

The Quarterly Newletter

Perch Base, USSVI Phoenix, Arizona

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USSVI CREED

Our organization's purpose is . . .

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

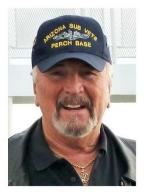




A Message from the

Base Commander

Chuck Emmett



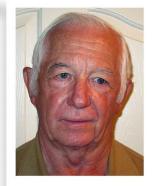
The Base Vice Commander, Richard Kunze, conned the Base at the March BOD and Base meetings while I was getting back from a hospital "trim dive." But it shows the depth we have in the Base and the overall talent pool we have in our membership. All members should take notice. There is not a job that any member cannot do. And no member ever takes a Base job and is hung out there without help and support. But most important, a base stays interesting and fun for all the members by getting new brainpower in the officer ranks. Your thoughts and new ideas are what keeps a good base getting better.

About the time this MidWatch comes out, I'll be changing to my American Submariner Editor hat and traveling to Orlando for the National Midterm Officers meeting. Since my job is not an elected position, I'm there pretty much as just an observer. But I do get a chance to provide some input depending on the topic. If any of our members have an idea that might be appropriate at the national level, let me know and I'll try and pass it on to the right person.

The Vice-Commander/ COB's Comments



Thoughts from the Officer with Two Hats
Richard Kunze



The first quarter of this year sure has gone by fast. In January we held our annual Awards Dinner at which we conducted a Holland Club Indoctrination Ceremony, presented pins for 5 year multiples of USSVI membership, and Sailor If the Year award. The dinner was excellent and we were entertained by our guest speaker Admiral Vern Clark, USN (RET), former Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). The Arizona Silent Service Memorial committee (ASSM) conducted a silent auction raising almost \$800.00 to add to their fund. February and March were filled with Laveen Community Parade, the Tale of Two Cities, and the Paradise Valley R.V. Park (St. Patrick's Day) parade.

It is a little early but never too late to start planning for next year's Awards dinner the third Saturday in January. If you have any idea or know of anyone you would like to be speaker at our dinner please let the base officers know to see if arrangements can be made for them to attend.

The monthly base meeting in May will NOT be held at Dillon's in Glendale. Instead, it will be the Perch Base Annual picnic/meeting held at the White Tanks Mountain Regional Park. This is a family event. Bring your wife and kids to enjoy. We will provide food and drink. The only cost to members is a \$6.00 per vehicle Park Entry fee.

The USSVI National Convention is being held in Reno NV August 15-20, 2016. The room rates for us are \$79.00 for a regular room and \$99.00 for a deluxe room at the Sierra Grand Hotel. Conventions are a great place to learn the workings of our organization and to meet a lot of the people whose names are all that you see or hear. Also submariners from all over the country attend. If you have questions about the convention talk to a base member who has attended before. Information and registration forms are in the latest edition of the AMERICAN SUBMARINER magazine.



Member Mogul Membership Chairman's Message JIM ANDREWS



I am not sure how long in the past Rick Simmons, your former Membership Chairman, had you make sure any members gave him any new phone numbers or new address changes, but I would like to have any of you with changes to please get them to me. If you have moved recently or changed phone numbers, I would really like you to send me the changes by email or snail mail. If you are a snowbird, I would also like to make sure I have your summer address and phone number too. There are many times when we need to get in touch with you during the summer and have no way to get in touch. Send any changes to:

Jim Andrews MMCM(SS) Ret. Perch Base Membership Chairman 13027 W. Skyview Drive Sun City West, AZ 85375

andrews3651@sbcglobal.net



Bits of Bytes²⁰
Base Webmaster

Dan Marks





I have received some "attaboys" since the change to make our PERCH BASE WEBSITE, http://www.perch-base.org, easier to view with smartphones and tablets. I thank you for the feedback and encourage any suggestions you may have to improve the website.

