

INDUCTEES THAT COULD NOT ATTEND

Roy E. Ator Roy E. "Roy" Ator IS A NATIVE OF THE Lipan area and attended Lipan Schools. initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1950 during the Korean War. he served aboard USS MCGOWAN (DD 678) 1951/51; USS SOUTHERLAND (DD 743) 1952/52; USS EVERETT 1952/53; USS SAINT PAUL (CA 73) 1953/54; USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CVS 47) 1955/55; USS HANCOCK (CV 19)1957/59; USS MALOY (DE 791) 1959/59 prior to attending the Basic Enlisted Submarine School in 1960. Ator Qualified in Submarines on USS DIODON (SS 349) in 1961 as an FT1(SS). Afterwards he went through training on the Fleet Ballistic Missile Fire Control System and was an instructor at the USNGMS prior to making a deterrent patrol aboard the USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN 633) 1967/67 as a FTCS(SS). Ator having been promoted to Chief Ordnance Control Technician (W-1) was assigned to NOTU at Patrick Air Force Base doing DASO instrumentation on many US & UK FBMs. CWO Ator was selected for limited Duty Officer (LDO) and completed his Submarine Officer Qualification in Nov 1970 while serving as the Chief Engineer and Diving Officer aboard the USS TIRANTE (SS 420) 1969/70. Ator completed his active duty as the instrumentation officer for OTSU-2 aboard the SHERBURNE/RANGE SENTINEL (AGM22) 1971/73. Mr. Ator retired from the Navy in 1973 as an LT. He is entitled to wear many medals and awards including Silver Dolphins, Gold Dolphins and the FBM Patrol Pin. Following retirement from the U.S. Navy, Ator graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Tarleton State University. Roy E. Ator joined USSVI in 1997 as a Life Member. He is a primary member of USSVI COWTOWN Base in h is home state of TX, and a dual member at SUBVETS Groton Base. He is 78 and is from Lipan TX.

Walter V. Barch Walter V. Barch GREW UP IN Detroit MI. He initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1959 instead of being drafted primarily because of the educational benefits. He attended Boot Camp and ET "A" School at Great Lakes and volunteered for Submarine Duty. He went to Naval Submarine School in Groton CT then he Qualified in Submarines on USS PICUDA (SS 382) in 1961 while in Key West FL. This was where he volunteered for Nuclear Power School followed by Nuke School and Prototype. . Additionally he served aboard USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628) 1963/65; USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618) 1970/73; USS STONEWALL JACKSON 1977/79. He completed thirteen patrols on these various FBMs and also had two tours at Nuclear Training Facilities. One on the staff of NPTU Bainbridge MD, and the other on the staff of NPTU Windsor, CT. Mr. Barch retired from the Navy in 1979 as an ETCS(SS). After Retirement he went to work at Connecticut Yankee as an instrument Specialist and retired from Northeast Utilities in 1995. While with Northeast Utilities he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nuclear Technology from the University of the State of NY. Walter V. Barch joined USSVI in 1993 as a Life Member where he is a Primary Member of the NAUTILUS Base in FI and a dual member of SUBVETS Groton Base. He is 71 and is from Ocala FL.

Danny R. Buchan Danny R. Buchan initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1955. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TUSK (SS 426) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS ENTEMEDOR (SS 340) 1962/65; USS RAY (SSN 653) 1971/72; USS BERGALL 1972/75. Mr. Buchan retired from the Navy in 1976 as an MM1(SS). Danny R. Buchan joined USSVI in 1998 as a Life Member. He is 73 and is from Taftville CT.

Jerome F Connolly Jerome F “Jerry” Connolly was enrolled in De Vry Technical Institute in the Electronics Program. But a buddy of his convinced him to go along to check out the Navy. Well the fast talking Recruiter convinced Jerry that he could get all of the same training, plus go to sea on Submarines. The next thing you know Jerry enlisted in the Navy and his buddy went to work in his father’s grocery store. Jerry initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960 under the STAR program which included the Nuclear Power Program. He Qualified in Submarines on USS JALLAO (SS 368) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS ROBERT E LEE (SSBN 601) 1964/65; and the USS JAMES K POLK (SSBN 645) 1965/68 where he was a plankowner. Mr. Connolly left the Navy in 1968 as an IC1(SS). Jerome F Connolly joined USSVI in 1993 as a Life Member. Jerry was there for the James K. Polk Decommissioning and has several souvenirs including two pieces of the Hull. Jerry served Groton Base as the House Committee Chairman for several years before having a stroke in June 2002. He wishes he could be here today but his physical limitations prevent this at the present time. He is 69 and is from Naples FL.

Christopher Frye Christopher Frye initially Qualified in Submarines on USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS GRENADIER (SS 525) 1966; USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN 611) 1968/70; USS BILLFISH 1973/76; USS GLENARD P LIPSCOMB (SSN 685) 1977/79. Mr. Frye retired from the Navy as an FTCS(SS). Christopher Frye joined USSVI in 2002 as a Life Member. He is 69 and is from Fuguay Varina NC.

Roger Fugate Roger Fugate initially Qualified in Submarines on USS BUGARA (SS 331) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS DACE (SSN 607) 1963/67; USS NARWHAL (SSN 671) 1970/73. Mr. Fugate retired from the Navy as an STSCS(SS). Roger Fugate joined USSVI in 2000 as a Life Member. He is 72 and is from Berlin CT.

Peter Haidet Peter Haidet initially Qualified in Submarines on USS CORPORAL (SS 346) in 1954. Additionally he served aboard USS BUSHNELL (AS 15) 1953/53. Mr. Haidet left the Navy as an ENFN(SS). Peter Haidet joined USSVI in 2010 as a Regular Member. He is 77 and is from Manchester CT.

John F. Hall Jr. John F. Hall Jr. grew up in Avondale, Westerly, Rhode Island on the Pawcatuck River. His family owns and operates a boat yard on the river. He has always loved being on the water and a dear friend who served on thirteen war patrols inspired Him to join the Submarine reserve unit in Groton, Connecticut and he initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958. Upon graduating reserve sub school and then sub school I was stationed in Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Bluegill. He Qualified in Submarines on USS BLUEGILL (SS 242) in 1961. On April Fool’s Day 1962, we went up the river to Saigon. We saluted the people of Vietnam and dove 75 feet in 60 feet of water (we now hold the world’s diving record for that harbor)! We had compensated for salt water not fresh making us heavy. Upon leaving Saigon we patrolled the South Vietnamese coast with officers from the Vietnamese navy aboard surfacing by fishing fleets to buy fish from them. While stationed in Subic Bay, Phillipines, we stole the gun plug of the 5 inch forward of the destroyer escort, USS Cooke, three times. Upon leaving Subic Bay (enroute to Hong Kong), the commanding officer of the USS Cooke sent a message to our commanding officer as follows: “Upon departure, Subic Bay, noted tompkin 5 inch forward missing check to see if you have same.” Our commanding officer’s reply, “Yes my men never bundle a job. Tompkin inscribed and placed as trophy in the control

room above the pump manifold.” Additionally he served aboard USS BREAM (SS 243) 1962/63. Mr. Hall Jr. left the Navy in 1964 as a TM2(SS). John says “some of my fondest memories are those of my time in the submarine service and I am grateful for this honor to be a member of the Holland Club. John F. Hall Jr. joined USSVI in 2001 as a Life Member. He is 71 and is from Westerly RI.

Robert E Hansen Robert E “Bob”Hansen initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TORO (SS 422) in 1961. Mr. Hansen left the Navy in 1967 as an MM2(SS). Robert E Hansen joined USSVI in 1993 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Uncasville CT.

David W. Holland David W. “Dutch” Holland initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1959. He Qualified in Submarines on USS CONGER (SS 477) in 1961. r. Holland left the Navy in 1965 as a QM2(SS). David W. Holland joined USSVI in 2000 as a Regular Member. Dave Holland says It really pains me that I cannot attend - I have been looking forward to this for a long time. My hitch in the Navy was short, only four years of active duty, but it was a great period in my life. I look back at my three+ years on the USS Conger and the fine shipmates I served with and would do it all over again if I could. Two of my Conger shipmates, Dave Sieben and Del Hayden, are also being inducted this year and I wish I could be there with them. He is 70 and is from Bennington VT.

Garrett Hughes Garrett Hughes initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1955. He initially Qualified in Submarines onboard USS ANGLER (SSK 240) in 1957. While aboard ANGLER he participated in Nato Fleet exercises in the North Atlantic during which NAUTILUS made an exploratory trip under the ice. Ports of call included Portland England and the Port of Dieppe France. He transferred to USS SPIKEFISH (SS 404) in 1958 where he changed homeports from Groton to Key West FL. SPIKEFISH operated off of Guantanamo during the Cuban Revolution. He left SPIKEFISH in Dec of 1958 and returned to CT . He finished a tour as an instructor at the Reserve Training Center. Garrett left the Navy in 1963 as an EN3(SS). Mr. Hughes is currently semi-retired in the Financial services business with a securities and Health and Life License. Mr Hughes initially joined USSVI Groton Base in Apr 2011 as a regular member. He is 73 years old and is from Wethersfield CT..

Paul A. Johnson Paul A. Johnson initially Qualified in Submarines on USS CREVALLE (SS 291) in 1961. After that he was assigned to Nuclear Power School at SUBBASE New London and the S1C prototype Windsor Locks. He was assigned to New construction at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard aboard USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) 1962/65 with a stop at the Westinghouse Bettis Plant for specialized training on the S5W reactor. Paul Johnson was the 35th man assigned to JOHN ADAMS. When he was assigned she was in sections on the ways. When the boat was complete he was privileged to ride her down the ways. ADAMS was the next boat to go out of the shipyard after USS THRESHER. Johnson made all sea trials and first patrol and Re-qualified on JOHN ADAMS. After the ADAMS he was assigned to another new construction, USS HENRY L STIMSON (SSBN 655) 1965/67at EB. Rode her down the ways, made all sea trials and the first patrol. Re-qualified prior to patrol. Mr. Johnson left the Navy in 1967 with 8.5 years. He joined the Connecticut State Police and retired from there after 22 years. At the same time I joined the CT Army National Guard to take advantage of his military time. He went to college at nights, graduating with a BS in 1975. I was commissioned as a captain (O-3) in the military police, transferring to the

infantry. During his time in the CTARNG he commanded an infantry company, an engineer Company and an infantry battalion. When he retired from the CSP he went Full time in the guard, he was transferred to the Florida Army Guard in 1992 as the construction and facility management officer, responsible for all federal construction for the FLARNG, with a staff of 35 guardsmen and state workers. He retired in 1999 with the rank of colonel O-6, with a total of 34 years military service. Paul says "I always enjoyed wearing my dolphins on my army dress uniform! However, my heart was always on the boats. I still have my original dolphins, the real sterling silver ones we used to be able to get. In addition he says that, "pride runs deep!" Paul A. Johnson joined USSVI in 2004 as a Life Member. He is 69 and is from Ormond Beach FL.

Joseph Maruzo Joseph "Joe" Maruzo initially Qualified in Submarines on USS GROWLER (SSG 577) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS PLUNGER (SSN 595) 1963/63; USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) 1971/74. Mr. Maruzo retired from the Navy as an STSC(SS). Joseph Maruzo joined USSVI in 2004 as a Life Member. He is 73 and is from Ocean City MD.

Richard McGirr Richard "Dick" McGirr initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1957. He Qualified in Submarines on USS REDFISH (SS 395) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS EMBATTLE (MSO 434) 1959/60; USS SEA ROBIN (SS 407) 1965/65; USS TINOSA 1966/69; USS BANG (SS 385) 1970/73; USS GATO (SSN 615) 1975/77. Mr. McGirr retired from the Navy in 1977 as an ETCS(SS). Richard McGirr joined USSVI in 2001 as a Life Member. He is 73 and is from Groton CT.

