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**NEWS-01: Submariners keep vet organization numbers high**  
Submitted by: Office on 12/10/2011

While veterans associations are shuttering doors because of low membership rates and aging members, the U.S. Submarine Veterans numbers are stable and its members are actually getting younger.

As the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor passed Wednesday, it was marked by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association announcement that it was closing shop due to low membership.

In addition, the Submarine Veterans of World War II, from which the U.S. Submarine Veterans later sprang, announced that it will disband in Sept. 2012 for similar reasons.

Veterans' association groups across the nation struggle with retention rates and inevitable aging of members, according to Fred Borgmann, national office Manager for U.S. Submarine Veterans.

Read the article at the link below  
<http://www.centrankitsapreporter.com/news/135296943.html>

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**NEWS-02: Riding a German Type 212 Sub**  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 12/13/2011

CNN's Fred Pleitgen rides on one of the most advanced non-nuclear submarines in the world.

Go to the link for a video story...

<http://cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/world/2011/02/21/ilist.germany.hybrid.sub.cnn.html>

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**NEWS-03: Covert Submarine Operations - Virtual Tour**  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 12/14/2011

The U.S. Navy Museum: THROUGHOUT THE COLD WAR, America's adversaries understood that an attack on the United States or its deployed forces risked devastating retaliation by the Navy's technologically advance and professionally manned submarine force.

Follow the link for a Virtual Tour of COVERT SUBMARINE OPERATIONS as exhibited at the U.S. Navy Museum in Washington DC.

[http://usnavymuseum.org/Ex2\\_CovertSubOps.asp](http://usnavymuseum.org/Ex2_CovertSubOps.asp)

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NEWS-04: Finding Shipmates using USSVI  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 12/17/2011  
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All of us wonder on occasion, whatever happened to good old Joe, from our days on the Starfish.

He doesn't show at reunions, he's not a member of USSVI...

Maybe, just maybe, he has made his last and Eternal Patrol, but how to find out has always been a problem.

USSVI/Decklog track all identified submariners who have passed on in our system, over 21,000 at last count, and now it is very easy to look shipmates up by BOAT or by NAME.

Go to [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org), then click the ETERNAL PATROL button. Choose the LIST BY BOAT button on the left, then enter the Hull Number at the top and click the SHOW BOAT button. The resulting list will show everyone entered in our system who served on your boat and has passed on.

Thank you, Tim Veard, for reworking this section to make it more useful to us all.

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NEWS-05: Boat Reunions  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 12/17/2011  
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For quite some time USSVI through DECKLOG has maintained a comprehensive list of Boat Reunions and this is the source of reunions that AMERICAN SUBMARINER magazine draws on.

We have Gil Shaddock to thank for much of the updating that goes on, through his constant vigil in looking for boat reunion postings in many veterans magazines.

Quite a few boat associations also directly update their reunion info with place, date and time.

The fact remains that many of these reunion postings do not get updated with new info after they occur, which leads me to my request for your help.

Please visit [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) and click the BOAT REUNIONS button (left side-Red section) Look up your boat (fastest way is to click the FIND A REUNION button - left side) Enter your boat's hull number and then SHOW LIST. Click VIEW and the bottom line in the Boat display page will show the basic info about the reunion.

If it is out of date or incorrect, please email the update particulars to Gil Shaddock at [gil@ssbn691.com](mailto:gil@ssbn691.com) so he can make the necessary corrections.

Thank you for working together to make the info more useful to us all.



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