

USS Bonefish Base New Member Information Pamphlet



USS Bonefish SS-223



USS Bonefish SS-582

Welcome Aboard!



MEETINGS

The Bonefish Base of USSVI currently conducts its meetings on the 4th Saturday of every month. The base currently meets at Zacatecas Cafe located at 3767 Iowa Avenue #4549, Riverside, California 92507, 951-683-3939.

The exception to this is for the months of November and December. Since the 4th Saturday meeting generally conflicts with the holidays, the two meetings are combined into one, which is held in early December, and is our holiday celebration.

Meeting times are 12 noon to about 2pm, and include lunch. Members and guests are encouraged to arrive around 11:30 to take care of necessities before the meeting can start at noon. Meetings generally include a base business meeting and service, and a speaker/program of interest to all. Afterwards lunch is served.

At times, opportunities arise of special interest that may prompt a change in meeting place for a special event or location. These changes are listed on the base website and announced in advance so everyone is aware of them.

A couple of meetings have a special emphasis in getting together. January is when we swear in new board members every two years. It is also the time when we recognize and honor members for their special anniversaries, such as Holland Club, longevity and special awards. May is the time we honor and remember our members who are on Eternal Patrol

ACTIVITIES WE PARTICIPATE IN:

MARCH – Martin Luther King High School in Riverside sponsors a program called “King High Remembers”. We encourage all of our members to participate. The program consists of the Junior Class history students interviewing veterans about their military service.

APRIL – Rancho Cucamonga High School sponsors a program similar to King High Remembers. Again, we encourage our members to participate and share their military experience.

MAY – Corona High School sponsors a program similar to King High Remembers. Again, we encourage our members to participate and share their military experience.

JULY – We participate in various July 4th parades with our float of the USS Bonfish SS-223. Depending on scheduling we have participated in Corona, Redlands, or Huntington Beach.

NOVEMBER – We participate in various Veteran’s Day events, mostly parades with our float. Again, depending on scheduling we have participated in Riverside, Redlands, Flabob Airport, Murrieta or Huntington Beach.

Patriot High School sponsors a program similar to King High Remembers. Again, we encourage our members to participate and share their military experience.

DECEMBER – Our November and December meetings are combined into one meeting around the first Saturday in December, short on business and more about the holidays.

In December 2019, we held our first Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service at Riverside National Cemetery, and hope to continue it as Covid restrictions are eased.

When possible, we work with the other USSVI bases in Southern California for events or activities, as we are the only base in the Inland Empire.

We have participated in the “Kap(SS) for Kid(SS)” program. Members are encouraged to participate in a visit to a local hospital or child center for ill or handicapped children. We give the children certificates making them “Honorary Submariners” along with a cap for them to wear with dolphins on their hats.

We have participated in other events in the past that may not be active any longer. We are always looking for other activities that may afford us the opportunity to participate, making sure it fits our creed.

We see these events and activities as a way to honor and remember all submarine veterans, past, present, and future, as is stated on the Memorial Plaque we installed at Riverside National Cemetery in 2014. We also see all of these as a way to meet potential members for the base so that we may continue to be a vibrant voice in our communities.

An application to join USSVI and Bonefish Base is attached.

HELPFUL WEBSITES/CONTACT INFORMATION

www.bonefishbase.org – This is the USS Bonefish Base website. On it, you will find our by-laws, newsletters, minutes, reports, base officers, and much more information about the base and its members. There are also many interesting photos, videos, and sound files for your enjoyment. There are also many good links to help find something.

Contact the current Base Commander – bonefishbasecdr@gmail.com

Contact the current Base COB – bonefishbasecob@gmail.com

www.ussvi.org – This is the national website for the USSVI organization. You can find a list of all the bases with their members, complete organization details and information, and much more.

We encourage you to check with our Base Storekeeper first if you are looking for vests, patches, pins etc. If he places the order on your behalf with USSVI, the base gets a percentage of the sale for its funding.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP USSVI & Bonefish Base

Regular Life Associate

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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America & its Constitution."

With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____ Tel: (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your E-Mail Address _____ Base/Chapter Desired: USS Bonefish Base



Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____

Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 115; 3 Yr term: \$ 70; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 25; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 30

Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 300; 46 thru 55 = \$400; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500

Bonefish Base Dues: ANNUAL: \$20 (1st yr), \$10 renewal; LIFE: Age 76+ \$20, 66-75 \$40, 56-65 \$60, 46-55 \$80, UNDER 46 \$100

Associate Dues: ANNUAL: \$20; LIFE: \$50 (Associates also pay National dues)

How did you find USSVI? Friend, Boat Assn, Local Event/News, Internet, Other (_____)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Associate Members) _____

Associate Applicant is: Veteran Spouse of Veteran Other (specify) _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____ / ____ / ____ If other military service, What Branch? _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ Mil Retired (Y/N): _____ On Active Duty? (Y/N): _____

YR entered Mil Service: _____ YR left Mil Service _____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

Check if your Military Service falls within any of these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946; June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7, 1975; and from August 2, 1990 to date.

Check if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

2. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

3. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

4. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

5. _____ Hull# _____ Rank/Rate _____ From Yr. _____ to Yr. _____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ Relationship: _____ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Daughter, Parent, Other)

Addr: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel: _____

(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

Applicants on active duty are requested to provide a permanent home address.

Upon completion, please deliver to: Everett "Brick" Noyes, 14190 Barton Street, Riverside, CA 92508-2414 E-mail -(rain.forest@gte.net) or any officer at the next meeting.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "BONEFISH BASE OF USSVI".

BASE WEBSITE: www.bonefishbase.org

MEETINGS: 4th Saturday each month at 1200