Gerald B. Moran Gerald B. Moran was born and raised in North Western Montana. He rode in a rowboat once before joining the Navy. He left school in 1955 to join the Navy. He was ordered to Pearl Harbor SUBASE Repair as a FA, but instead was sent to a Reserve Training Center in San Francisco for a short introduction and training about Submarines. He then reported to Pearl Harbor. He Qualified in Submarines on USS CARP (SS 338) in 1957. Additionally he served aboard USS SARGO (SSN 583) IN TIME FOR THE Jan 1960 trip to the North Pole. In 1963 he transferred to USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) and was on board for the first Submarine Firing of an A3 Missile. President Kennedy observed this launch from a Surface Ship. Later while on Greenling during a Special Operation Commander Scheffer slipped GREENLING directly under both a YANKEE and a CHARLIE Submarine. This was very exciting stuff that later became known as Underhulling. He also served aboard USS TRITON (SSN 586); and USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675). Mr. Moran Retired from the Navy in 1975 from SUBASE New London as an MMCM(SS). . Gerald B. Moran joined USSVI in 2010 as a Regular Member and just recently upgraded to Life Membership. He is 74 years old and is from Falmouth MA.

William "Bill" Nodine Bill Nodine joined the Navy in 1954. In June of 1956 he graduated from Basic Submarine School class 131 and transferred to the USS TENCH (SS 417) at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Later stationed at Groton the TENCH did a lot of sea time with only 53 days in Groton. Bill initially Qualified in Submarines on TENCH later in 1956. 1958 was a turning point in his life with the birth of his first son and says "there is no eight week school for fatherhood. Life was easier that summer with short trips and daily ops, but I did learn what Qualified means." While on daily ops and standing watch in the forward engine room with a First Class named Stadler, he asked the Engineering Officer if they could repair a leaking valve. The Engineer left to tell the

captain, but for whatever reason he never told the captain. Bill took the tools he needed down into the bilge and loosened the valve nuts to drain the water so the bilge pump could pump it out. He no sooner got the valve nuts loose then the Diving Alarm went off. Stadler shut down the port engine and Bill grabbed the phone and told control there was flooding in the forward engine room. Bill thinks everyone thought it was a drill. Bill took the phone into the bilge and tried to tighten the valve nuts, but he could not get his hand near the valve. The water was poring in and the dive angle was getting steep and the water was up to his feet. Again he told control and we needed to pressurize the room. At the same time Stadler had already made that decision because air could be heard coming into the room and up forward he could feel the bow angle rising He was now waste deep in water, but it was starting to recede. Bill Nodine left the Navy in 1962 and an END3(SS). William Nodine joined USSVI in 2008 as a member of Jersey Shore Base. He is 75 years old, and is from Lanoka Harbor NJ.

Percy Arvard Smith III Percy Arvard Smith III initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958. He Qualified in Submarines on USS CONGER (SS 477) in 1959. Additionally he served aboard. Mr. Smith III left the Navy in 1959 as an IC3(SS). Percy indicated that he really doesn't know what inspired him to join the Navy and Serve on a Submarine. His Childhood friends have always said that when they played guns and Army that he always wore his Sailor hat. Spending Time with his Shipmate Ralph Lange, his wife and Daughters is something he will never forget as they were very kind to him. He also recalls the good times shared with David Sieben who is also going into the HOLLAND CLUB today. They still stay in touch, and they are great friends. Percy Arvard Smith III joined USSVI in 2010 as a Regular Member. He is 72 and is from Houston TX. .

Harold Tarbox Harold "Bus" Tarbox grew up in Newburyport, MA about 20 miles from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where friends and relatives built, repaired, and served on Submarines. He's certain that influence was the reason he found his way to Submarine School. He initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958, attended submarine school in the fall of 1960, after completing EM"A" School. He also applied for Nuclear Submarines on the advice of one of his best friends, who had been in the Submarine Reserves while they were in High School. "Go for Nuclear Submarines" he was told He Qualified in Submarines on USS CORSAIR (SS 435) in 1961. While on CORSAIR which was a school boat, he made her 9,000th and 10,000th dives, altogether more than 1400. He doubts if he made 400 dives in the rest of his career, and that includes more than 300 later on the CORPORAL. . A couple of years later while as a student at Nuke School in Groton he ran into his Best Friend who had talked him into being a Nuke while he was on a port visit in Groton. He was a salty "fleet" sailor by then and when he told his friend " I was at Nuclear Power School his friend replied" Why in hell did you do that". We are still friends. Additionally he served aboard USS JACK (SSN 605) 1963/63; While at New construction on the USS JACK he was selected for NESEP a Navy college program and then went to the University of North Carolina, then OCS. Next was three months on USS TUSK (SS 426) 1968/68 before Officer Submarine School, and assignment to USS CORPORAL (SS346) 1968/70; Following that tour he finally got to sea on the nukes, during the usual non-nuke officer jobs of Weapons and Nav/Ops on USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618) 1971/73; USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616) 1975/78; and USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625)1979/80. Mr. Tarbox retired from the Navy in 1980 as an LCDR. Mr Tarbox says "It's hard to believe that it has been 30 some-odd years

since my last dive. His mother's uncle was on the boats almost a hundred years ago. The 1920 U.S. census shows that he was on the N-2. "When I first got to Submarines he would write occasionally, and tell me about how it was in the "old" days, riding boats with riveted hulls out of Groton. His stories seemed so ancient then. Now it's 50 years since singing down from the shears on my first dive on CORSAIR – a boat with a "cigarette" deck and no snorkel. There's no need to wonder what today's sub school graduates would think of that. Harold Tarbox joined USSVI in 2004 as a Regular Member. He is 70 and is from Mystic CT.

Jack L. Townsend Jack L. "Jack" Townsend initially Qualified in Submarines on USS BAYA (SS 318) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642) 1965/67; USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN 656) 1968/71; USS GEORGE C MARSHALL 1974/78; USS FULTON (AS 11) 1979/81. Mr. Townsend retired from the Navy as an ETCM(SS). Jack L. Townsend joined USSVI in 2001 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Inverness FL. His primary Base is USS STURGEON Base and a dual member of Groton Base. He was inducted into the HOLLAND CLUB with his primary Base.

Lewis Wagner Lewis Wagner initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1957. He Qualified in Submarines on USS SEA OWL (SS 405) in 1958. Additionally he served aboard USS TRIGGER (SS 564) 1959/61. Mr. Wagner left the Navy in 1961 as an EN2(SS). Lewis Wagner joined USSVI in 2007 as a Regular Member. He is 71 and is from Stafford Springs CT.

Ronald E. Wert Ronald E. "Ron" Wert initially Qualified in Submarines on USS RONQUIL (SS 396) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS CHARR (SS 328) 1961/63; USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) 1963/64; USS SABLEFISH 1964/67; USS HOIST (ARS 40) 1970/71; USS FLORIKAN (ASR 9) 1972/75. Mr. Wert retired from the Navy as an ENC(SS). Ronald E. Wert joined USSVI in 2003 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Lancaster NH.

Leland Whalen Leland Whalen initially Qualified in Submarines on USS IREX (SS 482) in 1948. Additionally he served aboard USS BARB (SS 220) 1952/53; USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571) 1956/57; USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1960/61; USS SAILFISH (SSR 572) 1963/68. Mr. Whalen retired from the Navy as an ENCS(SS). Leland Whalen joined USSVI in 2010 as a Regular Member. He is 82 and is from Jacksonville FL.

William Wiggin William Wiggin initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1945. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TILEFISH (SS 307) in 1946. After the TILEFISH was overhauled in the fall of 1946 they went on an assimilated War Patrol to Alaska and into the Bering Sea. Upon returning through the Akitan Pass in Alaska TILEFISH took a 69degree roll on the surface. This almost drowned the lookouts. He recalls how water came through the main induction and put 3 feet of water in the engine room bilges. About 1/3 of our dishes were broken and it rolled out anyone who was in their bunks. We went to battle Stations and changed to batter power and spent the next 3 hours with the bilge pump drying us out. Mr. Wiggin left the Navy in 1947 as an MOMM3(SS). He later served in the USNR from 1948 – 1952. William Wiggin joined USSVI in 2007 as a Regular Member and just upgraded to Life Membership in March of this year. He is and is from Greenwich CT.

Terrence W. Williams Terrence W. Williams initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958. He Qualified in Submarines on USS BANG (SS 385) in 1961. Mr. Williams left the Navy in

1962 as an TM3(SS). Terrence W. Williams joined USSVI in 1997 as a Regular Member. He is and is from Scarsdale NY.

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John P. Eck John P. Eck departed on Eternal Patrol on 18 March, but his wife Joanne is here with us today, and we thank her for joining us as we honor our Brother John Eck by inducting him into the HOLLAND CLUB Posthumously. John initially joined the U.S. Navy in Buffalo NY in 1942 during WWII. He completed Boot Camp in Newport RI and transferred to Fleet Torpedo School in San Diego which he completed in 1942 as a Seaman. In a Newspaper article about John Eck after his completion of training John Eck was quoted as saying "I won't be home for Christmas or New Year's but I'll be thinking of you- and don't worry about me because I'm content the way I am and I wouldn't trade places with anyone. That's the way Seaman First Class John G. Eck Jr. described his attitude toward what the average landlubber considers to be about the most dangerous assignment afloat- the Submarine Service. At the time Seaman Eck was just a bit over 19, and had been in the Navy five months just like many of the Submarine Students in the audience today When talking about John's attitude his father said "typifies the attitude that makes our Navy the best in the world". John Eck went on to have a long career in the Submarine Force. He Qualified in Submarines on USS S-28 (SS 133) in 1942. He would serve during WWII making a number of patrols, and continued through the Korean War. In addition to S-28 John served aboard USS S-34 (SS 139) 1942/43; USS S-35 (SS 140) 1943/44; USS STEELHEAD 1944/45; USS CAIMAN (SS 323) 1946/48; USS TILEFISH (SS 307) 1948/52; USS SEA DEVIL (SS 400)1952/55. Mr. Eck Retired from the Navy as a TMC(SS) in 1962. John P. Eck joined USSVI in 2010 as a Life Member. He was 88 and was from Groton CT.

Reynaldo A. "Ray" Amuan Reynaldo A. "Ray" Amuan initially joined the Navy in 1957 at Sangley Point Naval Station Philippines. He was recruited as a Stewards Mate. He initially Qualified in Submarines in 1958 aboard USS SEA FOX (SS 402). Additionally he served aboard USS RATON (SSR 270); USS REDFISH (SS 195); USS GRAYBACK (AGSS 574); USS CASIMER POLASKI (SSBN 634); and USS NATHANIEL GREEN (SSBN 636). Ray retired from the Navy in 1976 as a CSC(SS). Ray says "The 20 years I spent in the Navy have been a very memorable and honorable part of my life. I would do it all over again if asked to, especially now with the internet, IPODs, texting and laptops. Plus there is no more restriction on your shower time. After retiring from the Navy Ray Amuan worked at Pfizers for another 20 years. Mr. Amuan joined U.S. SUBVETS in March of 2011 as a Life Member. He is 76 years old and is from Groton CT.

Steven W. Anderson Steven W. "Andy" Anderson initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960. Anderson went on board the newly commissioned ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) and joined the just formed Gold Crew. He made the first Gold Crew Patrol and Qualified in Submarines on USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) in 1961. He then the next nine patrols for a total of ten patrols out of Holy Loch Scotland. One of those patrols was during the Cuban Missile Crisis and lasted just short of three months. During his time onboard the LINCOLN had a battery replacement and general up-keep repairs at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and later went into EB for a year long major overhaul and larger sized missile tube modifications. When he reported aboard the Lincoln he was a Fireman MM Striker; he left LINCOLN as an MM1 Qualified in

Submarines. He was an "A"-Ganger. He says "to me that was the best division on the boat. A-gangers were over all the most qualified members of the crew. We had responsibilities for systems in every compartment ranging from the engine room to the torpedo room. I took a great deal of pride in my knowledge of the boat's systems." Lincoln A-Gangers would gather in Pump Room # 3 and discuss various ways the ships systems might be used. One of the more interesting questions was if and how we could blow sanitary tank # 2 through the ship's whistle. Once they worked out the solution they used this (Lead Pipe) question on some Non Quals. No one that Anderson recalls ever came back with the answer. Yes it is possible in theory to do it with modification to a couple of systems; however cooler heads prevailed and the theory was never actually tested. Of course this information is classified and cannot be discussed. Steven Anderson says "Being Qualified in Submarines was more important than rank as some skimmers would discover when reporting on board from the surface Navy. Being Qualified was a source of pride to me then and continues to this day. Mr. Anderson left the Navy in 1970 as an MM1(SS). Steven W. Anderson joined USSVI in 2000 as a Regular Member. He is 68 and is from Coventry CT.

