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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."



Outstanding turnout. Last month's regular meeting was moved from the Folsom Veterans Hall to Sutter Creek for the memorial service of our former Chaplain Ken Ickes. (more pictures page 7)

When called on to support a fellow Submariner, Hal Rutter, who passed away in South Carolina and was interred at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA, Gold Country and Mare Island members showed in force to provide a full military service. (more pictures page 7)



Next Meeting — March 25, 2017

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

First Call to Morning Chow

Monday April 3 @0930 Denny's 7900 College
Town Drive (Hwy 50 & Howe)

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Now Hear This!

25 March -Guest Speaker SGM Daniel M. Sebby, CSMR Curator, California State Military Museums

1 April -Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony 1:00pm
Hayward Veterans' Memorial Building 22737 Main St, Hayward,
CA 94541 (page 10)

22 April -117th Submarine Birthday Ball, Naval Postgraduate
School Monterey, CA www.nslncal.com (page 9)

23-28 April -USSVI Western Region Roundup, Sam's Town
Hotel in Las Vegas, NV www.wrroundup.com (page 9)

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

30 April -Nomination period ends for USSVI National
Awards. (page 8)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

It's been a difficult month with two Eternal Patrol services almost back to back. We honored two WWII Vets, both of whom served on the same liberated U-boat (U-2513), possibly at the same time. The memorial service for Ken Ickes, at which we read our Purpose statement and did a "Tolling Ceremony", was attended by 16 gold Country Base members as well as a member from the Corvina Base. Ken was due the honor because of how much he had given to his "Brother of the Pin" during his many years of service to both the Sub Vets WWII and to our base. The funeral for Hal Rutter was a first for us. Hal had received the official Navy representation at his memorial service held in his home state of South Carolina before being transported to California for interment at National Cemetery in Dixon. His Base Commander at the Carolina Piedmont Base requested our help asking us to provide whatever the family needed to insure a military presence at his service. None of us knew Hal or his family personally, but we knew he was a fellow Submariner and because of that we wanted to honor him. We secured a bugler, brought a flag and stood tall as a Honor Guard. We did a Tolling of the Lost Boats and preformed a Military Flag Folding Ceremony followed by an official flag presentation to Hal's daughter by District Commander Pete Juhos. This was a great demonstration of camaraderie, I am very proud of are guys. I am looking forward to our guest speaker at this month's meeting; hope to see you there.



Barry Wyatt, Base Commander

Due to my absence from the team for most of the

Goat Locker



past few months, there is very little to report.

It is my plan to be back to battery after the coming monthly meeting.

Yvonne and I have experienced a number of health issues in the past year involving both major and not so major surgeries. Mostly our own but also other members of our immediate family.

I have been able to attend two Memorial services, both well attended by Gold Country Base. Which made me very Proud.

I have some ideas to get even better attendance at extra curricular activities and am looking forward to,

hopefully, being able to implement at least some of them.



The Base is very important to me and I apologize for my absence.

Two major moves in the past three years have taken a huge toll on me but I am getting my act back together and hope to be the COB you need and expect.

**Tom Rumsey
Chief of the Boat**

"The 2017 USSVI Calendar"

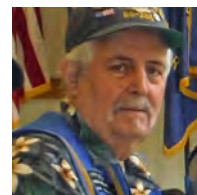
I still have a few available. Get yours before they are all gone. Remember, if you want a

specific boat patch or hat please stop by the Stores Table

and see my catalog.

Tim Spoon

Treasurer, Storekeeper & Membership



FROM
OUR
CHAPLAIN



More on Joe Fallon. Joe attended our meetings until spring 2001. It was in May he began having serious headaches. After going to a doctor, it was found he had a brain tumor. He died May 26th. There were a good number of us Sub Vets at his funeral. His wife, Evelyn, mentioned at



the funeral she had contacted Capt. Dickieson to get information on Joe's SINS that he loved working on. Joe was a Nav ET who was very much looking forward to riding the Kam one more time. That wasn't to be but he surely played a big part for us who did Ride just about 3 months later. I will bring photos of him to the next meeting March 25th for those who remember the name but can't put a face with it.

In Christ, Howard Grover, Chaplain

Lost Boats

March

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth charges in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 55 survived the war and six died as POWs.



USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.



USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4), pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.



USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.



Lost Boats

March

(continued)

USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.



USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.



USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.



March Birthdays

Charles Addison Harry Beach
 Bill Bergstrom John Clark
 Jim Haywood Bill Hunt
 Pat Noone Joe Ryan
 Mike Schell Larry Williams
 David Worth Leslie Jamison
 Art Rutkowski



On The Lighter Side



A Submariner in a bar leans over to the guy next to him and says, "Wanna hear a marine joke?" The guy next to him replies, "Well, before you tell that joke, you should know something. I'm 6' tall, 200 lbs, and I'm a marine. The guy sitting next to me is 6'2" tall, weighs 225, and he's a marine. The fella next to him is 6'5" tall, weighs 250, and he's also a

marine. Now, you still wanna tell that joke?" The boat sailor says, "Nah, I don't want to have to explain it three times."



