The Snorkel Exhaust

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE, TN USSVI

"To Honor Those Who Serve, Past, Present, and Future".

"The USSVI Submariner's Creed"

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

OUR ORGANIZATION | OUR FOUNDERS | OUR BROTHERHOOD

Our Mission

The organization will engage in various projects that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyles we enjoy today.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE
UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.
PRIDE RUNS DEEP

Scheduled Meetings

Base meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month at:

MIMI'S CAFÉ,
10945 PARKSIDE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
Dinner & Social Hour @ 1800
Meeting @ 1900
(Guests are Invited)

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SEPTEMBER 2026

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE OFFICERS



BASE COMMANDER
Marlin E. Helms, Jr.
Holland Club Chairman
MM1(SS) USS Spadefish SSN-668 '74



BASE VICE COMMANDER
Robert (Bob) Childs
MMC(SS) USS Nautilus SSN-571 '67



BASE SECRETARY
Ernie Ball
MMC(SS) USS LaFayette (SSBN-616) '75



BASE TREASURER
Jim Rock
MM1(SS) USS Andrew Jackson SSBN-619 '76

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



BASE CHIEF OF THE BOAT
Terry McBride
MMC(SS) USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN-624) '93



SOCIAL CHAIRMAN
Dick Love
ETMC(SS) USS Darter SS-526 '64



BASE STOREKEEPER
Max Gildner
ET1(SS) USS Tullibee (SSN-597) '71



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Marlin E. Helms, Jr.
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WEBMASTER
Marlin E. Helms, Jr.
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BASE NEWSLETTER
Max Gildner
ET1(SS) USS Tullibee (SSN-597) '71



BASE PHOTOGRAPHER
Bruce Eltzroth
Associate Member
ET1(SU) USS Sculpin (SSN-590)



BASE CHAPLIN
David Pope, EAWS
Associate Member
OMSUBGRU-9, FP DET. 2

SEPTEMBER - 2026

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Scheduled Meetings:

Base meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month at

MIMI'S CAFÉ, 10945 PARKSIDE DRIVE located in Turkey Creek, Knoxville, TN







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10/12 – Columbus Day 10/13 – US Navy's Birthday 10//15 – SMB Meeting

OCTOBER

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VETERANS ASSISTANCE & RESOURCES

Operation Vet Rescue

Rescuing & Rebuilding Lives of Homeless Veterans

(865) 284-3188

info@ovrtn.org

P.O. Box 23, Greenback, N 37742

VA Regional Office Benefits Assistance on every 4th Friday at 1557 Downtown West Blvd. Units 20-21 Knoxville, TN 0900-1400 Hours

East TN Military Assistance Council Calendar of Events web site: www.etmac.org/calendar

U.S. Military Veterans Discounts
Tennessee State Discounted Fees and Taxes

- $10 one-time fee for hunting and fishing license for eligible disabled veterans.
- Distinctive motorcycle and vehicle license plates; no fee for currently enlisted personnel.
- Exemption from motor vehicle privilege tax for eligible permanently and totally disabled veteran or former POW.
- Reduced fee state park lodging, camping, and golf.
- Veterans Designation on drivers license.



The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1078 meets at The Redemption Church located at 3550 Pleasant Ridge Road, Knoxville, TN on the 2nd Tuesday of

HONOR AND REMEMBER.

The Honor and Remember Flag has been designated as the official TN state symbol of remembrance to honor fallen military service members for their service. For information on obtaining one refer to: http://www.honorandremember.org/the-flag/flag–presentation.

VETERAN'S HOTLINE

988#1

OR

(844) 647-1354



SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE COMMANDER

I am looking forward to presenting the Newsletter award plaque and certificate to our newsletter editor at the next meeting. Looking forward to the events coming up. We have traditionally marched in the Knoxville Veterans Day parade and expect to this year again. As soon as American Legion Post 2 announces it I will submit our application for entry. The Army/Navy game is another tradition, and I expect to do it at Just1More as we have every year since 2012. The Army/Navy game is on Saturday, December 12. We may march in a Christmas parade and can decide that as we get closer.