During the past quarter, our PERCH BASE WEBSITE page views were about 6,107. About 51% of that traffic is from within Arizona, so I will assume that is from YOU. Anyone can view the website. However, our Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Facebook Group, unlike the website, has limited access to Perch Base members only. New Perch Base members are invited to join. Only 37 of our 164 Perch Base members are in the Facebook Group. Existing members who are not already in the Facebook group can ask the Webmaster to be invited. You can either go to the Facebook Group and ask to become a member, or send me an e-mail to webmaster@perch-base.org and I will send another invitation. Because of the increased privacy, members can discuss personal matters, such as the Binnacle List, and can post their own comments.

The PERCH BASE WEBSITE is an integral part of our newsletter communication. The HOT ITEMS page, http://www.perch-base.org/Hot Items.htm, provides a list of all our upcoming outings and base activities, such as parades and static display opportunities with the USS PHOENIX, SSN-702 float. Additionally, the CALENDAR link, http://www.perch-base.org/Newsletter calendar.pdf, at the top of the HOT ITEMS page also includes anniversary dates of boats on Eternal Patrol. The CALENDAR link also includes member birthdays.



Communications Officer

Chuck Luna



Shipmates, I would like to start something new with this issue, if you have a picture from an event in your life that you would like to share, send it to me at communications@perch-base.org. Send the picture as an attachment with a BRIEF description and the names of the people in it. I'll do my best to get it in the next issue of the MidWatch.

Second Quarter Birthdays

April

- 12- George Crider
- 13- James Wall
- 14- Rick Simmons
- 16- James Edwards
- 16- Richard Kunze
- 16- Donald Walbaum
- 18- Tom Farley III
- 22- John Messier
- 22- Tim Moore
- 25- Bruce Williams
- 30- Davy Jones

May

- 2- Donald Shafer
- 7- Stanley Reinhold
- 8- Ramon Samson
- 11- George Woods
- 17- Steven Balthazor
- 18- Joseph Hawkins
- 21- George Debo
- 24- George Gillette
- 25- Donald Robertson
- 25- Richard Noreika
- 30- Carl Scott

June

- 3- James F. Newman
- 5- Steve Leon
- 7- Robert "Matt" Hayball
- 7- Dan Marks
- 8- Garry Shumann
- 11- Glenn Posniack
- 20- David Fyock
- 20- James Ratte
- 23- Donald DeMarte
- 27- James Evans
- 30- Ed Gonsowski



Past
Commander
Doyle blowing
out the candles
on his birthday
cake with an
assist from two
of his granddaughters!





Saturday, April 9 Monthly General Meeting
At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant
20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.
The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!
50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Sunday, May 1st through Friday, May 6th Western Regional Roundup
At the Aquarius Casino Resort in Laughlin, NV
For more information see pages 12 through 14 and be sure to visit the website

Saturday, May 14 Annual Picnic / Monthly General Meeting



Saturday, May 21 Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day & Tolling of the Boats at National Cemetery of AZ

Saturday, June 11 Monthly General Meeting

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant

20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.

The official meeting starts a Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!

50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Friday, June 17 Deadline for input to the Summer Quarter MidWatch

Monday, June 20 21st Anniversary of Perch Base Charter in 1995





HOW I SPENT MY WINTER VACATION

By Dan Marks

Whenever I travel, I try to remember to "Google" the area I am visiting for Submarine Memorials. This past February, I was in Gilroy, California, the "Garlic Capital of the World," visiting my Brother-In-Law and found a Submarine Memorial in nearby Los Banos, California. The memorial was erected in memory of Louis Robert McMullen, Torpedoman 2nd Class (SS). Louis, a Los Banos resident, was killed in action on November 8, 1944, when the USS Growler (SS-215) was sunk on her eleventh war patrol during a convoy attack in the South China Sea.

The memorial, located on the campus of Merced County Community College, was installed in 2007 by the Fresno Chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, the Wahoo Base of USSVI, also in Fresno, and the Los Banos Rotary Club.

