

Steel Valley Dolphins

May 2015



The official newsletter of the
USS Requin Base of the USSVI
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

USSVI Creed:

"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."



Meetings held on the second Saturday of the month normally in Leetsdale at the VFW Post and quarterly meetings held around our membership area.

- **Make a difference, get to a meeting!**

----- Pride Runs Deep -----

Next meeting: Saturday May 9th at VFW Leetsdale Pa at 1230 There will not be a regular June meeting at the Leetsdale, VFW. We are working on having a luncheon meeting on SUNDAY, June 14 (flag day). We will be honoring the Shaler Township Police Department. It will be held at the Shaler VFW Post 9199. Tentative plans will be for it to start at noon, with a short ceremony from our base and followed by the VFW and Township Commissioners, with lunch afterwards. I will be putting out an e-mail this week end so everyone will be aware of the meeting change..

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May

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USS SQUALUS (SS 192)	May 23, 1939
USS SCORPION (SSN 589)	May 27, 1968
USS RUNNER (SS 275)	May 28, 1943
USS STICKLEBACK (SS 415)	May 29, 1958

Binnacle List

Ginny Sutherin



Peanut Soup

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Recipe by Michelle Chen

"An interesting and exotic soup that's also very rich."

Ingredients [Edit and Save](#)

Original recipe makes 6 servings [Change Servings](#)

- ☐ 4 tablespoons margarine
- ☐ 1 clove garlic, minced
- ☐ 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- ☐ 1/2 cup ground peanuts
- ☐ salt and Pepper
- ☐ 3 tablespoons minced onion
- ☐ 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- ☐ 1 cup peanut butter
- ☐ 4 cups chicken broth

One cup heavy whipping cream

Peanut butter can be substituted for the ground peanuts.



USSVI 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 7 – September 12, 2015

The Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh

1000 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org

2015 Convention Registration Form



Name (To be used on name badge, include SVWWII/USSVI Officer Title): _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Qual Boat: _____ Hull Number: _____ Qual Year: _____ Base: _____

Date	Event	Cost	Qty	Total
	(visit our website www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org for event details)			
	2015 Convention Registration (per person) (add \$10.00 per person after July 1, 2015) NOTE: Registration fees will not be refunded for any reason after August 1, 2015 NOTE: Attendance at any USSVI sponsored activity requires paid 2015 Convention Registration	\$30.00		
	Major Sports Event	TBD		
Tue. 9/8/15	Golf Outing	\$50.00		
	Shanksville-Ligoneer bus tour/luncheon/American heroes production	\$88.00		
	Welcome Aboard Party, Fleet Night	\$30.00		
Wed. 9/9/15	WWII Vet & Holland Club Breakfast Buffet	\$25.00		
	Incline and Aviary Tour	\$40.00		
	Strip District Walking Food Tour	\$30.00		
	Brewery Tour	\$35.00		
Thurs.9/10/15	Men's Luncheon	\$30.00		
	Women's Luncheon	\$30.00		
	Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise	\$69.00		
Fri. 9/11/15	Carnegie Science Center	\$10.00		
	Memorial and Tolling Of The Boats, Carnegie Science Center	NC		
	Strip District Walking Food Tour	\$30.00		
	Brewery Tour	\$35.00		
	USS Requin Tour	NC		
Sat. 9/12/15	Film Festival	\$10.00		
	USSVI National Awards Banquet	\$55.00		
	Top Sirloin _____ Chicken Marsala _____ English Style Cod _____ Wild Mushroom Ravioli with Alfredo Sauce _____			
RAFFLE	Win one of two 6 night stays at The Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh for use during USSVI 2015 National Convention (9/7/15 thru 9/12/15) Prize: Standard Room (approx \$700 value) Drawing July 1, 2015 Winner to be notified by July 15, 2015	\$5.00 each OR 6 for \$25.00		
Payment by check or money order made payable to: 2015 USSVI CONVENTION PO Box 352 Gibsonia, PA 15044		TOTAL DUE:		

Commanders Column:

At the May meeting we welcomed Captain Jeff Coran who is the commanding officer of the mid-shipmen from CMU , Pitt and Duquesne. He is a welcome addition to our base. We also welcomed shipmate Bob Gourley and his first mate Lynn back from being snow birds. My first mate Edie was under the weather and missed regretfully the meeting. She sends her thanks to all that reached out to her and wished her well.

Both Captain's Jeff and Bob are working to line up our guest speaker - Talk about heavy weights!!! Two four stripers..... Speaking about the convention - your committee is working extremely hard to make this a good and exciting convention. Shipmates, don't pass up the opportunity to attend this gala event, which is in your own back yard.

