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Circular run

USS Grunion (SS-216)¹

Grunion was a Gato-class submarine that sank at Kiska, Alaska, during World War II. After shakedown from New London, Connecticut, Grunion sailed for the Pacific on 24 May. A week later, as she transited the Caribbean Sea en route to Panama, she rescued 16 survivors of the USAT Jack, which had been torpedoed by the German U-boat U-558, and conducted a fruitless search for 13 other survivors presumed to be in the vicinity. Arriving at Coco Solo on 3 June, Grunion landed the survivors and continued on to Pearl Harbor, arriving on 20 June.

Departing Hawaii on 30 June after 10 days of intensive training, Grunion touched Midway Atoll in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands before heading toward the Aleutian Islands for her first war patrol. Her first report, made while patrolling north of Kiska Island, stated that she had been attacked by a Japanese destroyer and had fired Mark 14 torpedoes at it with inconclusive results. She operated off Kiska throughout July and sank two Japanese submarine chasers (CH-25 and CH-27) while waiting for enemy shipping. On 30 July, the submarine reported intensive antisubmarine activity and was ordered back to Dutch Harbor.



On 31 July, the Japanese merchant ship Kano Maru was attacked by multiple torpedoes near Kiska. One damaged the ship's stern, but the others missed or were duds. The ship's crew spotted a submarine's conning tower and opened fire with machine guns and an 8 cm deck gun. One shell was observed to land on the submarine, followed by an explosion and wreckage. The Kano Maru reported the attack by radio, but its transmission was not received. Kano Maru limped to Kiska, where it was sunk at anchor in a US air attack on 8 August.

Grunion was never heard from again. *Grunion* was never heard from again. Air searches off Kiska were fruitless, and on 5 October, *Grunion* was reported overdue from patrol and assumed lost with all hands. Her name was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 2 November 1942.

Several years later, John Abele, cofounder of Boston Scientific, met Robert Ballard, famous for discovering the wreck of the RMS Titanic. Ballard advised him on locating a shipwreck, and Abele decided to fund an expedition to find the lost submarine Grunion.

In 2006, Williamson Associates, using side-scan sonar, located a promising target almost exactly where the commander of Kano Maru had indicated. The sunken object exhibited many characteristics typical of a submarine. In 2007, using a remotely operated

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Grunion

underwater vehicle, DSSI/Oceaneering returned to the site and recorded video of the imploded remains of a submarine, which had markings in English and propeller guards and limber holes identical to those of Grunion. The following year, the U.S. Navy confirmed that the find was Grunion.

Although not absolutely certain, the evidence strongly suggests that Grunion was lost as a result of multiple torpedo failures during her encounter with Kano Maru. Her first torpedo ran low, but despite its magnetic pistol, it failed to detonate. Two more bounced harmlessly off Kano Maru without exploding. However, the remaining torpedo missed its target and circled back, striking the periscope supports on the submerged submarine without exploding. The damage the torpedo inflicted, combined with a jammed rear dive plane, triggered a sequence of events that caused the loss of depth control. Grunion plunged below her maximum operational depth and, at about 1,000 feet (300 m), would have imploded. What remained of the ship struck the seabed, breaking off about 50 feet (15 m) of her bow. The wreckage then slid two-thirds of a nautical mile (0.77 mi; 1.2 km) down the side of an extinct volcano, coming to rest in a notch on the underwater mountain.



Oops! Wrong target.

USS Runner (SS-275) ²

USS Runner was a Gato-class submarine, the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the runner, an amberfish inhabiting subtropical waters, so called for its rapid leaps from the water.

Following shakedown from New London, Connecticut, Runner departed the United States East Coast in late 1942, transited the Panama Canal, and arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on 10 January 1943. She set out on her first war patrol on 18 January 1943, bound for a patrol area in the Pacific Ocean between Midway Atoll in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the Palau Islands. She claimed five Japanese cargo ships were torpedoed during the patrol, but none were confirmed as sunk. On 19 February 1943, she suffered damage from a near-miss by a bomb dropped from a Japanese patrol bomber while she was making the last attack of her patrol on a cargo ship off Peleliu. The concussion knocked out her sound gear and the power supply for both periscope hoists. Runner made her escape by a deep dive. Her crew made emergency repairs, and she returned to Pearl Harbor on 7 March 1943 for an overhaul. For this patrol, Fenno received his third Navy Cross.