The memorial mainly consists of a large black granite marker and sixty-five trees in memory of the 65 submarines on Eternal Patrol. Each tree includes a marker with the name of a lost boat and the donor of the marker.



THESE TREES ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE UNITIED STATES SUBMARINERS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE IN FREEDOM.

U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, FRESNO CHAPTER UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. WAHOO BASE.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. WAHOO BASE.

OCTOBER 13, 2007

Much to my surprise, when I found the tree for the USS Perch (SS-176), the marker noted it had been donated by our Perch Base, USSVI.



If you travel, try to visit memorials. This memorial is also in the memorial list on the USSVI website. If you need help, I would be glad to help you find others.





ARIZONA SILENT SERVICE MEMORIAL P.O Box 86155 Phoenix, AZ 85080



Greetings Shipmates & Friends,

Are you ready for a fling? The *Arizona Silent Service Memorial* Foundation is sponsoring a *Spring Fling* fund raising project and you are invited and encouraged to participate.

This program has two means of participation:

- First, we will be conducting a Spring Fling Raffle that will run from now through 4/30/2016 for which all Arizona residents are eligible to participate. Ticket prices are as follows:
 - A. 1 Ticket \$10.00
 - B. 2 Tickets \$15.00
 - C. 5 Tickets \$25.00

You can purchase your tickets at a Perch Base meeting or by sending checks made payable to the <u>ASSM</u> and mailed to:

> Arizona Silent Service Memorial PO Box 86155 Phoenix, AZ 85080

- Second, you will also receive tickets when you purchase memorial pavers. Our Spring Fling discount coupon special applies.
 - A. Purchase a \$150 4 x 8 memorial paver for \$100 receive 3 tickets.
 - B. Purchase a \$250 8 x 8 memorial paver for \$200 receive 5 tickets.



Please note the \$50 Off Spring Fling special discount coupon above. You may pick up your 2-part order form for purchasing the 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" pavers at a Perch Base meeting or contact me via e-mail (see my e-mail addresses below). The \$50 off Spring Fling special discount coupon is applicable to both paver sizes. To receive this special discount offer, either cut out and send the coupon above with your check, or, simply write Promo Code 600 on either the memo line of your check or on your paver order form.

The drawing winner will have his or her choice of a hand carved submarine model made from exotic woods (see photos below) <u>or</u> a check for \$200.00. The drawing will be held at the May 14, 2016 Perch Base Annual Picnic. You <u>do not need to be present</u> to win!





<u>But wait, there's more!</u> You may also extend both of these promotions, the *Spring Fling Raffle* and the paver ticket promotion ticket including the special discount offer to your friends, family, business associates, shipmates and others with whom you come in contact. This promotion is good for all raffle tickets sold and/or paver orders received by April 30, 2016. Again, to receive your \$50 special discount, either cut out and send the coupon above with your check, or, simply write **Promo Code 600** on either the memo line of your check or on your paver order form.

For your convenience, we will have **ASSM** brochures and paver order forms available at the March & April Perch Meetings. You can also access paver order forms by visiting the Perch Base website and clicking on the **ASSM** link, or, by visiting the **ASSM** website directly at:

www.arizonasilentservicememorial.org. I can also send you paver order forms via e-mail. Just let me know what you need by contacting me at either e-mail address under my signature below.

Again I am asking for your assistance as your support is needed for this worthwhile project. Please reach out to your friends, family, shipmates, business associates and church members. I'm sure there are many others you see on a regular basis, like your doctors and dentists, that that very likely support this project.

