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Update from USSVI on Candidates for National Office

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NEWS-01: Reprising the Candidates

Submitted by: Patrick Householder - Elections Master on 6/2/2012

Shipmates.

We are fortunate to have many good shipmates ready and willing to serve us as National and Region officers in our organization.

We all immensely enjoy the camaraderie that comes with associating with our bubblehead brothers, and that is important, but our primary organizational mission is to see that the men who served and died aboard United States Submarines are never forgotten both now and in future times. Your elected officers are your stewards for that legacy and are responsible to see that our organization is passed on to the next generation of American Submariners in good order and financially solvent.

Having good men of vision and purpose step up to these positions is critical if USSVI is to continue its purpose for future submariners.

Following this message are a review of the positions and the candidates for those positions. Each are listed in alphabetic order and incumbents are noted as such.

Regardless of who you vote for, they all deserve our thanks for making themselves available to serve us all.

Please give each of these good men your serious consideration before you cast your vote.

NEWS-02: National Senior Vice Commander Candidates

Submitted by: Patrick Householder - Elections Master on 6/2/2012

William (Bill) Andrea Southeast Regional Director and Candidate for National Senior Vice Commander

I originally joined USSVI in 1964 as a Founding Member and became a Life member in 1998. Because of my long and varied service to my USSVI shipmates, I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of National Senior Vice Commander.

I currently serve as the Southeast Regional Director, Chairman of the New Base Development, and South Florida Base Treasurer. I have also served my Base as Base Cdr, Vice Cdr, POC, Secretary, Membership Chair, Newspaper Editor and Bagpiper.

Since joining USSVI, I have continuously strived to better myself and USSVI by assuming leadership positions. I have found that the more effort and work you put into any project, be it an organization or any other endeavor you may tackle in life, the more you will get out of that endeavor or organization.

As your Senior Vice Commander, I will work with the other National Officers for the betterment of

the organization and membership

In addition to perpetuating the memory of our departed shipmates, one of the main functions of USSVI is to promote brotherhood and fellowship among our fellow Submariners. When we stop having a good time, we will cease to exist. I will work towards this goal by insuring USSVI runs as smoothly as possible. I am totally devoted to the USSVI Creed and will carry out the duties of National Senior Vice Commander to the best of my ability and will strive to improve our organization.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Andrea, ESRD

Carl Schmidt, National Chaplain and Candidate for National Senior Vice Commander

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I was one of the charter members of the USS Razorback base and served as its first and second year Base Commander. I also served as base Membership chairman for 4 years, base Storekeeper for 3 years and I'm current serving as the base Chaplain (holding that position for the past 3 years).

I played a small part in helping to get the USS Razorback SS 394 to North Little Rock, Arkansas.

I was Memorial and Ceremonies Chairman appointed by the National Commander for nearly 3 years.

Part of that job was to approve and authorize the treasurer of the Charitable Foundation to provide payments as required for the erection of new memorials.

An update to the M&C handbook for requirements for bases to erect a memorial was accomplished while I was M&C chairman.

I served as Central District One Commander on

(2) different occasions for three years and was voted the USSVI District Commander of the year in 2007.

I have served as Regional Director for (4) years and was a voting member of the USSVI board which gave me exposure to the working aspects of the national board.

I managed the budget and travel funds for the Central region (4) district commanders and 3 Vice District Commanders.

I received the National Commander's Robert Link award in 2009.

One of my most rewarding positions in USSVI has been serving as USSVI National Chaplain since 2010. The USSVI Chaplain manual revision was placed on the USSVI website in July 2011. Nearly \$2,800.00 has been generated from the sale of the USSVI Chaplain Card and placed in the USSVI general fund . Prior to deciding to run for NSVC I reviewed the requirements to serve in this position. I served on the committee

that updated the USSVI Constitution and Bylaws. This provided me with additional knowledge in helping to understand our organization.

In the position of USSVI National Senior Vice Commander I will be responsible for preparing the USSVI Annual budget. Expending the money you invested in USSVI must and will be used wisely to better benefit the USSVI membership and its goals. To me this is something extremely important. If elected I will serve as Ways and

Means Chairman, I will immediately appoint a long range planning committee. It is extremely important to establish both short and long range goals for USSVI.