² [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Runner_\(SS-275\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Runner_(SS-275))

Runner departed Pearl Harbor on 1 April 1943 to begin her second patrol, 1 April to 6 May. Her primary mission was to lay a minefield off Pedro Blanco Rock. Successful in this mission, Runner proceeded to the Hainan Strait off China. She torpedoed one cargo ship, and her crew heard the sound of a ship breaking up over her sound gear but could not confirm a kill. It was later determined that, in fact, Runner had torpedoed and damaged the Imperial Japanese Army hospital ship Buenos Aires Maru on 24 April 1943. She concluded the patrol with her arrival at Midway Atoll on 6 May 1943.

On 27 May 1943, Runner departed Midway for her third war patrol, assigned a patrol area in the Kuril Islands chain and the waters off northern Japan. She was never heard from again.

Runner was declared overdue and presumed lost in July 1943. She was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 30 October 1943.1943.

Coulda, shoulda, woulda

USS Robalo (SS-273)

USS Robalo was a Gato-class submarine. Robalo's keel was laid down on 24 October 1942 by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company at Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

After passing through inland waterways and being floated down the Mississippi River, Robalo deployed to the Pacific. During her first war patrol (under the leadership of Commander Stephen Ambruster, she sortied from Pearl Harbor, hunting Japanese ships west of the Philippines. This first war patrol ended unfavorably. On 12 February 1944, Ambruster reported seeing a large, two-masted sailboat.[10] En route to her new station at the Fremantle submarine base in Western Australia, she encountered enemy vessels; on 13 February 1944, east of the Verde Island Passage, the Robalo came across a convoy of two large ships escorted by a minesweeper, which dropped 13 depth charges and fired twice at the submarine with a deck gun. Although USS Robalo is "credited" to damaging a large freighter, firing four torpedoes at 3,100 yards (2,800 m), in fact, the attack was

husband: I'm getting you diamonds for our anniversary.
wife: nothing would please me more.
husband: *gets her nothing instead*



unsuccessful, and no enemy vessels were damaged or sunk. She spent 36 of her 57-day mission submerged. When she arrived, her commanding officer was summarily relieved by Admiral Christie and replaced with Manning Kimmel.

Early during Robalo's second war patrol, her commanding officer showed signs of caution. Although Kimmel achieved some success on that patrol and the next, Admiral Nimitz considered relieving him because of his hesitant decision-making.

The fate of the USS Squalus (SS-192) was nearly sealed after Robalo suffered an aircraft attack that shattered and flooded her periscopes, disabled radar, and left an

induction valve improperly closed. Her deep dive ended at 350 feet before she recovered. Robalo finished her 51-day patrol, during which 20 torpedoes were fired in four separate attacks. There were no confirmed sinkings.

Robalo's third war patrol was a continuation of hard luck. On 2 July 1944, she reported

sighting a Japanese battleship with two destroyer escorts. No other messages were ever received, and she was presumed lost. Stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 16 September 1944.

What do you do with a naughty eyeball?

Answer located inside



ACCORDING TO AUTHOR CIPOLLA (THE BASIC LAWS OF HUMAN STUPIDITY), "ESSENTIALLY, STUPID PEOPLE ARE DANGEROUS AND DAMAGING BECAUSE REASONABLE PEOPLE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE AND UNDERSTAND UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOR."

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VA Update

The latest issue of the annual Agent Orange Newsletter is now available online at <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/agent-orange/agent-orange-2025/index.asp>. This newsletter provides information for Vietnam Veterans and their families.

In this issue, read about:

- Update your mailing address with VA
- Join the Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Notification Database
- How to File a VA Disability Claim
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- Managing Chronic Pain
- The Herbicide Agent Blue
- Housing and Care Resources for Senior Veterans
- Veterans who served at Edgewood Arsenal Base between 1955 and 1975.