VICE-COMMANDER

No Report Submitted

BASE TREASURER

On **September 17**, we had a balance of : **$5,284.27**

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

Nothing currently planned

BASE NEWSLETTER

Please provide comments or suggestions for future newsletter content.

BASE STORESKEEPER

The 2027 Submarine Veterans Calendars are now available. Please let me know if you are interested in getting one so I can work on making our order. It is expected that the cost will be similar to last year but will depend on how many we order. Contact me at gildnerml@tds.net

We currently have the following items on hand for sale:

Baseball caps w/SMB patch (White, Pink, or Blue) - $14.00. Straw Hats w/SMB patch - $12.00. SMB Iron-on Patches - $7.00. SMB Logo Magnetic Car Plates - $12.00. USSVI or SMB Window Stickers - $3.00. White SMB 11 oz. Coffee Mugs - $16.00. “Nuke, I am your father” coins — $20.00 each or 6 coins for $100.00

Remember, all purchases go to support your Smoky Mountain Base

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 17, 2026

Presiding: Marlin Helms, Base Commander

Meeting called to Order at 1900 hours. Dove the boat!

The Base Chaplain presented the Invocation.

The Base Commander led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Commander read the USSVI Creed.

Secretary and Vice Commander. led the Tolling of the Boats.

Vice Commander hosted member/guest introductions.

Number of Attendees: 12 members, 8 guest/wife's

August minutes read and approved

Base Treasurer reported - $5284.27 in the account.

Correspondence/Discussion - None

Committees -

- Newsletter – Max Gildner- need officer inputs, need suggestions on what to be in Newsletter
- Library – Marlin Helms – nothing new
- Storekeeper – Max Gildner - buy something
- Membership –Marlin Helms - stable
- Scouting – Marlin Helms- still no contacts
- Media Manager – Marlin Helms- pictures on website
- Social Committee - Dick Love - nothing currently planned

Old business –

Dick Love went to the USSVI Convention and talked about what happened there.

New Business –

Next year convention will be at Reno NV.

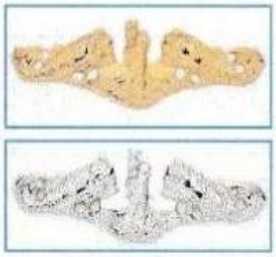
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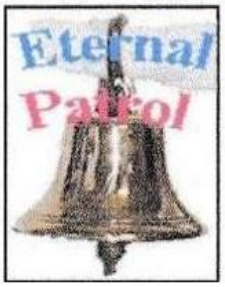
Next Meeting: 1900 hrs. Thursday, October 15, 2026, at **MiMi's Café, 10945 Parkside Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934.**

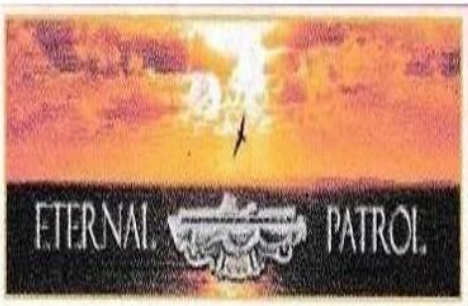
Meeting Adjourned at 1920 hrs. Boat surfaced!

Ernie Ball, Secretary



Lost Boats of September

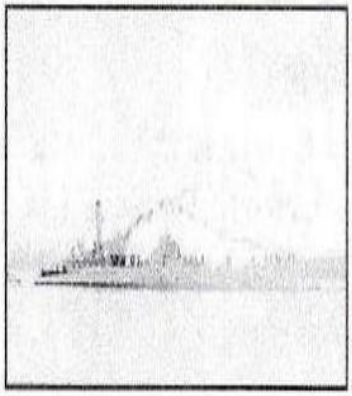




Pre WW-II Lost Boats-

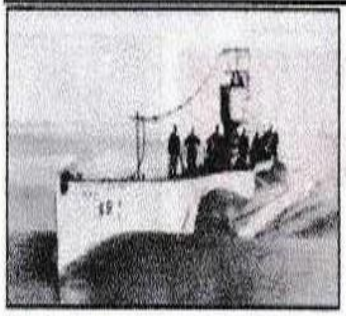
Pre WW-II Photos and write-ups
(courtesy of Wikipedia.)

