# US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation Guide

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# US SUBMARINE VETERAN'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## Overview

The foundation is the charitable arm of the USSVI and was established in 2000 to support our membership, their families, submariners currently on active duty, and all veterans to the extent feasible. Members of the foundation are all volunteers and there is always room for new blood. We welcome fresh, new ideas and eager volunteers who aren't afraid to help man the oars**.**

## Who we are:

Executive Committee
Bob Bachman President
George Palmer VP-Ex Dir
Ken Earls Coordinator
Randy Stein Treasurer

Fund Managers
Mike Ferranti Brotherhood
Steve Day Building
Bob Brady Commissioning
Randy Stein General
John Riley Kaps 4 Kids
Michael Talpai Legacy
Joe Mathis Library
Don Young Memorials
Don Young Museums
Dr. Alan Fickett Scholarships

## What we do for you.

We are committed to helping our members by extending services as set forth in our By Laws. You can view our charter and all we offer at our website at www.ussvcf.org but in essence we provide funding to help establish buildings for our members, for meetings and camaraderie. We can help with grants for members suffering from home emergencies, weather-related disasters or medical emergencies to name just a few needs. See a listing of recent efforts we've provided to support current member needs in the Brotherhood section on page 6 of this brochure.

We help to fund memorials and monuments celebrating submariners and their boats. We owe eternal reverence to those who have gone on before us.

We maintain a library of books and other printed materials collected over the years from members and other contributors. You can view our collection and see our plan to make it universally available on page 16.

We reach out to children suffering from debilitating medical conditions and attempt to get their minds off their troubles as our veterans make them honorary submariners. We attempt to alleviate their pains, if only for a short time.

We provide a way for members to save in our Legacy fund accounts which will earn interest for the foundation tax free while accumulating value. This tax-advantaged service is very popular with our members who build upon their legacy while also contributing to the foundation. We make another tool available for members which allows them and any family member over 18 years of age to make a Will that will be legal

in their home state. This is a free service using a reputable on-line firm.

Any child, grandchild or legal ward of a member, or of an active duty or deceased submariner may apply for one of our higher education scholarship grants for a college degree, or career education leading to an occupation in a trade. Our scholarships are awarded annually based on merit, academic promise and financial need. Competition is stiff for these, check page 22 to meet some of our current awardees and some very grateful past recipients.

## Where to find us.

**We are volunteers who live at all points of the compass. We can be reached by email or by phone as listed below.**

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# Building Fund

**Fund Mgr. Steve Day**
**(Backup Mgr. Tim Blevins)**

Our Building Fund was originally envisioned as a conduit toward acquiring a building where our members could seek "***a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment".*** That quotation is directly lifted from our creed. In practice we accomplish that through two efforts, The first is that by supporting the maintenance of the Groton USSVI chapter's building at 40 School St. Groton, CT, the only building **owned** by USSVI we help our largest base.

The second is by providing funds for use in maintenance or improvement of any building **used** by the USSVI. The Fund Manager has authority to make grants up to $3000 to fulfill various building needs. For example, if a VFW chapter wishes to build an extension which would benefit our members meeting there we could provide a donation to their fund raising campaign.

Groton Base 40 School Street

The most recent building fund activity helped to pay for renovations to the

Groton building to facilitate moving the USSVI National Headquarters from Silverdale, WA to Groton, CT in 2024.

Groton work in progress

**To get more information about how you or your base might utilize the services of the fund contact Steve at** building@ussvcf.org **or call him at 813-466-7908**.

# Brotherhood Fund

## Fund Mgr. Mike Ferranti

**(Backup Mgrs. Fernando Borges & Ileene Davis)**

Our Brotherhood Fund does just what you think it does: it provides help when needed by our members for things that can't be foreseen. Here are some very recent examples of what **Mike** and **his backups, Fernando Borges and Illene Davis** have provided help with so far this year:

In January a Bremerton Base member needed financial assistance due to a job loss before he could arrange for state aid. Mike and Illene arranged for $1000 to tide our member over.

Also in January an Egg Harbor Base member took advantage of our "Cool our Members" program and received a voucher for a $470 air conditioner.

In April a Webster, TX recently-departed member's wife needed help paying for funeral services. Mike arranged for the funeral home's $5,400 bill to be settled.

