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USSVI

... was organized in 1964. The organization's membership has been increasing substantially over the past few years and includes over 13000 residing nationwide, and in many other countries. The members meet in more than 150 local chapters known as "Bases", including two internet bases.

Regular membership is open to US Navy officers and enlisted men who have "qualified" in submarines, or the "boats" as they are affectionately called. Those who served in support of submarines, and others with an interest in submarines, are also accepted as Associate members.

"Qualification in submarines" requires rigorous training, generally a minimum of 6-9 months service aboard a sub, and passing of comprehensive written, oral and demonstrated tests to insure knowledge of operation of all submarine systems, and the ability to handle emergencies of all kinds. Those men who meet these high standards are awarded the prestigious dolphin insignia of the Submarine Service as proof of their achievement.



USSVI has held an annual national convention since its formation. The attendance now exceeds over 2000 submarine veterans for friendship and conducting the organization's business. In 2009, it was held in San Diego, CA, next year it will be held in Fort Mitchell, KY.

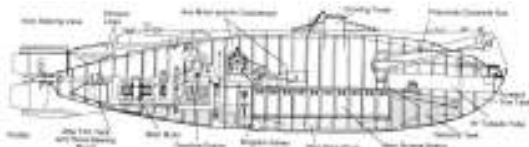
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The Pocono Base was founded on February 15, 2000 and has held most of its meetings at the American Legion Wilson-Fisher post in Pocono Pines, PA. In addition to its fraternity for submariners (pronounced *sub-ma-reen'-ers*), Pocono base is active in many veterans and community affairs including memorial parades, charitable functions and educational programs. Base members are available as speakers for schools or group meetings. The base conducts a collection program of worn American flags for proper disposal. A ceremony is usually held on Flag Day, the 14th of June, along with the members of the Legion Post.

To serve all of the Pocono Area, regular meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Lake. During these meetings we hold a remembrance and a "tolling" of the Base Bell to honor those men who have given their lives in service to their country. This ceremony includes the Boat Name, Hull Number, Date lost and number of men lost for that particular month.

**Some
Community Activities
Of
Pocono Base**

- Veterans Memorials & Parades
- Speaker Presentations
- Educational Programs
- Contributions to Distressed Submarine Families
- Scholarships for Children of Submarine Families
- Worn US Flag Collection Box Maintenance
- Ceremonial US Flag Disposal
- Holiday Events
- Remembrance of Deceased Submariners on 'Eternal Patrol'



USSVI Creed

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

***That their dedication,
deeds and supreme sacri-
fice be a constant source of
motivation toward greater
accomplishments.***

***Pledge loyalty and patriot-
ism to the United States of
America and its
Constitution.***



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POCONO BASE

