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NEWS-01: Scholarship Donors for 2012-2013 Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/9/2013

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#### Shipmates

The Donations for the shipmates for the past year are now located on the web page under CF Donors and there you can view the whole list for the year from Sept 2012 to August 2013. The main reason we are posting on the web page is that it takes up lot of space in the American Submariner and sometimes does not get printed due lack of space to print the list. So now you can see the whole list and look for your name, Base, and your donation. No donation is too small to be listed and it counts for the scholarships that we were are able to put out each year. Also posted will be the list of this year's students. Go to the USSVI website,www.USSVI.org, click on Documents on the left side of the page, than on CF Donors and click on Scholarship Program Donations for 2012-2013PDF.. All the checks have been sent and also a letter to the non-winners telling them they can apply next year. Anyone with any questions please feel free to contact me at <u>mailto:hogan343@aol.com</u> or by phone at 1-860-334-6457. Thank you for your donations this year and this a reason we have been having a successful scholarship program.

Paul Wm. Orstad, NSC

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## Shipmates

The US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) is administered by a Board of Directors made up of non-paid elected and appointed members. Expenses incurred by the Charitable Foundation are minimal (less than 10%) and consist of expenses such as postage, certificates, website fees, stationery supplies, and informative brochures.

The foundation was approved for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on December 5, 2000, IRS EIN: 95-4830806

Your donations go to help support Scholarships, Submarine Memorials & Museum Boats, Submarine Veterans and their families!

The 2013 fund reports are available for your review at www.ussvi.org under the CHARITABLE FUND button, then se Fund Documents.

To donate, go to the link. We appreciate all your help and support.

https://www.justgive.org/basket?acton=donate&ein=95-4830806

Patrick Householder

Charitable Foundation Secretary

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NEWS-01: R-12 project; Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/9/2013

Shipmates,

As you recall in May, thanks to Ric Hedman of Seattle Base, A project to produce a documentary film about the loss and location of the hulk of the USS R-12 came to the attention of your USSVI Board of Directors. As you know, it is the primary purpose of USSVI to "Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country."

This project seems a natural fit for our interests and purposes, so your Board voted to contribute \$ 1,000 towards the completion of this project, which has been done.

At that time Ocean Outreach, headed by explorer Tim Taylor, was fundraising through an innovative pledge system through KICKSTARTER online. It turned out that many of our members were uncomfortable with KICKSTARTER and wanted to directly contribute to this documentary project called "Twice Forgotten."

In addition, Tim discovered that some major corporations willing to contribute could not/would not do so through that website, so they decided to cancel participation and directly solicit donations instead.

The board endorses and encourages ALL bases and members to join with us in providing financial support towards completion of this project. Our collective participation will help empower them to finally tell the story of the USS R-12 Submarine's tragic sinking, help the families left without any information and try to solve the mysteries that have been unanswered after all this time.

Several prominent endorsers include:

Naval historian Dr. Norman Friedman, author of "US Submarines Through 1945", did an interview for "Twice Forgotten". He is a fascinating man and added a great deal of valuable insight into their quest to find answers on what happened to the R-12.

Don Walsh is an American oceanographer, explorer, submariner and marine policy specialist. He and Jacques Piccard were aboard the bathyscaphe Trieste when it made a record descent into the Mariana Trench on January 23, 1960, the deepest point of the world's oceans. We are proud to announce that Don has endorsed the R-12 project.

Ric Hedman is the USSVI Point of Contact for questions at ric@pigboats.com

How does it work:

You can mail your check to

Ocean Outreach, Inc. C/O R-12 Project 1107 Key Plaza #299 Key West, FL 33040

(Please notate that you are a USSVI member)

Or

Donate directly to the R-12 fund by Credit Card at http://www.oceanoutreach.org/

Overview: The WW-II submarine USS R-12 sank off the coast of Key West, Florida at midday on June 12, 1943. She took 40 American sailors and 2 Brazilian officers to their grave at 600 ft on the ocean floor. They have been missing for nearly 70 years until found in 2010 by a team of explorers working with state of the art technology and fascinated by R-12's tragic story and the mystery.

Since USS R-12 was discovered in late 2010 the team has put forth a herculean effort to locate the family members of the entombed, research government and historical files and launch a major expedition to film and document the sub in its final resting place at 100 fathoms in the Straits of Florida. The documenting of the data and family information a mission to resolve the mystery of the sinking while bringing closure to the families, recognition to the entombed men of R-12 and raise awareness of a lost and forgotten crew to a young generation of people.

As a war grave, the submarine wreck will not be entered. The team continues to work under Navy permits and needs to return to site for filming underwater. They have been assembling a documentary of their findings, interviews, underwater robotic technology, exclusive underwater footage of the submarine in her final resting place and have been on a quest to solve the mystery of her sinking. This is an important and significant discovery and we are dedicated to sharing it with the public. These entombed servicemen deserve to be acknowledged today (70 years later) as any of our lost and missing military would deserve if their remains were found seventy years from now.

USS R-12 is the sixth WWII US submarine to be found of the fifty-two missing and the only US Sub to sink within the continental United States.

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