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Clear The Baffles

GOLD COUNTRY BASE



Our purpose is "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.



**Memorial Day at
Bass Pro and Mather
VA Medical Center**

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Now Hear This!

eBoard Meeting (On Zoom) June 18, 2026 0900
Meeting ID: 902 151 4965 Passcode: SubVet

July 4th Parade City of Lincoln 0700 for Float Set-up. Burger King 115 Lincoln Blvd, Lincoln

First Call to Morning Chow June 9, 2026 0930
Dennys Restaurant 1000 N. Sunrise, Roseville

Base Meeting—July 25, 2026 Potluck @ 12 noon
Meeting Starts 1pm Folsom Veterans Hall -1300 Forrest St., Folsom

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

We had another great day at Bass Pro Day this past Memorial Day weekend. We had lots of Veterans visit our submarine float displayed in front of the Bass Pro Shop in Rocklin. I am so proud of the float and the energy our members spend putting the display up and greeting the Veterans and the many families with kids that stop by and ask "Can you really get inside that submarine?" Special shout out to our Hot Dog chef - Mike Goble who cooked a least 200 "gourmet tube steaks"



Our float was the center of attraction at the Mather VA Hospital Memorial and our leader Pete Juhos gave a wonderful speech and it was well received by all. Big thanks to Pete again!

We have a busy next couple of months coming up and I have listed our planned activities below:

4th of July Parade in Lincoln – Saturday 4th of July – Details to follow.

Security support for Rotary event - Friday - September 18

Manning support for Rotary Fireworks booth - June 28th to July 4th – Sign-up sheet to follow.

California Capital Airshow - Saturday and Sunday - October 10th and 11th. Further details will be shared as we receive them.

God Bless You All!!

Next Meeting – July 25, 2026

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Lost Boats

July

USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance.



After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



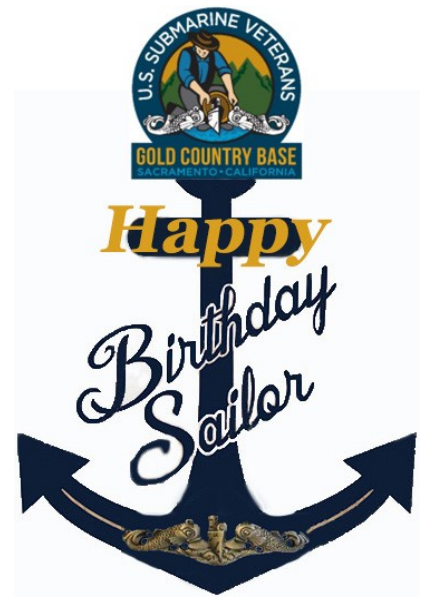
USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.



Birthdays June

David Black
Gill Miller



On The Lighter Side





Gold Country Base would not be able to continue to operate without the generous contribution from those Members, Wives and Friends who donate to **Gold Country Base Booster's**

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Booster Fund Support Needed

Gold Country Base has always taken pride in honoring our heritage, supporting our shipmates, and keeping our traditions alive. To continue doing that, we need your help.

If you are able, please consider making a Booster Fund contribution. Every donation — large or small — directly supports our mission and helps ensure we can continue honoring the legacy of the submarine service.

VA Information

VA to invest all-time high of nearly \$5B to improve health care infrastructure.

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced it will spend \$4.8 billion in fiscal year 2026 to modernize, repair and improve health care facilities as part of the Veterans Health Administration's Non-Recurring Maintenance program, which makes infrastructure improvements to health care facilities to ensure safe and effective patient care. This is the largest single-year NRM investment in VA's history.

The NRM program funds one-time maintenance projects for facilities, equipment or infrastructure that are not part of routine, recurring maintenance. These projects include significant maintenance, replacements or upgrades needed to maintain operational capability and advance health care delivery.

“Under President Trump, VA is putting Veterans first, and this historic investment underscores that fact,” said VA Secretary Doug Collins. “Improved facilities, equipment and infrastructure mean better care for Veterans, and these funds will enable VA to achieve that goal.”