USS S-5 (SS-110) September 1, 2, and 3, 1920 No loss of life



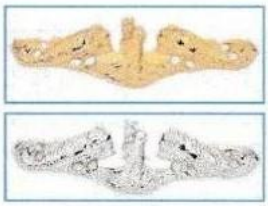
S-5 (SS-110) **was a "Government-type" S Class Submarine of the United States Navy.** Her keel was laid down on 4 December 1917 by the Portsmouth Navy Yard – Kittery Maine. She was launched on 10 November 1919, sponsored by Mrs. Glenn S. Burrell, and was commissioned on 6 March 1920 by Lieutenant Commander Charles M. Cooke, Jr. She accidentally foundered and started to sink during full-power trials (10 months after launch) on 1 September 1920, but due to actions by her crew and the crews of other ships, the entire crew was rescued and no lives were lost. She was partially refloated on September 2, and then was lost when she sank again while under tow on 3 September 1920.

USS S-51 (SS-162) September 25, 1925 33 Men Lost



On the night of 25 September 1925, *S-51* was operating on the surface near Block Island, with her running lights on. Merchant steamer *City of Rome* spotted the submarine's red sidelight and realized that they were on collision courses. She turned and backed her engines, but it was too late. Twenty-two minutes after first spotting the submarine's masthead light, the steamer rammed her. Only three of the 36 men in the submarine were able to abandon ship before she sank.

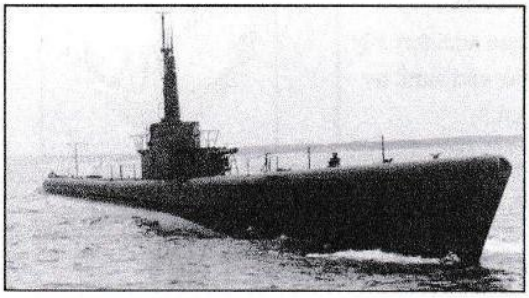




Lost Boats of September



LOSS OF USS CISCO (SS-290) - SEPTEMBER 28, 1943 - 76 Men Lost



On September 18, 1943, the ***Cisco***, captained by Commander James W. Coe, departed Port Darwin for her first and final war patrol. After a return to that base the same day for repairs to her hydraulic system, she got underway again on September 20, 1943, and headed for her assigned patrol area in the South China Sea between Luzon Island and the coast of French Indochina. She was never heard from again.

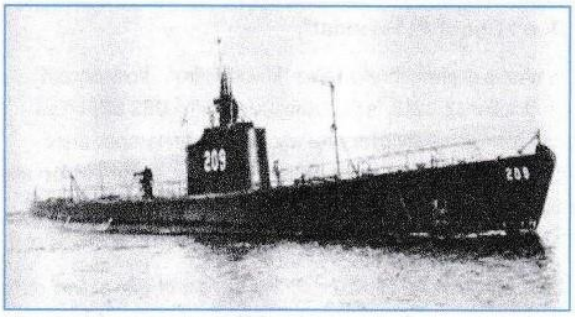
Japanese records reviewed after the war documented an antisubmarine attack made on **September 28, 1943**, at coordinates 9°- 47' N, 121°- 44' E, slightly north and east of *Cisco's* expected position on that date. The report of the attack stated; "Found a sub tailing oil, commenced bombing...the oil continued to gush out even on tenth of October." The *Cisco* was the only U. S. submarine operating in the area at that time. The ***Capelin* (SS-289)** and the ***Cisco* (SS-290)** were consecutive products of the Portsmouth Navy Yard. The *Capelin* had sailed from Darwin on November 17, 1943, and disappeared sometime after December 2, 1943. The next ship off the same production line was the **USS *Crevalle* (SS-291).** Significant construction problems that could have been fatal were found by one of her officers before she was launched. The problems related to weaknesses in two vent pipes that could have caused the *Crevalle* to sink if she was depth-charged. The crews of other boats from this same shipyard production series began to wonder if construction flaws had played a role in the losses of both the USS *Capelin* and the USS *Cisco.*