William Beagle William "Bill" Beagle came from a small town in upstate NY. The largest bodies of water he had ever seen were the Hudson River and Lake George. He initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960. "I joined the Navy to learn a trade and see the world. EM "A" School was the first of many schools that molded and shaped my career. In SUBSCHOOL when it was time to choose a boat, I chose the USS MENHADEN (SS 377) in San Diego. After a speedy 19 hour flight from Albany, NY to San Diego, via Brownsville, TX I attempted to find the MENHADEN. After searching for six hours through most of the Navy locations in San Diego, I finally located MENHADEN tied up to a pier at the Destroyer Base with most of the superstructure removed and a large hole cut in her hull over the engine room. She was a mess to say the least. I thought "they will never be able to put her back together". This turned out not to be true and became a valuable lesson. "Things are not as bad as they appear, and life is what you make of it." Bill Qualified in Submarines on USS MENHADEN (SS 377) in 1961. He recalls that "the MENHADEN was a great boat and prepared me for many opportunities later on. We sailed up and down the CA coastline. Yes we even ventured out past Catalina Island. Sad to say no liberty call. After Qualifying, the MENHADEN recommended me for Nuclear Power School, and a new adventure unfolded." Nuke School led him to boomers, and seeing the world was limited to pastel green, off white and brown formica. Additionally he served aboard USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) 1963/68; USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659) 1971/75; USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN 1975/77. Boomers led him to SUBSCHOOL Staff where he discovered that he enjoyed teaching. Building 88 was a place where you could really advance your knowledge and help others at the same time. One day at Quarters LCDR Red Welton, the OIC called him out in front of the group and commented "I do not know how you did this, I have in my hand a Fifth Good Conduct Award to present to you." Then he proceeded to pass it to me behind his back, with the biggest grin I have ever seen." Mr. Beagle says that he enjoyed the Navy. I served with many good people and together we accomplished many things that were said could never be done. Time went by in the blink of an eye, and I forgot you were supposed to retire at some point. One day while at the Dental Clinic as I was being checked in, the Dental Tech at the counter remarked to his buddy "hey look, the Master

Chief joined the Navy before I was born". That was the day I decided to Retire. Mr. Beagle retired from the Navy in 1982 as an EMCM(SS). William Beagle joined USSVI in 2010 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Ledyard CT.

David A. Bergstrom David A. "Bergie" Bergstrom initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958. He attended boot Camp in Great Lakes II. His First Duty Station was in Orange TX as part of the Reserve Fleet. He was next assigned to USS GOODRICH (DFR 831) in Newport RI. While onboard GOODRICH changed homport to Mayport FL. He graduated from Naval Submarine School in 1960 and was assigned to USS TENCH SS 417 where he later Qualified in Submarines in 1961. In 1965 he went to Shore Duty in Davisville RI. Additionally he served aboard USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624) 1966/66; USS DOGFISH (SS 350) 1967/68. Mr. Bergstrom left the Navy in 1968 as an EN2(SS). David A. Bergstrom joined USSVI in 2000 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Bozrah CT.

F. Thomas Black The U.S. Navy is an adventure. For F. Thomas "Tom" Black the adventure started when he joined the Navy in early 1960. He had wanted to be a Sailor as long as he could remember and his desire never wavered. He attended Boot Camp and IC Electrician "A" School in Great Lakes followed by SUBSCHOOL in Groton CT. In remembering his days from Basic Submarine School Tom says "The training also included boarding a Submarine for the day and sailing down the Thames River to the Long Island Sound where we did 16 Dives and hopefully 16 Surfaces. That first trip was a wondrous and memorable experience. I absolutely loved every part of it. The noise, the intensity of the crew, the power of the engines, the raucous sound of the Klaxon for the first time, the quiet when we submerged and the delicious aromas that came from the Galley. I was enthralled with every aspect of Submarine Duty." In October 1970 Tom was assigned to the USS Corsair SS 435 (no Snorkel and 2 Main Inductions) where he initially Qualified in Submarines 1961. When CORSAIR was decommissioned in 1963 he was transferred USS PIPER (SS 409) from 1963 till his discharge in 1964. There is a familiar phrase that states, "Join the Navy and see the World" and Tom DID! While on PIPER Tom visited many ports of call in the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean, spent Christmas in Monaco with Grace Kelly, went through the Suez Canal and also visited ports in the Red Sea. Tom recalls "it was your shipmates and friends that were truly impressive. Besides having to volunteer for the Submarine Service a Sailor is required to pass rigorous mental and physical screening, the failure rate is very high. These men also have to be fearless and brave. I had the distinct honor to serve with Chief Joe Negri, COB on the USS Piper. He was a big man, who was caring and patient with the many sailors that he supervised. It goes without saying that he was a great leader who led by example. I can recall an incident that typifies the silent courage that he possessed. While we were traveling south in the Suez Canal, I was standing, topside forward of the Sail, next to Chief Negri and off our starboard side, in the distance, was an Egyptian Air Base. At the time the Egyptians had close ties with Russia and we were close enough that we could observe that they had MIG fighter jets on the tarmac. Needless to say, it was a great opportunity to take some pictures through the periscope. As we were doing this, I could hear a roar coming up the Canal. As I looked I saw an Egyptian fighter bomber rapidly approaching and he was only 75 feet off the deck. As he came closer, I could see the Bomb Bay Doors opening. Fighting the urge to jump over the side, I looked to the Chief for guidance and with that I saw this man, who

suddenly grew to 10 or 15 feet and had to weigh a muscular 500 lbs, turn his body so that he faced this plane full on. At the same time, I saw what appeared to be a camera being lowered from the bomb bay. Without hesitating in the least, Joe raised his right arm and gave a one finger salute, as they flew over us. He was fearless.” Mr. Black left the Navy in 1964 as an IC3(SS). Tom Black joined USSVI in 2004 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Middletown NY. Joining him here today are his 8 grandchildren, 3 daughters, 2 son in laws, 2 nieces and their husbands and his wonderful wife of 46 years, who met the "Boat" upon their return from the "Med". Mr. Black says this prestigious ceremony today gives us an opportunity to say "Thanks" to all Submariners, past and present and God Bless all those on Eternal Patrol.

David Clarke David Clarke began his military service as a U.S. Marine, and then transferred to the U.S. Navy and became a Submariner after convincing the base Psychiatrist it was normal to want to be on a Boat designed to sink. David joined the military in 1955. He initially Qualified in Submarines in 1958 aboard USS ANGLER (SS 240). The ANGLER was one of the first spk boats and had an interesting career. Some moments to remember was when ANGLER found the overdue yacht, the VAT69 with three women sunbathing nude on the cabin top. That gave a new meaning to the phrase "Observation Scope". Another time while Clarke was onboard the boat was struck by a Super Tanker south of Block Island putting their stern in the mud. On another occasion while moored at State Pier in New London while taking on Fuel the FT in the conning tower fired the Mk 37 war load stored in a tube in the after torpedo room. Dave discovered the mistake while making his rounds as the Below Decks Watch. By the time the fish was off loaded, the paint had begun to blister on the warhead. Dave also served as a military escort and received two Naval Commendations. Mr. Clarke left the Navy in 1961 as an ET3(SS). After the Navy, Dave attended the University of MA where he graduated with honors. While attending the university, he started the "Crew" program and was a member of the U.S. Team competing in the world Championships in Bled Yugoslavia in 1966. Mr. Clarke has worked as a chemist, taught school, farmed, built houses and been a licensed autotimer. He spent 18 years building his own two masted schooner which he has sailed on the east coast and the Bahamas. Dave continues to row and is currently ranked 7th in the world for his age group. Presently he is involved in a project teaching individuals with Alzheimer's to row so as to improve getting more oxygen into the brain. Mr. Clarke joined USSVI RI Base in 2006. He is 72 years old and is from Attleboro MA.

Mervell "Merv" Cronin Merv Cronin joined the Navy in 1954 and attended Boot Camp in Bainbridge Maryland. He arrived at Submarine School in July 1954 as a Seaman Apprentice. He graduated Submarine School in August 1954 and was assigned to USS MANTA (SS 299) in Key West FL. He initially Qualified in Submarines in 1954 aboard MANTA and stayed there till inactivation in 1956. During the inactivation of the Manta Merv received a commendation for outstanding performance of duty. After MANTA he was assigned to USS CAVALLA(SSK 244) in New London CT. While onboard the CAVALLA, the crew received a letter from the Commander In Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet and the Commander, Submarine Development Group Two for a job well done and to insure that December 7 1956 was not just another day to the people of America. Mr. Cronin was discharged in 1957 as an EM1(SS). Merv says " I never considered any other branch of service and loved every minute of it. Amongst other things he learned

how to play cribbage. After his discharge from Active Duty in 1957 he served in the Naval Reserve until 1962. While in the reserves he served aboard USS HARDER (SS 568), USS ANGLER (SS 240), and USS CORSAIR (AGSS 435). Mr. Cronin joined SUBVETS in 2010, and is a primary member of RI Base. He is 76 years old, and is from Attleboro MA.

John J. Cunnally Jr. John J. "Bud" Cunnally Jr. as an 18 year old he was called for a pre-induction physical at the old Boston Army Base and he passed it with flying colors. The Army was not for him so he went down to the USAF recruiter and was beginning to get things started to enlist as a flyboy. One of his Uncles a former Sea Bee Chief sort of growled at him that they were a Navy family and what was this Air Force stuff all about. During this time while he was absorbing the Chiefs scowl a friend of asked him to join him and go down to the recruiter where this Chief was recruiting for the NR Submarine Division 1-8. So he went along for the ride and when he got there they had them take the ASVAB tests. He had graduated from a Technical School so needless to say he scored high enough for Submarines & Electronics. His friend did not and he latter heard he went into the Air force. The enlistment was tempting "No Boot Camp" except for a two week indoctrination & Submarine School at New London that if he was successful a designation of SG would enable him to then return to Boston for his second stripe as a Seaman Apprentice. What a deal so he took it and initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1959. He finally ended up on board the USS CREVALLE (AGSS 291) where He Qualified in Submarines in 1961. John says "It was one of my better life decisions." The Army did indeed draft him and one day during the summer of 1960 CREVALLE pulled into Halifax, NS and his dad forwarded his draft notice to him. The crew posted it in the mess and some of his shipmates were trying to volunteer him to be a ground pounder. Captain Chambers would have none of that so a quick letter was sent to his local draft board in Dorchester, MA. That he was gainfully employed by the USN. In reflecting on his CREVALLE days John says "I was so lucky to have served on board one of the most famous fighting submarines of WWII and best of all I got to take her down for her last dive as the last bow plainsmen. It has been a lifelong pleasure to keep it touch with many of the WWII veterans that were finishing their Navy careers on the CREVALLE They were my heroes then and now that they have mostly faded away they are still my heroes. The lessons they taught us made me a better Chief in my later career. I was so lucky to have served on board one of the most famous fighting submarines of WWII and best of all I got to take her down for her last dive as the last bow plainsmen. It has been a lifelong pleasure to keep in touch with many of the WWII veterans that were finishing their Navy careers on the CREVALLE. They were my heroes then and now that they have mostly faded away they are still my heroes. The lessons they taught us made me a better Chief in my later career." In 1962 after taking tons of water down the main induction and doing some serious damage to the Main Motors the CREVALLE was decommissioned and most of the CREVALLE crew transferred to the USS TIGRONE (SS 419) in mothballs at Philadelphia, PA. It was good to have most of the CREVALLE crew still intact but somehow or another it was not the same as duty on the Creping Cree. He served aboard USS TIGRONE (SS 419) 1962/62; Late in 1962 he returned to the Boston Submarine Division. After the USS Thresher went down he was recruited to go to work at the General Dynamics Quincy Yard to complete the construction and modification of the USS GREENLING (SSN 614) 1966/68; USS GATO 1968/69; for

lengthening and post THRESHER submarine safety program SUBSAFE. To say the least as a member of the Shipyard Test Organization this was indeed an exciting challenge. They were testing and training the crew on what was then state of the art submarines with sea valve controls in maneuvering to new and improved emergency main ballast blow system. I also became a plank holder on two more Submarines the USS WHALE (SSN 638) 1969/70; USS SUNFISH (SSN 649) 1969/70. Mr. Cunnally Jr. retired from the Navy in 2000 as an ETC(SS). John J. Cunnally Jr. joined USSVI in 2000 as a Life Member. In addition to SUBVETS John is the Secretary of the United States International Submariners Association. He is 69 and is from Manassas VA.