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VA Information

"MOVE" - The VA Weight loss and management Program

What is MOVE!?

MOVE! is VA's national weight management program developed for Veterans by the National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NCP). MOVE! is an evidence-based self-management program that focuses on health and wellness through healthy eating, physical activity, and behavior change. MOVE! can help you lose weight, keep it off, and improve your health. Every VA Medical Center has a dedicated MOVE! Coordinator who is available to assist you. If you are interested in losing weight and want to participate in MOVE! talk to your local MOVE! Coordinator or VA provider who can help you get started.

Does my VA have a MOVE! Program?

All VA Medical Centers and many VA Community-based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) offer MOVE!. Contact the nearest VA facility to inquire about program availability.

I live far from a VA facility and cannot participate in group classes. Is there another way that I can participate in MOVE?

There are many ways to participate in MOVE. Please ask your local MOVE! Coordinator or VA provider about options available at your local VA medical facility.

Mather VA clinic does have the MOVE program.

Participation and Program Cost

Only Veterans receiving care in the VA can enroll in the MOVE! Program. However, the MOVE!11 questionnaire, found on the MOVE! website, can be taken by anyone. It produces a report that is individualized and includes a list of recommended handouts. The questionnaire also produces a report for. You can take this report to your healthcare provider for further advice on weight management. To learn more about the MOVE! resources, please check out our MOVE! Website at www.move.va.gov.

(As a participant in the Mather MOVE Program I can answer some of your questions. Tim Spoon)

Gold Country Base Meeting Minutes.

No Formal Meeting in February Due to Ken Ickes Memorial

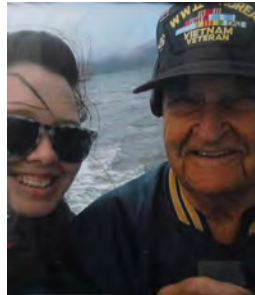


Bill Hunt, Secretary



Kenneth Earl Ickes, TMCS(SS)

Memorial Service February 25
Church of the Nazarene, Sutter
Creek, CA. GC Base members are
flanked by Ken's Son and Daughter.



Hal Rutter joined the United States Navy at 16 years old, about 6 months before the end of World War II. He qualified and earned his Dolphins on the liberated German U-Boat USS Ex-U2513 and also served on two other Submarines, the USS Corsair (SS-435) and the USS Trumpfish (SS-425). Hal was an active, respected member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Carolina Piedmont Base, Fort Mill, SC



RADIOMAN SEAMAN SUBMARINER
HAROLD DYSON RUTTER, JR. (HAL)
YOU HAVE SERVED US WELL AND
ACCEPTED YOUR FINAL ORDERS.
WE SALUTE YOU.
CALM WINDS AND FOLLOWING
SEAS.



News From National



National Award Nominations

Shipmates,

We are now almost halfway through the nominations period for National Awards, and the nominations are coming in very slowly.

Please take a moment to review the Awards Manual posted on the USSVI website, and send in a nomination for your Shipmate.

There is always someone in each Base who is doing a great job, so recognize them with an Award for their service.

Remember, the nomination period ends on April 30th (except Newsletters).

John Stanford

National Awards Committee Chairman

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USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

Orlando, Florida

September 1 – September 6, 2017

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is your host for the 2017

USSVI National Convention



2017 USSVI National Convention in Orlando, Florida

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- Free parking for hotel guests
- Free valet parking for handicapped guests with handicap license/sticker
- \$2.00 beer and reduce price mixed drinks in the hospitality room
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Hotel and Convention Registration can be done on line "www.ussviconvention.org/2017/"

Click on the "Hotel Registration" or "Convention Registration"

It 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.

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- Cruise on board the Desert Princess and the Desert Princess Too. The Desert Princess is an authentic, three-level, Mississippi-style paddle wheeler. Tours depart from the Lake Mead Cruise landing, just minutes from Hoover Dam.
- The National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, is dedicated to the history of organized crime and law enforcement. It is a world-class destination in downtown Las Vegas. The Mob Museum provides an interactive journey through true stories of the Mob Years in Vegas.
- Fun Night: Bar, Snacks, Memorabilia Auction (Bring Memorabilia or new Item to Donate)
- Joint Men & Women's Lunch (Speaker)
- Tolling of the Boats (Speaker)
- Group Picture to remember this event in the years to come
- Banquet – Chuck wagon Buffet with live entertainment featuring the "Sun City Aliante Songsters" which is a 40+ member Senior Choir

Registration Information www.wrroundup.com

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	Sun-Thur	Fri – Sat
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Resort Fee	\$9.99	\$9.99
Tax	\$5.85	\$12.87
Total	\$50.84	\$111.86



117th Submarine Birthday Ball

The Naval Submarine

League of Northern California Cordially Invites All Military Services (Active and Retired) and All Civilian Supporters to Celebrate in the

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of U.S. Submarine's Throughout Time.