Fraternally,

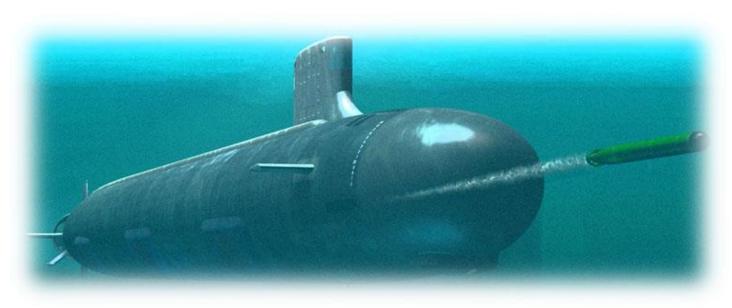
Tim Moore

Vice Chairman

Arizona Silent Service Memorial

E-Mail: seawolfssn63@gmail.com seawolfssn@outlook.com

www.arizonasilentservicememorial.org





Pictured above is the U.S. Navy Seal parachute demonstration team, The Leapfrogs. Nestled in the middle (the short person with longer hair) is their new "Den Mother" Layne Moss. Dan and Layne ran in to them at a BBQ place, Lil' Abner's in Tucson. They immediately adopted Layne as their local "Den Mother". In addition to Layne, she now answers to both "Ma Frog" and "Hoppy". Dan has some other pet names for her as well. (Submitted by Tim Moore)

Perch Base CLASSIFIEDS

Your chance to advertise for free! Items from Base Members to other Members, and almost anything is far game. Exceptions: alcohol, drugs, illegal, commercial items or anything in general poor taste. Send your ad to:

Communications@Perch-Base.org

Classified Size Limite Four lines of 10 pt Arial forth one column wide. Pictures may be included -- and are encouraged -- but make the picture a separate "jpg" or "png" file. If we can't format your ad as a Word document, it won't run.





(This card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage and park for the November Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought if you need tires or service.)

LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



Tolling of the Boats for April

3 April 1943 - USS Pickerel (SS-177) - 74 men lost 8 April 1945 - USS Snook (SS-279) - 84 men lost 10 April 1963 - USS Thresher (SSN-593) - 129 men lost 18 April 1944 - USS Gudgeon (SS-211) - 80 men lost 22 April 1943 - USS Grenadier (SS-210) - 4 lost as POWs

Tolling of the Boats for May

3 May 1945 - USS Lagarto (SS-371) - 86 men lost 22 May 1968 - USS Scorpion (SSN-589) - 99 men lost 23 May 1939 - USS Squalus (SS-192) - 26 men lost 29 May 1958 - USS Stickleback (SS-415) - no loss of life

Tolling of the Boats for June

1 June 1944 - USS Herring (SS-233) - 83 men lost 12 June 1943 - USS R-12 (SS-89) - 42 men lost 14 June 1944 - USS Golet (SS-361) - 82 men lost 18 June 1945 - USS Bonefish (SS-223) - 85 men lost 19 June 1942 - USS S-27 (SS-132) - no loss of life 20 June 1941 - USS O-9 (SS-70) - 34 men lost 30 June 1943 - USS Runner (SS-275) - 78 men lost

2016 Perch Base Operations Supporters

These are the Base members and friends who donate monies or efforts to allow for Base operation while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

Jerry Allston Marcus Hensley Louis Reynolds Kenneth Anderson Glenn Herold **Stanley Reinhold** Jim Andrews **Robie Robinson Charles Hooper** Steve Balthazor **Theodore Hunt Larry Ruggles Gary Bartlett Davey Jones** Russ Rutowski **Richard Bernier** Mike Keating **Pete Sattig Ronald Bever** Richard Kunze **Donald Schafer Edward Schafer III Edgar Brooks Douglas La Rock Thomas Carrier** Robert Lancendorfer **Emil Schooneians** Albert Landeck **Roger Cousin Carl Scott Eugene Crabb** Bill Larime **Gary Schumann** Michael Dahl **DeWayne Lober** Rick Simmons James Denzien **Burtis Loftin** Wayne Smith **Mary Denzien George Long Steven Stanger Daniel Marks Howard Doyle** William Tippett James Edwards **Charles Marshall** Don Unser **Howard Enloe** Marcia Unser **Raymond Marshall** James Evans Dennis McComb James Wall Thomas Farley III Angus McPherson **Forest Watson Thomas Fooshee** Allen Miller **David Wickline Frank Morris Bruce Williams David Fyock George Gillette III** John Mosher **George Woods John Graves** Jim Nelson William Woolcott James Newman John Zaichkin **Thomas Gregory** Richard Noreika **Ronald Zomok Billy Grieves** William Grissom Michael Olsen **Perch Base Foundation** Michael Haler **Royce Pettit Eldon Hartmann Ernie Plantz** Mike & Lisa Doubleday -