Edmond Diamantini Edmond Diamantini was born and raised in New London CT. He was drafted into the Navy in 1943 during WWII. Having watched the submarines run up and down the Thames River all his life, he quickly volunteered for the submarine service. In the Pacific, he was a crewman assigned on the 2nd war patrol aboard the USS TIGRONE (SS419). During that patrol, the boat developed a noisy propeller that required the boat to stay under cruising speed. The boat was then assigned lifeguard duty, rescuing flyers from the Pacific waters off the coast of Japan. A total of 31 flyers were rescued during that patrol, a record that still stands today. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TIGRONE (SS 419) in 1945. When hostilities ended, Ed was in Guam in the Submarine Division 202 Relief Crew operating off the USS PROTEUS. After loading supplies, the PROTEUS sailed with Admiral Hallsey's 3rd fleet. They entered Tokyo Bay with American flags flying two days before the Japanese surrender on the USS Missouri. His outfit occupied the Japanese submarine base standing 6 hour on & 6 hour off watches. Ed was ashore when the surrender was signed and he watched as the planes flying in formation went over the base to signify the end of the war. Ed's Navy career was short compared to many who served but he is very proud to have been a part of these significant events in the Pacific Theatre. Mr. Diamantini left the Navy in 1945 as an EM3. Edmond Diamantini joined USSVI in 2008 as a Regular Member. He is 80 years old and is from Niantic CT.

William L. Doe William L. Doe initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958. He Qualified in Submarines on USS GRAYBACK (SSG 574) in 1959. Additionally he served aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) 1960/64; USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN 635) 1964/66; USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER 1966/68; USS RASHER (SS 269) 1968/71; USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN 599) 1971/74; USS BLUEBACK (SS 581)1974/75 as Chief of the Boat. Mr. Doe retired from the Navy in 1978 as an MMCS(SS). Mr Doe recalls that "my 20 years of service was almost split evenly between the Pacific and Atlantic. The years on Diesel Boats was in main power and on Nuclear Boats was the Auxiliary Division. William L. Doe joined USSVI in 2010 as a Life Member. He is 72 and is from Ledyard CT.

William J. Dopirak William J. "Bill" Dopirak was born and raised in Philadelphia PA. He had a few options after High school and the military offered him a place to get some training and a way out of a bad environment and he initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958. He made two good friends at ET "A" School The two of them approached Bill with the idea of volunteering for Submarine Duty. He had no idea what lay ahead. They planned to be together in this endeavor. He was concerned that they would leave him behind because he had a speech impediment (stammering). At his physical the doc told him he could find no restrictions for his problem and would leave it up to the people at

New London to decide his fate. His two friends both failed their physicals and off he went thinking he made a mistake on his own. He would later come to realize that it was the best mistake he'd ever make. He Qualified in Submarines on USS CONGER (SS 477) in 1961. He says "I fell in love with my first boat. The CONGER (SS 477) was a non-snorkel diesel boat. We made a Med Run, and I became a Bluenose. I never wanted for friends again. I have never felt the camaraderie and acceptance that I discovered among my Brothers of the Pin". Additionally he went on to serve four tours on three FBMs. He served aboard USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616) 1964/65, 1974-77; USS ULYSSES S GRANT (SSBN 631) 1965/67; USS SAM HOUSTON 1971/72; USS CONGER (SS 477) ; USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616). He missed the smell of the diesel oil and the frequent port calls, but the friendships and reliance on his brothers continued. His first love was gone, but the experience grew. He says "my only regret is that I didn't stay on active duty longer. Civilian life was not as bad as it had been as a child growing up in Philadelphia. It was however, not as enjoyable as my times spent with my brothers on the boats. Mr. Dopirak retired from the Navy in 1978 as an ETC(SS). He says "it's hard to believe that fifty plus years have passed, and I'm still getting excited about an activity that could only have occurred because I agreed to join two friends on an adventure out of "A" School. William J. Dopirak joined USSVI in 2002 as a Life Member. He is 71 and is from South Windsor CT.

Robert M. Douglass Robert M. Douglass initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1944. His first Sea Duty assignment was aboard USS RUPERTUS (DD 851) from 1949 – 1951. He attended Naval Submarine School in 1951. He initially Qualified in Submarines aboard USS ARGONAUT SS 475 in 1953. Additionally in the early days of Nuclear Power he served two tours aboard USS SARGO (SSN 583) from 1957 – 1959 and from 1963 – 1965 where the crew was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation. He was aboard the USS PATRICK HENRY (SS 599) from 1959 – 1962 and was the first submarine to refit in Holy Loch Scotland. He also served as the Commanding Officer of USS James K. Polk (SSBN 645) from 1965 - 1968. He retired from the Navy as a Captain in 1971. On retiring from the Navy he taught math in the Groton School System and built a sailboat. Mr. Douglass joined USSVI Groton Base in April 2011 as a Life Member. He is 84 years old and lives in Groton Long Point. He has two sons and four grandchildren.

Patrick Dougherty Patrick Dougherty initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960. He Qualified in Submarines on USS GROWLER (SSG 577) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN 627). He served in the regular fleet until 1968. He then went to Electric Boat – Naval Reactors Division till 1975, served as Manager Shippingport Atomic Power Station until 1978. He went back to Electric Boat working in TRIDENT Design and Program Development and Testing in Naval Reactors Office. . Mr. Dougherty retired from the Navy in 1990 as a CDR. Patrick Dougherty joined USSVI in 2002 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Uncasville CT.

Bruce Carl Dunham Bruce Carl Dunham initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1954. He Qualified in Submarines on USS GROUPER (SSK214) in 1956. Mr. Dunham left the Navy in 1958 as an SOS2(SS). He later served in the Inactive Reserves until 1962. Bruce recalls that he'll never forget the thrill of starting one MAIN ENGINE - a GM V16, or how impressed he was by the hovering tank that was able to maintain their depth even at ALL STOP but didn't one night. I don,t know how I'd feel if everyone cleared the bridge ahead of me on a dive, and even closed the upper conning tower hatch ahead of me. As he recalls, they had a tough time getting him to let go of the masts he was hanging onto. He also recalls

that a long time ago, far out at sea, certainly well beyond the 600 fathom curve something was tangled near the stern of our sub. Someone had to untangle it. I said "just tell me what needs to be done and I'll do it". I put on some foul weather gear which included a heavy web belt with a special clamp that could hook over a track that ran the length of the boat. The day was sunny, cool and the sea was not very rough. But rough enough to make the clamp a real help rather than a hindrance. I reached the stern and started to free the cable. The swells rocking the boat seemed far apart and I would grab hold of a vertical pipe when one pushed the boat over a bit. Suddenly there was quite a bit of yelling from the bridge. As I turned to see what going on, I saw people pointing at the largest wave that this boy from Nebraska had ever seen. The story really ends there except to say that everyone on the bridge got just as wet as I did, and I had more fun than they did. Bruce Dunham joined USSVI in 200 and is a primary member of RI Base. He is 75 and is from Kingston RI.

Walter J. Friess Walter J. Friess initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1952. He Qualified in Submarines on USS SEA OWL (SS 405) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS HARDHEAD (SS 365) 1963/64; USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668) 1968/69; USS BANG 1969/70; USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597); and USS CUBERA (SS 347). Mr. Friess first eight years in the Navy he was an Engineman. He converted via the SCORE Program to Radioman. He was an EN2(SS) and when he finished RM "A" School he was an RM2(SS). Four years later he was RMC(SS) for the remainder of his Navy Career. Mr. Friess retired from the Navy in 1971 as an RMC(SS). Walter J. Friess joined USSVI in 2001 as a Life Member. He is 75 and is from Gales Ferry CT.

Thomas P. Guilfoil Thomas P. "Tim" Guilfoil initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960. He attended Boot Camp and MM "A" School in Great Lakes IL. He was then assigned to USS CUBERA (SS 347) as an MMFN where he Mess Cooked, and was an Auxiliaryman, and an oiler, and Qualified in Submarines in 1961. This was followed by Nuclear Power School and prototype training where he became an ELT. Additionally he served aboard USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN 599) 1963/64 Qualifying all required Engineering watches. From 1964 – 1968 he attended the University of Oklahoma as an MM2 and MM1 under the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) where he received a BS in Engineering Physics. In 1968 he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport RI as an MM1 and graduated as an Ensign. He attended Nuclear Power School and Prototype training as an officer, and then the Submarine Officer Basic Course. His Officer assignments included: USS GUARDFISH (SSN 612) 1969/72 where he earned his Gold Dolphins and was the Auxiliary Division Officer, Ships Diving Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant making several SPECOPS and a Non-Refueling Overhaul at Pascagoula MS. He then attended the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in 1972. From 1973 – 1976 he was onboard USS KAMEHAMEHA 1972/76 as a LT/LCDR serving as the Engineer making 5 Med cruises. He was assigned as part of the CINCLANTFLT Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from 1977 – 1978, followed by precom duty as the Executive Officer, USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699) 1978/80; and Executive Officer USS BILLFISH (SSN 676) 1980/81. He attended PCO Training in 1982, and then commanded USS SCAMP (SSN 588) 1982/85 making two Mediterranean Deployments, UNITAS XXV, and SCAMP earned the Battle "E" in 1983 under his command. Mr. Guilfoil retired from the Navy in 1986 as a CDR, and is currently the Director of the Retired Activities Office here at SUBASE Groton CT. Thomas P. Guilfoil joined USSVI in 2000 as a Life Member. He is 69 and is from Gales Ferry CT.

George “Geo” Hahn George Hahn initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1957. Upon Graduation from Submarine School in February 1958, he reported aboard the USS TORO (SS 422) at Submarine Development Group 2 here in New London CT. The Deck Officer grabbed him immediately and told him he was the new Sonar Striker. George informed him that he was not quite sure what sonar was and he was told “Don’t worry we will teach you. That turned into one of George’s lucky days. He Qualified in Submarines on TORO in 1959. Until his discharge more than three years later George had the distinction of being the only Sonar man on the TORO. He gained a great deal of electronics experience as he either maintained the equipment, or they were without Sonar. George stood many watches in the Cuba area in 1961 as they were tracking a large amount of traffic in and out of Havana. George remembers “once he heard a strange set of screw noises dead astern of us that wound up being the Submarine USS GEORGE WASHINGTON only 2000 yards away.” TORO also spent time in St. Thomas and Curacao working with the local Navies on Sonar Tracking. George was privileged to attend numerous sonar schools in Key West including the First Submarine Sonar School Class in 1959. There were six students in the class. George was also the Bridge Phone Talker on the maneuvering watch and stood radar watches when they were on long surface deployments, as there was only two ET’s during the same time he was on board and he was quickly trained to stand radar watches. Mr. Hahn left the Navy in 1963 as an SOS3(SS). He says “It is ironic that I switched over to sonar as my original education was as a machinist. Upon discharge, George joined the NY Telephone company where he worked his way through the ranks to become a General Manager of Network Service, retiring after 30 years. George says “I have always been grateful for not only the education I received but the amazing friends I have made over the years, some of whom I still have kept in contact with. I was also fortunate to have spent a great deal of time in the Caribbean, especially in 1961. I consider myself a very lucky man to have spent time in the United States Navy especially in the Submarine Service. I will always be proud of what I learned while being a Submariner. George Hahn joined USSVI in 2004 as a Life Member. He is 73 and is from Manchester NJ.