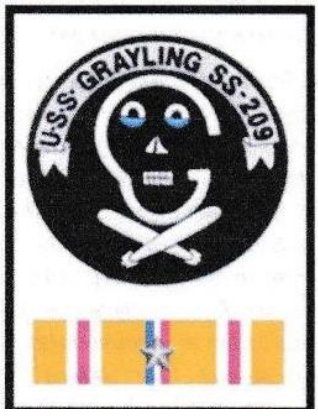


LOSS OF USS GRAYLING (SS-209) - Between Aug. 27 and Sept,30, 1943 - 76 Men Lost



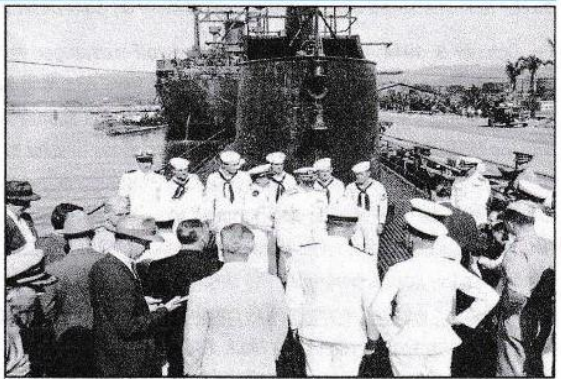
On July 30, 1943, the USS *Grayling*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Brinker, departed Fremantle for her eighth and final war patrol. On August 19, 1943, Brinker reported damaging a 6,000-ton freighter near Balikpapan. The next day he reported sinking a small tanker of the *Taki Maru* type in the Sibutu Passage with the *Grayling's* deck gun and taking one prisoner. This was the last report received directly from the *Grayling*. The circumstances of the *Grayling's* loss remain a mystery. All that can be said with certitude is that the *Grayling* disappeared sometime after she sank the *Meizan Maru*, on August 27, 1943.

On September 30, 1943, the *Grayling* was listed as lost in action with all 76 officers and men. *Grayling* was awarded six battle stars for her service during World War II.



An Interesting Side Note:

Following the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, **Admiral Chester Nimitz**, was selected as the new Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet. He made the submarine base at Pearl Harbor his temporary headquarters and was sworn in as CINCPAC on the deck of the **USS *Grayling,*** which he chose as his flagship. The first and only time that a submarine was the "flagship" of the entire Pacific Fleet.



Lost Boats of September

LOSS OF USS PAMPANO (SS-181) – Between Sept. 17 and Oct. 5, 1943 – 77 Men Lost





The USS Pompano was a Perch class submarine built in the Mare Island Navy Yard. She was commissioned in June of 1937 and operated in the Eastern Pacific for the rest of the 30s. She arrived in Pearl Harbor shortly after the start of WW-2. She completed six war patrols compiling a good record of vessels sunk earning 7 battle stars. She departed her seventh war patrol commanded by LCDR W.M. Thomas. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on Sept. 17th by air and depth charge attacks. Her operating area was also recently heavily mined so she could have been sunk after hitting a mine. The date of her loss is usually recorded as Sept. 27, 1943.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE MEMBERS ON ETERNAL PATROL

Robert Lowery – 9/15/2022



2026 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

OMNI HOTEL IN CORPUS CRISTI, TEXAS SEPTEMBER 6TH – 11TH

Submitted by Dick Love

Summary of key events

The highlight of the 2026 USSVI Convention & Reunion in Corpus Christi was the closing with the annual Awards Banquet. About 500 submariners ("bubbleheads") attended. The keynote speaker was Vice Admiral Robert M. “Rob” Gaucher, who spoke on the Navy’s submarine procurement and maintenance growth push as well as the AUKUS submarine partnership.