Please Join the Submariners of NPS as they celebrate the World's Finest Silent Service.



GUEST SPEAKER:

ADM John M. Richardson, USN

Chief of Naval Operations

Submarine Related Commands:
Director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program
Commander, Submarine force, COMSUBFOR
Commander Submarine Group 8
Commander Submarine Development Squadron 12
Commanding Officer, USS Honolulu (SSN 718)



DATE: Saturday, 22APRIL2017

TIME: Cocktail Hour begins at 1800
Barbara McNitt Ballroom at NPS

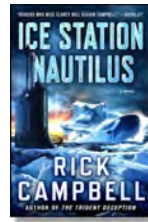
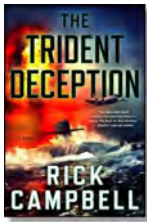
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Pricing:
Officer/E7 and Above: \$55
E6 and Below: \$50
NSL Member: \$45
Civilian Guest: \$55

Rick Campbell, a retired Navy Commander and writer for Macmillan / St. Martin's Press, is the author of several bestselling military and submarine thrillers. His first three books were released to critical acclaim and were Top-50 national bestsellers and Top-20 bestsellers at Barnes & Noble. His fourth book - *Blackmail* - releases at bookstores everywhere on June 27, 2017, with two more books under contract for early 2019 and 2020.



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California Military Department

State Military Museum

Preserving California's Military Heritage

It should be noted that Museum does not glorify war. Rather, its intent is to remind this and future generations of the sacrifices made by previous generations to keep our state and nation free.

Californians have a long and proud tradition of service that stretches back over two centuries when Alta California was a Spanish colony and later a Mexican province. Since joining the Union, California has provided more of its citizens to our common defense than any other state. From the lonely 18th century colonial presidios of the *El Real Ejército de California* (Royal Spanish Army of California) to the mountains of Afghanistan, Californians have always been there and continue the tradition of selfless service www.militarymuseum.org/



Who We Are

Larry Williams

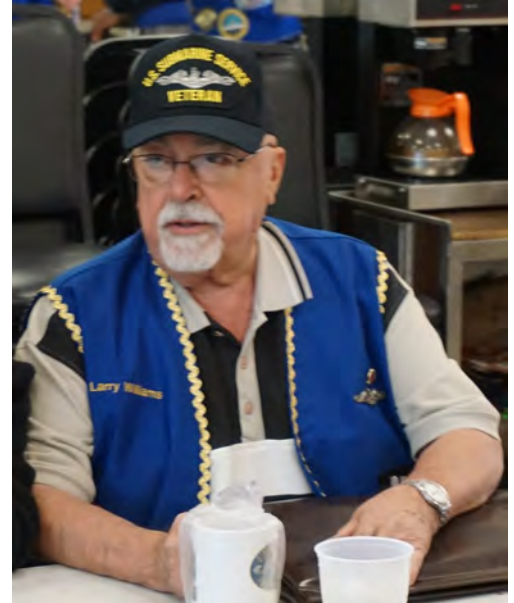
I was born March 19, 1933 in Sacramento, where I grew up and graduated from C K McClatchy High School. I joined the Navy January 3, 1953 and after boot camp was assigned to the USS Electra AKA-4 an attack cargo ship. After volunteering for Submarine duty I attended Sub-school and then served on the USS Diodon SS-349 where I qualified in 1954. I discharged from the Navy as a 2nd Class IC Electrician in October of 1969.

After the Navy I attended Sacramento Junior College, worked for Western Highway Oil Company for 6 years followed by working for Burroughs Corporation for the next 6 years. I next moved into the Banking industry where my duties were retail marketing and Banking. During my career in that field I worked for Security Pacific Bank in Fresno and Brawley; the Bank of America in Brawley and the Motherlode Bank in Placerville where I retired in 1999.

In 1961 I married the love of my life Diana. We have 2 children a son Lawrence, who is a TV Producer and lives in Los Angeles and a Daughter Lori, who works as a Diagnostic Optician and lives in Sacramento.

I am active in several civic and fraternal groups and served on the El Dorado County Grand Jury in 2006 & 2007.

Diana and I live in Placerville where I enjoy playing golf and watching spectator sports.



I have final given up on getting new Bios and have dove back into my treasure trove of those I have featured in the past; thus the "Who We Are" section is back in this month's edition. Please take the time and send your bio in today. It 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. **Barry Wyatt, Editor**





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