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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."



To all those who have served our Nation and to those who are serving now and their families. We begin this New Year reaffirming our endless appreciation and gratitude. Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedom!



the end of the war. (Boats listed below)

Chief Ickes was a member of Submarine Veterans WWII and served both as Chapter President and California State Commander. He joined USSVI in 2000 and was a Plank Owner of our Base, serving as the Base Chaplin and the Kap4Kids Chair.

Boats Served on: SS-319, SS-324, SS-330, SS-321, SS-322, SS-390, SS-320, SS-331, SS-391, U-2513, U-3008, SS-343, SS-566, SS-335, SS-398, SSG-574, SS-337, SS-393

Senior Chief, You have served us well and accepted your final orders. We salute you. Calm winds and following seas.

Kenneth Earl Ickes, TMCS(SS)

Ken enlisted in the Navy at New York, NY in August of 1943 and retired after 30 years, in September 1973. He Qualified in Submarines on the USS Blenny (SS-324) in 1944. He served on 18 different boats including 2 German U Boats surrendered to the US Navy at



Next Meeting — January 28, 2017

Potluck @ 1200 hrs Meeting Starts 1300 hrs
Folsom Veterans Hall 1300 Forrest Street Folsom, CA 95630

First Call to Morning Chow

Monday January 16 @0930 Denny's
7900 College Town Dr. (Howe & Hwy 50)

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Now Hear This!

28 January Gold Country Base Change of Command, Folsom Veterans Hall 1pm

11 February 95th Anniversary VAC Fund Raiser & Honor Guard Dinner, V.F.W., Post 67 Hall 2784 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

20 February 15th Annual American Heritage Day, Mt. Vernon Memorial park 8201 Greenback Lane Fair Oaks, CA 10am – 2pm

22 April 117th Submarine Birthday Ball, Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, CA www.nslnorcal.com

23-28 April USSVI Western Region Roundup, Sam's Town Hotel in Las Vegas, NV www.wrroundup.com

27 April Titan Battalion Navy JROTC Change of Command, Luther Burbank High School 3500 Florin Rd, Sacramento 2pm – 4:30pm

Change of Command

Leadership is the key to 99 percent of all successful efforts.

Pete joined our Base in 2010 and immediately took over as Newsletter Editor. He was elected Base Commander in December of that year. Under his leadership, for the past 5 years, we have grown to be an active and recognized member of the greater Sacramento Veteran community.

We have transformed our annual Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony from a small gathering of the faithful to a major event with annual attendance of over a 100 with regional news coverage from both television and print. Pete expanded the E-Board to make it more inclusive by creating and filling positions such as PAO, Eagle Scout Coordinator, Awards Chairman and Holland Club Commander. He oversaw a committee with the task of raising the funds to construct and install a Submarine Memorial Bench at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. We developed a relationship with our local Navy JROTC, supporting that organization with contributions of volunteer time and substantial annual cash donations.

In November of 2014, under pressure of a rent increase at our meeting facility, Pete began an effort to find a more suitable location for us, the result of which was a move to the Folsom Veterans Hall. That move has produced an amazing increase in meeting attendance and sense of pride for all of us by being a part of other local active veterans groups. With direction from the E-board, Pete successfully navigated the USSVI bureaucracy to shorten and change our charter name to one that ended the confusion and conflict with the Holland Club.

More recently, Pete was the catalyst behind the design and building of our award winning Submarine Parade Float. The float has clearly increased public awareness and recognition that a USSVI Base is located in our community. The direct results of all the above, and many other project under Pete's tenure as Base Commander, is that our membership is growing. At one point, just a few years ago, our numbers were in the low 90's. Now, even with the assignments to Eternal Patrol of more than a dozen members, we stand at 115 as of our last meeting.

At this month's meeting, I will be sworn in as the new Gold Country Base Commander. It's a big set of shoes to fill but, with your help, I will do the best I can to continue on the course set by Pete. Barry Wyatt

FROM
OUR
CHAPLAIN



Well here it is a new year and hopes for a good one. Back to 2000 and my Kam story. In the

summer I saw a new man come to our sub vet meeting. I introduced myself and soon as he said his name I knew who he was. Another Kam plank owner. His name: Joe Fallon. Joe had been to a 1996 Kam reunion and had the emails of about 60 people who were attendees and he knew where our 1st CO lived. I wrote a letter to Capt. Dickieson because I didn't get a response by email. It was about 2 months later when I got an email from him. He had been out of the country. He was very excited about maybe riding the Kam and thought it was fitting way to send her off. By the way, could I meet him at Joe's house in a few weeks for lunch?



In Christ, Howard

"The 2017 USSVI Calendar" I still



have a few available. The theme is

"Classes of Submarines through History". Get yours before they are all gone.