Who VADM Gaucher is now

A career submariner — former division officer on USS Flying Fish, navigator/ops officer on USS Oklahoma City, XO of USS Maryland (Blue Crew), commanding officer of USS City of Corpus Christi, and commodore of Submarine Development Squadron Five. He went on to command Submarine Group Nine, then the entire U.S. Submarine Force (and NATO’s Allied Submarine Command). He now serves as Director, Submarine Programs — responsible for making sure America can build, repair, and sustain enough submarines, not just operate them.

Key takeaways

Places to remember

Corpus Christi, Texas — site of the 2026 convention
HMAS Stirling, near Perth, Western Australia — rotational force site from 2027
South Australia — where Australia will eventually build SSN-AUKUS domestically

The boats

Columbia-class ballistic missile submarines (replacing the Ohio class)
Virginia-class nuclear attack submarines
SSN-AUKUS — the new joint-design attack submarine
UK Astute-class and Australia’s Collins-class (diesel-electric) for context

The three-stage AUKUS plan (“Optimal Pathway”)

Stage 1 — Training and integration now, leading to Submarine Rotational Force–West at HMAS Stirling from 2027: up to four U.S. Virginia-class and one UK Astute-class submarine rotating through. Arrangements were reported finalized in May 2026.
Stage 2 — Early 2030s: the U.S. intends to sell Australia three in-service Virginia-class submarines as a bridge (a streamlined approach announced May 2026).
Stage 3 — Late 2030s / early 2040s: SSN-AUKUS arrives — the UK first, then Australia-built boats.

Key claims worth remembering

The U.S. is attempting its largest submarine recapitalization in roughly 50 years; the bottleneck is the industrial base — shipyards, nuclear-qualified workers, and single-source suppliers.

Australia is investing billions of dollars into U.S. submarine industrial capacity to support the transfer.

May 2026: SRF-West arrangements finalized, plus the first AUKUS Pillar II “Signature Project” on uncrewed undersea vehicle payloads (deliveries from 2027).

September 10, 2026, at the IAEA Board of Governors: China challenged the AUKUS safeguards arrangement; the UK responded on behalf of all three partners, citing Article 14 of the safeguards model and stating the program is consistent with the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

SRF-West will support upkeep and maintenance of our current submarines

Additional for more detail

No direct to-do — this is a reference piece. If you want to dig deeper, Gaucher’s official Navy biography, U.S. Department of Defense AUKUS announcements, the May 30, 2026 AUKUS Defense Ministerial joint statement, and the UK’s IAEA right-of-reply delivered September 10, 2026.

I commented to ADM Gaucher after his remarks that we need to create an industrial bas similar to what we had during the cold war to build the 41 for freedom SSBN’s. That only lasted seven years and at its peak we were launching one a month.

Meetings summary

Our greatest loss to membership is to Eternal Patrol, approximately 50 shipmates this year.

The National Website is up and running.

Kap(SS)4Kids(SS) are also having trouble getting into hospitals as we are.

Next reunion will be in Reno, NV , August 2027, I highly recommend attending one!





THE STATE OF TEXAS
GOVERNOR

To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to all observing

Submarine Veterans Week
September 6–11, 2026

For generations, America's submariners have carried out some of our nation's most demanding and dangerous missions beneath the waves, serving with extraordinary courage, discipline, and resolve. Whether in times of war or peace, these silent professionals have safeguarded our freedoms while operating far from the public eye.

The United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. proudly preserves this remarkable legacy by commemorating every submariner on Eternal Patrol and ensuring that their sacrifice is never forgotten. Sustained by more than 13,000 active duty, reserve, retired, and honorably discharged United States Navy veterans, the organization carries forward the traditions and values forged through generations of honorable service.