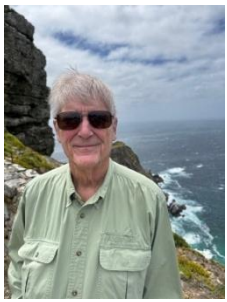
Also in April, Mike was approached by a member of Charleston Base to assist another member who needed a wheelchair ramp at his home. This was an exceptional case because it involved monetary support as well as manhours to implement the ramp. Working with Charleston Base' CF Ambassador, Mike provided a Home Depot® voucher to the

local store to provide the materials. While the Ambassador arranged for active duty Sailors from Naval Nuclear Training

Center Charleston to volunteer their labor. Here is the “Ramp Team” showing off their handiwork. This was a model effort in terms of cooperation between the CF and a local base. We sent a letter of thanks and commendation to the NNTC Commanding Officer.

In May a Tang Base member needed help repairing his roof after Hurricane Milton crashed trees through it. Mike arranged for his contractor to get $1,600 to repair the damage.

In June we helped ComSubLant to honor his Submarine Sailor of the Year with a dinner and gift cards. Thanks to Gary Galles of Hampton Roads Base who did the actual work.



In May Mike jumped in to help a member of Naples Base who was critically injured in a motorcycle accident. He received $3,000 from the fund and a GoFundMe account we established for him garnered over $15,000. Wish shipmate Charlie DeHart well as he recovers from a terrible accident. Here’s a photo of him in happier days. His wife reports she has him at home now and he’s undergoing intense rehab. Thankfully our members are still helping out.

As you can see, the Brotherhood Fund can help our members in almost any situation. Last year much of our attention was given to the victims of hurricanes in Florida and North Carolina. Kudos to Rick Pettit of Carolina Piedmont Base, who was instrumental in delivering our assistance there. Hopefully we won't see such devastating results dealt by mother nature this year, but rest assured that Mike is standing by to respond with monetary assistance and advice for getting other aid.

Last year alone, the Brotherhood Fund gave grants in aid to over 20 individuals in the amount of $30,000. Your base and individual donations supporting the hurricane victims showed that even after leaving the submarine service,

**Some damage done by hurricane Helene and our partners in helping out.**

submariners know a thing or two about lending a hand when others are in need. It's something that we "brothers of the pfin" have ingrained in our DNA.

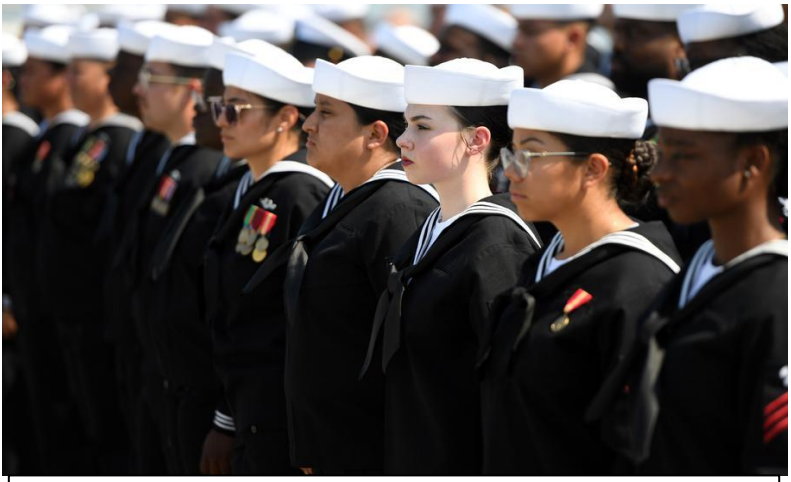
As of the date of this publication we are anxiously praying for word from our members in Texas where the recent flash flooding appears to have caused grievous losses. We will assist when and as we can. **Contact your Base Cdr. Or Mike for more information or when you know a member is in need at brotherhood@ussvcf.org or at 407-451-2154.**

# Commissioning Fund

**Fund Mgr. Bob Brady**
**(Backup Mgr. Tim Blevins)**

Our Commissioning Fund provides a method for groups to save in a tax free way in preparation for submarines-in-building to conduct christening and commissioning ceremonies. Donor funds are collected by the Commissioning Committees and USSVI CF provides the repository in a separate tax-free account for withdrawal and use by the committee when and as needed.

