

BLOW NEGATIVE



The Official Newsletter of South Lake Florida Subvets



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 motivation toward greater accomplishments. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.”

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Calendar 2026

Wednesday **July 8**, 0800 – Scheduled Chapter BOD meeting following breakfast.

Thursday **July 16**, 1800 – Scheduled Chapter Meeting, Minneola Town Hall.

Thursday **August 20**, 1800 – Scheduled Chapter Meeting, Minneola Town Hall.

Wednesday **September 9**, 0800 – Scheduled Chapter BOD meeting following breakfast.

Sunday **September 12**, 0700 – Possible SHP Build.

Thursday **September 20, 1800** – Scheduled Chapter Meeting, Minneola Town Hall.

Thursday **October 15**, 1800 - Scheduled Chapter Meeting, Minneola Town Hall. Nominations for Commander and Secretary close.

Thursday **November 19**, 1800 – Scheduled Chapter Meeting, Minneola Town Hall. Last scheduled meeting for 2026.

December 2026 – Christmas Social, details when available.

¹ Not accredited VSOs.

The newsletter is titled "Blow Negative" as a nod and hand salute to the earliest days of submariners. The earliest submarines of WWI were built with positive buoyancy, which included a "negative" tank. This tank was located within the submarine so that, when flooded with seawater, the submarine could dive. Our meeting location is at Minneola Town Hall. Minneola, Florida. The newsletter is published and edited by Timothy Blevins, MM1(SS), blevinst@gmail.com. Suggestions, corrections, and submittals are always appreciated. Publication occurs once a month, with occasional email updates.

The South Lake Florida chapter of USSVI consists of members living in and around Clermont, Florida. Our monthly meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month except December, when we hold a social event. Veterans from all services and submarine enthusiasts are always welcome at our meetings. Currently, the newsletter does not solicit advertisers. The chapter is grateful to our local sponsors for their support.

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