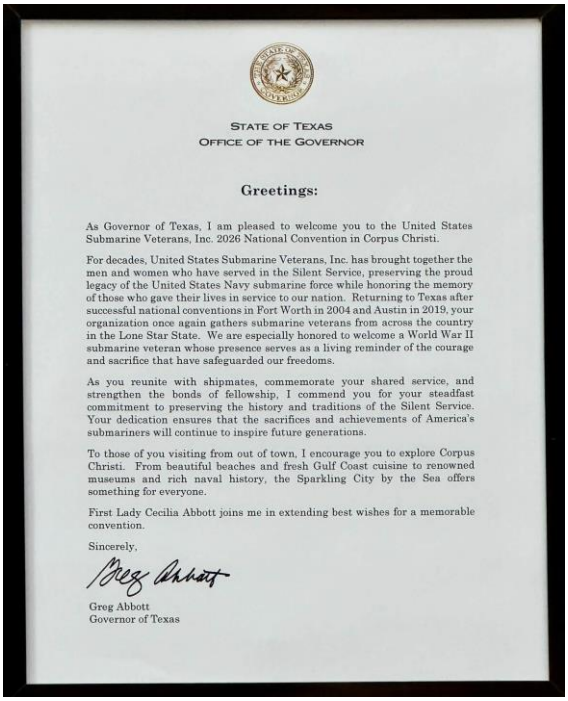
Texas is proud to be home to several United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. bases, where members strengthen the bonds of fellowship while honoring the memory of their fallen shipmates through service to their communities. Their steadfast commitment ensures that the sacrifices of those who served beneath the seas continue to inspire future generations.

During Submarine Veterans Week and hereafter, let us recognize the extraordinary contributions of our submarine veterans, honor those who remain on Eternal Patrol, and express our enduring gratitude for all who have defended our nation with courage and distinction.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in saluting our nation's heroes.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 7th day of August, 2026.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to welcome you to the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. 2026 National Convention in Corpus Christi.

For decades, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. has brought together the men and women who have served in the Silent Service, preserving the proud legacy of the United States Navy submarine force while honoring the memory of those who gave their lives in service to our nation. Returning to Texas after successful national conventions in Fort Worth in 2004 and Austin in 2019, your organization once again gathers submarine veterans from across the country in the Lone Star State. We are especially honored to welcome a World War II submarine veteran whose presence serves as a living reminder of the courage and sacrifice that have safeguarded our freedoms.

As you reunite with shipmates, commemorate your shared service, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship, I commend you for your steadfast commitment to preserving the history and traditions of the Silent Service. Your dedication ensures that the sacrifices and achievements of America's submariners will continue to inspire future generations.

To those of you visiting from out of town, I encourage you to explore Corpus Christi. From beautiful beaches and fresh Gulf Coast cuisine to renowned museums and rich naval history, the Sparkling City by the Sea offers something for everyone.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes for a memorable convention.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas





(Editor's Note) Dick represented Smoky Mountain Base in accepting the National Award for Top Newsletter for Class 3 Bases.



OPERATION HERO'S HILL FROM SERVICE TO SHELTER

At our June 19, 2025 meeting, we heard a presentation from Stephen Roche and Mike Collins from Operation Vet Recue where they laid out their program of support for homeless vets and stated their long-term goal was for some longer-term housing and rehabilitation for currently homeless vets. They were seeking support from various groups, companies and organizations. They got the attention of outgoing Knox County Mayor, Glenn Jacobs.

The project was officially announced on August 20, 2025. The site is a piece of county owned property on Liberty Street across from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in near west Knoxville. The project consisted of twenty 240 square foot tiny homes designed by the oysk3 architect firm plus a community building with an exercise area, laundry, computer area, and meeting spaces.