The funding will cover projects at VA facilities across the nation and includes: \$2.8 billion to repair and upgrade outdated infrastructure systems in medical facilities. \$1 billion for maintenance and modernization of electronic health record systems, including facility preparation for future EHRM updates. \$500 million for major building upgrades like elevators, electrical systems, and boiler plants.

Gold Country Upcoming Events



Rotary
Club of Historic Folsom



Fireworks Stand
Gold Country Base Volunteer Singup

Help us with this Base fundraiser. Contact Les to reserve your time slot. (407) 509-7814

Day	Time	Name	Phone
Sun 6/28	6pm-9pm		
Tue 6/30	6pm-9pm		
Fri 7/3	3pm-6pm		
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Fri 7/3	3pm-6pm		
Sat 7/4	3pm-6pm		
Sat 7/4	3pm-6pm		
Sat 7/4	6pm-9pm		
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Lincoln 4th of July Parade

Friday July 4th

Arrival time 0700 for Float Set-up.

Parade Starts 0900

Meet at Burger King 115 Lincoln Blvd, Lincoln

Parade Uniform: Vest, White Shirt & Tie, Dark Shorts or Slacks, Shoes & Ball Cap

More information contact: Jack Everett's 916-214-4608 or Les Jamison's 407-509-7814.

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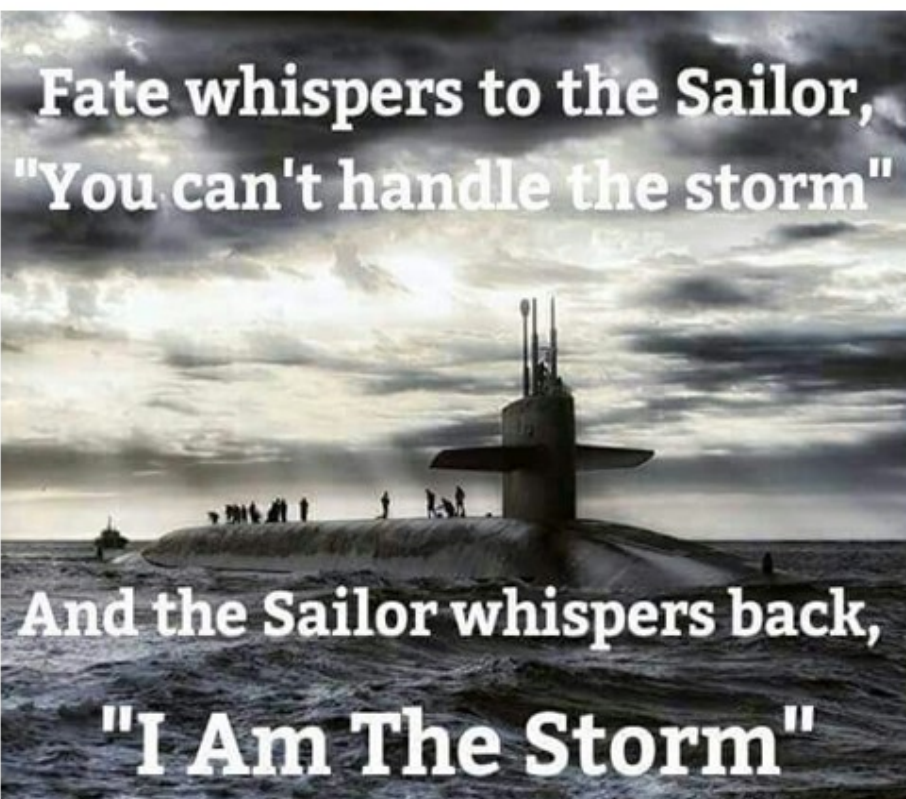
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NATIONAL CONVENTION**

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
OMNI HOTEL
SEPTEMBER 6-11, 2026

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FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN
THIS ANNUAL EVENT!



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