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## Holland Club eligible plus 3



Richard Martin (EN3) was installed into the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) Holland Club, marking the 50th Anniversary of his earning his coveted submarine Dolphins. He joined the Navy in 1963, and qualified on subs in April 1964 aboard the USS Amberjack (SS-522).

He and his wife, Renee, recently joined the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and both recently became members of the USS Illinois Base.



Richard and Renee Martin

Richard, a Rockford native, was a student at Auburn High School, when he left to join the Navy just two weeks

prior to graduation. Richard later earned his GED while in the service. He was sent to Great Lakes for Boot

Camp, where his prowess with the drums earned him a place on the Drum & Bugle Corp.

“I marched in parades in Chicago and other places throughout Boot Camp,” Richard explains. While my buddies who joined with me bid ‘good-bye’ to Boot Camp, I was held up two weeks longer until a new drummer came in to replace me, he added.

While in Boot Camp young Richard signed up for Sub School and was on his way to New London, Conn., when he heard the USS Thresher had just gone down.

After Sub School, the 3rd Class Petty Officer was stationed in South Carolina aboard the USS Amberjack, where he qualified as a Throttleman EN3 in the Engine Room.

His first dive on the ship was most memorable, he recalls. “My bunk was in the after-battery room be-

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**Our 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 accomplishment. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.”

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## Moratorium on Associate Members

USSVI National Jr. Vice Commander William C. Andrea sent the below message on April 3, 2017, regarding a temporary moratorium on Associate Memberships. The reason behind his message followed notification by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that USSVI did not meet its minimum membership requirement to claim a “War Veteran” status.



This does not impact your individual membership in USSVI, which is a Veteran’s Organization, but it does impact USSVI’s IRC 501(c)(19) for this year, which will be described later.

### *National’s message from William C. Andrea*

**“IMPORTANT! In order to regain War Veteran status for USSVI, we will no longer be accepting Associate Members UNLESS they have been military members from any of the services, and they served during the specified war dates recognized by the IRS, which are: Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946; June 27, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955; Aug. 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975; or Aug. 2, 1990 to present.**

**“This is a TEMPORARY moratorium until we qualify for War Veteran status again, which is: 90% of our membership must have served during those specified periods. We will then again open up membership for associates.”**

**“Until that time, donations or contributions made to USSVI will not be “tax deductible” for donors, but any donations or contributions made to the USSVCF (USSVI Charitable Foundation) will be ‘tax deductible’ for donors.**

**“Again, this is a TEMPORARY moratorium.”**

## Local impact

What impact does this have on USSVI and its Bases? First and foremost, “a War Veterans status allows USSVI and the individual Bases to be Tax Deductible under 170(c)(3) IRS Code.” Without it, and until our memberships numbers are back in line with tax code, donors cannot claim their donation to USSVI or its Bases on their income tax forms. We currently have less than 90% of our members who have served during the IRS’ specified war dates. **(Please note: This does not impact donations to the USSVI Charitable Contribution Fund [CCF], which operates under separate tax laws. Donations are still tax deductible for CCF gifts.)**

For further information about membership requirements for a Veterans Organization (75% veterans) and a War Veteran Status Organization (90% war veterans), you will find information under “Documents” on USSVI’s website ([www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org)). Search for “War Veterans Status.”

### **Look on the back of your coveted dolphin pin!**

Do you see an expiration date? If you earned your dolphins, whether it was a “yesterday” on the “Ustafish” or as early as today, there is a place for you in USSVI.

Why? Because that is where your fellow “Brothers of the Dolphin” are--so come on home where we associate to remember our fallen brothers who served in Submarines, gather to maintain the bonds of camaraderie that only “fellow bubbleheads” really understand.

**Share this message with fellow Bubbleheads today!**

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Tidbits of Knowledge from  
around the world

**A bit of History  
on right**

**April 27, 1865 -**  
Worst steamship disaster in U.S. history. Explosion aboard the Sultana on Mississippi River killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union prisoners returning home.

## Submarines undergoing redesigns

*ASSOCIATED PRESS (Providence, RI)* -- When the Navy lifted its ban in 2010 allowing women to enter the submarine service, changes to Submarine designs were bound to take place.

“Electric Boat is designing what will be the first Navy subs built specifically to accommodate female crew members,” reporter Jennifer McDermott shared. While the obvious changes would be adding more doors and washrooms, and creating

separate berthing for women, the changes will be more substantial.