Operation Hero's Hill was a partnership among Knox County agencies, including Knox County Community Development Corp. (KDCD), Knox County Schools, community leaders and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The homes were built by career and technical education (CTE) students at Knox County Schools. Sixteen of the homes were built by seven county high schools. Two were built by people participating in reentry programs at the Knox County Detention Facility. Two were built at the regional skilled trades academy, the START Center. D.R. Horton company has managed the donations of all building materials needed for the project. Local businesses donated time and equipment, funds, and furnishings to make these homes live in ready. Some of the homes are handicapped accessible with ramps and necessary features that make them user friendly.

The construction of the tiny homes started in August with the start of the 2025-26 school year. Students started with a blank trailer and worked until the home was completely built. Businesses, teachers, and peers alike collaborated side by side with students at high schools, giving them opportunities to interact with people in the trade they wish to go into and gain extra experience and knowledge in their trades.

The site officially broke ground on February 17, 2026.

A 5K run, Family Walk/Run, and Hero's Challenge event was held at Johnson University on Saturday, March 21st to raise additional funds for remaining expenses.

On Thursday, August 21, 2026, just six months after ground breking and a year after project announcement, the Hero's Hill site and facilities were formally opened and dedicated.

Throughout the process, they documented the project and noted the obstacles and problems they had to solve. Additionally, they also made the project scalable so it could be expanded for use in other counties and states.













CUSTOM SMOKY MOUNTAIN BASE APPAREL

I'm sure many of you have already seen one of these t-shirts that are fashioned after the USSVI vest. The ones currently out there admittedly appear a bit faded but were limited by the available processes at the time. Today's printing processes are much better with brighter colors rivaling embroidering. The clothing is Navy Blue in color

Shirts start at $35. If you're interested in ordering one (or more) of these shirts, including a variety of t-shirts and sweatshirts, please use the link below. Orders are being taken exclusively via the form at the link below.

https://forms.gle/vz1rnuKoRghB1AYZ7

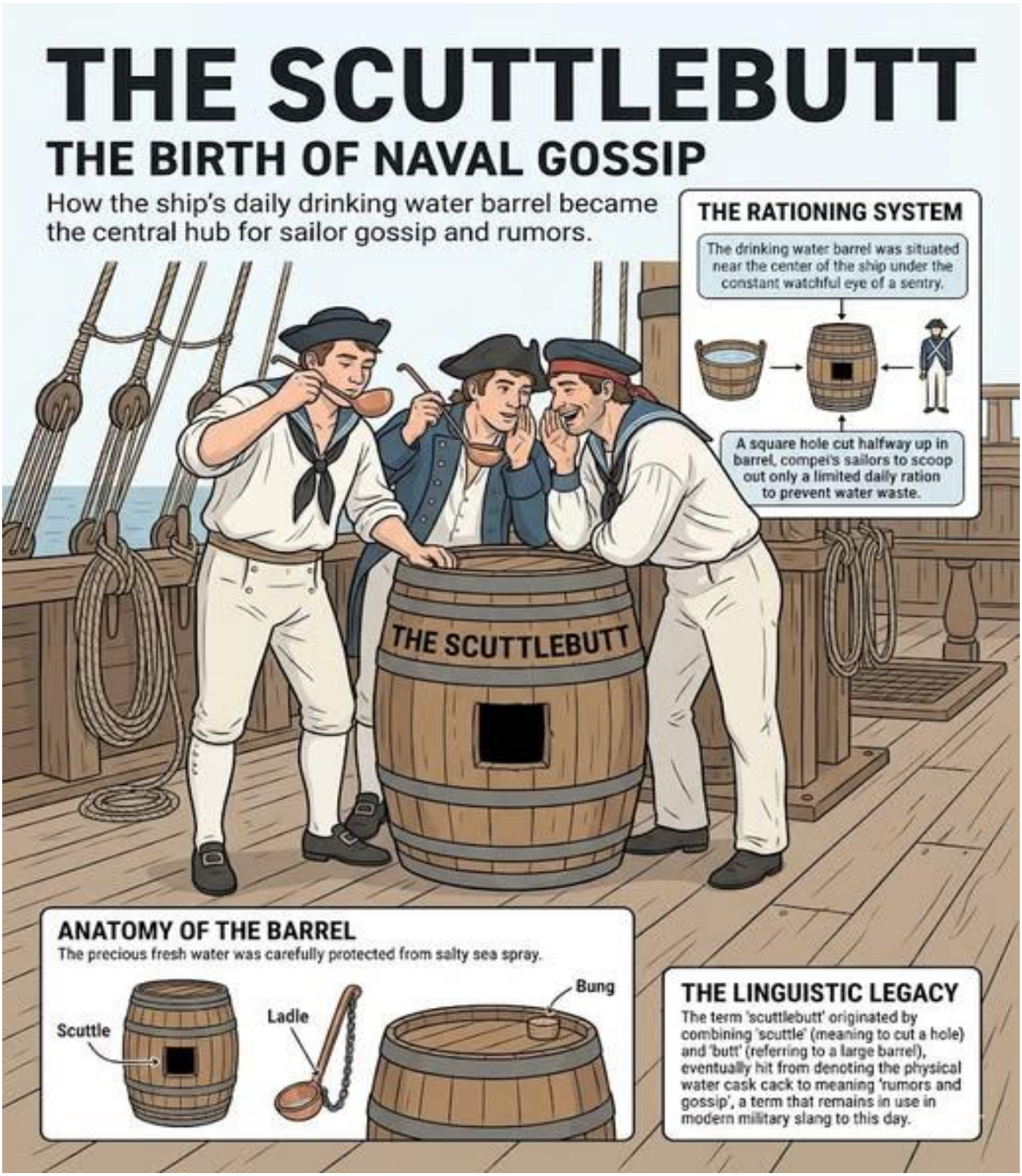
A sample mockup is pictured below.