Currently the *USS Tang* SSN 805 is the only commissioning celebration we have on our horizon.



**Crewmembers look on during a recent US SSN commissioning.**

Photo courtesy of *All Hands.*

**So if you know of other groups anxious to get in on the ground floor and help prepare for another ship commissioning contact Bob at**

**commissioning@ussvcf.org**

**or call him at 727-807-1012.**

# Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Fund

## Fund Mgr. John Riley

**(Backup Mgr. Bill Anderson)**

Part of our heritage as submariners is our attitude. Look that up in the dictionary and you'll find that it means *the way one feels about others*. Ours is to feel empathy, especially for those who have not had it as well as we have.

Ever since its inception in 2007 our K4K program has sought to comfort and care for critically ill children. To date, nearly a third of our USSVI bases have adopted the program which sends volunteer shipmates to hospitals, clinics, hospices and other such facilities where sick children are cared for. The volunteers help to take the little ones' minds off their illnesses and explain what life might be like for them aboard a submarine. Parents and loved ones join with the submariner story tellers to bring even a brief respite from their

medical woes. So far over 25,000 children and their families have earned their “Honorary Submariner” certificates.

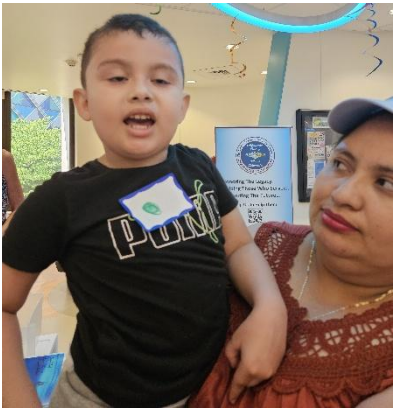
The volunteers also give the children submarine-related memorabilia which elicits their smiles. The volunteers seem to enjoy the program almost as much as the little ones.

To hear them explain it, they receive **much more** from the children than they give.

USSVI Mid-Atlantic Base’s Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) crew completed a visit to Nemours Children’s Hospital in Wilmington Delaware on July 11th. During the visit, over thirty children were gifted with honorary submariner mementos. The hospital staff provided refreshments and a warm and friendly atmosphere prevailed. Importantly, the crew was invited back anytime. The photo on the left is of the crew who participated.

Our tiny submariner bears were a big hit with the kids!

These are just a few of the photos taken during K4K



visits. Please note the smiles both on the faces of the

children and our volunteers To view other photos of children we've visited go to our website and click on the Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS) link under the FUNDS pulldown button. There's a great video there as well.

**To find out more about the program, donate or see if you or your base can participate in this highly satisfying activity please go to our website or contact John Riley at kaps4kidss@ussvcf.org** or **call him at 203-668-9131. You'll be glad you did.**

# Legacy Fund

**Fund Mgr. Mike Talpai**
**(Backup Mgr. Mark Guillory)**

Our Legacy Fund represents the opportunity for USSVI members or others sharing our commitment to contribute to the organization in honor of their service in submarines. Whether for only a single “hitch” or for an extended career, submariners think back on their service as a special time in their lives. Legacy giving means that a shipmate will be able to assist the CF in keeping a strong presence in the lives of our membership through the good things the Brotherhood, Scholarship, Monuments & Memorials and Library Museum fund provide. Service to members in day to day activities and to those we revere for their service and who have gone on before us.

There are two types of Legacy giving.

**Legacy** giving is what a member or donor can provide directly, either as a bequest or as a singular gift. Those assets are added to the CF’s endowment accounts and help fund our future. The donation can be made with provisos to ensure it is used as intended by the giver. For example, a scholarship can be endowed with the name of the giver attached, it can be added to the Brotherhood Fund for disaster relief, or it can fund a particular memorial.

**Living Legacy** giving is an opportunity for members, donors or interested groups (like the Sunfish Assn. just did) to establish a fund for future use benefitting the CF but with ownership of the fund retained by the donor. Interest and growth accrued, however, becomes part of the CF's operating funds. The donor can designate which of the CF's funds receive the accrual. Additionally, the donor can opt to provide a percentage of the total commitment over a number of years. Typically this is ten percent per year but there are no restrictions on the amount or timing. Finally, the donor can stop the donation at any time if circumstances change but already-remitted donations remain in the fund.