It was reported that overhead values will be lowered and designed to turn easier. Steps will also be installed “in front of triple-high bunk beds and stacked laundry machines.”

Retrofitting of existing subs will begin with the addition of extra doors and washroom modifications. The first boat to accommodate all these expected changes will be the future USS New Jersey in 2021.

## China launches new carrier

*USNI.ORG* -- China launched its first domestically built aircraft carrier in a ceremony at a northern Chinese shipyard on April 26, the U.S. Naval Institute reports.



The 50,000-ton Type-001A carrier was launched in a flurry of ticker tape and confetti from its dry dock at the Dalian Shipyard.

China’s first carrier, also a Type-001A, was originally a soviet-design Kuznetsov-class “heavy aircraft carrying cruiser.” It was purchased from

Russia when it was 70% built and placed into commission in 2011.

“China wants to sail a gradually increasing number of aircraft carriers into the center of growing blue water operations. The evidence is growing in Chinese shipyards and ports across the Indian Ocean and beyond,” according to Andrew Erickson, an associate professor at the U.S. Naval War College’s China Maritime Studies Institute (CMSI).

The new ship, which uses ski-jump style decks rather than catapults to launch aircraft, is expected to be commissioned in 2020.

## Illinois -- Meet the Indiana

*INDIANA105.COM* -- The first submarine to be named after the Hoosier state was christened last Saturday. USS Indiana, the 16th Virginia-class fast attack submarine, is also Indiana’s first namesake ship in over 70 years. The U.S. Navy says

the very first USS Indiana was commissioned in 1895, a battleship that served in the Spanish-American War and went out of service in 1919. The second USS Indiana was launched sixteen days before the attack on Pearl Harbor.



## Martin joins Holland Club

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hind the galley, but after my watch, I went to visit a buddy in the Torpedo Room.” While there, a “Valve Twister” caused the boat to go into a deep angle dive. When the valve couldn’t be reversed, it was tense. The only defensive choice was a “very” fast emergency surface. “My buddy and I slid down between the torpedo tubes.

“It scared the crap out of me,” he said. The emergency surface worked, because he is still here to talk about it.



Richard was discharged from the Navy in 1966 after a three-year stint. But, his deep love of his Navy service led him to become an avid supporter and sponsor of local Veteran groups.

He is currently on the Board of Directors for VietNow in Rockford, and a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America. And, now a new member of USSVI.

## SubFest adds special “Sub Vet only” events

### **Family Events**

Don’t forget to check out the full schedule of events for this year’s SubFest for you and your family. Of course, you don’t want to miss the fascinating exhibits in the museum, including their new “Submarine Experience”—a definite favorite of kids. Watch the [Maritime Museum Website](#) for an updated Schedule of Events.

Get ready for submarine fun in Manitowoc, WI, July 7-9th, for the 3rd Annual SubFest. If you haven’t been to one before, you are missing out on a fun and educational activity for the entire family.

Events include music, food, sidewalk sales, water ski show, self-guided submarine tours, lighted boat parade, fireworks, remote submarine races for kids and other boat kid-friendly activities, and so much more!

### **Special Sub Vet activities**

#### **Open House**

This event is specific to submarine veterans only! Thursday, July 6, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum hosts a the Sub Vet Open House aboard USS Cobia and on the Museum’s Roof Deck from 6 – 9 p.m. (*with cash bar*). Even though the Museum is having rigged for red tours all weekend, meaning no tour guides, this is the only time there will be no regular public on the submarine, only other submarine veterans. Veterans are invited to explore the sub for as long as they want and socialize on the Roof Deck!

#### **Overnight aboard USS Cobia**

Along with the social, spend the night aboard USS Cobia! This is exclusive to sub vets only. The overnight will run from Thursday, July 6 at 8 p.m. until Friday, July 7 at 8 a.m., and costs \$25 per person.

Space is limited, so make sure to call the Museum (Mike Johnson) at 920-684-0218 x106 for a reservation. Then, fill out and send in the Submarine Veteran Overnight Form attached to this newsletter – or on the Maritime Museum’s website.

Don’t miss out on this exclusive opportunity! All proceeds will go towards Cobia’s dry dock fund!

#### **Boat Storytellers**

Friday thru Sunday, thousands tour the USS Cobia. Help make the experience more memorable for others. Volunteer as an onboard storyteller, sharing information about life on the boats. If interested (*you pick the dates and times best for you*), contact Karen Duvalle, Submarine Curator, at (920) 374-4004, or email [kduvalle@wisconsinmaritime.org](mailto:kduvalle@wisconsinmaritime.org).