Your vote will be important for all the candidates listed on the USSVI ballot. I need your support and hope you will vote for me in 2012 to become the next National Senior Vice Commander. I can only promise you one thing if

elected, the time I spend will be devoted toward better serving the membership of USSVI. I will work to continue to improve our organization by

bringing experience and continuity to the position National Senior Vice Commander.

The experience gained serving USSVI over the years, has helped to prepare me to be the next National Senior Vice Commander. Remember your vote is important in USSVI.

Pride Runs Deep,

Carl Schmidt, National Chaplain USSVI

NEWS-03: National Junior Vice Commander Candidate

Submitted by: Patrick Householder - Elections Master on 6/2/2012

Al Singleman, National Junior Vice Commander and candidate for re-election to the same position.

Shipmates, I am running for a second term as NJVC.I am Past Base Commander of Albany-Saratoga Base and helped to put on the 2004 USSVI Convention. I am a Past Eastern Region District 5 Commander and I have been a member of the E-Board for 7 years.

I served as a 2 term National Secretary and during my two terms I saved USSVI thousands of dollars on printing costs for conventions and meetings by having the members print their own agendas.

I have kept our documentation up to date, chartered many new bases and many of you know me as "Al the answer guy" for my quick and courteous response to your questions via phone calls or E-Mails. I also was responsible for putting into place our present online voting system.

During my term as NJVC I worked with numerous members and bases on TOOLs training and access, our 2014 50th Anniversary Initiative in Washington, DC, worked on keeping our membership strong, and took part in all our E-Board meetings. If I am reelected as NJVC I will continue to improve our membership and training, and make USSVI the best it can be.

The most important thing you can do as a member is VOTE in the upcoming elections for the candidate of your choice and read and Vote on the Proposed Amendments for our Constitution and Bylaws.

Remember your Vote is your VOICE in USSVI issues and leadership.

Pride Runs Deep,

Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

National Junior Vice Commander

There are no other candidates running for NJVC

NEWS-04: National Secretary Candidates

Submitted by: Patrick Householder - Elections Master on 6/2/2012

John Clear, Base Cdr of Olympic Peninsula Base and candidate for National Secretary.

To help answer the question "why should I chose John Clear for our USSVI National Secretary?" let me offer the following

1997 Life member of USSVI

Life member & plank owner of Lockwood Internet Base, USSVI

Life member of Bremerton Base, Founding Base Commander of the Olympic Peninsula Base, USSVI since its inception in January 2010 Recipient of the 2010 Robert Link Award,

USSVI National Recipient Base of the 2011 Golden Anchor (Class III) Award

Holland Club member USSVI, 2011 Life member of Naval Submarine League Secretary of Naval Submarine League, NW Chapter Annual USSVI Conventions "Submarine Film Fest Host"

(1) I do not believe in "politics as usual". Twenty years ago I was a Hawaii State, Presidential Campaign Chairman with 25,000 volunteers to work with, we made a difference then and I know firsthand what "positive change" is versus "business as usual"!

(2) I do NOT believe in simply occupying a chair and filling space, my time is as valuable to me as it is to you.

(3) In taking on this position of National Secretary I would do so with the understanding that I WILL help our organization more so than by simply doing what is required –I will work toward making USSVI better in this capacity

and take on whatever is asked of me to the best of my abilities.

(4) I BELIEVE in our USSVI creed and vision, I will work with that goal constantly in mind.

When we all received our dolphins it was because we had met "the challenge" and proved our worth to our fellow shipmates, in taking on this challenge, I will treat it with the same honor that I felt when my dolphins were pinned on

over 50 years ago.

Tom Conlon, National Secretary and Incumbent Candidate for National Secretary

Tom is a candidate for National Secretary. He currently serves as National Secretary. Tom served in Submarines from 1966 to 1973. After leaving the Navy, he earned both Bachelors and Masters Degrees. He has been a member of United

States Submarine Veterans, Inc. since 1982. He is a founding member of New Jersey North Base.

Tom has held numerous offices within United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. at both the local and national level. These offices include: NJ North Base Commander (1982 to 1986) NJ State Commander (1986 to 1988) NJ North Base Newsletter Editor

Tom has served on the National Board of Directors since 1998. He has served as National Secretary (1998 to 2002) National Senior Vice-Commander (2002 to 2004) National Commander (2004 to 2008). He currently serves as National Secretary.