**Tim Spoon
Treasurer,
Storekeeper,
Membership**



You may have noticed that the "Who We Are" section has been non-existent for the past several months. A few weeks ago, a member who had given a lot to Submarine Veterans with his active support over the past 30 years, left us for Eternal Patrol. I would have liked to memorialize him with a fitting commentary of his contributions but, no matter how hard I tried, I could find very little to say. My goal is to have a biography of every mem-

ber and that can't happen without your help. Your biography should include: where you born; where you grew up; when you joined the Navy; what boats you served on, what other naval or military service you've done; what kind of work you have done since leaving the Navy and any personal information you want to share (marriage, family, hobbies etc.) It does not need to be in story form, call me up and give me the basic information; I can write it up if you want me to.

Barry Wyatt, Editor/PAO



Lost Boats

January

USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost on Jan 5, 1944 with the loss of 76 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4th war patrol.

It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on Jan 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Jap

destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the



USS Swordfish (SS-193)

Lost on Jan 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on Jan 20, 1942 with no loss of life, on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her.



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on Jan 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was rammed by the USS PC-460 and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.



January Birthdays

Tony Jacobs Jerry Mitchell

Bob Roush Tom Rumsey

Arnold Sanders Howard Shaw

Fred Stiesberg John Turner



On The Lighter Side

Long ago, when sailing ships ruled the waves, a captain and his crew were in danger of being boarded by a pirate ship. As the crew became frantic, the captain bellowed to his First Mate, "Bring me my red shirt!". The First Mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt, which the captain put on and lead the crew to battle the pirate boarding party. Although some casualties occurred among the crew, the pirates were repelled. Later that day, the lookout screamed that there were two pirate vessels sending boarding parties. The crew cowered in fear, but the captain calm as ever bellowed, "Bring me my red shirt!". The battle was on, and once again the Captain and his crew repelled both boarding parties, although



this time more casualties occurred.

Weary from the battles, the men sat around on deck that night re-counting the day's occurrences when an ensign looked to the Captain and asked, "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before the battle?". The Captain, giving the ensign a look that only a captain can give, exhorted, "If I

am wounded in battle, the red shirt does not show the wound and thus, you men will continue to fight unafraid". The men sat in silence marveling at the courage of such a man.

As dawn came the next morning, the lookout screamed that there were pirate ships, 10 of them, all with boarding parties on their way. The men became silent and looked to their Captain for his usual command. The Captain, calm as ever, bellowed, "Bring me my brown pants!!"

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VA Information

New Regulation Decreases Cost of Outpatient Medication Copay for Most Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulation on copayments for Veterans' outpatient medications for non-service connected conditions. VA currently charges non-exempt Veterans either \$8 or \$9 for each 30-day or less supply of outpatient medication.

"Switching to a tiered system continues to keep outpatient medication costs low for Veterans," said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. David J. Shulkin. "Reducing their out-of-pocket costs encourages greater adherence to prescribed outpatient medications".

This new regulation eliminates the formula used to calculate future rate increases and establishes three classes of outpatient medications identified as Tier 1, Preferred Generics; Tier 2, Non-Preferred Generics including over-the-counter medications; and Tier 3, Brand Name. Copayment amounts for each tier would be fixed and vary depending upon the class of outpatient medication in the tier.

These copayment amounts will be effective February 27, 2017:

- \$5 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 1 outpatient medication
- \$8 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 2 outpatient medication
- \$11 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 3 outpatient medication

These changes apply to Veterans without a service-connected condition, or Veterans with a disability rated less than 50 percent who are receiving outpatient treatment for a non-service connected condition, and whose annual income exceeds the limit set by law. Copayments stop each calendar year for Veterans in Priority Groups 2-8 once a \$700 cap is reached.

More information:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-12/pdf/2016-29515.pdf>

Gold Country Base Meeting Minutes. No business meeting was held in December

Bill Hunt, Base Secretary



January is renewal time for the Boat Sponsorship Program (BSP)

The AMERICAN SUBMARINER is the quarterly magazine published by the US Submarine Veterans, Inc. and is a major benefit that all USSVI members receive.

Your contribution to BSP pays to send three copies of each issue of *American Submariner* magazine for the subscription year to the command, boat or other place where news of the Silent Service is welcomed.

The cost is \$30 per year or a total of 12 magazines (three each of the four annual volumes).

The subscriptions may be made in the name of a Base or an individual.

The Program Manager is Victor Van Horn (708) 609-9840 Questions on the program may be addressed to him.

Each sponsor will receive the special BSP patch the first time they sponsor. In addition, all sponsors will be entered in the quarterly USSVI Boat Giveaway contest, a \$500 value (one entry per sponsorship).

Clip and use the form below.



		<h2>Boat Sponsorship Program</h2>
NAME _____		BASE _____
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<p>Complete the form above and mail with payment of \$30 per donation to: Boat Sponsorship Program Make Checks payable to: "American Submariner" c/o Victor Van Horn 6413 West Eagle Road Peotone, Illinois 60468</p> <p> Clip & Mail</p>		



***You have served us well and
accepted your final orders.
We salute you.***

TMC(SS) James Eldred Haywood

January 18, 2016

Qualified 1942 aboard USS Sargo (SS-188), and served aboard USS Holland (AS-3), USS Snapper (SS-185), USS Kraken (SS-370), USS Plaice (SS-390), USS Capitaine (AGSS-336), USS Brill (SS-330), USS Caiman (SS-323), USS Bugara (SS-331), USS Pomfret (SS-391), and USS Tang (AGSS-563). Founding Base Commander of the Gold Country Chapter SVWWII and later served as the California State Commander, and National Commander. He was a dual member of USSVI-Gold Country Base, and a Holland Club member.