A third program is currently being studied. If adopted and implemented it will allow a donor to provide a minimum gift of $10,000 to the foundation and receive a fixed lifetime income for up to two individuals, an immediate tax deduction, payout rates as high as 10.1%, and partial avoidance of capital gains tax with no fees or administrative costs. If implemented the program will join hundreds of other similar ones set up by other US non-profit organizations.

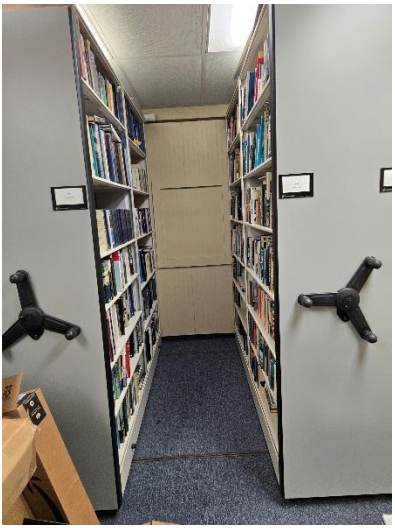
Any of these methods can be very satisfying, and tax benefits can accrue. Finally, we currently offer a Free Will service to help members, and their families begin to establish the planning necessary to see that their assets are used as intended before necessity takes over and rushes decision making. No one wants to be faced with momentous decisions in the face of pain and grief.

**To find out more and ask questions that will actually help you build a plan to settle your affairs contact Mike at legacy@ussvcf.org or call him at 360-731-3303.**

# Library & Museum Fund

## Fund Mgr. Joe Mathis
### (Backup Mgr. Keith Post)

From its earliest days, our library has led a very frustrating existence. Intended as a resource for serious study and literary enjoyment, it soon became clear that fulfilling that dream would be problematic. Originally formed by acquiring submarine-related books from multiple sources through the dedicated efforts of many volunteers during the early 2000s, our collection now numbers over 2000 volumes including books, periodicals and other media. The problem with books, of course, is that space to shelve them is necessary and it can't be just in somebody's basement. Our volumes originally

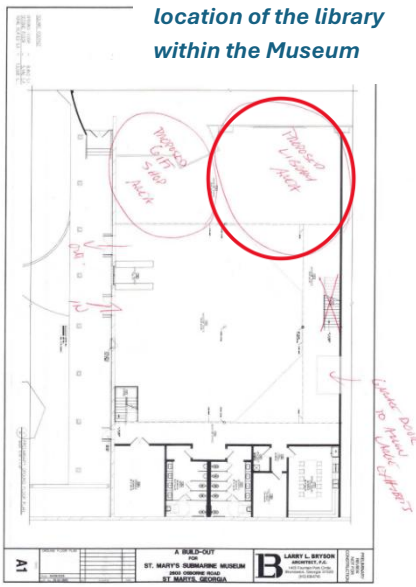


found a home at the St. Mary's Submarine Museum in St. Mary's. Ga.

But eventually it grew to the point that it spilled off the shelves. Everything was then packed up and moved - by willing volunteers - to the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum, 120 Riverfront Park Drive, North Little Rock, AK. The photo shows the storage arrangement but doesn't accurately portray the circumstances. In reality, the volumes are located in the lower level of a barge and are inaccessible for any real study. Our collection has remained dormant there, for nearly 19 years

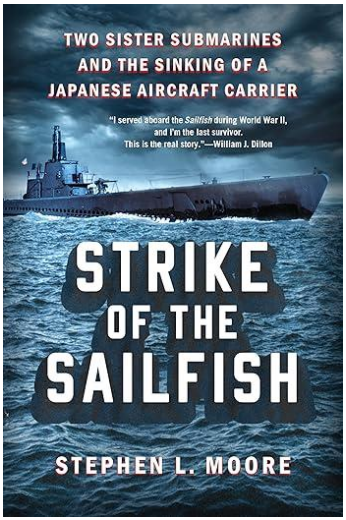
Recently we have entered into a new agreement with the St. Mary's Submarine Museum. The museum is relocating to a new building at 2603 Osbourne Rd, St. Mary's Ga and will be right next to the new City Hall. There will be very adequate parking for visitors. The new building