Tom is also a member of the Board of Directors of the USS LING Submarine Memorial Association in Hackensack, NJ. He serves as Secretary for the Board of Directors.

During his first tenure as National Secretary, Tom reorganized the office of National Secretary, where he computerized much of that office's functions. He established new procedures for tallying the votes in National Elections. In an effort to streamline the Annual Business Meetings, he established changes

in the format and distribution of the agenda package.

As National Senior Vice-Commander, Tom served on the committee to recipients for our National Scholarships. He says that he enjoyed that task because he had the opportunity to assist worthy college and high school students attain the goal of a college education.

As National Commander, Tom participated in many Base visits and activities throughout the country. He also required the members of the national Board of Directors to be more active in visiting Bases and participating in their activities. He believes that he was able to

"personalize" the Board of Directors, rather than being "just pictures in The American Submariner" that no one knows personally.

Len Heiselt, Western District Six Commander and Candidate for National Secretary:

I offer the following information and ask, if you feel that I can complete the tasks of this office as outlined in USSVI's By-laws, then I would appreciate your vote of confidence.

1. I joined USSVI San Diego Base in Oct 1993 this represents 19 years of continuous membership in USSVI.

2. Feb 2004, I was one of the founding members of the Scamp Base, Escondido, CA and was elected as the Bases first Jr. Vice Commander. Established and Chaired KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) program for the Scamp Base until March 2012.

3. Served 2 years as Scamp Base Commander.

4. As Scamp Base Commander I Co-Chaired with San Diego Base the planning and execution of the USSVI 2009 National Convention in San Diego, CA

5. 2011 two significant events occurred, a. I was honored as being the Recipient of the 2011 Silver Anchor Award.

6. As Dist 6 Cdr I started the New Doug Smay Base at Naval Base Pt. Loma

7. I am a Holland Club member & support our creed. I believe that our future is growth and forward movement. Pride does run deep, Len Heiselt

NEWS-05: National Treasurer Candidates

Submitted by: Patrick Householder - Elections Master on 6/2/2012

Richard McPherson, LCDR, US Navy (Ret), Base Commander of LA/Pasadena Base and candidate for National Treasurer

I am running for the office of National Treasurer. I am a Life Member of United States Submarine Veterans Inc (USSVI), and currently

serve as the Base Commander of the USSVI Los Angeles - Pasadena Base and President of the World War II Sub Vets, Los Angeles

Chapter. Additionally, I am a Life Member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). I served in the Navy from 1963 until my retirement in November 1983. I served aboard the Stonewall Jackson, Nathan Hale, Dixie,

and Dixon added to which were staff jobs at SUBRON 15, CONCRUDESPAC, CINCPACFLT, and the IINSURV Board.

My formal education includes all of required CPA courses except the single semester computer course while enrolled in a PhD Program in Finance at National University in San Diego, California, when I decided on a career shift. My combined education and experience has me accredited as a California and Utah state court qualified expert in complex cases including financials and contracts. In 1993 I was elected as Managing Director of GoodSmith & Co., Incorporated.

I look forward to working with the other elected national officers of United States Submarine Veterans Inc., to serve our members and help grow the organization. I have the time, interest and dedication to USSVI and the members of USSVI.

James E. Van Vranken: Wahoo Base Past Vice Commander and Candidate for National Treasurer.

I graduated from High School in 1957. I joined the Navy March 1958. Boot Camp and Electricians Mate "A" School in San Diego and then off to Submarine School. I reported aboard the USS Wahoo (SS 565) in Pearl Harbor and qualified

in September 1959. I served on 3 other diesel submarines.

I graduated from Modesto Junior College June of 1976 with an AS. I joined the USSVI in March of 1999. I have taken a few computer classes and have used Quicken and Microsoft Excel for taxes and for keeping track of 3 different sets of storekeeper books for 2 submarines & the Wahoo Base.

I decided to run for the National Office of Treasurer a couple of days ago when I heard that no one had been nominated for the office. I emailed Pat Householder saying that I would do the job if no one else would. He replied that someone else had been nominated but said run anyway as two on the ballot is an election one is a coronation.

Am I qualified for the Office of National Treasure? Yes, because there are no qualifications for this office listed in our by-laws.