## Tolling of the Bells for Lost Boats

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country."



**April**

USS Pickerel (SS-177) lost April 3, 1943 when sunk off Honshu, Japan. Loss of 74 crew. The exact loss is unknown, but presumed to be the result of mine fields.

USS Grenadier (SS-210) lost April 22, 1943 on her 6th war patrol, when scuttled after serious damage by aircraft near Penang in Indian Ocean. 61 crew taken prisoner by Japanese forces. 57 survived the war.

USS Snook (SS-279) lost sometime after April 8, 1945 when sunk near Hainan Island, China, possibly falling victim to a Japanese submarine. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. Loss of 84 crew.



USS Thresher (SSN-593) lost on April 10, 1963 when sunk during sea trials near Isle of Shoals. The first of a new class of nuclear attack subs, the boat just completed an overhaul and was lost in a drive at test depth in over 8,000 feet of water. Loss of 129 crew and yard workers from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

## Join us at 2017 USSVI Annual Convention



The 2017 United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Convention is fast approaching. If you want to take advantage of the special low rates at the convention hotel (\$105 a night -- "really low cost" for a Holiday weekend), the hotel deadline is Aug. 1, 2017. Visit <http://www.ussviconvention.org/2017/> for full details.

The host for this year's event is the Central Florida Base.

### Schedule of Events (as of 5/1/2017):

- 9/1 (Fri.) -- Golf
- 9/2 (Sat.) -- Welcome Aboard Party

- 9/3 (Sun.) -- Holland Club Breakfast, USSVI Base Officer Meeting, Motorcycle Group Meeting, RVers Meeting.
- 9/4 -- Men's & Ladies Luncheons, Memorial Service
- 9/5 -- Base Commanders Meeting, Ham Operators Meeting
- 9/6 -- USSVI Annual Business Meeting, Submarinen Film Festival, Museum & Memorials Meeting, Social Hour & Annual Awards Banquet.

**Hope to see you at  
the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort  
in Orlando, Fla., Sept 1-6, 2017**



Mark your calendar for the next USS Illinois Base, USSVI, meeting. We meet monthly on the 1st Saturday of the month.

### Next USSVI Illinois Base Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2017  
**Time:** Noon (lunch available during or after meeting)  
**Location:** Mustangs Bar & Grill  
 482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois  
[www.ussillinoisbase.org](http://www.ussillinoisbase.org)



# Share this application with a fellow submariner!



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular  Life  Associate

**OUR 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 of America & its Constitution."

With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (Yr)  
(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)

**Name:** (Print /Type) \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Base/Chapter Desired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Please indicate your term preference:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nat'l Dues:** 5 Yr term: \$ 115.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 70.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 25.00;  
 (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 30.00  
**Nat'l Life:** 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00  
**Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Consult the local base for those figures.**

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

**Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?:** (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) \_\_\_\_\_

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 if your Military Service falls within any of 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 August 2, 1990 to date.
- Check if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

**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.** \_\_\_\_
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5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hull#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **From Yr.** \_\_\_\_ **to Yr.** \_\_\_\_

**Next of Kin:** **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, Parent, Other)

**Addr:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

Upon completion, please deliver to: Your Base Chapter Secretary, or if you do not know of a base location near you,  
 Mail to: USSVI National Office, P.O. Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383-3870

**Questions: Call 1-877-542-DIVE or email office@ussvi.org**





# Sub Vet Overnight 2017

This is an overnight aboard USS *Cobia* for submarine veterans only. The overnight will take place on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 pm and goes to 8:00 am on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Sleeping aboard *Cobia* costs \$25 a person, and all proceeds will go towards *Cobia*'s dry dock fund.

The Museum does not provide sleeping bags, pillows, or blankets for participants, they must bring their own. There are no fully operating heads aboard *Cobia*, so the restrooms will need to be used at night. The Museum does not offer showers in the morning to participants. Lastly, no smoking aboard USS *Cobia*.

I certify that I am aware that the activity involves a certain level of risk not normally encountered, and that I voluntarily assume all risks associated with such activity.

Participant's Name

Phone Number

Address

Email

Boat Served On

Participant's Signature

Date

Credit Card

Check

Cash

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Credit Card Number

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Expiration Date

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CSC Number

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Signature