Private Donation

Glenn Posniack

David Heighway



IS PLEASED TO INVITE

Annual United States Submarine Veterans Western Regional Roundup

May 1st, 2016 – May 6th, 2016

ASK FOR GROUP CODE "C-SUB16" WHEN BOOKING

ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

Sunday – Thursday \$30.99 per room, per night Friday- Saturday \$60.99 per room, per night

CHECK IN TIME IS AT 3:00 PM - CHECK OUT TIME IS 11:00AM

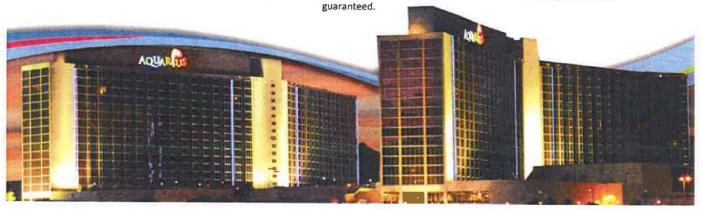
FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL

1-800-662-5825

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROUP RATE ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE BOOKED BY

April 17th, 2016

**If you use a debit/credit card to check in, a hold may be placed on your card account for the full anticipated amount for 72 hours from the date of check out or longer at the discretion of your card issuer. Rates do not include 12% room tax. Shoulder rates are based on availability and are subject to change at any time. All room types are based on availability and are not



Western Region Roundup

AQUARIUS CASINO RESORT – LAUGHLIN, NV – USA May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 2016 AGENDA

MAY 1 SUNDAY - Registration

1:00 - 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Room - Gemini I

MAY 2 MONDAY

9:00 a.m.— 9:00 pm Registration Hospitality Room - Gemini I 2:00 p.m. — Submarine Museum Tour

MAY 3 TUESDAY

9:00 am - Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Meeting Gemini 1

12:00 a.m. - Joint Men & Women's Lunch - Gemini I

2:15 - The Celebration, Boat Cruise

7:00 p.m. – Fun Nite: Bar, Snacks Memorabilia Auction– Gemini I. Bring Memorabilia or a New Item to Donate

MAY 4 WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. - Joint Men and Women's Meeting - Gemini II

1:00 - 2:00 - Base officer Seminar - Gemini I

3:30 p.m. - Tolling of the Boats American Legion Post 60

5:00 p.m. - Joint BBQ at American Legion Post 60

MAY 5 THURSDAY

9:00 - District Cmdr Base Cmdr Seminar

6:00 p.m. - Social Hour - Cash Bar - Scorpio

7:00 p.m. - Banquet - Dance

MAY 6 Friday

See you next May

Visit the website at: www.wrroundup.com

Western Regional Roundup

AQUARIUS CASINO RESORT – LAUGHLIN, NV – USA May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 2016

REGISTRATION

ME:	SPOUSI	E/GUEST			
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Registration Fee	\$20.00	X		=	
Joint Luncheon	\$25.00	X		=	
BBQ	\$10.00	X			
Banquet (Buffet)	\$40.00	X		=	
Celebration Tour	\$10.00	X			
Submarine Museum Tour	NA	X			
			TOTAL	=	

I will ____ or will not have a vehicle ___ (check one or other)

Please make checks payable to: USSVI

Send to:

Gene Kellar

7442 S. Catawba Way

Aurora, CO 80016-5212

Phone: (303) 988-7661

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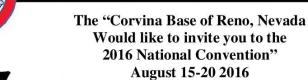
Call Gene E. Kellar or Email: submariner.caucus@gmail.com

Website: wrroundup.com

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

http://www.ussviconvention.org/2016.