NEWS-06: National Commander Candidate

Submitted by: Patrick Householder - Elections Master on 6/2/2012

Shipmates,

Thank you for your support and contributions, financially, and more importantly, for the time you have spent to improve your Base and USSVI.

My reason in asking for your vote and support in 2012 is to continue the direction and efforts that we have been taking these past two years.

They include

Improving our Conventions by making them more member and vendor friendly

Maintaining our War Veterans Status to continue to allow your Base to receive Tax Deductible donations for your Base projects

Decentralizing the National structure so that your Base directly receives the properly deserved credit and recognition in your local community that enables you to gain more members and thereby add to our purpose in support of the US Submarine Force and its legacy.

Promoting USSVI on a national level with increasing media exposure and community cooperation to enhance public awareness of the existence and purpose of our organization

I never forget that I work for you. Working together, we all win.

Best,

Michael

T Michael Bircumshaw USSVI National Commander 2010-2012

There are no others running for the NC Position.

NEWS-07: Northeast Region Director Candidate

Submitted by: Pat Householder - Election Master on 6/2/2012

Mike Naughton NE District 4 Commander and Candidate for Eastern Region North Regional Director

Hello, my name is Mike Naughton and I'm running for the USSVI Eastern Region North Director position. Born and raised in Chicago, I joined the Submarine Reserve Unit there right out of high school. After four years reserve time, it was time to serve my two year active time. My plan then was to serve this short tour and be finished with my military obligation. Well 22 years later, I decided I didn't want to make it a career. I started out as an E-3 unqualified undesignated reservist retiring as Navigation Officer Department Head at Dam Neck, VA, after serving on Diesel Boats and Boomers. For the past 10 to 15 years, I've been involved with the USSVI Capitol Base and recently I've been serving as the ERN District Four Commander.

As your Regional Director, I will strive to increase the now strong two-way communications between the District Commanders and the Regional Director ... between National Officers and Base Commanders ... between the Regional Director and the base members.

I like USSVI and I'm enthusiastic to see it grow. With your vote, I hope to further its growth and to make it better.

There are no other declared candidates for this position

NEWS-08: Southeast Region Director Candidate

Submitted by: Pat Householder - Election Master on 6/2/2012

Dick Kanning, SE Region District Commander 4 and Candidate for Southeast Region Director.

It is with honor that, if so elected, I accept and agree to serve as Southeast Region Director (SERD). By so choosing, it is my desire to utilize my experience and the successes as District CDR of old ED3, now SED1, to enhance the camaraderie, participation and spirit of the SE Region.

I have chartered 8 new bases and seen a factor of 2 in membership growth. I have served as a District CDR for over 7 years. The SED1 Bases and members continue to be well recognized and the recipients of many Awards and presentations.

The upcoming 2012 National Convention in Norfolk VA serves as a model of co-operation and success within the District as all District Bases are participating as volunteers to the host base. I was successful in establishing USSVI as a major sponsor of the Sub Force Sailor of the Year program and created the SubLant Runners-up monetary awards provided by the District Bases, as well as chosen by SubLant Force Command Master Chief (FORCM) to sit on the Board to choose the SubLant Sailor of the Year (SOY) 3 times.

I am the recipient of the Robert Link Award, District CDR of the Year twice and most recently the 2011 Joe Negri award.

There are no other declared candidates for this position.

NEWS-09: Central Region Director Candidates

Submitted by: Pat Householder - Election Master on 6/2/2012

Ken Recoy, Past Central Region Dist Commander 1 and candidate for Central Region Director

USSVI CR Shipmates - Allow me to introduce myself, I am Ken Recoy, and I'm running for the Central Regional Director position.

I was born and raised in Creston, Iowa, graduated HS from Altamont, Kansas, and have lived in Oklahoma. I qualified on the USS Threadfin SS-410 in 1972, and I made 3 Patrols on the USS Nathanael Greene SSBN636. I was a Radioman and US Navy Diver.

My Masters Degree is from Oklahoma State University. I am the Past Central Region District One Commander, and I'm a Past USS Batfish SS-310 Base Commander, Secretary, News Letter Editor, Chairman of the Batfish Board

of Trustees and the current Batfish Treasurer and POC.

My wife Patricia of 32 years and I are proud parents of 6 grown children and 9 grandchildren.

