



USSVCF Newsletter for June 2026

If you qualify. Happy Father's Day!

Scholarship News



Dr. Fickett reports that 80 complete applications were received. 46 college applications are in the review round as well as 26 high School apps. Two career education applications were received. Funding decisions will begin in early July.

Brotherhood Fund News



Mike Ferranti tells us that the Hallidays have begun to recover from their disastrous fire. They have a group that will rewire the house but all their appliances and household good were lost. Here are some photos of the aftermath.



U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS
★ CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ★
BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

SHARE THE MISSION. STRENGTHEN THE BROTHERHOOD.
PRESERVE THE LEGACY.

The U.S. Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) Ambassador Program is looking for dedicated volunteers to help educate, inform, and connect fellow submariners and their families with the Foundation's programs and opportunities.

WHAT DOES AN AMBASSADOR DO?

- Share information about USSVCF programs
- Give short presentations at base meetings
- Answer basic questions about Foundation programs
- Help members understand available resources
- Encourage awareness of scholarships, memorials, and legacy giving opportunities
- Serve as a liaison between your Base and the USSVCF

WHAT AN AMBASSADOR IS NOT

- A fundraiser
- A financial advisor
- A salesperson
- Someone who pressures members to donate

Our role is simple:
Share Information • Start Conversations • Support Shipmates

SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
Helping the children, grandchildren, and wards of qualified submarine veterans pursue higher education.
- MEMORIAL FUND**
Providing assistance to submarine veterans and families during times of need.
- MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS**
Preserving the history and sacrifices of the U.S. Submarine Force.
- LIBRARY & MUSEUM PRESERVATION**
Protecting the stories and heritage of those who served beneath the sea.
- KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)**
Bringing comfort and support to children facing medical challenges.
- LEGACY FUND**
A permanent endowment designed to support future generations of submarine veterans and their families.

THE IMPACT OF ONE AMBASSADOR

- Educate an entire Base
- Help a student receive a scholarship
- Connect a family with available resources
- Preserve the legacy of a shipmate
- Inspire future support for submarine veterans

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Because our service mattered.
Because our stories matter.
Because future generations deserve to know the sacrifices and accomplishments of those who served in the Silent Service.

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"How do you want your service to be remembered?"

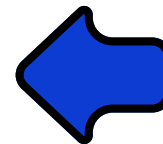
JOIN THE USSVCF AMBASSADOR TEAM TODAY!

FOR INFORMATION ON BECOMING AN AMBASSADOR, CONTACT:
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VOLUNTEER. ★ EDUCATE. ★ INSPIRE.
UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
SUPPORTING SHIPMATES, FAMILIES, AND FUTURE GENERATIONS



Always on the hunt for more Ambassadors, Ileene Davis has a message for those bases that still don't have one. See her message.



Be on the lookout for Ileene's new cookbook! Available soon in the USSVCF Store on our website and we'll have them for sale at our booth at the Texas convention!

Monuments & Memorials News



Scott Gerber reports that we have placed a link to the "old" listing of monuments & memorials on the USSVCF website while the new National website is being tweaked. Find it by clicking "MEMORIALS" and scrolling to the end of the page.



Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) News



A few months ago we learned of Diego Guzman's scary condition. We thought he would have his chance to meet with the Boston Base's K4K contingent while he was recovering from surgery at Boston Children's Hospital. But that wasn't to be. God and your kindness prevailed to get him home more quickly.

Yesterday though, Diego got his chance. In the photo we see a proud Great Grampa holding Diego's certificate, photo of the Boston Base's K4K team and both base patches. They followed Diego all the way from Boston. Immense thanks to Jack Baylee and his team and to the rest of the Sub Vets heroes who made this happen.

In the foreground are Autumn, Mom (Kayla) and new submariner recruit Diego. In the background are shipmates Bill Bish, Paul Hernandez and Tim Blevins of South Lake Florida Base.

