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For anyone interested:

THIS IS AN OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE MESSAGE

The Undersea Rescue Command (URC) on North Island, formerly the Deep Submergence Unit, will be conducting training dives and surveys utilizing the Atmospheric Diving System (ADS) off the coast of Point Loma on **Monday, December 7**. The target for the survey is the wreck of USS F-1 (SS-20). F-1 was lost on December 17, 1917 following a collision in the fog with USS F-3 (SS-22). Nineteen men were lost.

The URC divers intend to place a memorial wreath on the F-1 during the final ADS dive on the afternoon of the 7^{th} . URC has invited local SubVets to participate in a short topside ceremony concurrent with the placement of the wreath.

Based on space and logistic issues, the maximum number of SubVet participants will be limited to **fifteen**. There will be two small boat transfers to embark/disembark from the support ship so if you have mobility issues or concerns, this is not for you. It will be an opportunity to see the ADS in operation along with some of the other Submarine Rescue equipment operated by URC.

Schedule of events (estimated/planned):

SubVet participants rendezvous at VFW Post 37871115-1145 Carpool to North Island and meet URC personnel at pier

1200 Small boat transfer to support ship

1215-1245 Transit to dive site on support ship

1300-1500 Conduct dive and ceremony

1530-1600 Transit to North Island

Small boat transfer to pier

1630-1715 Carpool to VFW

<u>This is a first come, first served evolution</u> and I must have a solid head count and names of participants by <u>1200 Friday</u>, <u>December 4th</u>.

If you are interested in participating, send me an email ASAP with your name, a contact phone number, whether or not you have routine base access (i.e. retired ID) and if you can assist with the car pool. I will notify you if you have a spot on the list; I will also keep a standby list in the event there are cancellations and more than fifteen people express interest.

You should understand the schedule for the URC operators is dynamic and subject to change so be flexible. And no, you will not draw Sea Pay.

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