

Steel Valley Dolphins

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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 BADen at the American Legion Post and quarterly meetings held around our membership area.

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

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Next Meeting December 9th. Will be the Christmas Party. See Commanders Column for more info.

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Binnacle List

Aaron Ellis
James Hughes,
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Jude Myers



The sun was shining bright on this fine October day. The grass was green and the breeze was blowing just enough to move the flags in harmony with the ceremony. The men you see before you all share a common past. Each one at some point served his nation on a submarine. From Diesel Boats to sleek modern Nuclear powered submarines, each offered his service to protect the greatest country on the face of the earth. None consider themselves a hero, yet all have done things others would consider heroic. In the end, they just consider themselves a Band of Brothers. — at [National Cemetery of the Alleghenies](#). Bob MacPherson.

Requin Crew at Navy Ball



COMMANDERS CORNER:

Shipmates:

It has been a great past month! The base attended the Navy Ball, held our Memorial service by placing a memorial stone at the Cemetery of the Allegheny's and participated in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown PITTSBURGH with our Nautilus float. As your base commander, I am very proud of the members who makes this base stand tall above all others, (my opinion of course)!

Since the veteran's day parade was the same day as our meeting, we decided not to hold a regular meeting, but to have a small question & answer session as we were waiting on the food to be served. Harry Sills had the best day during the parade – coming down Liberty Avenue, he spotted a man in a wheelchair that had on a submarine ball cap. Harry started to do cart wheels as he talked to the sailor. Turns out they served together on the same submarine and haven't seen each other in 53 years. Harry was busy exchanging telephone numbers and don't be surprise if you see the sailor at our meetings. In addition, Joe Campisi talked to another sailor who lives on the Northside of Pittsburgh. He gave him my number and I sent him his application and calendar. GREAT DAY FOR THE REQUIN BASE.

We are going to put the pictures of the Navy Ball, Memorial Service and the Veterans Day Parade in this SVD addition since there will be no meeting minutes.

Member	Spouse	
Amenti, Mike – 12/29/88	Marge Bookmiller, 12/04	Bistyga, Richard & Claudia – 12/31
Bistyga, Richard - 12/21/50	Cindy Brown, 12/07	Cantwell, Alfred & Patricia – 12/16
Bittner, Robert – 12/24/64	Priscilla Hawk, 12/24	Krautstrunk, Bob & Ruth – 12/29
Brown, George – 12/10/47	Erin Houpt, 12/14	Lukasik, John & Ginny – 12/17
Donnelly, John – 12/10/30	Louis Kieler, 12/18	Lyons, Ed & Carol – 12/10
Goron, Ron – 12/24/47	Brenda Winters, 12/24	Murman, Al & Carmon, 12/24
Hughes, James – 12/17-39	Rachel Taylor, 12/30	Sigler, Bernie & Dottie, 12/07
Kopenhagen, Fred 12/29/43	Dorothy Brown, 12/01	MacKenzie & Cass Smiric, 12/22
Kunz, Robert – 12/23/50		Sutherin, Jack & Jenny, 12/29
Masterson, Bat – 12/30/55		
Sigler, Bernie – 12/07/33		
Stass, George – 12/05/38		
Underkoffer, Chad – 12/24/47		
Any additions, deletions or corrections, please advise		

CHRISTMAS MEETING & LUNCHEON

Our annual Christmas meeting/Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017. The time will be from 12:00 hours until 17:00 hours. It will be held at the TEUTONIA MANNER-CHOR (German Club), 857 Phineas Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15212. The club is located off East Ohio Street, by the H.J. Heinz plant, on the north side, just off Rt 28 and 279.

This is where we had it last year and EVERYONE wanted to have it there again! The NORTH STAR KIDS will perform for us and help us celebrate this festive event. The cost per person will be \$25.00 (same as last year), for a German style buffet, with a cash bar. If anyone has a special diet, please let us know, so we can make accommodations for you. As in the past, there will be a gift exchange - \$10.00 limit – per (Male/Female)!

We have to guarantee 100 people so sign up early before we open it up to our supporters who help make our base successful. If anyone wants to volunteer to help pick up any members who don't drive, please let me know!

I want to thank all the shipmates and first ladies that attended the Navy Ball, our Memorial Service at the Cemetery of the Allegheny's and the parade on Veterans Day in the city of Pittsburgh. We can only grow bigger and stronger with all the participation and help from each and every member and first mate.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWEL

As of today, (11/18), the membership drive is as follows:

Pa residence -15 DINKS (due in Oct)

Out of Pa – 15 – (due in Nov)

Associate Members – 5 (due in Nov)

New Members – 6 – (due in Dec)

We have found that twelve (12) shipmates have relocated! If moving or relocating, please notify us of your change of address, telephone number or e-mail address. Also, we are attempting to locate 4 (four) shipmates that have bad addresses, telephone number and e-mails.

We will attempt to telephone each member to remind them that its dues time and hopefully that everything is ok with them!

ID Card Copying Restrictions Update 02 ► U.S. Code Violation

Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards (CAC), by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service, have been reported. Personnel are reminded that the photocopying of US Government Identification is a violation of Title 18 (Crimes and Criminal Procedure), US Code Part I (Crimes), Chapter 33 (Emblems, Insignia, And Names), Section 701 (Official badges, identification cards, other insignia) and punishable by both fine and/or imprisonment.

“Whoever manufactures, sells, or possesses any badge, identification card, or other insignia, of the design prescribed by the head of any department or agency of the United States for use by any officer or employee thereof, or any colorable imitation thereof, or photographs, prints, or in any other manner makes or executes any engraving, photograph, print, or impression in the likeness of any such badge, identification card, or other insignia, or any colorable imitation thereof, except as authorized under regulations made pursuant to law, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.”

Many military members, family members and DoD employees are unaware of this law. Please pass this information along to your fellow retirees and veterans. Criminal elements and terrorist organizations place U.S. government identifications as a high value logistical element when planning acts against the U.S. military.

Although commercial establishments are not prohibited from asking for military/government identification, many government personnel and commercial establishments are unaware of the prohibition on duplication of government identification. Unfortunately, there are no safeguards in place to ensure a government identification card won't be counterfeited or “cloned” based on a photocopy

by a commercial establishment. It is recommended that military/DoD personnel provide a state driver's license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied if an establishment insists on a photocopy of the traveler's identification.

*NOTE: This does not apply to medical establishments (i.e. doctor's office, hospitals, etc...) who are allowed take a copy for the purpose of filing insurance claims; and other government agencies performing official government business.

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