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A FINAL DEDICATION

He was my friend, my shipmate, and a dedicated contributor, whose actions and pure generosity will forever impact the administrative heart of USSVI. Tim VeArd was a young man whom I first met nearly fifty years ago aboard the USS Robert E Lee SSBN-601. To the best of my memory our first contact was when he walked up with a piping book and Qual Card in hand asking about getting signed off on the primary Reactor Plant, or some other Nuke system that I could sign for.

By the time I left the 601 he was a highly qualified and dedicated NAVET. At some point in time we became closer and I began to call him, "Little Brother". I admit that we lost contact as I moved on in '67, but that is the military way. It is also the military way that sometimes you meet up again, and that happened sometime in 2005 when I picked up the job as Editor of the American Submariner and Tim became the Chief Technology Officer for USSVI.

Tim had gone from being a highly qualified Navigation Technician to the apex of his career in virtually all things involving data and systems that I struggled to understand and operate in accordance with the magazine and later on as NJVC and the national membership chairman. Without Tim's systems and the incredible data base that he and Pat Householder strung together, my job of NJVC would have been severely restricted and limited in so many ways.

Tim was married to Lynda for 40 some years and they raised a family of two, Tim and Cherie, plus a sort of adopted son by marriage (it's a long story), Tim II. Although Tim and Lynda were on the East Coast and I was at the other end of the country, we did see each other at conventions and at 601 reunions where we rebuilt our friendship to some extent and reminded ourselves of past days.

Tim was the major contributor to the success of the USSVI data system, and he did it all "gratis". We attempted to thank him in words and by bestowing USSVI's highest honor, the "Joe Negri" award, upon him a few years back. He also earned a well-deserved "Robert Link" award. But it was never really enough, it was simply the best that we had, sort of like what Tim did for us, he gave us the best that he had. And then there is the less than pleasant news, Tim is gone. He was taken by cancer many years before he should have left us and his beloved family. In his memory we have established a "Tim VeArd Scholarship Fund". There is some consolation in having Tim's family volunteer to carry on in the maintenance and development of the USSVI data base for which we are forever grateful. In looking for some way to honor Tim and his memory I have designated him as the USSVI "CTO Emeritus". His name and that title will be forever inscribed in all American Submariner magazines to come. It is a very small way to remember and to thank a dedicated and devoted shipmate for his unflinching efforts to serve us all.

Condolences may be sent to Tim's wife, Lynda VeArd, daughter Cherie and son Tim at 2240 Lakes Of Melbourne Dr., Melbourne, FL 32904-9171

Fraternally,  
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