Richard J Harrison Richard J Harrison initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960 straight out of high school with the simple intention of joining the Submarine Service. He Qualified for Sonar School, Completed A School and immediately was sent to “B” School. Following Sonar School he was transferred to Submarine School, graduated and was assigned to USS CARBONERO (SS 337) in Pearl Harbor where he Qualified in Submarines in 1961. He was then sent to “C” school for Sonar Analysis and found a skill that he was good and enjoyed. He was discharged in 1964 and found that he missed the Boats and Submarine Life so he reenlisted. He was selected to attend AN/BYG (Puf’s) School and completed that sonar training in San Diego. Additionally he served aboard the Pre-Commissioning crew of the USS GUARDFISH (SSG 577), USS GROWLER (SSG 574), USS BONEFISH (SS 581), USS BLUEBACK (SS 582), USS BUGARA (SS 331), USS VOLADOR (SS 490), USS GUARDFISH (SSN 612) for a second tour, and finally USS TIRU (SS 416). Mr. Harrison left the Navy in 1968 as an STS1(SS). Richard J Harrison joined USSVI in 1997 as a Regular Member. He is 69 years old and is from Mystic CT.

John Hartigan John “Jack” Hartigan initially joined the U.S. Navy in Detroit MI after graduating from High School in August 1956. He and a friend joined as there was not

much of a job market at the time. He went to Boot Camp and Electricians School at Great Lakes. While there a classmate talked him into trying out for Submarine Service. After testing he made it, but his friend didn't. After Graduation from Submarine School in Oct 1957 he requested Key West FL, or New London CT but was sent to Norfolk VA instead. He was assigned to USS POMPON (SSR 276) and Qualified in Submarines on 01 May 1958 and was advanced to EM3(SS) on 16 May of that same year. While on the POMPON the boat participated in a Mediterranean cruise and they were off the coast of Lebanon during one of their crises. After a trip to Bermuda the POMPON was decommissioned and he was sent to Charleston SC, and served aboard USS SEA POACHER (SS 406) that was there in dry dock. While on SEA LEAPORT he was advanced to EM2(SS). After a trip to the Caribbean in August 1960 he was transferred to the reserves. Finally he made it to Key West FL on a two week cruise. . Mr. Hartigan left the Navy with an honorable discharge in August 1962 as an EM2(SS). John Hartigan joined USSVI in 2011 as a Regular Member. He is 72 and is from Shelby Twp MI.

Delbert Hayden Delbert "Del" Hayden initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1959 in St. Louis Mo. After Boot Camp he went to Submarine School and Torpedoman "A" School. His first boat was the USS CONGER SS 477 where he Initially Qualified in Submarines in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS CORPORAL (SS 346) 1962/66 where he served for four years until going to FBM's as a Launcher torpedoman. He made 14 FBM Patrols on USS GEORGE C MARSHALL (SSBN 654) 1966/69; USS ROBERT E LEE 1972/73; USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642) 1973/76. After a tour on Recruiting Duty he returned back to Submarines this time as a COB onboard USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) 1979/82; USS BOSTON (SSN 703)1983/86. While serving as a COB he received two Navy Achievement Medals, Two Navy Commendation Medals, and several SUBLANT and Cinclant Fleet Commendations. While he onboard ARCHERFISH he met Base Commander John Carcioppolo and became a mentor and one of the best COBs that John worked for and they became close friends and still are today. Del's daughter was the Carcioppolo Baby Sitter for several years. Aside from being a great COB, John C. recalls a lot of Acey Ducey, a lot of poker, and a lot of Ship Captain Crew at the old CPO Club on the hill. Mr. Hayden retired from the Navy in 1986 as an TMCM(SS). After Retirement he worked as a defense contractor until retiring in 2005. Del married his first wife Jean in 1965 and raised 5 children. She passed away in 1990. His second wife of twenty years, Nadine and he have traveled throughout 43 states in a motor home. He is 69 years old, and they have four grandchildren and live in Oakdale CT. He works part time for Sea Corp, when not out roaming around the USA. Delbert Hayden joined USSVI in 1998 as a Life Member. He can sometimes be seen washing dishes with the Old Salts at SUBVETS.

Jonie B. Hollis Jonie B. Hollis grew up and initially joined the U.S. Navy in Niagra Falls NY. He attended Assault Boat School in Little Creek VA and also spent some time at Gitmo Cuba. He has a long career in both the Surface Navy and Submarines. His Surface commands included the first Guided Missile Cruiser USS BOSTON (CAG 1), the first Command Communications Ship USS NORTHAMPTON (CLC1) the oldest Battleship USS MISSISSIPPI, two commissary stores in Nerport RI and Dalhgren VA. He Qualified in Submarines on USS GROUPER (SS 214) in 1961. Additionally in the Submarine Force he served aboard USS ETHAN ALLEN (SSBN 608) ; USS CROAKER

(SS 246) 1962; USS JOHN ADAMS 1962/65; USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN 611) 1969/70; USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) 1975/76. His travels took him to most of the countries in the Med, Denmark, Germany, Portugal, and Rio De Janiero. Mr. Hollis retired from the Navy as an SKC(SS). Jonie B. Hollis joined USSVI in 2000 as a Life Member. He is 78 and is from Old Saybrook CT. He has 5 daughters, 2 sons, 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, annex wife and 1 son deceased. I would love to visit South Africa. Jonie would like to thank his family and long time friend Mollie for the journey they have taken with him.

Richard A. Johnson Richard A. Johnson spent his childhood years in Michigan, Indiana and Iowa. In 1959, he graduated from George Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and immediately joined the Navy. After Boot Camp, and Sonar Training in San Diego His first assignment was aboard USS JOHN R CRAIG (DD 885) 1960/60. This was followed by Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) prep program and Basic Submarine School in 1960. He was assigned to USS SWORDFISH (SSN 579) and He Qualified in Submarines in 1961. After the first 4-year enlistment, he returned to Iowa for college and held various jobs in sales and as a draftsman, but re-enlisted in August 1967. His 23-year Navy career included WestPac cruises on diesel and fast attack subs, plus 8 Groton -New London Subase FBM blue crew deployments via Holy Loch, Scotland and Rota, Spain, followed by numerous special rider ops. His assignments included USS TANG (SS 563) 1967/69; USS KAMEHAMEHA 1970/73; USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659) 1975/77. In addition to Submarines assignments included Nav Support Washington D.C. Adcop College Program: Nova, Annandale VA 1973 – 1975, SUBSCHOOL Naval Intelligence Support Center 1977 – 1978, COMSUBGRP TWO 1978 – 1980, NAV SUBSCHOOL COMSUBGRU TWO SSEP 1980 – 1984, Mr. Johnson retired from the Navy in 1984 as an STCM(SS). Dick was fortunate to pursue his higher education through Navy programs. After his Navy career, Dick worked for 4 years as a Project Manager at Analysis & Technology in North Stonington CT. In 1990, he became an apprentice in the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) program in Florida, and was honored to serve as a PGA assistant pro at Groton's Shennecossett Municipal Golf Course; at Great Brook Driving Range; and his last position was at Foxwoods Golf Course in South Richmond RI where he was A-1 Head Pro for 3 seasons. He is now a Retired Member of Connecticut Section PGA. Some may remember Dick from the bar/cafe known as Town Green Tavern, Ledyard CT -- from 1985-1988 he was co-owner with Pete Fazio, STSC USN RET. Dick and his wife Flo celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. They now make their home in the Whispering Oaks golf community in Ridge Manor FL, with summers at Pachaug Marina & Campground in Griswold CT. Family includes one Son, and a Daughter and 1 grandson. Dick's retirement years are spent playing golf, bass fishing, traveling, reading, and spending time with family and Tai, his giant Labradoodle. He plays the ukulele, practicing almost daily and, he enjoys his military buddies and their sea stories. Richard A. Johnson joined USSVI in 2003 as a Life Member. He is also a Life Member of the VFW; American Legion, and Moose.

Thomas L. Johnson Thomas L. "Tom" Johnson Tom grew up in Sleepy Eye, a farming town of 3,500 in southern Minnesota. He worked as a Pin Setter in the local Bowling Alley and as Flagman for a Crop Duster for Delmonte as a in the summer graduation from St. Mary's Catholic School in 1956. Tom did not have money to attend

college and jobs were scarce in the area so followed my brother and uncle into the Navy; joining seven days after graduating high school. After Boot Camp in Great Lakes completed Yeoman "A" School in Bainbridge, MD and was assigned to the staff of COMDESFLOT 3 in Long Beach for 14 months before going to Sub School in Groton. Following graduation from Sub School in Mar 1958, Tom reported to USS Ronquil SS 396 in San Diego and He Qualified in Submarines on USS RONQUIL (SS 396) in 1958 and made YN2 during his 2-years as the ship's yeoman. Tom notes: The Ronquil Executive Officer was Don Whitmire, a former All-American football player at the US Naval Academy. He later became a RADM, and was pictured on the cover of Time Magazine the week the Vietnam War ended welcoming the U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam on to his flag ship after Saigon fell. From the RONQUIL, Tom was assigned to OPNAV, and worked for '31-knot' Burke in CNO Flag Plot in the Pentagon for the Operations Briefers. They briefed the CNO and other senior flag officers daily on navy operations. During the Bay of Pigs operation Tom was required to remain in the War Room for the duration. He also met Marlon Bando when he came with the producer of The Ugly American, George Englund, getting briefed on South East Asia and Thailand which was the backdrop for the movie. Tom advanced to YN1 while serving at the Pentagon and also passed the test and was selected for OCS. He attended OCS in Newport, RI, and was commissioned an ENS in the Supply Corps in Feb 1962. Additionally he served as the Supply Officer aboard USS JOHNSTON (DD 821) 1962/63; USS BIGELOW (DD 942) 1966/67; USS RALEIGH 1970/71. He also had several shore assignments including two years at SUPSHIP Groton where he met and married Karen Douglas of Westerly RI, also employed at SUPSHIP. Tom attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA earning a BS degree in Business Administration, and an MS degree in Financial Management. Tom's Supply Officer Career spanned over 18 years He retired as a Commander in 1980 with over 24 years of service. He is currently employed at Electric Boat, Groton, and is involved with arranging factory training and overseeing logistic technical documentation outfitting of new construction VIRGINIA Class submarines. Thomas L. Johnson joined USSVI in 2010 as a Life Member. He is 72 and Tom and Karen have two grown daughters, Debbie and Beth Anne and they all live in Middletown RI. He thinks his wife was a really good catch and says he plans on keeping her.

Joseph S Katusich Joseph S "Joe" Katusich initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1957. He attended boot Camp in Bainbridge MD, followed by MM "A" School in Great Lakes II. He reported to USS MISSISSINEWEWA (AO-144) where he served from 1957 – 1960 homeported in Naples IT. While on this tour he volunteered for Submarine Duty. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TENCH (SS 417) in 1961. Following TENCH he transferred to Davisville RI for Instructor Duty with Construction Training Unit in Feb 1966. In November 1966 he transferred to SUBSCHOOL for Instructor Duty. He also attended Scuba School and Auxiliary Package Course and then transferred to the USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) in 1969 as the COB. He served here till 1974 before transferring to the USS FULTON (AS11) Shore Duty Element, Fleet Maintenance Assistance Group (FMAG) in 1974. After two years he transferred to the FMAG at NSSF/SUBASE New London. Mr. Katusich retired from the Navy in 1976 as an MMCM(SS). Joseph S Katusich joined USSVI in 1994 as a Life Member. He is and is from Gales Ferry CT. He works on his Honey Do List and Assisting with the building of

Submarine Models.