ENC(SS) Robert E Roush

March 5, 2016

Qualified 1955 aboard USS Blackfin (SS-322), and served aboard USS Blackfish (SS-221), USS Hardhead (SS-365), USS Plunger (SSN-595), USS Bugara (SS-331), and USS Harder (SS-568). Plank owner USS Holland (SS-1)/Gold Country Base, and served as Chief of the Boat, and Vice Base Commander.



MMCM(SS) George H Mathies

April 16, 2016

George joined the Navy in 1950 and served during the Korean War. He qualified aboard the USS Torsk (SS-423) in 1952 and later sailed aboard the USS Lafayette (SSBN-616). He retired in 1970 with the rank of MMCM(SS). George joined the USS Holland/Gold Country base in 2005 and served as COB from 2009 to 2013. He was a Plank Owner of the Gold Country Base.



YN3(SS) Charles E. Addison

July 20, 2016

Qualified 1955 aboard USS Trutta (SS-421), and served aboard USS Thornback (SS-418). Dual member of Mare Island Base.

EM1(SS) Paul Abraham Reed

October 19, 2016

Paul joined the Navy in 1941, left in 1947 as a EM1(SS). He qualified on the USS Snook (SS-279) in 1942 and was a Plankowner. He also served on USS Blackfin (SS-322) 1944-45 (Plankowner), USS Bashaw (SS-241) 1946 and USS Nantahala (AO-60) 1946-47. Paul joined Sub Vets WWII in October of 1963 and was a Plankowner of the Gold Country Base, a Holland Club Member and a Life Member of USSVI.



Calm winds and following seas.

January



Two for Two Base Commander Pete Juhos and COB Harry Beach receive the plaque and ribbon at the Folsom City Council meeting in December for winning the Veterans Memorial Award in the Folsom Veterans Day Parade. This is the second First Place honor in a row that we have received since launching our Submarine float.



February

Eagle Scout candidate Brock Nelson describes for Base Officers the storage shed he has designed and will construct for our use at the Folsom Veterans Hall. In addition to the physical work, Brock is also obtaining donations, both material and monetary, for the project that he hopes to complete by the end of March.



March



Base Commander Pete Juhos presents the 2015 Master Mariner award to co-winner Associate Member Jerry Wheatland.

Gil Miller, Gold Country's Eagle Scout Coordinator has been waiting since last fall for the newly designed USSVI Eagle Scout patch. Now that we have it he is back in action lining up recipients and ceremonies.

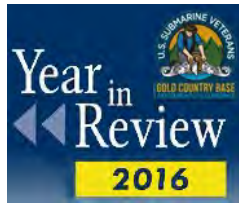


April



USS Gold Country, our Submarine Float, returned to Yuba College for a thank you event. Base Commander Pete Juhos presented plaques to Yuba College Chancellor, Doug Herman, President G. H. Javaheripour, Welding Theologies, Dan Turner, and Automotive Theologies, Mike Morris.

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May



Gold Country Base Members fill 4 full tables at the Veterans Hall's Annual Sea Land Air Dinner. On Saturday May 14th



June



Charter Day Bar-B-Que COB and Chief cook Harry Beach gets the fire going and the crew digs in.



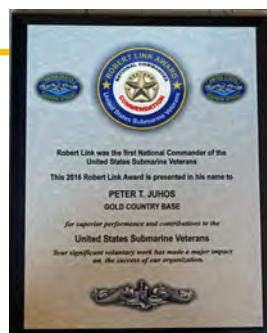
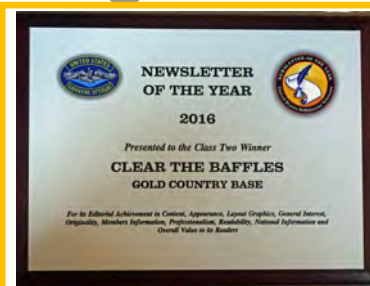
July



Rancho Cordova



August



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September



**Nevada City
Constitution Day First Place
"BEST IN PARADE"**



October



Gil Miller, presents the Submarine Veterans Eagle Scout Recognition Award and Patch at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

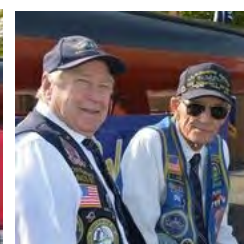
Pete presents **Margo Morrow**, widow of Dave Morrow our former Base Vice Commander, with a Duplicate Dedication Plaque from our Submarine Parade float.



November



**Elk Grove
Veterans
Day
Parade**



December



**December 7th 2016 75th Anniversary of
the attack on Pearl Harbor.
Memorial and Wreath-Laying Ceremony**



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