

It's a New Year with Old Friends

For those who have served in the silent service, the journey doesn't end when you leave the Navy. The bond formed beneath the ocean's surface, the unspoken understanding between submariners, and the shared experiences are what make the submarine community unique. South Lake Florida (SLF) SubVets offers a space where those bonds are not only preserved but strengthened. If you've been part of the undersea brotherhood, here's why joining SLF SubVets should be your next mission.

Submarine service is more than a career; it's a way of life. Adjusting to civilian life can often feel like leaving behind a family. SLF SubVets provides a community that understands the silent service's unique challenges and triumphs. Through regular meetings, social events, and ceremonies, you'll find a supportive network that celebrates your service and keeps the spirit of the submariner alive.

Every submariner has a story worth telling. SLF SubVets plays a vital role in preserving the history and heritage of the U.S. Navy's submarine force. By joining, you contribute to keeping that history alive for future generations. Share your experiences, mentor younger submariners, and participate in community outreach programs that educate the public about the significance of submarine service.

SLF SubVets isn't just about camaraderie, it's also about service. Members actively participate in local veteran support initiatives, community service projects, and educational programs. Whether volunteering at a local event or assisting a fellow veteran in need, joining SLF SubVets gives you an opportunity to continue serving your community. We actively support our local Sea Cadets and NJROTC units.



One of the most rewarding aspects of SLF SubVets is the chance to connect with submariners from different eras. From WWII veterans to those who served on modern Columbia or Virginia-class submarines, the organization fosters intergenerational connections. These interactions offer valuable perspectives, mentorship opportunities, and lifelong friendships.

SLF SubVets hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including reunions, memorial ceremonies, and community service activities. These gatherings are designed to honor submarine history, celebrate achievements, and strengthen bonds among members. You'll also have access to special interest groups, guest speakers, and exclusive tours of naval installations. Our chapter has created a scholarship foundation for the grandchildren of all submariners.

Membership in SLF SubVets provides access to a wealth of resources, including newsletters, updates on submarine force developments, and information about veterans' benefits. Staying connected with the latest news and advancements ensures you remain an active and informed member of the broader submarine community. We keep the memories of submarines and their crews that are now on Eternal Patrol in our robust newsletter

SLF SubVets offers more than just a connection to your past; it's a gateway to lifelong friendships, continued service, and a deeper understanding of submarine heritage. By joining, you become part of a legacy that stretches back over a century—a legacy of honor, courage, and commitment.

SLF SubVets awaits, ready to welcome you home.

Join us on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm: VALOR LAKES SOLUTIONS LLC, [12629 Highway 27, CLERMONT, FL 34711](#).

