



# Splice the Mainbrace

February 2020

Iowa Base Meets **3<sup>rd</sup>** Sat of Even Months

## THE USSVI PURPOSE/CREED

Section 1: **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 and its Constitution.

Section 2: In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners **to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment.** Our common heritage as Submariners shall be Strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U. S Submarine Force.

Section 3: The organization will **engage in various projects and deeds** 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 lifestyle we enjoy today.

National Commander: Wayne Standerfer

National Sr. Vice Cdr: Jon D. Jaques

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Iowa Base Officers 2018-19

Commander: David Farran

Vice Commander: Harold Losby

Secretary: Shirley Losby

Treasurer: Art Sullivan

Storekeeper: Ralph Rosenberger

Chaplin: Larry Strayer

Unit Jag: Peter Welch

Newsletter Editor: Jeff Dettmer



## December Meeting

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We had a meeting on December 21, 2019 at the Long Branch in Cedar Rapids. There were 14 members and guest in attendance. The next meeting will be February 15, 2020 at the Long Branch. This will be a social meeting.

## From the Base Commander

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### **NEXT MEETING – 15 FEBRUARY 2020**

As we start 2020, I would like to encourage all of you to mark the **THIRD SATURDAY** of February, April, June, August, October and December with a big **USSVI** to help you remember them.

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO KEEP THOSE DAYS OPEN AND ATTEND THE MEETINGS. They only take up 6 out of 52 Saturdays in the year

The Iowa crew has selected several dates when they would like to be in Iowa. The first visit was for Thanksgiving and was uncertain until just before they left so we didn't get any Meet and Great opportunities set up. If we want to be a part of the 2020 visits, we need to be set up to do so and that may require some additional meetings.

I have been communicating with Placoderm and they have suggested that we have at least one joint meeting, probably at the Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Keep in mind that the involvement extends to ALL our Members, not just the "Base Officers". I would venture to say there won't be ONE Saturday in the whole year that there would not be a conflict for someone, but let's make an effort to be as active as possible.

The First Quarter issue of the American Submarine should be arriving shortly, you may have it by the time you see this, but if not, it is posted on the USSVI Website, if you can't find it give me a call. The article I sent in re the Memorial Highway is on page 33, a bit shorter than what I sent but it is there.



I also have established contact with Mat Tanner, a former Cedar Rapids resident that works for EB and is on top of everything for the Iowa. I will not try to crowd a lot into this article, will present more information at the Feb Meeting.

Who has something that I can add to the Meeting Agenda, we still need to fill the Secretary and COB Positions in the base and election of Officers for this year is coming up. We need to collect willing nominees.

2020 USSVI Convention in Tucson, Arizona in August

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## From the Treasurer

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### **ANNUAL MEMBERS:**

If you have not paid your dues for 2020 you are late. Your dues were supposed to be received at National by January 31, 2020. If you have not paid you will be DROPPED from the National Register, you will no longer be a member in GOOD STANDING.

Dues are \$25 for National and \$10 for Iowa Base.

If you do not get them paid at the meeting please send them to me ASAP:

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## From the Editor

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We are need of volunteers for the positions of Base Chaplain, Base Secretary and COB. If you would like to fill one of these positions let David know.



The 2020 USSVI National Convention will be in Tucson, Arizona. Dates for the convention are August 24 – 30, 2020. See the American Submariner magazine for more details.

I have done some research and it appears that Subfest 2020 in Manitowoc, WI will be combined with their July 4, 2020 celebration. From what I have read Subfest will only be one day and that is on July 4, 2020. I will update as I find more out.

I am always looking for items to publish in the newsletter. So, if you have something you want published just e-mail it to me and I will put it in the newsletter.

I hope to see everybody at the February 2020 meeting.

Jeff Dettmer  
Iowa Base Newsletter Editor