*Here's the proposed location of the library within the Museum*

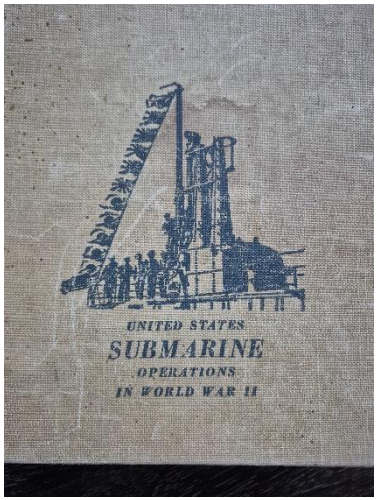


will have over twice the floor space as at its old location. We will reestablish the library in the revamped museum when possible in 2026.

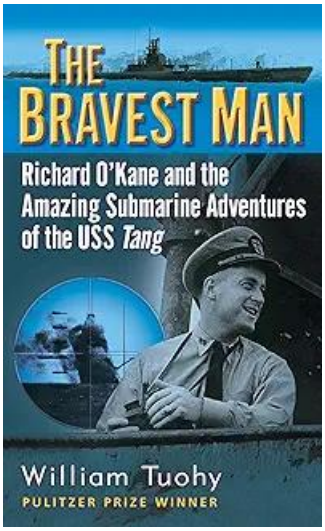
While our collection holds many duplicate volumes, (especially ones by writers easily recognizable in our warfare community - such as O'Kane, Fluckey, Lockwood and Nimitz, - some of the material is hard to come by and therefore collectible. We want to make that available for research and enjoyment. Therefore, when our library is reestablished at the St. Mary's Museum we will be providing a comfortable space to enjoy them in. A reading room will be established in memory of the submariners who have gone on before us and the volunteers who will help to bring it about.




So, you say, "But I live in the far reaches of (insert your state's name). How can I peruse these volumes without having to jump in the car and drive to the Georgia coast?" Enter the age of digital media. We are investigating digital delivery services that might enable you to look at the information in our VIRTUAL library. You could, for instance, check out Ted Roscoe's excellent book *"Submarine" US Submarine Operations in*



*WWII* and look up the Japanese ships sunk during USS (Insert fish name here)'s 4th war patrol from the comfort of your own home on your computer. Or use the computer in your local library to access our virtual bookshelves. Or you could look over Dick O'Kane's shoulder while he was conning USS Tang through her record-setting patrols. We'll work out which service is the best value for our situation. We envision that you will be able to use your USSVI Library Card for access. More about this initiative as details solidify.




**To find out more about our Library, contact Joe at library@ussvcf.org or call him at 501-765-0166**.

**To find out how you can help in the upcoming move from Arkansas to St. Mary's Submarine Museum or how you may become a Virtual Library Card holder contact Keith at director@stmaryssubmuseum.com or call him at 912-882-ASUB (2782).**

# Monuments & Memorials Funds

**Fund Mgr. Don Young**
**(Backup Mgr. Scott Gerber)**

The Monuments and Memorials Funds were established for one simple purpose. They exist to help us continue to protect and cherish our heritage. We provide what monetary support we can to ensure that the deeds of those submariners who have gone before us are revered. From the tiniest park bench, engraved with the name of a lost WWII submarine located in a secluded park, to the preserved steel boats that welcome hundreds of visitors annually in crowded harbors we consider these as sacred shrines of remembrance.

The men who crewed them, though now long gone, were not only patriots who defeated our enemies, they were also pioneers helping to invent the technologies now commonplace in our modern day nuclear submarines. We consider it our duty to keep them up. It is said that Alexander the Great had knowledge of the earliest submarine warfare technology but where are his monuments to that today? Exactly. That's why our Monuments and Memorial Funds exist … so they don't suffer the same fate as Alexander's.

A recent bequest by a member now on Eternal Patrol has helped us to contribute to several memorial efforts directly. We awarded a $3,500 grant to Chesapeake Base to help with replacing tile decking in USS *Torsk's* (SS 423) After Battery.

