

IN MEMORY OF

STSCS(SS) Robert J. Bissonnette
USN, Retired



Memorial Services
Saturday, 22 June 2024
3:30 P.M.

VFW Hall, 4370 Twain, Ave.
San Diego, California



Robert “Bob” Bissonnette, STSCS(SS) (Retired)

Senior Chief Bissonnette was born in Chicago IL in 1964. He joined the Navy immediately after graduating from Kankakee Eastridge High School in 1983.

During his twenty-four-year Navy career Bob served on six fast attack submarines, qualifying on USS Gunard (SSN 662) in September 1984. He received his submarine dolphins at the North Pole when Gurnard surfaced there during an ICEX deployment. Bob completed thirteen deployments from West Coast ports including ten to WEST-PAC and three to the North Pole (ICEX). In addition to his at sea Sonar Operator experience Bob was trained to maintain and repair the Navy’s most advanced sonar systems. He put that experience and training to good use during shore tours at SIMA Submarine Maintenance Department and at the Arctic Submarine Laboratory on Naval Base Point Loma.

After Navy Retirement Bob worked for Continental Maritime Shipbuilding for a short period before being hired as a civilian TEMPALT Install Coordinator at the Arctic Submarine Laboratory. During his time at Arctic Submarine Laboratory, he has participated in eight Ice Camps giving him a total of eleven visits to the North Pole associated with Navy Submarines.

ORDER OF SERVICES

- Greetings YNC(SS), USN (ret) Jack Kane
- Invocation and Prayer ...LCDR(SS), USN (ret), Leroy Bannach,
Comments YNC(SS), USN (ret) Jack Kane
.....MMCS(SS/SS1), USN, (ret) Pete Juhos,
USSVI Western Region Director
- Family RemembrancesJohn Bissonnette
- Testimonials ...Other Family and Friends of Senior Chief
Bissonnette
- Sailor Rest Your Oar (Submarine Version) by CJ Glassford
.....Justin Sieling
- TapsRecorded by The American Military Band
- Closing Remarks. YNC(SS), USN, (ret) Jack Kane
- BenedictionLCDR(SS), USN, (ret), Leroy Bannach

“LOST HARBOR”

There is a port of no return,

Where ships may ride at anchor for a little space

And then some starless night the cable slips,

Leaving only an eddy at the mooring place....

Gulls veer no longer, Sailor Rest Your Oar.

No tangled wreckage shall be washed ashore.

Leslie Nelson Jennings



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Bob was active in the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. for more than twenty-years. He was a Life Member of San Diego Base USSVI. At passing Bob was USSVI San Diego Base Commander on his second tour having served in this capacity previously for 10 years. Bob was USSVI Western District 6 Commander for two years and Western Region Commander for four years.

