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# Flash Traffic - 4/12/2012

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## Candidates for Office: Western Regional Commander

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**The National USSVI elections are this year. Ballots will be sent out to members somehow and sometime before the convention but when is not clear.**

**Below, are the biographic statements from the two announced candidates for Regional Commander of our Western Region. Jim Dunn, current Commander has announced he will not seek re-election and Jack Messersmith, our District Commander, is not seeking the regional office. The bios are presented in random order.**

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Hello Shipmates,

After much contemplation and deliberation I have decided to run for the USSVI Western Region Director. I think John Mansfield is a great guy and offers much to the organization but I think I am better. I want to represent every single person in the Western Region on the USSVI Executive Board. I will be soliciting what you want to do for the organization and what you want to get from the organization. If you see something that USSVI is doing wrong let me know about it and what should be done to correct it let me know t6hat too. If you feel there is something that USSVI should be doing and how it should be implemented let me know that also. If you have any ideas as to how USSVI could improve their fundraising, community involvement, recruiting, commemoration of our lost shipmates and brotherhood activities I especially want to know those. We have a great outfit here but every organization can't just sit on its laurels or it will stagnate. We need to constantly striving to improve ourselves, get our name out to the public, find new members, and find new ways we can honor our fallen shipmates. The E-Board can't do this on its own. They need the input from you guys. You're the strength of the organization. I want to be the channel through which you can get your ideas heard, acted upon and brought to fruition to make this organization what you want it to be. I will greatly appreciate your vote in helping me achieve my vision of the USSVI that you will be extremely proud to be a member.

Take care,

**Robert J. (Bob) Miller**  
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**Silent Strength - Pride Runs Deep**

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Western Region District Commanders, Base Commanders & POC's,  
Please give this your widest distribution to all Base members.

Shipmates,

I am seeking the position of USSVI Western Region Director in the upcoming election.

Your support and vote will be sincerely appreciated. I will continue, as always, with any position of responsibility that I've held within our organization, to provide leadership, guidance and support to You, the members, in efforts to achieve goals as set forth in our Constitution and Bylaws. I have always believed that 'communication' is the foundation and building block of an organization, and it can be done without expense as our internet technologies advance. Our primary purpose is to honor those submariners who have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy, and, at the same time, I believe we can improve our presence within the communities in which we live. It would be an honor to represent all the the Bases within the Western Region as a member of the USSVI Executive Board. I will solicit your input for those meetings and at the same time, I am not a micro-manager. so I ask that if you have an issue that needs to be addressed; be prepared with suggestions and answers on how to get them resolved within your Base(s) and District(s).

My photo and biography are attached. Thank you for listening. (Reading)

Fraternally,

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