**Torsk deck work in progress.**

**After Battery - after.**

Gold Country Base is currently raising funds to purchase memorial bricks for its base members who have departed on Eternal Patrol since the base was chartered in 2000, totaling 63 members on Eternal Patrol. Their goal is to raise $6,000 to purchase the bricks for placement at the Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Mather Veterans Center.

We also provided a $3,000 grant to the Rocky Mountain Base for the installation of a large plaque at the *USS Greyling* Memorial to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the memorial which will include a star on the plaque for every crewmember.

**USS Greyling Memorial**

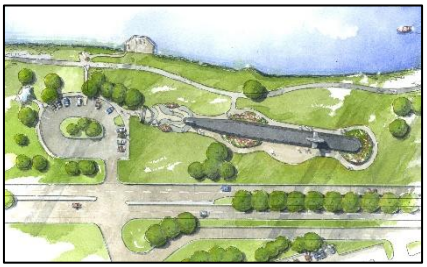
Lehigh Valley Base is in the process of restoring a MK-14 torpedo and rebuilding its submarine memorial in a new location following closure of the Naval Reserve Center where it was previously located.

*USS Chicago* Base is raising funds to build another World War II Submarine Memorial along the Illinois river system, where Manitowoc, WI built submarines were floated down the river to the Gulf of America on their way to join their sisters already in the Pacific. They currently have memorials in Chicago, Joliet and Morris, IL and the next is planned for Ottawa, IL.

Last Fall, the Foundation awarded a $3,000 grant to the Crash Dive Base to help bolster their donation to the *Cobia* Dry Dock Fund for *Cobia's* dry dock maintenance period.

Most recently, Marlin Base has been instrumental in reinvigorating an extensive project with the aim of bringing USS *Omaha's* SSN 692 sail and rudder home. The ambitious multi-million dollar project involves the City of Omaha, generous corporate donors as well as the civic minded and of course submarine veterans. Originally begun in 1995 at the time of *Omaha's* decommissioning, it was derailed by the October 2000 attack on *USS Cole*. Shipyard priority changes coupled with local flood recovery efforts forced the city to

relocate the memorial, significantly delaying the project. Foundation support coupled with lessons learned provided by Brooks Berg (SSN-708 Restoration Team Leader at Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum) provide the critical elements needed to complete the memorial. The scope of the project includes preparations for establishing an adjacent *USS Nebraska* SSBN 739 memorial for when she leaves active service. Below are artists' conceptions of how *Omaha* will be remembered in her mother city.



We are proud to partner with the base and the City of Omaha in this effort. The Foundation will serve as the tax-free agent in collecting and safekeeping donations made for the project. Additionally we will funnel volunteer efforts made as a result of our participation in the Combined Federal Campaign toward their cause.

**If you are interested in helping us with new monument or memorial efforts or you would like to help USSVI bases with their existing efforts please contact the Fund Manager at cfa@ussvcf.org or call him at 570-244-1351.** No idea is too unimportant when it comes to remembering our past. You should know that almost every year archeologists discover a tomb they think might be *Alexander the Great's* but heretofore they've all just been the resting places of someone who could have been *Al the Okay*. Please help us to prevent that problem in our future.

# Scholarship Fund

**Fund Mgr. & Scholarship Com. Chair Dr. Alan Fickett (Backup Mgr. Pat McCord)**

The Scholarship Fund is our flagship effort. The first ten $800 grants were awarded to scholars in 2002. Every year afterward the number of grants awarded and their size has increased. This year eighty eager scholars each received grants of $2,200. This represents a 2200% rise in our investment in our young

**Grace Forry** (2022-2026 **Awardee)**

**Grove City College**
Sponsor: Daniel L. Forry

Major: Midde Level Math, Science and Elementary Education

Grace's comments:
My goal is to complete my college education and begin a career as a middle level elementary teacher. I hope to return to my local community to teach. I am looking forward to earning my masters in the next few years.
The USSCVI scholarship has been a big asset to my education. It has allowed me to focus on being involved in my community while pursuing a degree.

people! It is clear that the intent of our founders is being met, and we are very proud of that.