Did you know?

A male opossum is called a jack

A female opossum is called a jill.

Now, do you recall that first-grade reader about Jack and Jill and a hill?

The little sub that could

USS S-28 (SS-133)

USS S-28 (SS133) was an S-18-class submarine, also referred to as an S-1-class or "Holland"-type, of the United States Navy. She served in World War II, during which she sank one Japanese ship. She was lost at sea, with all hands, in July 1944.



USS S-28 was kept busy during her 20+ years. She served in many anti-submarine projects, served as a trainer for new enlisted and officer crews, patrolled both the east and west coasts, conducted patrols in the Caribbean and the Panama zone, and had a major presence in the Aleutian Islands. While on patrol, USS S-28 faced numerous emergencies, including fires, flooding, and crew injuries, yet she remained on station doing what she was built to do. USS S-28 made six war patrols, fired numerous torpedoes, and was credited with the sinking of a Japanese tanker near Kiska.



What do you do with a naughty eyeball?

Answer: You give it 50 (eye) lashes.

In the news

Navy eliminates regular performance, fitness reports for select paygrades³

The Navy is eliminating routine performance reports for a handful of senior paygrades to "reduce administrative burdens on senior leadership," the service announced Wednesday. Effective immediately, master chiefs (E-9), chief warrant officers 5 (CWO5), and limited duty officers at the rank of captain (O-6) are now exempt from routine periodic performance evaluations and fitness reports, according to June 3 NavAdmin. "Personnel in these paygrades have demonstrated a sustained history of superior performance and established records that negate the requirement for annual periodic reporting," the message stated.



"Reporting seniors retain the authority and are highly encouraged to submit special evaluations or fitness reports for personnel in these paygrades to document distinctly outstanding performance or sub-standard performance/misconduct," the message states.

The service's Bureau of Naval Personnel is overseeing the implementation of the new policy, while individual commands are instructed to ensure local policies and ticklers, or administrative reminders, "are updated to reflect the removal of regular periodic reporting requirements for the affected paygrades," the memo states.

³ <https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-military/2026/06/04/navy-eliminates-regular-performance-fitness-reports-for-select-paygrades/>

Nothing like it.

The Most Powerful Man on Earth at 0230⁴

Some people think the most powerful man on Earth at 0230 in the morning is the President of the United States. 🇺🇸 I respectfully disagree. At 0230, tied up alongside a submarine tender, the most powerful man in the free world is the sailor carrying a fresh pot of coffee toward a group of cold, tired watchstanders who haven't seen caffeine in three hours. The President can launch missiles and admirals can command fleets, but neither one of them can improve morale faster than a fresh pot of joe.



Turning back the clock

Codifying the 'Department of War'⁵

The panel also voted to rename the Defense Department the Department of War. Rep. Ronny Jackson, R-Texas, introduced the amendment, saying the change sends an "unmistakable signal" that "America is willing to fight and win to secure its interests."



"This name reflects the determination and resolve of our brave men and women of the U.S. military who aggressively fight to secure our national interests," Jackson said. "Our military does much more than defend the homeland."

⁴ Facebook comment.

⁵ <https://www.navytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2026/06/05/house-panel-votes-to-reinstate-non-confederate-base-names-and-adopt-department-of-war/>

The War Department was established by legislation signed by President George Washington in 1789 and remained so until 1947, when President Harry Truman sought to consolidate the services under a single Cabinet-level command structure.

Truman recommended that Congress pass legislation creating a Department of National Defense, which became the Defense Department.

Trump issued an executive order on Sept. 5, 2025, to restore the name

Department of War, a secondary title to the Defense Department. The department has been using the moniker but requires legislation to permanently change the name.

Smith said the name change would have very little impact on adversaries.

"Practically speaking, it makes no frickin' difference whatsoever. We have a lot of important work to do ... and we are arguing over a name. It's incredibly expensive to change that name," Smith said.

Time to re-up?