Gary Kingston Gary "Gary" Kingston grew up in Nebraska and initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1958 after graduating from High School, in order to fulfill my military obligations. He heard that the Submarine Force was the place to be. He he put in for subs while at "a" school in San Diego, but was told only two from school would probably make it. I was playing basketball for the San Diego Base team and one of the top staff of the "a" school who also played, said he would see what he could do to help. He must have had some influence as he did get into Submarines after IC "" school He went to Submarine School, then Nuclear Power School, then on to Mare Island Naval Shipyard to be a member of the USS SCAMP commissioning crew. Sea trials were memorable, especially when we went from ahead full to all back emergency. The shaft snapped and they lost the screw. The coast guard had to tow us back to the yard. But as they went under the Golden Gate Bridge, they had to divorce lines from the Coast Guard Cutter as she lost her power. After a few nervous minutes and hoping they would not hit the bridge supports they were taken in tow by a couple of tug boats that took them safely back to the shipyard. He Qualified in Submarines on USS SCAMP (SSN 588) in 1961. He had planned to get out of the service after four years. He left the USS SCAMP in San Diego as she had to get underway and he was due to get discharged because his enlistment was up. He was to report to Squadron that afternoon to pick up his discharge orders. That same day, the Cuban Missile Crisis broke out and the Squadron placed him on the sister boat, USS SCULPIN and his enlistment was extended. His extension had not yet dropped when the XO came to inform him that it was the last that that he had to ship over and get the shipping bonus. If He elected to not ship-over, he would be sent to separations, whenever the extension was cancelled. He ended up shipping over for another four years, on condition tha he get sent to IC "B" school. At Great Lakes. Additionally he served aboard USS SCULPIN (SSN 590) 1962/63; USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) 1965/66; USS ENTEMEDOR 1966/66. Mr. Kingston left the Navy in 1966 as an IC1(SS). After being discharged in 1966, he went back to the Midwest, to obtain a Bachelors Degree at Wayne State College in NE and was able to obtain his four year degree in two years. He then headed back east expecting to get hired at Electric Boat. But at the time EB was not hiring so instead he went to Pratt and Whitney where he was hired and worked in Field Service and Sales until retiring in 2002. Gary Kingston joined USSVI in 2007 as a Regular Member and just recently upgraded to Life Membership in Mar 2011. He is a primary member of USSVI TREASURE Coast Base in FL and a dual member of Groton Base. He is 70 and is a snowbird, splitting his time between Pt St Lucie FL and Niantic CT.

John Knaff John Knaff initially Qualified in Submarines on USS CORPORAL (SS 346) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) 1962/68 and USS ENTEMEDOR (SS 340). Mr. Knaff left the Navy as an ET1(SS). John Knaff joined USSVI in 2008 as a Regular Member. He is 71 and is from Groton CT.

Regis Amil Koontz Regis Amil Koontz came from a small mining town in PA. There was little work in the area, so along with his cousin; they hitched a lift to Johnstown to see about joining the service. They went into the Air Force Recruiters office but the recruiter was out, so they went down the hall. The Army Recruiter was also out to lunch. The Marine Recruiter was in and he was in full dress. Koontz and his cousin thought the

uniform was too much so they went to the Navy Recruiting Office. This recruiter was sitting at his desk with a cigarette and had a Budweiser in his hand. He saw the insignia on his chest and asked what that was for. The reply was "Submarining". His next question was "How is the food"? The reply was "the very best steak and lobsters and all you can eat. So Koontz asked "How do we join"? Do we need to take a test? The answer was Yes. So they did. Koontz says "I guess we scored high enough to be asked if we would like the Nuclear Power Program with all the Schooling. Etc. The answer was YUP. So they signed up for six years under the buddy program. This was in 1959. They were the 2nd and 3rd young men from that area to turn to Submarines and Nuclear Power along with two others a few years later. His entry when reporting aboard the USS SEA LEOPARD was a bit humorous. THE COB said "you are going on K.P". Then from behind the sail they heard "Nine" red stripes, he is mine. So he ended up getting tutored by an ex-U-Boat Chief who really taught him how to be a Boat Sailor. Koontz Qualified in Submarines on USS SEA LEOPARD (SS 483) in 1961. In 1963 he reported to the USS DANIEL WEBSTER which was at Electric Boat under construction. He served as a plank-owner aboard USS DANIEL WEBSTER (SSBN 626). He completed al dock side testing and all but one sea trial. He also completed six patrols on the Gold Crew as a Section leader and was preparing for the Chief's exam. While at sea, his enlistment ran out, so he was taken off duty for 24 hours it was a paper snafu). So he was a civilian and he agreed to extend for another year. In 1967, his wife became ill and asked him to leave the service so he left the Navy as an MM1(SS). Regis says most people called him by his first name. But in the Engineering Logs he signed it "The Mole" because he spent a lot of time in the lower levels. He also says "I did miss the fellowship". Regis Amil Koontz joined USSVI in 2002 as a Life Member. He is 69 and is from Avon CT.

Norman E Kuzel Norman E "Norm" Kuzel was born and raised in Milford, NE. He graduated from Milford High School in May 1952. Norm enlisted at Lincoln NE in Sep 1952. He initially served on the Destroyers USS EVERSOLE (DD 789) and USS SHELTON (DD 790) until December 1959 home-ported in Long Beach CA. He made 9 WESTPAC cruises via Australia and Southeast Asia. He was then ordered to Florida Group Atlantic Reserve Fleet, Green Cove Springs, FL from January 1960 until February 1961. He attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School in 1961 and was ordered to USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN 598) BLUE in June 1961. He Qualified in Submarines on USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN 598) in 1961. While serving aboard the GEORGE WASHINGTON he Qualified as Chief of the Watch and Diving Officer of the Watch while making 4 FBM Deterrent Patrols. Additionally he served aboard USS VON STEUBEN 1963/65. VON STEAUBEN was under construction at Newport News. He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in 1965, and selected for Warrant Officer in April 1966. He detached to Officer Candidate School in Newport ri, FOLLOWED BY Navy Supply Corps School, Athens GA. He graduated in Dec 1966 and was ordered to USS HOLLAND (AS 32) 1966/68; where he served as Submarine Supply Assistance Officer, Food Service Officer, and Disbursing Officer. He was promoted to COW2 while onboard. He was then assigned to the Polaris Material Office Charleston SC from 1969 – 1971. He was promoted to Ensign and LTJG during this tour. He was then assigned to USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) from 1971/73 as the supply Officer. He completed his Officer Qualification in Submarines in 1972 as well as Diving Officer and Battle Stations Diving Officer. From 1973 – 1974 he served at NSSF

New London CT. He was then ordered to USS FULTON (AS11) as Assistant Supply Officer. While onboard FULTON she deployed to Halifax, NS and also underwent a major overhaul at Charleston Naval Shipyard. USS FULTON (AS 11)1975/76. Mr. Kuzel retired from the Navy in 1976 as an LT authorized to wear various medals and awards. . Norman E Kuzel joined USSVI in 2004 as a Life Member. He is also a member of the American Legion Post 180 in Lebanon CT. Norm Kuzel serves as a Docent at the Submarine Force Library and Museum, and as a member of the Groton Base Honor Guard. He is 76 and is from Lebanon CT. He is married to his wife of 50+ years Ella Mae. They have 7 children and 21 Grand Children.

Richard Lacombe Richard "Richard" Lacombe initially joined the U.S. Navy Reserves on 16 November, 1959 while attending his senior year of High School. As a reservist he performed weekend duty, basic enlisted training and Basic Submarine School. He was ordered onto Active Duty on 9 November 1960. Upon graduation from SUBSCHOOL he reported to USS SAILFISH (SSR572) where he Qualified in Submarines in 1961. Richard recalls that his early tour aboard the USS SAILFISH consisted of Radar Picket Duty and training exercises as a mess cook during the winter months in the North Atlantic. Obviously there were constant trips to the head, and it wasn't long thereafter that I earned my sea legs." His tour included a time in the Philadelphia Navy Yards where SAILFISH was converted from SSR Radar Picket to it's reclassification of SS ATTACH Submarine. This was where he met his wife to be Grace who he has been happily married to for the past 48 years and have raised four children. He also recalls that his tour also included some catastrophic events. There was the deep fat fryer incident that completely burnt up the Aft-Battery Compartment the day before heading out to take part in a major Naval Exercise. Then there was the near sinking incident when an intermediate open/shut indicator on # 2 torpedo tube muzzle door left the tube to be inadvertently open to sea which resulted in the torpedo umbilical cable connector to blow out of the breech door flood the torpedo room. A scary situation ensued when the flooding could not be controlled along with the negative down bubble and depth control of the ship. Quick and precise actions by the skipper and crew prevented loss of the ship. Mr. Lacombe left the Navy in 1962 as an SK2(SS). Though his active duty time was short, his association and involvement in Submarines and the Submarine Service remained constant after leaving active duty. He joined the SUBVETS organization in 1963. He worked to help organize the newly formed Groton Chapter and to purchase the clubhouse on School Street. He held the office of Base Treasurer for the next 2 years and House Committee Chairman for 3 years. He provided a great deal of insight, work and leadership during this time that was essential to the organizations survival during this very critical growth period. Within two years after purchasing the building the organization performed major renovations to the downstairs bar, kitchen, back aroom and rest rooms. That bank loan was co-signed by Dick Lacombe and his wife using his house as collateral. He received a citation in 1969 in recognition of his contributions to the development and operation of the Groton Chapter and Acquisition of the clubhouse. Though his close involvement changed to pursue his degree in engineering and to handle the increasing demanding responsibilities working with SUPSHIPS at EB, he still managed to put on 4 – 6 steak and lobster dinners a year for the next several years. "You may say that he had a personal interest in making sure that the bills were paid. He held some key management positions, and retired from a 36 year career with

SUPSHIPS for which he was awarded the Navy's Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service Richard Lacombe rejoined USSVI in 1993 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Waterford CT.

Harry J. Larsen Harry J. Larsen initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1949 for one year active duty and four years reserve duty. His Navy designation was USNREV. He went to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for 13 weeks of Basic Training. He was then told that he was assigned to Special Services and received his orders to report to the Naval Submarine School in Sep 1949. After graduation from Basic Submarine School in December he was then assigned to the CORSAIR SS 435 until May 1950. The Corsair was at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire for upkeek when He was initially discharged on May 4 1950. On Jan 5, 1952, he received orders to report to Brooklyn Navy Shipyard for Active Duty on April 28, 1952 and to report to the USS ATULE (SS 403) in New London CT. He Qualified in Submarines on USS ATULE (SS 403) later in 1952. As a non-qualified Submariner on the ATULE he was not allowed to have a 72 hour pass. He was married at the time and couldn't wait to get home. There were car pools running from NH to New London. The only way he could get a 72 hour wass was to make a deal with the Duty Chief who mustered the nonqualified men on Saturday mornings. Well one weekend He made arrangements with him to muster me in on Saturday morning. It just happened that on Friday night his wife had gotten sick and went to the hospital. Another Chief Bill Burke covered for him but he neglected to tell Burke about him. When Burke mustered the non-qualified men Harry was not there so he put Harry on report and listed him as AWOL. When Harry returned on Monday morning he was informed that he was going to Captains Mast. Harry recalls that a week later I went before the Captain in his office which was full of Chiefs and officers supporting him. After reading the report he said that if was Qualified by the time we returned to New London there would be no need for Captains Mast. On the way back to New London I went through the boat for the final time with Lt. W.J. Traynor the Executive Officer. Two weeks after returning, at a Squadron inspection, I received my dolphins with LTJG R.E. Sivinski. We both Qualified at the same time. He and remained onboard as part of the crew until he was discharged on Jan 27 1954 as an SN(SS). Harry J. Larsen joined USSVI in 2010 as a Life Member. He is 80 and is from North Stonington CT.