Please join us in reading about what we do. We'll introduce you to several recent awardees and a few scholars who have finished their educations with our help. The USSVCF program allows the progeny of our members, and active duty or deceased submariners to compete annually for the chance to win one of our scholarships. The application period runs from October 31st through May 31st and the forms and process to apply are available by going to www.ussvcf.org Choose "Scholarship Application" under the MORE pulldown. All the requirements are listed there and as a recent recipient has said: "It's super easy to fill out."

**Leah Forry** (2024-25 & 2025-26 **Awardee**)

**Grove City College**

Sponsor: Daniel L. Forry

Major: Middle Level Math, History and Elementary Education:

Leah's comments:

I just completed my freshman year, and hope to continue to excel in my academics, graduating college with honors in May 2026. I hope to become the best educator I can be.
The USSVCF Scholarship has allowed me to focus more on my studies rather than finances. It has also encouraged me by reinforcing that my college education and goal to become an educator are valued.

Recipients like these pictured are announced in July of each year, and the grant is paid to the qualified institution of the applicant's choice. Dr. Alan Fickett manages the scholarship program, and the membership of his scholarship selection committee consists of USSVI's four Regional Directors plus the Senior Vice Commander and the District Commander of the Year. Scholarships are our single largest expenditure. Last year, for instance, the fifty-nine awardees' grants had us writing checks totaling $129,800. Our treasurer's hand had to be resuscitated after writhing all the checks. This year he needed liquid stimulants before tackling the $176,000 job.

**Alexander Allen** (2022-24,2025-26 **Awardee**) **Oklahoma State University**

Sponsor: Clarence E. Allen, Carolina
Major: Computer Engineering
Minor: Computer Science
Alex's Comments: As a junior I have found that I enjoy the programming side of engineering. I have mastered working with large machines. In the future, the focus will be on how to make things quicker, faster and better while maintaining quality. I look forward to being at the forefront of that movement.

The USSVCF Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and not stress about finances as much. I take pride in knowing that I am supported by veterans and am honoring my grandfather's service. I am thankful for the support of USSVCF and hope all those who donate know that their dollars were well spent.

Some Individual base funds and donations received from members and outside sponsors are collected in USSVCF accounts. These become grants to winners in accordance with IRS rules for charitable giving. If you have the means and inclination please consider

donating. The table below lists the current scholarships named for bases and contributors.

Other bases are setting up funds in our program too. Remember that the progeny of our members, active duty and

| Named Scholarships |
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| **Joe Clark** |
| **Willie Spoon Memorial Bremerton Base** |
| **Rogue-Umpqua** |
| **Joe Green** |
| **Groton Scholarships** |
| **Frank Espinoza** |
| **Silent Service Charities Auction Scholarships (5)** |

deceased submariners are all eligible to apply for our scholarship

So far we've shown only the faces and stories of awardees who chose college attendance. But we know that many don't really gain anything by attending college. Additionally, the expense of many college programs is well outside the means of many of us. So, two years ago we expanded the breadth of our program to include those who were interested in career educations. Many don't realize that many millions of jobs are vacant in industry and the trades because there is a lack of people qualified to fill them. Our aim is to alleviate that shortage by helping to defray the costs

involved for our deserving applicants. This year we are happy to announce that one student has been awarded a career education scholarship.

**The question is how can you be involved?**

**Brittaney Key** (2023--25)

**Yale University**

**Sponsor**: Jason Andrew Key

Degree: MS Environmental Management.

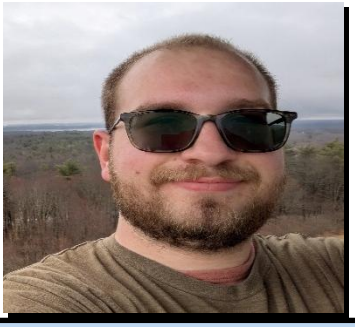
Brittaney's comments:

I will be attending Nanzan University's Center for Japanese Studies this fall for a year of immersive, intensive Japanese study. Afterward, I will return to Hawai'i to work in state government on climate adaptation and sustainability planning. My goal is to improve government's community responsiveness.