As the Past CR District One Commander I worked closely with our dedicated Base leadership, increasing membership and was involved in the beginning stages of several ongoing successful projects.

I am passionately interested in seeing our Organization prosper and "Honor Those That Have Gone Before."

Today is a new day, let's work together and move forward! Cell phone 620-305-9900, kenrecoy@aol.com .

I humbly ask for your vote.

Fraternally yours,

Ken Recoy

Wayne Standerfer, Central Region Director running for re-election as Central Region Director.

I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election as Central Region Director.

I enlisted in the Navy in 1956. Qualified on the USS Trigger SS564 in 1958. Served on the USS Trout SS566. Company Commander at Great Lakes Training Center – Pushed 5 Companies, Honorably

discharged in 1966 as a TM1(SS)

Past Dallas Base Commander. Past Central Region District 4 Commander. Presently Central Region Director. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Central Region Director since taking office in September, 2010. Being able to travel and meet the members in our Region, helping with your needs and concerns as your voting representative on the National Executive Board and working to implement necessary and requested procedural changes has been a fulfilling experience.

In addition to the above, my goals are to keep you informed with current information and procedure changes, supervise only when needed, be a mediator when the need arises and let the District Commanders and Base Commanders in our Region do their jobs with minimal interference from me.

Being fully retired allows me to devote the time necessary to accomplish those goals. I take great pride in who we are, what we have done and what we will do as an organization.

I ask for your support to continue offering whatever contributions I can make to maintain and improve on what we now have.

Yours fraternally,

Wayne Standerfer

NEWS-10: Western Region Director Candidates

Submitted by: Pat Householder - Election Master on 6/2/2012

John G. Mansfield, Jr, District Commander Western District 4 and Candidate for Western Region Director.

BIO: 1960 Entered US Navy, Radio "A" School, NAVCOMMSTA Guam 1963 Submarine School 1964, Qualified on board USS Menhaden (SS377)

RM2(SS)

1966-1992 Federal Communications Officer, nine years on overseas assignments. 1972-1975 BA in Communications from the University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA)1988 Associate Member of US Submarine Veterans of WWII Lockwood Chapter (WA) 1989 USSVI member MAL 1996 – Present, Reunion Coordinator for 3-Boat Association (Darter, Dace, Menhaden) 1997, Author & Publisher of "Cruisers for Breakfast: War Patrols of the USS Darter & USS Dace 1998

Seattle Base Secretary, four years

2002-Present - Founder and two term Base Commander of South Sound Base, held positions

as COB, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Storekeeper, Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Chairman, arranged seven visits and tours of Naval Base Kitsap submarines and facilities.

2009 Appointed WRD4 Commander

Awarded USSVI District Commander of the Year 2009, Helped establish two new Bases in District 4 (Olympic Peninsula & Silent Service Motorcycle Club Internet Base) Guest speaking engagements at local veterans groups, high schools,

an elementary school dedication and Trident Training Facility graduating class of radiomen. Jr Vice, Sr Vice and Post Commander, VFW Post 969 (Tacoma, WA)Jr Vice, Sr Vice and District 3 Commander (WA) VFW Trustee and Veterans Committee, Puyallup Elks Lodge President Mt Rainier Lions Club Has been a member of the Demonos Car Club (Tacoma, WA) since 1958 Member of Mayor of Tacoma's Homeless Veterans Task Force Member of Auburn (WA) Veterans Parade Committee.

Respectfully submitted

John G Mansfield, Jr.

WRD4 Commander, USSVI

Robert J (Bob) Miller, Past Western Region 6 Dist Commander and candidate for Western Region Director.

Hello shipmates, I'm writing to inform you that I am running for the Western Region Director. I want to be your representative on the USSVI Eboard to ensure that your concerns and suggestions are brought to the attention of the people that have the power and potential to carry them out or make whatever changes are required to make them work for all of us.

We need to assist Mike Bircumshaw in attaining the goals he has set for himself and USSVI during his term as our National Commander. Mike and I have always had an excellent working relationship and will continue to do all we can to make USSVI an organization that you will be proud to say you are a member. I hope you will see fit to vote for me.

Take care,

Robert J. (Bob) Miller

Past Western Region District 6 Commander

Chuck Emmett



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