



USSVI Placoderm Base Sea Stories



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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.

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Christmas

It is that is that time of year again that we remember the Birth of Jesus Christ. I would like to start this Scuttle Butt off by saying that the Placoderm Base has had a wonderful year. We have had some down times, Jerry Stockbauer and Lyle Conklin fighting cancer and Barb Hutton passing away. We have had joys Dave Arzani being informed he is cancer free and new members joining our crew. We have had fun at parades and Base Meetings. There are many things that I am thankful about this Holiday Season: Christ's Love; my wife and children Lauren, Ian, and Aaron; my parents, my brothers and sisters, my job, and my extended family.

I consider all of you my extended family. I am grateful for the prayers that have been extended my direction this year. I am thankful for the camaraderie that we have as Submariners! Thank you for a wonderful year and I look forward to seeing you Next Year! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Tank



Silent Service Motorcycle Club

Come and Join

I am pleased to inform you that **Iowa Hogeyes** Chapter of the USSVI Silent Service Motorcycle Club is now open for members.

To become a member of the club, you must be a member of the USSVI and own a motorcycle with more than 450ccs, might be more. Contact Base Commander Dave Arzani for more information. ♦

Placoderm Base Library

The Placoderm base has a great library for those of you who do not know about it. Al Reynolds is the Base Librarian and he has Paperback and Hard Cover books, VHS tapes, and DVD's.

The Base library has a bunch of new donated books. One book is named The Last Lieutenant. It is about a Navy Lieutenant that is stationed in the Phillipines during the Japanese invasion during World War II. The lieutenant is thrown into a Firestorm, by a Nazi spy who infiltrates the Navy and transfers data to the Japanese. Tank donated the book to the base.

Also available on VHS is "100 Years of Submarine History: which is narrated by Submariner, former President Jimmy Carter. This is a great watch as well.

If you are interested in checking out a book from the base library, please contact Al Reynolds @ 515-277-5445 or by email pop171@juno.com . ♦

Base Dues

The USSVI and Placoderm Base dues are due to Jerry ASAP. The cost is \$20 for National and \$10 for the Base. Please contact Jerry Stockbauer @ 515-491-1331 or by email @ stockbauerjm@yahoo.com if you have questions. ♦

Base Fundrasier

The Base is selling Hy-Vee coupon books for \$5 each. These books can be used state wide. If you are interested in selling some, please contact Jerry Stockbauer @ 515-491-1331 or by email @ stockbauerj@yahoo.com if you have questions,. Proceeds go to the Submarine Veterans Memorial fund. ♦



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BASE CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB OF IOWA

POLK CITY

10AM TO 2PM. BRING A GIFT FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE.

JANUARY BASE MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH

DES MOINES AREA

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

PLACODERM BASE GARAGE SALE- MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH ???

NORWAK

GARAGE SALE @ BOATS AND ALICE LUEDTKE'S. BRING A DISH TO PASS AND MEAT TO GRILL. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

USS MARLIN WORKDAY AND CAMPOUT

SPRING 2011

OMAHA

LEAVE @ 8AM TO HEAD TO OMAHA FOR A DAY OF WORKING ON THE USS MARLIN. FOLLOWED BY A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH SHIPMATES. BRING YOUR CAMPER OR TENT AND SLEEPING AND FOOD, NO COST FOR THE SPACE @THE CAMPGROUND.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO ONE OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE GIVE A CALL TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING GUYS AND THEY CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICKING YOU UP.

BOB KIRBY @ 515-967-6103 OR TANK SHERMAN @ 515-339-1731.



Gold Star Museum

The Gold Star Museum is still working on finishing up the Submarine area of the Museum. When talking with Michael Vogt, the Curator of the Museum, he is looking for a few items. He is looking for pictures of submariners from Iowa from there time in the Navy and a picture of the boat you earned your Dolphins on. He is also looking for pictures, flags, commissioning pennants, gauges, poopysuits, Boat hats, and much more. He is also requesting a biography about our time in the Submarine Service. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Vogt @ 515-252-4531 or by email @ Michael.vogt@iowa.gov. ❖

USS Marlin

The Placoderm and Iowa Bases are getting together to have a Workday and Campout in the SPRING of 2011. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Tank Sherman @ 515-962-2060 or by email @ et2ss_tank@yahoo.com ❖



Meet a Shipmate

Nathaniel Coltrain lives in Des Moines Iowa with the lovely Amber Dunkerson. Nathaniel loves dressing up as a PIRATE for our outings and Barbequing. Nathaniel qualified ships on USS Augusta SSN-710 in 2003. Nathaniel serves on the Fund Raising Committee. Nathaniel works in Sales for Homemakers Furniture in Des Moines. ❖

Officers for 2010-2011

Base Commander- Dave Arzani

Base Vice Commander- Tank Sherman

Base Treasurer- Chuck Robinson

Base Secretary/Membership- Jerry Stockbauer

Base Storekeeper- Chad Eells

Base Chaplain- Neal Hanley

Base Chief of the Boat- Bob Kirby

Base Historian- Lyle Conklin

Base Librarian- Al Reynolds

Base Webmaster/Newsletter- Tank Sherman

Input for the Newsletter

Please get information to Tank. If you have any jokes, sea stories, history, or anything that you think would be of interest to your Base shipmates, please let Tank know. ❖

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW
YEAR!!!