I've also added SUBMARINE SWEETIE and SUBMARINE WIFE designs for your significant others. Long sleeve and sweatshirt options are also available.

Editor's Note: The order form is easy to use and offers various forms of payment for your order. Half of the net profits will go to support our base.

THE ORIGIN OF NAVAL TERMS, SAYINGS, AND TRADITIONS



USSVI APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular ☐ Life ☐ Associate ☐

OUR CREED: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivatio toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America & its Constitution."

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

☐ I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

☐ I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type)_____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip Code:** _____-_____ **Tel:** (_____) _____-_____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____/_____/_____

Your E-Mail Address _____ **Base/Chapter Desired:** _____

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____

Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: $140.00; 3 Yr term: $85.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) $30.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): $35.00;
Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = $120.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = $240; 56 thru 65 yrs = $360.00; 46 thru 55 = $500.00; Thru 45 yrs = $ 600.00;

Smoky Mountain Base dues are $15 per year ($10 after August 1st).

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

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member? (Mandatory for Associate Members) _____

Associate Applicant is: ☐ **Veteran, ☐ Spouse of Veteran, ☐ Other (specify)** _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ **If other military service, What Branch?** _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ **Mil Retired** (Y/N): _____ **On Active Duty?** (Y/N): ____

YR entered Mil Service: _____ **YR left Mil Service** _____ **(Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)**

☐ **Check here if your Military Service falls within these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946, June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7,1975; and from Aug 2, 1990 to date.**

☐ **Check here if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.**

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. _____ **Hull#**_____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.**_____ **to Yr.** _____
2. _____ **Hull#**_____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.**_____ **to Yr.** _____
3. _____ **Hull#**_____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.**_____ **to Yr.** _____
4. _____ **Hull#**_____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.**_____ **to Yr.** _____
5. _____ **Hull#**_____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.**_____ **to Yr.** _____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____**(Spouse, Partner, Son, Daughter, Parent, Other)**

Address:_____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Tel:** _____

(Leave this address line blank if it is the same as your home address)

Upon completion, give this form, including your National and Base membership DUES to Marlin Helms, or if you do not know of a base near you, mail t
USSVI National Office, P.O. Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383-3870. **Questions: Call Marlin Helms @ (865) 387-5625 .**


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