Legacy Fund News



Fund Manager, Tim Blevins is on a mission. He is creating an award for every Legacy donor. It's a pin that can be worn on our vests. It's another way of saying thank you for your devotion to the future of USSVI.





News from the Deckplates



Many of you may recall that our shipmate, John Martin, member at large from the out-of-the-way town of Frostburg Md. (try finding it on the map sometime!) donated his restored 1942 Jeep for us to auction off. It raised almost \$20,000 and was purchased by a (shudder) "airedale". Well John is doing it again only this time he's donating his restored classic 1935 Terraplane. We're currently considering auction houses so we can maximize return on John's labor of love. If you know a USSVI member who might have interest call me at 860-886-3566.



Then



Now

Marc & Faith Frattasio who bought our 1942 Jeep to drive it in the Memorial Day Parade.

Want to make a contribution? Bring your submarine nostalgia items to the convention. We'll offer them in our silent auction with the proceeds going to help our shipmates and their families. Call me at 860-886-3566 to contribute.

News from Pierside

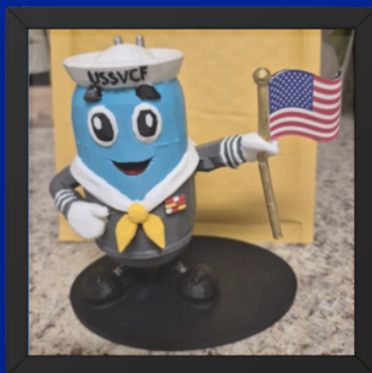


That's *USS Massachusetts* SSN 798 being saluted by Old Ironsides in Boston Harbor on March 28th. From left to right are Mike Pittman, John Murphy, Tom Denton and Gregg Houser presenting the CO, Mike Siedsma, with USSVCF plaques in honor of the occasion. They "passed down" a CO's command-at-sea emblem and a COB's "cookie". We're still waiting for photos of Rick Riessen's attendance at *USS Idaho's* commissioning on April 25th in Groton.

Commissionings are easy. What follows is hard. Click here for a story about that. It wasn't pretty. <https://ussvcf.org/wp-content/uploads/newsletters/The%20Commissioning%20Gifts.pdf>

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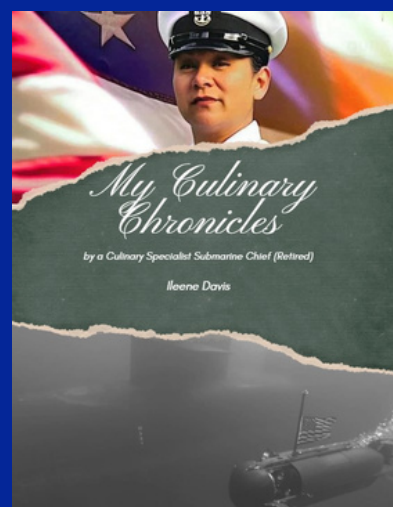
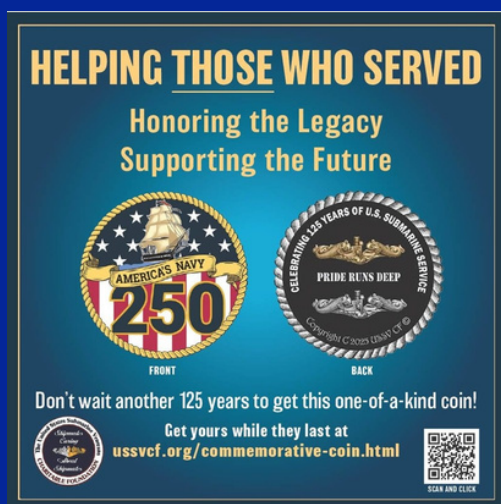
Meet our team

Grab great bargains at the silent auction!

Win prizes in our drawing!

Pick up new USSV CF merchandise!

Don't forget to grab a coin and one of Ileene's new cookbooks!



Learn more at: ussvcf.org