The USSVCF Scholarship has been a great help in keeping me on track for my public service goals. It helped me to graduate debt free from Yale debt-free. It has also made me even prouder to be a part of the submarine service community and strengthened my personal conviction to remain part of the community and give something back. **866760**

**Simple. Go to our website to donate.** You can pick any of the existing scholarships or start your own. Just think how proud you'll feel knowing a deserving young scholar is being awarded the first ever **INSERT YOUR NAME HERE! Scholarship.**

Also you can help us by spreading the word. Our scholarship grants are available to any child, grandchild or ward of our members (regular or life), descendants of active duty or deceased submariners. If you aren't a member or active duty submariner look into becoming one. All you need to be is a current or former qualified submariner. If you don't fall into those categories you can still become an Associate Member, which will qualify your descendants for our program.



**Bryce Byford** (2022-25) recent grad **Iowa State University**

Sponsor: David Saxon Byford
Major: Environmental Science69.

Minor: Geographic Information Systems

Bryce's comments: I'm interning with the US Forestry Service and hoping to work as a Park Ranger with the National Park Service. I'm passionate about conservation and participate in community service-related events.
The USSVCF Scholarship has allowed me to spend more time focusing on conservation and volunteer work and gaining experience in my chosen field.

This next young lady wasn't sure if she would qualify for one of our grants; so she withheld her

**“Steph” Livingston** (2025—26 **Awardee**)

**Rochester Institute of Technology**
**Computer Science**
**Sponsor**: John W. Livingston

Steph graduated in May 2025 from the prestigious Deerfield School in Manchester, NH where she excelled in academics (National Honor Society), school sports (tennis, golf) and extracurricular activities (Girl Scouts , Habitat for Humanity).

In her words she is “honored to have been chosen as a USSVI scholarship recipient.”

submission to the last minute. Not only did she qualify (she’s the granddaughter of a *Scorpion* crewmember), but she was at the *very top* of our selectee list.

Meet Stephanie “Steph” Livingston. Her choice reminds us of the sacrifices of our shipmates now on eternal patrol. Her Grandfather, John Weichert Livingston ET-1 (SS) USN, was lost with his shipmates aboard *USS Scorpion* in May 1968. Late of the Deerfield School in Manchester NH, where she was a standout, Steph has chosen to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology and major in Computer Science. We haven’t heard the last of Steph.

The final example of our recent scholarship selections is

**Ryley White** (2025-26**) Awardee**
Sponsor: William White

Central Texas Base

Field: Diesel Engine Technology

Universal Technical Institute of Austin

Ryley White. He's our very first career education applicant. We wish him well in his chosen field and perhaps he will contribute his view of our career education program. If he does we'll post it on our website.

**To find out more contact Dr. Alan Fickett at scholarship@ussvcf.org or call him at 407-256-3638.**

# Useful Information

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| VA HEALTH ENROLLMENT | 877-222-8387 | www.va.gov/healthbenefits |
| Military funeral honors | 800-342-9647 | www.cem.va.gov/ military_funeral_honors.asp |
| TRICARE | 800-444-5445 | www.tricare.gov |
| County Veteran's Services Officer* | | |
| Veteran's Crisis Line | 1-800-273-8255 Press 1 | veteranscrisisline.net |

*Look up your own county Veteran's Service Officer in local listings or Google him by state and county. His number is a handy one to have available.

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**The Foundation has instituted a Base Ambassador program in order to more effectively communicate with our membership. Since its inception, members at forty bases have signed on with us. That leaves 127 bases without Ambassadors. We want to fill those billets, and we need your help to do it. If you are interested in helping us by stepping up at your base so that we may reach every one of our USSVI shipmates you can become one. Just contact our Ambassador Coordinator, Mr. Don Young at cfa@ussvcf.org or call him at 570-244-1351 and let him know you are ready to qualify and become a USSV CF Base Ambassador.**

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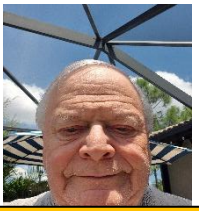
Bob Bachman



George Palmer

Ken Earls

Randy Stein

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## Qual Quiz Question

**As a USSVI member I can be served by or help the Charitable Foundation by which of the following?**

a. **Receive monetary help from the CF in time of need.**
b. **Help my offspring obtain a CF scholarship.**
c. **Help remember my departed shipmates.**
d. **Leave a lasting legacy with the CF.**
e. **All the above.**

**Complete the quiz and log in your answer at our table to collect a surprise gift.**