

LADIES OF STEEL

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Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to aid and assist our husbands (father, son, brother, grandfather, and grandson) as helpmates in our mutual pursuit of the goals, objectives, projects, and activities. In support of the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., as slated in the U.S. SubVets Constitution, Article III, section 1.

“SubVette helpmates in a common bond with SubVet shipmates...working together to achieve a common goal.”

President's Message

Hello Ladies,

I hope you are all well and surviving this crazy weather we've all been having. In January I was privileged to attend the monthly meeting at the Snug Harbor, FL Base, in Satellite Beach, FL. The ladies were very gracious and hospitable making me feel very much at home. I hope to be able to visit with them again and with other Bases during the upcoming year.

As always if you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please let me know. This is your organization.

Thank you for your time.
Rita Kreul

WEBSITE

It's official we have our very own website, (**www.subvettes.com**) thanks to the very generous offer of Ron Martini. He created and maintains the site for us. It's something I've tried to get going for a couple of years now and he graciously stepped forward. Once again, thank you Ron!!!

Dues

Please submit your national dues of \$10 if you are an Annual Member before the end of March to your base treasurer who will forward to me. Your national membership will be dropped if dues are not received in a timely manner and you will not receive the newsletter and most importantly you will not be supporting your husband (father, brother, son, whoever is your sponsor), etc. Please do not let your membership lapse. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Carole Glover, National Secretary-Treasurer

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Meet the Board

Joyce Altschuler - 2nd Vice President

I'm a 61 year old woman who grew up and lived in Brooklyn NY most of my life. After my husband of 39 years Leslie retired in 2004 we moved to an active adult community located in Monroe Township NJ a rural town in the central western part of the state.

We have two children and five grandchildren who live within fifteen minutes from our home. When I'm not spending time with our family I enjoy knitting blankets, shawls and little bears that I donate to two of our local hospitals.

My husband who has been a member of USSVI since 1981 is presently the Vice Commander of the NJ-North Base and when they have field days on the USS Ling I can be found on the boat cleaning and polishing along with the other crew members.

Joan E. Peters - 1st Vice President

Birth Date: 1 November

Home: Aiea, Hawaii 96701-3051

Spouse: Captain John David Peters, USN (Ret)

SubVette Posts: First Base President of SubVettes of the Bowfin Base (1 October 2003 to current); National VP

BIO: The first female Cal Berkley graduate with a degree in Computer Engineering. She was a former Cheerleader at Cal Berkeley and a Homecoming Queen. Joan married John in Hawaii (Sub Base Chapel) after meeting him at Lockwood Hall (she had sailed the Oah'u to Molokai race earlier that day, taking 2nd place). She attended Stanford University with John and completed her PhD., and taught. While at Stanford University she became the Outstanding Young Woman of the Year (nominated by the University). She also has a degree from Rutgers. She spent 35 years raising 2 children and working in the computer field. John and Joan have 2 granddaughters residing in Colorado with their mom (daughter) and her husband. Their son also resides in the Denver area. Joan now designs needlepoint canvases and converts her designs for use with embroidery sewing machines by digitizing them on her computer. She uses these skills in her love of needlework. Her business is JoPe Designs in Needlework. She creates items that support local Armed Forces related charities bringing in several thousand dollars each year. Her favorite is the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation.

John and Joan own a Recreation Vehicle that they leave in Wenatchee, Washington where Joan's parents both still live. (Yes, both and they are in their mid 90's having just celebrated 70+ years of marriage to each other.) Joan and John are both Amateur Radio operators. The Peters spend several months each year traveling the rural byways seeing the real America.

News From the Bases

San Diego

The San Diego ladies are hard at work on the 2009 National Subvets, Inc. convention. More to come in our next issue.

Groton

We will soon be starting another round of fund raising for Operation SS Care Package for the Individual Augmentee sailors from Subase Groton stationed abroad supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

We are still collecting grocery store coupons for the Overseas Coupon Drive that we send to Navy commands in Sasebo, Japan.

We are also trying something new to support our worthy causes: Scholarship Fund, Red, White & Blue Mass, and Thanksgiving Dinner for Single Sailors. We will be having a Bakeless Bake Sale. What is a Bakeless Bake Sale you ask? This is a Bake Sale with out the work and mess in your kitchen. Instead of going out and buying ingredients and spending hours in the kitchen that you donate the cost of your baked good.

Snug Harbor

The Snug Harbor Ladies have adopted a new service project: a newly opened shelter for homeless vets and their families. They are in need of everything from toiletries, and clothing to towels, linens, and appliances and we hope we can make a difference in their lives.

A LITTLE BIT OF TRIVIA

Did you know that we have the first female enlisted Shellback as a member of the organization? Well, we do and her name is Mary Ellen Shannon (Nigh). She is a member and Vice President of Snug Harbor Base in Satellite Beach, FL. The initiation ceremony took onboard USS L Y Spear (AS 36) enroute to the Indian Ocean on April 28, 1980. She was fourth in line for initiation, behind the ship's chaplain (who was also female but she was an officer.) The ship's captain, John H. Kinert had announced the evening before that we were the first ship to cross the equator with enlisted females. All previous female shellbacks had been officers, mostly nurses during WWII. There were one hundred brave female crewmembers onboard the Spear. They all worked tirelessly supporting the ships off the coast of Iran, during the Iranian Crisis of 1980, when we nearly went to war over the hostages.

FUND RAISING

We have men's black belts with silver dolphin belt buckles for sale. This unique style belt uses a 'ratchet' type device instead of the normal style belt with holes. The belt is easy to adjust and trimmed to fit sizes 30 to 39. You'll get a perfect fit every time. They are really quite nice and a bargain at only \$25.00 plus shipping. We've sold a lot of them and would appreciate any sales that are made because right now that's our only means of raising money other than membership dues. Please contact Rita if interested.

Date: _____

SUBVETTES

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
LADIES OF U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS

WELCOME to SUBVETTES, the Ladies of U.S. Submarine Veterans Organization. Annual National and Base dues are payable upon joining. In lieu of annual National dues you may choose the Life Membership option. Annual dues are due on the first day of each New Year. (Applicants joining in November or December are paid thru the end of the following year.)

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____ (must have reached 16th
birthday)
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
SPONSOR'S NAME _____
SPONSOR'S QUAL BOAT _____
RELATIONSHIP TO SPONSOR _____
SPONSOR'S USSVI BASE _____

SIGNATURE _____ National Card # _____
(for Secretary's use)

Initial National Membership Dues*	\$20.00
Annual National Membership Dues*	\$10.00
Option:	
*Life Membership (see below)	\$ _____
(in lieu of Initial or Annual Dues)	
Base Dues (Annual)	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Please return application and check made payable to SUBVETTES to our National Secretary/Treasurer:

Carole Glover 12700 Bushey Drive Silver Spring, MD 20904
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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES MAY BE PAID AS FOLLOWS:

65 and over	\$ 50.00	45 to 54	\$150.00
55 to 64	\$100.00	under 45	\$250.00
No Lifetime membership for members under age 25			

