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NEWS-01: Nominations for National Awards are now being accepted.  
Submitted by: John Stanford on 1/30/2014  
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The 2014 National Awards Nomination Process started Feb 1st 2014 and will close as of April 30, 2014. The announcements of the Awardees and presentation of awards will happen at the Awards Banquet at the 2014 National Convention in Burlingame CA.

It is that time of year to take some time to write up your recommendations for a National Award to recognize your shipmates for the voluntary work they do in support of our brotherhood, our organization and its purpose.

We all have shipmates that deserve the recognition for their hard work in support of our organization and its purpose, and it shines a favorable light on your base as well. Don't forget your hard working associate members. They are eligible for some of these awards as well.

Any USSVI member may nominate any other member (or for a Base for certain awards as stated in the Award description).

Don't recall the awards and criteria? Here is a summary listing of the award categories.

1. Joe Negri 'Shipmate of the Year' Award
2. Robert Link National Commander's Commendation Award
3. Meritorious Award
4. Golden Anchor Award
5. Silver Anchor Award
6. Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award
7. Base Newsletter of the Year Award (Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2014)

Each Award has specific criteria to meet and some of the criteria have changed since last year, so please read the manual for a careful review. The Awards Manual with descriptions of each award and the criteria for each is available on the internet at [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) under the Awards Button and the internet link is shown below for your convenience.

Please take a look at the Manual, and start thinking about your Shipmates who should be nominated for the various Awards.

If you have any questions about the Program or the individual award criteria please contact me at the email or phone numbers listed.

V/r

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NEWS-02: Navy to Accept First Virginia-Class Block III Sub Submitted by: Office on 2/1/2014  
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The USS North Dakota, the first Block III Virginia-Class submarine slated for delivery, is expected to be handed over to the Navy for service by April of this year.

An April or May delivery is several months in advance of its contracted arrival in August, Navy and Electric Boat officials said.

Go to the link for the story...

[www.dodbuzz.com/2014/01/29/navy-set-to-accept-first-virginia-class-block-iii-submarine/](http://www.dodbuzz.com/2014/01/29/navy-set-to-accept-first-virginia-class-block-iii-submarine/)

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NEWS-03: Call for Scholarship Program Applications Submitted by: Paul Orstad on 2/1/2014

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The USSVI "Sub Vet" Scholarship Program and Committee are pleased to announce that we are now accepting requests for the scholarship application. You can do it two ways: one, send your name and address and tell me if you are a high school Senior or a college student.

The deadline for receiving Scholarship applications is March 15, 2014.

You can contact me by email at [hogan343@aol.com](mailto:hogan343@aol.com) or by snail mail at USSVI Scholarship Chmn.Paul Wm. Orstad30 Surrey lane, Norwich, CT 06360-6541.

Second, you can open the USSVI Web Page at [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org). Look to the left for "Charitable Fund" in one of the blue boxes, "click on it". At the top in blue/green look for "Scholarships" and click on it. Now click on "Application" this will give you two applications to down load which you will need. You will then have a total of five pages or possibly six depending on your printer. Click on "Notes and Tips" which is two pages. Page one is for high School and page two is for college students. These are the "Hint" sheets you need to make sure you fill out the application correctly.

If you have any problems please let me know as I will snail mail you a clear application next day mail.

Base Commanders, Please use the Scholarship Booklet as information only and not for applications. The document can be found in the document section of the regular USSVI documents and not in the Charitable Foundation Documents. If you can not find it please contact me and I will snail mail it to you. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me by phone, email or snail mail. 860-889-4750, [Hogan343@aol.com](mailto:Hogan343@aol.com) , 30 Surrey Ln, Norwich CT. 06369-6541

Thank you.  
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NEWS-04: Navy Log.Com  
Submitted by: Office on 2/1/2014

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As a Navy Veteran, consider placing an entry on the Navy Log, a permanent National Registry of Sea Service hosted by the U S Navy Memorial Washington DC.

[www.navylog.org](http://www.navylog.org)

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VET-01: 1,800 Vets' Records Destroyed, Misfiled in St. Louis Submitted by: Office on 2/1/2014

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ST. LOUIS - More than 1,800 personnel records for U.S. veterans were destroyed or misfiled by two student employees of the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis County, federal criminal court documents show.

One of the student employees, Lonnie Halkmon, 28, was sentenced Thursday to two years of probation and ordered to perform 40 hours of community service. The other, Stanley Ingram, 21, is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 7. Both pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of destruction of government records and faced probation to six months in prison under federal sentencing guidelines.

Go to the link for the story...

[www.military.com/daily-news/2014/01/31/18k-vets-records-destroyed-misfiled-in-st-louis.html](http://www.military.com/daily-news/2014/01/31/18k-vets-records-destroyed-misfiled-in-st-louis.html)

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VET-02: Military Funeral Honors for Veterans Submitted by: Office on 2/1/2014

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Military Funeral Honors is a way to show the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country.

This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful nation can provide to the veteran's family.

By law, an honor guard detail for the burial of an eligible veteran shall consist of not less than two members of the Armed Forces.

One member of the detail shall be a representative of the parent Service of the deceased veteran. The honor detail will, at a minimum, perform a ceremony that includes the playing of Taps and the folding and presentation of the American Flag to the next of kin.

Taps will be played by a bugler, if available, or by Ceremonial Bugle, or electronic recording (CD or tape).

Go to the link for the details...

[www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/getLinks.do?tab=FAQ#q1](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/getLinks.do?tab=FAQ#q1)

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