Target pay raises.⁶

During a marathon markup session that ran from Thursday morning until 12:00 a.m. Friday, committee members debated and passed nearly 600 amendments and the bill language of the fiscal 2027 National Defense Authorization Act.

The committee approved the proposed legislation in a 44-12 vote. It now moves to the House floor, where it is expected to be considered in mid-July.



House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., said the proposal would revitalize the defense industrial base, invest in jobs and military personnel, and "reverse the damage caused by decades of underinvestment in the U.S. military."

Ranking member Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., called it a "good solid bill" that supports the troops by investing in pay and benefits, continuing defense acquisition reform initiatives, and supporting allies.

The proposal includes a significant boost in troop pay beginning Jan. 1, 2027, especially for junior enlisted personnel. Under the proposed legislation, service members E-5 and below would receive a 7% pay raise, while those E-6 to O-3 would get a 6% pay raise. Members O-4 and above would see their paychecks rise by 5%.

The pay plan is higher than the 3.8% increase service members received in fiscal 2026, but less than half the 14.5% increase they received in 2025.

The proposal also increases the size of the active-duty force by 40,100, including: 15,000 for the Army; 12,000 for the Navy; 8,900 for the Air Force; 1,400 for the Marine Corps; and 2,800 for the Space Force.



*I am an American first, and a
Submariner, also first.*

⁶ <https://www.navytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2026/06/05/military-pay-raises-changes-to-housing-allowance-included-in-house-passed-115-trillion-defense-budge>



Do what you can with the talents you have.

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

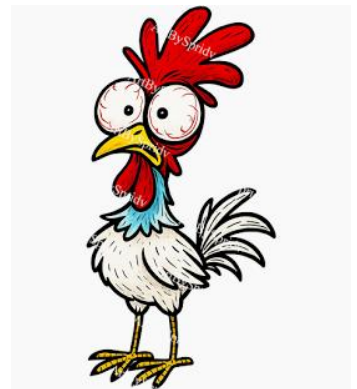
Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when finished?"

The silver-haired lady says. "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea," and then, he said with a deep sigh ... "let's put all the corn flakes back into the box."



Clermont Veterans Memorial

The Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Fund has been established, is active, and is online.

Kurt Schuh and I met with Laura Michalski of the Community Foundation of South Lake County to sign the funding agreement for the "Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Fund."

The Community Foundation of South Lake County will hold, manage, invest, and reinvest the Fund, collect the income, and disperse monies exclusively for general, charitable purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the Foundation. The phrase, "charitable uses and purposes," is defined as all those activities, uses, and purposes described in Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 86 (the Code).

All contributions to this fund are tax-deductible

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US Navy reestablished World War II-era submarine squadron⁷

Eighty years ago, Submarine Squadron 3 protected the Panama Canal. Today, it will protect Australia, alongside other members of the AUKUS alliance.

The United States Navy's Submarine Squadron 3 (CCS-3) was established in November 1930 and operated from the US-controlled Panama Canal Zone. It initially focused on coastal defense and frontier patrols on both ends of the Panama Canal, a role that continued throughout World War II. After the war, CCS-3 was moved to San Diego, where it operated from 1946 until its disestablishment in 1995. The unit was reactivated in 1997 and operated at Pearl Harbor until it was decommissioned and deactivated again in 2012.

Submarine Squadron 3 was reactivated for a third time and will operate from HMAS Stirling, outside Perth in Western Australia, to support the "Submarine Rotational Force-West" (SRF-West), the US Navy announced in a media statement. CSS-3 personnel will integrate closely with their counterparts in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), a "critical step" in establishing SRF-West.



"This move follows the trilateral Joint Statement on May 30, confirming that key milestones for SRF-West continue to be met in support of the [AUKUS] trilateral security partnership," the Navy wrote. It specified that SRF-West would see rotations of naval personnel from the UK's Royal Navy, the US Navy, and the RAN at HMAS Stirling beginning next year.

