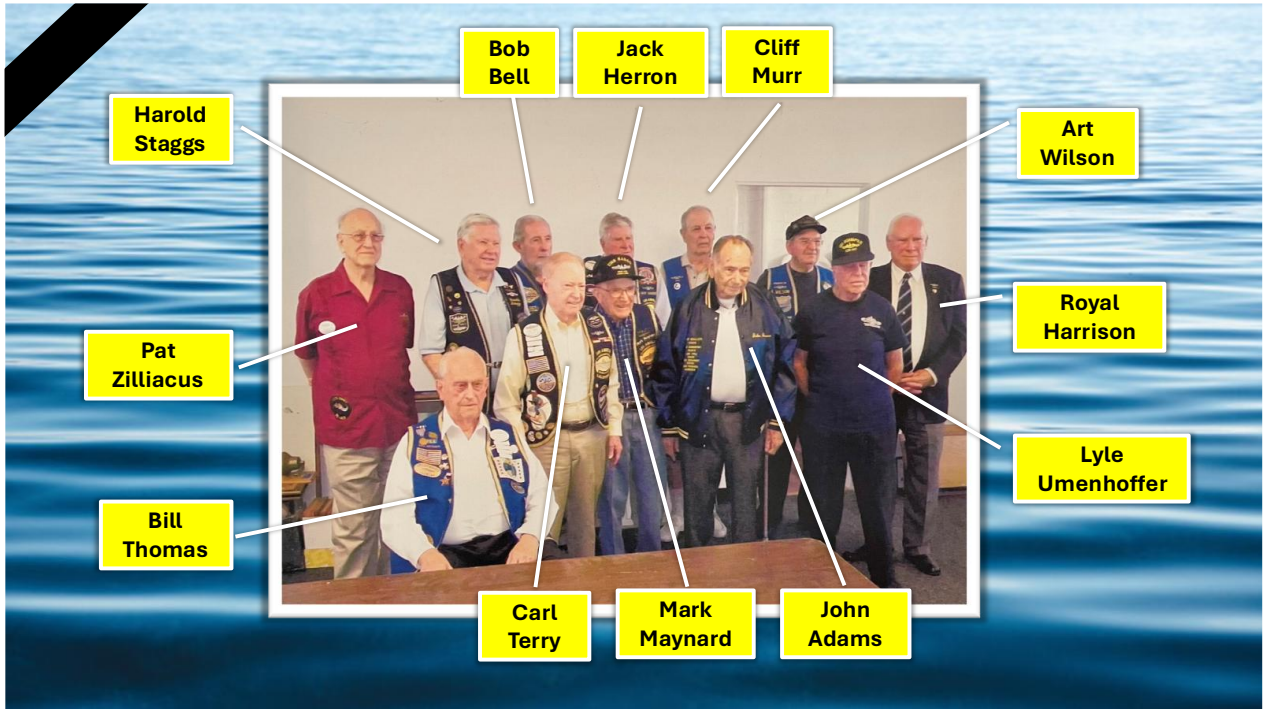
**Harold Staggs** (1924-2024) qualified in submarines on the USS *Tambor* (SS-198) in 1946. He also served aboard USS *Mount Vernon* (AP-22), USS *Parche* (SS-384), USS *Pampanito* (SS-383), USS *Searaven* (SS-196), and USS *Cusk* (SS/SSG-348). During WWII, Harold made a total of nine war patrols as a Torpedoman. He participated in the 2022 restoration of the US Submarine Veterans WWII National Memorial West. According to the November 2024 edition of *The Periscope*, "Harold never missed a Western Region Roundup in 25 years."



US Submarine Veterans WWII National Memorial West Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach



Please help by contributing more photos, stories, and memories of our past members. These can and should be featured in our newsletter!



Our WWII submarine veterans left behind more than a remarkable record of wartime service. They designed, made possible, funded, and built the U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEST, dedicated on Memorial Day, 1977, creating a lasting tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and silent service of their generation. Their vision transformed a place of remembrance into a living legacy that continues to educate, inspire, and honor those who served beneath the sea.



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# UNITED STATES SUBMARINE FORCE LOSSES ON ETERNAL PATROL

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WENT DOWN FIGHTING AND THAT THEIR BROTHERS WHO SURVIVED THEM  
TOOK A GRIM TOLL OF OUR SAVAGE ENEMY TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS."

-Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN

## JULY TOLLING OF THE BOATS



USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on 4 July 1944 with the loss of 49 men. [The loss of S-28](#) took place while she and her crew were carrying out sonar exercises off the coast of Pearl Harbor, HI. The wreck of USS S-28 was discovered in 2017 by Tim Taylor's [Lost 52 Project](#), and has positively been identified by the Naval History & Heritage Command's Underwater Archaeology Branch.



USS Runner (SS-275)

Lost on 11 July 1943 with the loss of 78 men while on her third war patrol off the coast of Honshu. [The loss of the Runner](#) began as she was never heard from following her departure from Midway. Her loss was later ascribed to an enemy minefield.



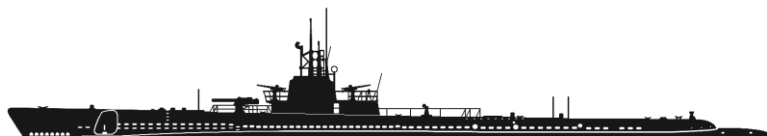
USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on 26 July 1944 with the loss of 81 men. [The loss of the Robalo](#) included four men having escaped and became POWs but were never recovered. The final resting place of USS Robalo was discovered by divers of the Sea Scan Survey Team in Philippine waters in May of 2019. Initially assessed as a loss due to a battery explosion, the loss of Robalo was later assumed to have been caused by striking an enemy mine. The identity of the wreck has been verified by the Naval History and Heritage Command.



USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on 30 June 1942 with the loss of 70 men. [The loss of the USS Grunion \(SS-216\)](#) remains one of WWII's enduring submarine mysteries. One account, based on the testimony of a Japanese sailor states that after Grunion attacked the transport *Kano Maru* with torpedoes and surfaced to continue the fight with her deck gun, the Japanese vessel returned fire, striking the submarine's conning tower and sinking her. An alternative U.S. Navy theory suggests that Grunion may have been lost to one of her own defective torpedoes, which circled back after launch and fatally struck the submarine. An expedition to the Aleutian Islands found the vessel in 2006.



**WE REMEMBER** For those who gave their lives in defense of our country **WE REMEMBER**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**LINK**

**July 18**

**Monthly Meeting @ VFW Anaheim**

**USSVI LA/P AUGUST MEETING**

**Hawaiian Theme**

E-BOARD MEETING 10-11  
GENERAL MEETING 11-12  
MERRIMENT 12 - ?

Dennis Walsh's House w/ Pool  
925 Carlson Dr.  
Brea, CA 92821

**AUG 15**

**Hawaiian Theme**

**Aloha!**

Great items to bring:  
Hat, Swim Shorts, Towel, Shade, Table, Chairs, Meat to BBQ, Sides to share, Drinks to share, Ice Chest, etc.

**AMERICA 250**

122<sup>ND</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**

**2026 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

We're buying **PIZZAS** - Please bring **DRINKS and SIDES** (or **DESSERTS**) to share!

**2026 USSVI National Convention**  
Sep 06 - 11  
**LINK**

**NOV 21 Monthly Meeting: Thanksgiving Theme**

**VFW Anaheim**

**Christmas LUNCHEON**  
December 19



## USS Alexandria (SSN-757)

- A Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine
- Commissioned June 29, 1991
- Served the U.S. Pacific Fleet for nearly 35 years
- Based at Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego, CA
- Scheduled for inactivation August 2026
- Will undergo defueling and recycling at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) in Bremerton, WA

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USS Delaware (SSN-791)	USS Kentucky Blue (SSBN-737)
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USS Helena (SSN-725)	USS Maine Blue (SSBN-741)
USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN-795)	

### Questions?

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*In memory  
of the  
fifty-two  
submarines  
lost in  
World War II*



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S-36	S-44	SEAWOLF
S-26	DORADO	DARTER
SHARK I	WAHOO	SHARK II
PERCH	CORVINA	TANG
S-27	SCULPIN	ESCOLAR
GRUNION	CAPELIN	ALBACORE
S-39	SCORPION	GROWLER
ARGONAUT	GRAYBACK	SCAMP
AMBERJACK	TROUT	SWORDFISH
GRAMPUS	TULLIBEE	BARBEL
TRITON	GUDGEON	KETE
PICKEREL	HERRING	TRIGGER
GRENADIER	GOLET	SNOOK
RUNNER	S-28	LAGARTO
R-12	ROBALO	BONEFISH
GRAYLING	FLIER	BULLHEAD
POMPANO		