Dale Liggett Dale Liggett provided a typed bio four pages long that was just full of great stuff, but for brevity we will only provide you with the highlights. Dale was raised in a small town near Cincinnati OH and quit school shortly after staring his Junior Year in High School. He knew at the time that when his father came home that evening it might be his last day on earth. He told his father that before he killed him that he wanted to work until he was old enough to join the Navy. He is sure that is the reason he is still alive and well. His uncle who was a YN2 signed him up, swore him in the U.S. Navy in 1955 and gave him his orders to Boot Camp in Bainbridge MD. After Boot Camp he was assigned to the USS GREENWICH BAY (AVP41) which was one of three ships that rotated to the Persian Gulf as a fla ship for Commander Middle East Forces. A young seaman came aboard while they were in the Middle East and had been medically disqualified from Submarines. He told Dale many things about Submarine Life, but one of the things I remember the most was the food and open galley on Submarines. Dale went to bed many nights hungry on his present ship because of liver being served. It

was punishable by at least 10 hours of extra duty if caught with food in your locker or magazine. Dale worked his way out of deck division by learning to read flashing light and semaphore and made Signaller 3rd class. In 1958 he passed all the requirements and attended Submarine School. He Qualified in Submarines on USS SEA POACHER (SS 406) in 1959. He had many memorable times aboard SEA POACHER including one time he was lowered by a rope tied to his ankles to retrieve the periscope eye piece that had fallen down the well. After that he picked up the nickname "Twiggy". Additionally he served aboard USS HADDO (SSN 604) 1963 – 1966. and USS ATULE (SS 403) 1967 – 1968. Having had 13 years of sea duty he was then assigned to Shore duty at the Naval Photographic Center in Washington DC as the Career Counselor. While on Shore Duty he wanted to go back to Sea duty he told his detailer he didn't want a boat in the Shipyard, or New Construction. His detailer asked him about a PBR, and he wasn't talking about a Pabst Blue Ribbon. He took those orders as it was the fastest way out of town. He flew to Viet Nam on his 30th birthday and was assigned to River Division 515. While on this duty he was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V along with the Combat Action River and several commendations while with the Viet Nam Navy also. After Viet Nam he served aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) 1971 - 1972, and USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616) 1972 - 1973. His final tour of duty was at the Naval Air Station Brunswick ME where he fell in love with the state of ME, and the daughter of a Dairy Farmer. Mr. Liggett retired from the Navy in 1975 as a QMC(SS). Even after retiring Sea Duty stayed in his blood. He qualified as an able bodied Seaman and sailed deep water ships like general cargo, container and tankers. In 1982 he was given his Masters license and captained large supply vessels in the gulf. Dale says "I finally married the farmer's daughter and next to making the Navy my career, it is the best thing I have ever done. Dale Liggett joined USSVI in 2011 as a Life Member. He is 72 and is from Ripley ME.

Richard C. Lukas Richard C. "Luke" Lukas as a young man watched Submarine Movies, Victory a Sea (Full Fathom Five) and Parish. He always wanted to be part of the Submarine environment. He joined the Navy in 1957. Upon graduation from SUBSCHOOL in 1958 his first duty station was the USS BARRACUDA SSK-1. He was a little disappointed because his friends went to Fleet Boats and Guppy II's. Lukas got this weird looking 152 foot long sub with a great big bow and a 6 foot dish on the stern. It went 11 knots flank speed on the surface. He learned to love the boat with its superior systems and great 43 man Crew. He Qualified in Submarines on USS BARRACUDA (WAS K-1) (SSK 1) in 1959. On BARRACUDA he met his mentors Chief Joe Warnkin and EN1(SS) Leroy Yonts. They taught him how to be a Submarine Sailor. Additionally he served aboard USS SCORPION (SSN 589) 1959/67, USS REDFIN (SS 272) 1966/67. While onboard SCORPION it was to be his home for almost 7 years. He received CO Commendations for excellence in Qualifying his Shipmates. Making many patrols one received the Navy Unit Commendation and his CO received the Legion of Merit. Mr. Lukas left the Navy as an EN1(SS) in 1967. Richard C. Lukas joined USSVI in 2010 as a Life Member. He is 71 and is from Glastonbury CT. Luke says "I enjoyed my years on the Boats and have many fond memories.

E. McGuire E. "Mac" McGuire initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TENCH (SS 417) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS TORO (SS 422); USS SEA ROBIN (SS 407) USS CLAMAGORE (SS 343) ; USS

HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625) ; USS POGY (SSN 647); USS GREENLING (SSN 614) and USS TUSK (SS 426). Mr. McGuire retired from the Navy in 1983 as an CWO4. He was one of the few to earn both silver and gold Dolphins. He commissioned 2 Boats being the CLAY and the POGY, and he decommissioned 2 boats being the TUSK and CLAMAGORE. He repaired many as part of Hull Repair on USS FULTON (AS 11), and hopefully saved some. He designed the current Fire Fighting Trainer in use at SUBASE. E. McGuire joined USSVI in 2006 as a Regular Member and just upgraded to Life Membership. He is 68 and is from Stonington CT.

John C. Moulton John C. Moulton initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1959. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TRITON (SSN 586) in 1961. While on the TRITON he participated in the Around the World Submerged voyage from Feb – Apr 1960. They crossed the equator four times, crossed the International Date Line as they cruised the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. The trip started when they slipped their moorings from Electric Boat in Groton CT and eventually tied up to State Pier, New London CT 84 DAYS LATER. Along the way they passed St. Peter and St Paul's rocks between South America and the Africa costs, around Cape Horn and Cape Good Hope. They even managed to squeeze in some periscope liberty along the way. Not bad for a kid that had his 18th birthday on the trip (somewhere in the vast Pacific Ocean). The U.S. Navy awarded him the Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Mr. Moulton left the Navy as an EN3(SS) in 1963. John C. Moulton joined USSVI in 2002 as a Life Member. He is 69 and is from Epsom NH.

Jack Munro Jack Munro reported aboard USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597) on 29 Dec 1960 very unexpectedly replacing a crew member killed in an accident. As an E-2 he was the lowest rate and youngest man aboard of the 58 men with 23 Chiefs, 22 First Class, 8 second classes, 3 third classes and 1 Seaman who made third. He mess cooked, and cleaned the heads for 4 ½ months. After being aboard for only a few days he was impressed that even the Chiefs helped load stores when asked. One day they were loading supplies onboard. Jack was positioned in the torpedo loading hatch. The chiefs below were in the mess hall taking the stores from above. The chiefs were called away and things piled up. Then he saw another Chief and hustled him to take 2 sacks of potatoes then he left. Jack recalls "the others came back and we were almost finished when the cook grabbed him out of the hatch onto the deck. Very quickly he chewed me out then said get forward on the double; the Captain wants to see you and try to learn the difference between a Commander and a Chief. Then I knew I was in trouble. I was thinking the worst but ran forward to the Captains state room. There he was on the phone and signing some papers he pointed to a chair. After a warm handshake he handed me a coffee and cookies and had a talk for 20 minutes or so. He welcomed me aboard and as I left he said if he were not busy he would help again with the stores. After only a few days aboard I knew this was my new home." Jack Qualified in Submarines on USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597) in 1961 and the same Captain gave him his old dolphins. Along the way Jack made fireman and later third class and left the Navy as an IC2(SS). Jack Munro joined USSVI in 2002 as a Regular Member. He is 68 and is from Beverly MA.

Raymond N. Newton Raymond "Ray" N. Newton grew up in Manchester CT. He initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1960. He chose the Submarine Service after talking to a former Submariner. He went to Boot Camp and MM "A" School at Great Lakes. Then on

to Submarine School followed by reporting for duty on USS SEA FOX (SS 402). He Qualified in Submarines there on SEA FOX in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS SABALO (SS 302) 1963/66. On Sabalo, hhe pulled two "West Pacs". They spent a lot of time in the Tonkin Gulf. 37 days submerged on one visit. These were very shallow waters. SABALO came in contact with Chinese Com (Chi Com) patrol boats while snorkeling/charging batteries at Night. He was also in the "Gulf" in the fall of 64 when a second incident occurred and a destroyer was attacked. He made several port calls in various Far East Ports, including one trip to Brisbane, Austrailia where he saw a close up view of the WWII Submarine USS DARTER (SS 227) high and dry on a reef after grounding while on the surface. Raymond is a certified "Golden Shellback" having crossed the Equator at the International Dateline. What a Great Experience that was. He received commendation letters for Engine Repair at sea on both SEA FOX, and SABALO. He also had the privilege of meeting COMSUBPAC Admiral Eugene Fluckey, who was one of his heroes. Mr. Newton left the Navy in 1966 as an MM2(SS). Ray says " I met a lot of people and made a lot of friends. One of the great times of my life, second only to getting married, having two wonderful daughters, a wonderful "wife" and now grandfather of triplets. They are two boys and a girl. Future Submariners I hope. Life has been great so far. Diesel Boats Forever. Raymond N. Newton joined USSVI in 2002 as a Life Member. He is 69 and is from Stafford Springs CT.

James R. Nowell James R. "Jim" Nowell initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1959 as an alternative to going to college. A fast talking recruiter sold him on the merits of Nuclear Power and the Submarine Service. He had to enlist for 6 years as a 9901 (four letter word on the diesel boats). Jim recalls that "it was the toughest but smartest decision of my career." The tough part was leaving his family and friends in rural Northeast TX. His first Submarine was the Diesel Fast Attack USS TROUT (SS 566), where he had to Qualify to complete his eligibility to navy Nuclear Power School. His CO on TROUT was LCDR William J. Crowe. The same man who became Admiral William J. Crowe, Head of the JCS. The Captain, XO, and COB all took a personal interest in pushing him through his Submarine Qualifications. Even though it meant he would leave the command, they all knew that the future was in Nuclear Submarine s and that the Fleet would need several Nukes to man the "41 for Freedom" which were still being planned. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TROUT (SS 566) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617) 1962/67. Mr. Nowell says "My nuclear navy career involved long hours of work and study but I was awarded with my association with a proud crew of professionals that I continue to have as my closest friends. Mr. Nowell left the Navy in 1967 as an EM1(SS). He continued his work after the U.S. Navy with a commercial Nuclear Plant where most of his fellow operators were former Submariners. Jim says "recalling our years on subs helped us through many tiring midnight shifts. Looking back, I can thank that recruiter for conning me into a proud rewarding career with great shipmates." James R. Nowell joined USSVI in 2000 as a Life Member. He is 69 and is from Waterford CT.

Paul W. Orstad Upon graduation from High school in Robbinsdale, MI Paul W. "Paul" Orstad initially joined the U.S. Navy in September 1959 and spent the next 20 years in the Submarine Service. He served on six different Submarines, 3 diesel boats, and 3 Fleet Ballistic Missile Boats making a total of 15 patrols in the Mediterranean, and North Atlantic. He went to boot camp in San Diego, Submarine School, and TM "A" School all

in Key West Fl. While in Key West Fl in May 1960 he had lunch with Ernest Hemingway at "Sloppy Joes" on a Friday afternoon. Talk about luck but it happened. His first Submarine was USS CLAMAGORE. His first liberty port was Hamilton, Bermuda in 1960. CLAMAGORE was testing the Special Sonar for the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON which was coming to Charleston, SC for it's load out and did not have time to test it. So CLAMAGORE did it for them in three weeks in Bermuda Sound Basin. In January 1961 they headed south for the annual spring board in the Caribbean travelling to every island from Puerto Rico to Trinidad and also Jamaica where he got to meet "Fats" Domino at a Kingston Night club where "Sailors were not wanted". On the way back to San Juan PR on the mid-watch he spent four hours with the Ship Engineer, Lt Finke getting his dolphins. He Qualified in Submarines on USS CLAMAGORE (SS 343) in 1961. Later that year they navigated around South America on UNITAS II for five months. "What a trip I will always remember like it was yesterday. We pulled into some great liberty ports in South America from Puerto Cabello, Venezuela to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He has so many memories he could write a best seller. Most 19 year olds do not get the chance I did. I hope to return back and cover my trail one more time before he has to call it quits. Additionally he served aboard USS CHIVO (SS 341) 1960/60; USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618) 1962/66; USS ATULE 1966/67; USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN 609) 1967/70; USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659) 1972/76. Mr. Orstad made Chief Petty Officer in 12 years retired from the Navy in 1979 as an TMC(SS). After retiring Paul went to work for the best Submarine Builder in the country working in the test group and made several sea Trial trips on TRIDENT Submarines. While working he went to college at night and received a BS degree in Industrial Engineering minoring in Shipbuilding. He graduated in May 1994. Afterwards he moved up to Design Engineering and was involved with the SEAWOLF and VIRGINIA Class Submarine design dealing with ventilation and Submarine Damage Control Systems. He retired in June 2003 and continued with his hobby of fly tying and fly fishing which he teaches to Boy Scouts. Paul W. Orstad joined USSVI in 1974 and upgraded to Life Member in 1987. Paul is very active in USSVI. He has served as the District One Commander, Eastern Regional Director (North), and National Scholarship Chairman. He is also the Base Secretary for SUBVETS Groton Base. He has 4 children across two marriages, seven grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. He is married to his wife Linda for the past 40 joyful years. He is 69 and is from Norwich CT.