As of today there are over 16,000 hits on our convention website. Forty-two % of the hotel rooms have been booked. There are also five boat re-unions going to be in attendance. Please check the convention web-site and view the plan of the week to see what activity that you may want to register to attend.

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Sunday, May 24, is our annual Memorial Service on board the Requin. We will muster between 0915 and 0945 with the Memorial Service starting at 10:00 hours. We will have the Marines Three Rivers Leathernecks as our color guard and the VFW Post 9199 as our Honor Guard. Our own Alyssa will again sing the National Anthem. I will be sending out an e-mail asking who will be at the service and who wants to participate.

Afterwards, we will travel to Carnegie Pa, and participate with the NAUTILUS float in their Memorial Parade at 1400 hours. Then on Monday, we will be in two parades, one in Sewickley (10:00) and the other in Coraopolis (13:30).

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS

SPOUSES

Baker, Cody 5/04/85
Clarkin, John 5/05/24
Davis, James 5/19/93
Edwards, John 5/25/43
Lyons, Ed 5/25/43
Vince Metz 5/09/67
Regits, Al 5/14/32
Schmidt, R.L. 5/26/39
Solinger, Bob 5/13/40
Stewart, John 5/23/40
Tolbert, C. 5/28/26
MacPherson, B. 5/20/54

Bruce, Connie 5/30
Clarkin, Anita 5/14
Donnelly, Helen 5/20
Foster, Stepheny 5/17
Greenlee, Donna 5/19
Naso, Cathleen 5/20
Nowak, Trish 5/22
Porter, Sharon 5/30
Stahl, Dorothy 5/24
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Baker, Cody & Angelia 5/01
Clarkin, John & Anita 5/03
Klein, Bob & Marilyn 5/12
Deyrn & Linda LaCombe 5/21
Osborn, Russ & Francis 5/21
Roberts, John & Jenn 5/05
Siege, Brian & Tina 5/29
Zdarko, Ed & Barbara 5/27
Campise, Joe & Jill 5/18

NEW MEMBERS

James Hughes qualified in 1959 on the USS CUST - SS348. He left the Navy in 1979 as a EMCM(SS). James lives in Osceola Mills, Pa with his wife Joan. James has no e-mail.

Daniel Phelps qualified in 1991 on the USS NEW YORK CITY - SSN696. He left the navy in 1999 as a RM2(SS). Daniel lives in Aspinwald with his partner Edith Coates. Please e-mail Dano and welcome him aboard - danophelps@gmail.com

Aaron Houpt qualified in 1999 on the USS PHILADELPHIA SSN690. Aaron lives in Allison Park, Pa with his wife Erin. Please e-mail Aaron and welcome him aboard
ahoupt24@aol.com

Requin Base Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2015

Leetsdale, PA

Base Commander Huey Dietrich called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Greg Bayne, Lee & Patsy Bookwalter, Clair & Nancy Bouts, Joe Campisi, Jeff Coran, Robert Davis, Huey Dietrich, Aaron & Sandy Ellis, Rick & Judy Elster, Peter & Stephanie Foster, Gerry Gaylor, Bill & Donna Greenlee, Bob & Lynn Gourley, Mark Hoag, Bob & Debbie McPherson, Ed & Dot Paul, Chip Porter, Bob & Linda Renninger, David & Ann Sawin, Bob Schmidt, Jeff Simon, George Stass, Jack Sutherin, Carl Stigers, Don & Dolly Taskey.

Base Commander Huey Dietrich gave the quote of the day: "some people know how to live other people's lives but not their own."

Requin History: On May 2, 1955 she sailed on her first Mediterranean deployment, detached in July she returned to Norfolk where she remained on the east coast with several deployments to the Caribbean until November 1957 when she resumed duty with the 6th Fleet. May 28, 1968 Requin departed Norfolk VA as part of the search effort for the nuclear attack submarine Scorpion SSN589. May 24, 1990 Requin was towed to Tampa Shipyard for dry docking and hull repairs in preparation for her move to Pittsburgh.

Base Commander Huey Dietrich: Let us at this time, with a moment of silent prayer, remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice that we may gather here in Peace. We dedicate this meeting to our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our Shipmates on active duty in the service of the first line of defense of our Nation.

Boats Lost:

USS LAGARTO (SS 371) May 3, 1945

USS SCORPION (SSN589) May 22, 1968

USS SQUALUS (SS 192) May 23, 1939 (Re-commissioned as USS SAILFISH (SS 192) 1940)

USS STICKELBACK (SS 415) May 30, 1958

We also remember our departed shipmates of the Requin Base Donald Trombolo, Ed Figas and James Varney. Let us also remember the brave submariners who died performing their duties aboard submarines, some individually and some in groups, but where the submarine itself was not lost.

Chaplain Carl Stigers gave the Invocation.