Both the Royal Navy and the US Navy will deploy nuclear-powered fast-attack submarines to the Land Down Under. That will include the Royal Navy's Astute-

class boats, with the US Navy rotating its Virginia-class submarines to help Australia develop the expertise needed to operate and maintain its future fleet of nuclear-powered submarines.

"Adding an additional forward-positioned submarine squadron in the Indo-Pacific enhances our presence,



agility, and responsiveness across a range of operations," said Rear Adm. Chris Cavanaugh, commander of the US Pacific Fleet's Submarine Force.

Cavanaugh stressed that the reactivated squadron would further enhance operations in the Indo-Pacific.

"CSS-3 enables our submarines and crews to respond rapidly in support of the US joint force mission of regional deterrence," Cavanaugh said.

The Squadron's Mission: Deterring China and Protecting Australia

The reestablishment of CSS-3 follows the US Navy Region Japan's stand-up of Naval Support Activity (NSA) Stirling.

"Establishing NSA Stirling and reestablishing CSS-3 lays the foundation for SRF-West and, ultimately, Australia's sovereign conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine fleet," explained Director of Submarine Programs Vice Adm. Rob Gaucher. "With SRF-West, we have submarines rotating through a critical region with an organic, predominantly Australian, maintenance workforce keeping those

⁷ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/us-navy-reestablished-world-war-ii-era-submarine-squadron/ar-AA25SPQz?ocid=socialshare>

boats fit to fight. That not only supports readiness, but it also reduces the burden on the U.S. shipyards and increases our fast-attack submarine force's readiness while preparing Australia to maintain its own SSNs."

Even as the Royal Navy deployed the Astute-class submarine HMS Anson to , the boat has since returned to the UK. As of this month, all five of the planned

Astute-class hunter-killer submarines are "awaiting maintenance and repairs."

It is the latest blemish on the UK military's senior service, which now has more admirals than deployable warships. Moreover, the Royal Navy has twice as many retired submarines in long-term storage—some of which have been retired for longer than they were in active service—as it has active ones.

Despite Trump's hesitation, the US Is Still All-in on AUKUS

The AUKUS trilateral security partnership—consisting of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States ("A-UK-US")—was first announced in September 2021. Its Pillar 1 initiative called for the US and UK to assist Australia in acquiring five nuclear-powered submarines to replace its aging conventionally powered submarines by the early 2030s.

Those boats would be a variant of the Virginia-class fast attack submarines (SSNs) operated by the US Navy.

The program would then call for the joint development of a new class of attack submarines, SSN-AUKUS, operated by both the UK's Royal Navy and the RAN. The pact.

Australian-built boats will follow the first deliveries to the British, with the first platforms now scheduled for handover in the 2040s.

The Trump administration has expressed skepticism about the AUKUS pact, and even initiated a review to determine how it would align with the America First agenda. After last year's with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, President Donald Trump endorsed the agreement, but given how the White House often changes course, it is unclear if that support will remain.

At least for now, CSS-3 shows that Washington remains committed to the

Ed. Note: Thanks to Paul Hernandez for suggesting this article. Member suggestions are helpful.



SOUTH LAKE FLORIDA
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2026
Minneola Town Center



1800 Meeting called to order by Commander.

Invocation by Carlos Martinez.

Pledge of Allegiance by Commander.

USSVI creed read by Shawn Newman.

Moment of Silence

Tolling of the Boats presented by Commander. No bell.

The Secretary announced that a quorum was present. Carlos, Ed Lahjbrook, Tim Blevins, Bill Bish, Paul Ernandez, Manny Burciaga, Paul Kenard, Lewis Otto, Fred Walter, Shawn Newman.

The May meeting notes were distributed. Motion made and seconded to approve. Approved.

Treasurer's report. Commander stated that the chapter has a \$6,277.56 balance. Carlos recognized that the chapter had approved reimbursement of construction costs for the float from the \$1,100.00 earmarked for the project. A payment check for the website in the amount of \$131.69 was given to Shawn. \$66.00 from the 52 Club has not yet been sent to USSVI. A credit balance of \$294.75 was returned to the base from the \$500.00 Memorial Day event; this has yet to be deposited.