Free hotel shuttle from airport Convenient free hotel parking RV Park on hotel property Park Reservations 1-775-789-2147



USVET Convention rate of Standard Room

\$79.00+TAX/night Delux Room \$99.00+TAX/night

Reservation #1-800-648-5080

Use code USVET



USSVI Convenient activities
Convention
Sparks, NY 199431
Convention
Fax: (775) 136-8675
Fax: (775) 135-8025
Tours 2016



- Ways to Register:

 1. Visit www.conventionactivities.c
 and complete registration online Complete registration form and mail to above address
- Complete registration form and fax to number above

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Telephone reservations will be accepted.
Full payment must be received to confirm
your registration. Confirmation will be sent
via email, or post.

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Convention Activities reserves the right to carcel tour and refund the event price due to weather or lack of registration.

Cancellations/refunds will be handled on an incividual basis. All intrastate tours are conducted through CPCN nompanies.

Historic Virginia City Tour Victorian homes, duels in the street, fortunes made and lost. Virginia City is the town that tamed the Whit West. Discover its charms, its blomishes, and it unique shopping on this tascinating tour.

Lake Tahoe Sightseeing Luncheon Cruise

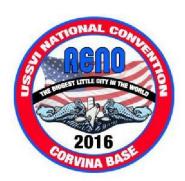




Registration must be received by July 17, 2016

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Dates	Tours	Times	Guest	Count	Price (Per Guest
08/17	South Lake Tahoe, Museums	10:00am to 4	:00pm #Gues	ts	\$58.00
08/18	Lake Tahoe Luncheon Cruise	9:30am to 2:	30pm #Gues	ts	\$112.00
08/19	Historic Virginia City	10:30am to 3	:30pm #Gues	ts	\$53.00
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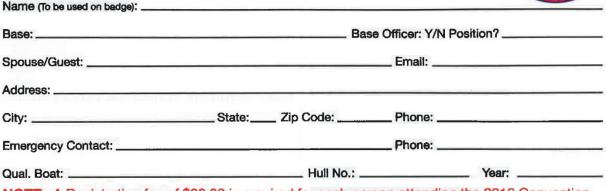
Visit our Web Site for detailed information on the 2016 Convention. www.ussviconvention.org/2016/



USSVI 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 15th through the 20th
Grand Sierra Resort and Casino (1-800-501-2651)
2500 East 2nd Street, Reno NV 89502

2016 Convention Registration Form



NOTE: A Registration fee of \$30.00 is required for each person attending the 2016 Convention.

NOTE: In the event that you cannot attend you must contact our Registration Committee Chair

in writing prior to July 14th 2016 and request a full refund.

NOTE: Attendance at any USSVI sponsored activity requires paid 2016 Convention Registration.

Date	Event	Cost	Qty	Total
	Registration Fee (Note see above)	\$30.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 16	Welcome Aboard Party	\$25.00	dyst red	\$ 0.00
Aug 17	WWII & Holland Club Breakfast	\$30.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 18	Ladies Luncheon	\$35.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 18	Men's Luncheon	\$35.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 20	Awards Banquet/Entertainment			
	Grilled Salmon & Grilled Petite Filet Mignon	\$60.00		\$ 0.00
	Vegetarian (Chef's Choice)	\$60.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 20	Cash Drawing Tickets: (at Awards Banquet)			
	1 Ticket	\$5.00		\$ 0.00
	5 Tickets	\$20.00		\$ 0.00
Grand Total				\$ 0.00

After completing your Registration Form review and then print it prior to leaving this site.

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: 2016 USSVI National Convention

Mail Registration Form and Check or Money Order to: 2016 USSVI Convention

P.O. Box 13325 Reno, NV 89507