Chief Of The Boat Clyde Porter led the Base in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members introduced themselves and the boats they qualified on.

Base Secretary Jeff Simon reported that Minutes of the last meeting were published in the SVD. With no objections, the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Lee Bookwalter provided an accounting of the base assets, expenditures, and deposits. A report regarding the Convention account was also given. With no objections, the report was approved.

Other Reports:

Binnacle List includes Edie Dietrich and Mat Holzer.

Membership stands at 206.

Eagle Scouts presentations are ongoing and members are encouraged to participate.

Shipmate Bob Bitner is working on a fund raiser for Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) to bring 20 kids and families from Children's Hospital to tour the USS Requin during the convention.

Members can buy small stores and base coins from Joe Campisi.

Memorials And Ceremonies:

Memorial Day service aboard the USS Requin on Sunday May 24 at 1000 hours

Carnegie parade on Sunday May 24 at 1400 hours

Sewickley parade on Monday May 25 at 1000 hours

Coraopolis parade on Monday May 25 at 1330 hours

Old Business:

Pittsburgh Pirates tickets are available for members for the game on Thursday June 25.

Navy re-enlistment was held aboard the USS Requin on Monday March 30, 2015.

CPO's Mess 122nd Birthday celebration was held aboard the USS Requin on Wednesday April 1, 2015.

National USSVI Mid Term meeting was held in Pittsburgh at the Westin hotel on March 30-31, 2015. Requin Convention Committee made a presentation.

New Business:

A visual walkthrough of the USS Requin is being prepared and will be posted on the new USS Requin website.

June base meeting will be held on June 20 in Leetsdale PA which is one week later than normal.

July base meeting will be held on July 11 in Columbiana OH.

August base meeting will be held on August 8 in Leetsdale PA

There will be no base meeting in September.

Convention News:

County Councilman Ed Kress is researching who has authority over the tunnel from downtown to the North shore. The suggested name of the tunnel is "United States Submarine Veterans Memorial Tunnel."

There is a strong possibility on having the CNO Admiral Greenerd and the head of the nuclear program Admiral Richardson.

Work continues on the convention bags. We may now have a sponsor for this project.

Need ads and sponsors for the convention book.

Captain Huber will be donating items for

Rivers Casino is creating a special "Play, Earn and Win" offer for the convention.

For The Good Of The Order:

A motion to pay membership dues for key Science Center personnel so that they can better assist us during the convention was approved by the members present.

The cost of lunch at base meetings has been raised to \$11 per person because the caterer of our meeting lunch has raised their rates.

Chaplain Carl Stigers gave the Benediction and blessing of today's meal.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Leetsdale, PA VFW at 1230 hours on June 20, 2015.

Cranky Old Man.....

What do you see nurses?What do you see?
What are you thinking . . . when you're looking at me?
A cranky old man,not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice . . 'I do wish you'd try!'
Who seems not to notice . . .the things that you do.
And forever is losing A sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feedingThe long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking?. Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse .you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten . .with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another
A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at Twentymy heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vowsthat I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, nowI have young of my own.
Who need me to guide . . . And a secure happy home.
A man of Thirty My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other With ties that should last.
At Forty, my young sons . . .have grown and are gone,
But my woman is beside me . . to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more,Babies play 'round my knee,

Again, we know children My loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me My wife is now dead.
I look at the future I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing .. . young of their own.
And I think of the years . . . And the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles grace and vigour, depart.
There is now a stone . . . where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass . A young man still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells
I remember the joys I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few . . . gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact . . . that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people open and see.
Not a cranky old man .
Look closer see ME!!

Tools and their REAL uses

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly-stained heirloom piece you were drying.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "YEOWW SHIT...."

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKIL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters. The most often the tool used by all women.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

WELDING GLOVES: Heavy duty leather gloves used to prolong the conduction of intense welding heat to the palm of

your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want the bearing race out of.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

.EIGHT-FOOT LONG YELLOW PINE 2X4: Used for levering an automobile upward off of a trapped hydraulic jack handle.

TWEEZERS: A tool for removing wood splinters and wire wheel wires.

E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps neatly off in bolt holes thereby ending any possible future use.

RADIAL ARM SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to scare neophytes into choosing another line of work.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 24-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A very large pry bar that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end opposite the handle.

AVIATION METAL SNIPS: See hacksaw

TROUBLE LIGHT: The home mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids and for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads. Women excel at using this tool.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts which were last over tightened 30 years ago by someone at Ford, and instantly rounds off their heads. Also used to quickly snap off lug nuts.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit. Women primarily use it to make gaping holes in walls when hanging pictures.

MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

DAMMIT TOOL: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "DAMMIT" at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