The storekeeper reported an on-hand balance of \$277.00.

The Foundation Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,530.29.

Business/Administrative Items

Membership dues. Twelve members have not paid the annual dues of \$25.00. Their names were removed from the muster; they can no longer vote on chapter issues, and they have lost their longevity standing. Tim Blevins recognized that the paid chapter membership had 25 members, down from 32 a year ago. Members are encouraged to recruit new members.

The issue with the **Annual Financial Audit** was discussed. Carlos motioned that the financial records from 2025 be reviewed by the BOD for accuracy, and the review would constitute the audit. The review would be conducted by the chapter's BOD. The motion was seconded and approved. A more comprehensive review of finances would have to occur in 2027, detailing 2026 finances.

There was no report on scheduling an **SHP build** in the immediate area.

The 2026 USSVI convention in Corpus Christ was mentioned. Tim will attend and review USSVI registration data to determine whether other members were registered.

Carlos provided an update on the **Veterans' Memorial** project.

- A. Bobby Mock has deposited \$2000.00, and his daughter's friends have raised \$1,985.73 through the GoFundMe account.
- B. Carlos went on to say the individual projects in the memorial have not yet been identified for funding. Bronze statues will cost ~\$70,000.00 each.
- C. There have been no identified project updates made by First Responders.
- D. Fundraising strategies have yet to be determined. Carlos to contact the architect to confirm what items related to the Veterans' Memorial will be covered by the Clermont Construction Project money. Using this info, he will prepare an estimate of the fundraising goal needed to support the memorial's design.
- E. The project initiatives will be sent to American Submariner at a later date.

New Items Discussed

- 1. Carlos suggested the chapter should set up a recruiting display for local events, perhaps the Farmer's Market. Some discussion, no decision.
- 2. There has been no response from local Veteran groups or the City of Clermont regarding the organizational oversight needed for future Memorial Day and Veteran Day events.

3. It was suggested by Carlos that the Foundation submit an article regarding the scholarship awarded to American Submariner. Tim stated that he believed the article would not be published because USSVCF already has a **scholarship program**. Carlos said he would check with Jay Mack for further clarification on restrictions for this type of article.
4. A discussion about the **float project** centered on purchasing a boat-like trailer for the float. A motion was made by Tim to earmark \$1,000.00 for the purchase of a trailer; the purchase would require BOD pre-approval. Members can identify any opportunities to obtain a trailer and then alert the BOD. The discussion also addressed where to store the float and trailer. Paul Hernandez suggested he would check with his HOA on the possibility of storing the float in an outside location.
5. The **June 25th Social Event** was discussed. Ed is to check on the poster/flyer availability from Texas Roadhouse. Chapter members will need to be present at a table set up outside the restaurant. Tim volunteered to be at the table at 1500 and remain there until 1800. Bill said he would also be there. The event is scheduled for 1500-2200. There were no other volunteers.
6. **Nominations** for the Commander and Secretary positions are open and will close at the October chapter meeting. Bill nominated Tim for Commander. Tim accepted the nomination and stated he would resign as Secretary in January 2027 if elected.

Good of the Order (Ed).

- a) Breakfast at Keke's every Wednesday at ~0700.
- b) Birthdays: Calos, Richard, Fred, and Rollin Patrick. Thomas Crouch was mentioned, but he is no longer a member of the chapter.
- c) Next meeting date is July 16th.
- d) The 50/50 raffle was won by Carlos, who received \$23.00. \$22.00 was given to the Foundation.
- e) Tim identified the USSVCF Legacy Fund as being the artery for all other USSVCF funds. Donated funds (corpus) are never spent, but the earnings from the Legacy Fund are available to all other USSVCF funds. Tim moved that a \$50.00 donation to the Legacy Fund be made; the motion was seconded, and it passed.
- f) Ed sought a motion to adjourn. Approved at 1908.

Minutes were edited and submitted for Approval. June 20.





The newsletter is titled "Blow Negative" as a nod and hand salute to the earliest days of submariners. The earliest WWI submarines 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 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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