Herschel D. Paradise Herschel D. Paradise initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 at age 17. His first assignment was aboard USS SPERRY (AS-12). He shipped over aboard SPERRY while enroot Midway, Marshalls, and Guam. He transferred to USS GREENLET (ASR-10) AND ARRIVED IN Japan for the signing of Surrender in Tokyo Bay. Upon return to San Diego he shipped over and served aboard his first Submarine USS CHOPPER (SS 342). He Qualified in Submarines on USS CHOPPER (SS 342) in 1948 enroot to Key West. He shipped over again in 1950 while at 200 feet in the Fl Gulf Stream heading towards New London CT.. Additionally he served aboard USS SABLEFISH (SS 303) ; USS SEA ROBIN (SS 407) 1951/51; USS TUSK 1955/59. Mr. Paradise retired from the Navy in 1963 from COMSUBRON Ten as a QMC(SS). The highlights of his career and special memories include 1. Being present at the Tokyo Bay Surrender. 2. Seeing NAUTILUS get underway on Nuclear Power and her trip under the Pole; 3. Seeing TRITON make her world trip submerged, 4. Saw Skate surface at the

North Pole in 1959. He helped in a small by by serving his country. Herschel D. Paradise joined USSVI in 2011 as a Regular Member. He is 85 and is from Niantic CT.

Richard M. Paul Richard M. "Dick" Paul initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 after graduating High School. He was 17. After Boot Camp he was sent to Quartermaster School and there he became intrigued with Submarines and volunteered for Submarine Duty. After SUB SCHOOL he was assigned to USS R-6 (SS 83) where he Qualified in Submarines in 1944. After Qualifying he enjoyed helping new recruits with training. In early 1945 R-6 was sent to Portland ME. There R-6 had the first snorkel put on an American Submarine as a test model. Upon completion R-6 went to sea for a Shakedown PERIOD. When they dove the snorkel leaked water into the engine room. Fast thinking on those in the engine room saved the boat from catastrophe. After this Dick was sent to the Pacific to pick up the USS SEA DOG. By the time he got there the war had ended, and he was discharged from the Navy in 1945 as a QM3(SS). Richard M. Paul joined USSVI in 2010 as a Life Member. He is 85 and is from Pittsfield MA.

Frederick C. Philipp Frederick "Fred" C. Philipp initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1947. He went to Electronics School and after completion was sent to SUBASE New London for further assignment. At that time the Mess Hall left much to be desired. Fred recalls that "after a couple of weeks, my group was asked if any one wanted to visit a Submarine and have lunch. I started SUBSCHOOL about a week later." He Qualified in Submarines on USS SPIKEFISH (SS 404) in 1949. Additionally he served aboard USS QUILLBACK (SS 424) 1950/52; USS TROUT (SS 566) 1952/54; USS IREX 1954/56. Mr. Philipp retired from the Navy in 1968 as an ET1(SS). Frederick C. Philipp joined USSVI in 2010 as a Regular Member. He is 81 and is from Bloomfield CT.

Robert F. Rowe When Robert F. Rowe was young, a good friend of his father had been a cook on the USS CONGER (SS 477). He told Robert to go into the Navy and to join the Submarine Force. He also said "Don't become an engineman. When Robert told him he was going to Submarine School and would be an Electrician's Mate, he said that was about as bad as being an Enginemen. Robert initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1959. When he first came to New London, he was put into a holding company to wait for his SUBSCHOOL Class to begin. While there he worked for Chief Joe Negri. They stripped equipment from old boats and stored those parts in a shop on the lower base so other boats could pick up parts that they needed. When his class graduated in Aug 1960, most of his classmates went to the WASHINGTON or the HENRY, while he ended up on the USS TORO (SS 422). The TORO was a School Boat. It made 16 Dives a day with SUBSCHOOL Students onboard. They also made 9 2-week trips to Halifax, NS with Officer SUBSCHOOL Students. In the 2 years and 7 months he was on TORO before decommissioning TORO also made a 3 month Springboard Run. During that time TORO made the 10,000th Dive and they ended up at 12,021 at Decommissioning. He Qualified in Submarines on USS TORO (SS 422) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS SABLEFISH (SS 303) 1962/64; USS JALLAO (SS 368) 1964/68; USS CROAKER (SS 246), USS ALBACORE 1969/72, USS WHALE, (SSN 638), USS TREPANG (SSN 674), USS GROTON (SSN 694). Mr. Rowe retired from the Navy in 1979 as an EMC(SS). Robert says "I feel fortunate that I spent the first 15 – 16 years on Diesel Submarines before ending my career on Fast Attacks, which at times were quite exciting. In all, I see or remember nothing better than having been part of the Submarine Force!!! Robert F. Rowe joined USSVI in 2003 as a Life Member. He is 70

and is from Waterford CT.

Phillip W Saul Phillip W “Phil” Saul initially joined the U.S. Navy Reserves in 1956 at El Toro Naval Air Station in his Senior year of High School which was 1956. In 1958 he went on active duty with his first assignment to USS JOHNSON COUNTRY (LST 849) where he was responsible for transferring and delivery of LST’S and LSM’S to the Korean navy in Seattle, Washington. In 1959 he transferred to the U.S. Naval Submarine Base Pearl Harbor for 2 years. He was assigned to the repair department (shop38) and worked out of the governor and injector shop. It was at this time that he decided to himself “If I am going to work on Submarines I am going to serve on board submarines”. Upon completion of his tour in shop 38 he was transferred directly to the USS BREAM (SSK 243) IN 1960. He checked on board just prior to getting underway and was assigned to the after engine room. The diving alarm sounded, and he was directed to shut the inboard exhaust valve. He recalls “though I’d never get the sucker shut, this was my indoctrination into submarines.” He Qualified in Submarines on USS BREAM (SS 243) in 1961. Additionally he served aboard USS RUNNER (SS 476) 1963/64; USS VON STEUBEN (SSBN 632) 1964/67; USS HAMMERHEAD 1967/68; USS WILLIAM H BATES (SSN 680) 1971/77. While onboard RUNNER he went into A-Division and remained as an A-Ganger for all of his remaining tours. He was an EN1 until he made into a Machinist Mate while serving aboard USS HAMMERHEAD. Shortly after that he made Chief. Additional tour for shore duty were at Fleet Submarine Training Facility Pearl Harbor as an O2 Generator Instructor, U.S. Naval Submarine School New London as part of the Submarine Officers Basic School as a Diving Trainer Instructor. Mr. Saul retired from the Navy in 1980 as an MMCS(SS) His retirement Ceremony was held at the Submarine Veterans Clubhouse. Phillip W Saul joined USSVI in 1994 as a Life Member. He is 71 and is from Vinegar Bend AL.

David E. Sieben David E. Sieben initially Qualified in Submarines on USS CONGER (SS 477) in 1961. Mr. Sieben left the Navy as an IC2(SS). David E. Sieben joined USSVI in 2001 as a Life Member. Dave recalls that he thoroughly enjoyed my time on the CONGER. The one Med trip we made and the numerous Bermuda trips to test our advanced Sonar provided a lifetime of memories. I am still in contact viera email, phone and physically with other shipmates who remain the best of friends. The neat part of getting together is recalling all those memories we shared. Best period of my life. He is 71 and is from Niantic CT.

James Standish James Standish joined the U.S. Navy in Sep 1959. He initially Qualified in Submarines on USS HALFBEAK (SS 352) in 1961. Some of the highlights while serving aboard HALFBEAK bring back fond memories of Shipmates and various trips and ports-of-call. They made many trips to Bermuda while working with Underwater Sound Labs on some special communication equipment in the Gulf Stream. Liberty in Bermuda made for excellent SCUBA diving at the many nearly deserted beaches. Horseshoe Bay was a favorite. A week in San Juan, Puerto Rico as visiting boat for a Navy League Convention presented exciting night life and long days on the beaches or touring attractions such as El Yunque Tropical Rain Forrest. October of 1962 in the Caribbean was an anxious time because of the Cuban Missile Crisis. A SUBICEX trip under the shelf ice gave the crew views of the many shapes hues and colors of the ice from below. They surfaced in an open lake in the ice to the bright white of the sub-arctic. Magnificent. Liberty in England while spending a week at Her

Majesty's (HM) Dockyard, in Portsmouth afforded trips to London, Chelsea and other local sites. Visiting with British Submariners and enjoying a few pints at the NAFI Club was a great time. Mr. Standish left the Navy as an ETN2(SS) in Sep 1963. He says The closeness of the crew still comes home at our HALFBEAK Reunions. We may not be as rowdy as we once were, but we still enjoy swapping stories and good memories. James Standish joined USSVI in 1999 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Southbury CT.

Dale O. Waldron Dale O. "Wally" Waldron IS FROM Heron Lake, MN. A small farming community with a population of 770 and initially joined the U.S. Navy at age 17 in 1958. He Qualified in Submarines on USS MEDREGAL (SS 480) in 1961. While onboard MEDREGAL he was part of Operation Dominic on May 6, 1962 by Johnston Island. Operation Dominic was when the USS ETHAN Allen fired a live armed POLARIS missile from the San Diego area down the Pacific Missile Range. MEDREGAL was within 30 miles at periscope depth, monitoring the yield, when the air blast went off. MEDREGAL had no damage, thank God. The test was known as Frigate Bird. It was the only life test of a POLARIS MISSILE. Additionally he served aboard USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) 1962/65; USS JAMES K POLK (SSBN 645) 1965/67; USS SAM HOUSTON 1970/76. While on board the ANDREW JACKSON on October 26, 1963, they fired the First A3 POLARIS Missile from a submerged Launch. JACKSON also fired a POLARIS Missile for President John F. Kennedy on November 16, 1963, off Cape Canaveral shortly before he died. President Kennedy flew out to sea and landed on the USS OBSERVATION ISLAND to observe the launch. He spoke to the crew by Radio Underwater Telephone calling the event "an excellent demonstration... wonderful". President Kennedy was presented with the Ship's Plaque. While he served as a plank owner on both ANDREW JACKSON and the USS JAMES K. POLK, it was the USS JAMES K. POLK that he served on the launching on May 22, 1965, and the commissioning of the Submarine on April 16, 1966 and was also present at its deactivation ceremony in Norfolk VA on January 9, 1999. His shore commands included Naval Submarine School Staff, Naval Submarine Base Pearl Harbor HI, USS HOLLAND (AS-32) at Holy Loch Scotland, and COMSUBRON Two Staff in Groton CT. Mr. Waldron retired from the Navy in 1988 with 30 years as an MMCM(SS). Dale Waldron joined USSVI in 2004 as a Life Member. He is 70 and is from Preston CT.

Joseph M. "Joe" Ward Joseph Ward initially joined the U.S. Navy in 1951. He attended Submarine School in late 1951. In January 1952 he was sent to Key West FL to the USS CHIVO (SS 341). CHIVO made a cruise to the Mediterranean in 1952, and he Qualified in Submarines there on CHIVO in 1952. In 1953 he transferred to the USS ANGLER (SSG 240) in New London where he served till May 1955 when he was discharged as a FN(SS). Joe says "I played a lot of softball in Key West and in New London. When I joined the Navy in 1951 I had only one intention and that was to be on a Submarine. Fortunately it worked out that way. It was a good 4 years. Mr. Ward joined USSVI in 2007 and is a primary member of Jersey Shore Base. He is 82 and is from Lakewood NJ.