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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."*



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John Kelly, Bill Hunt, Les Jamison, Howard Grover, Ed Alves, Barry Wyatt, Warren Wiederhoeft & Bill Johnson

### Next Meeting —June 24, 2017

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

### First Call to Morning Chow

Monday June 12 @0930

Brookfield's Hwy 50 and Sunrise Blvd.



Shipmate Bill Hunt carries the US Navy Flag

**Memorial Day**  
Service at  
Lakeside Memorial Lawn in Folsom. Great turnout from the community.

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*Now Hear This!*

**24 June Gold Country Base Charter Day BBQ.** Folsom Veterans Hall bring your family and we will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. **Last names starting with bring:** (A-G) Side Dishes  
(H-P) Salads or Appetizers  
(R-Z) Deserts

**4 July** — Carmichael Elks 59th Annual 4th of July Parade. *We will post line-up and parking information when we get it.*

## Officers Country

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

**Shipmates,**

It has been another active month for the Subvets. Max Shell and myself attended the Navy JROTC Awards Ceremony at Burbank High School and presented a plaque and a scholarship check for \$200 to this year's recipient, Cadet Myles Vaughn. It is my hope that in the future more of our members can attend and see up close the amazing results of all the hard work done by these outstanding young men and women... Next was the Memorial Day Ceremony at Lakeside Memorial; we were well represented by Navy flag bearer Bill Hunt, with Regy and wife Anita, and me and my wife Marriah rooting him on. Attending and speaking at the event was Folsom Mayor, Andy Morin, with a great turnout from the community leaving no doubt about the support our fallen brothers and sisters have in this City... The Pow Wow Days Parade in Orangevale was well attended and I want to thank all our members who showed up. John Kelly did a great job of decorating his tractor and displaying our banner and we took home the "Outstanding Overall" first prize. I think that makes 4 out of 5 parades, but who's counting... The following weekend I assumed my supervisory role at the pouring of the concrete slab for our permanent Dry Dock for our Submarine Parade float. John, Bill Hunt, Rick Reineman, and John's brother-in-law, Chuck Krek, did all the heavy work; I brought the donuts and entertained Bill's dogs. Because of your generous donation for this project we are within the final stretch of our fund raising drive to pay for the building, thank you to all... Good news from National, the Board reversed itself on the issue of Liability Insurance saving us from being forced to purchase our own policy... As a result of winning the overall Newsletter of Year Award from USSVI last year I was asked to be a judge for that award this year. It was a lot more work than I thought it would be but you will be happy to know that, with me as a judge, our Newsletter got the highest score... Coming up we have our Annual Base Charter Day BBQ. COB and head chef, Tom Rumsey, has the preparation well in hand. Come and bring your families. Our next event is the Carmichael 4th of July parade, I will send out more information when I get it.

**Barry Wyatt, Base Commander**

FROM  
OUR  
CHAPLAIN



#### **Can God Use an Army Veteran? A true Story from Acts 10.**

Day 1, , time 3PM. An Angel appears to Cornelius and tells to send men to Joppa (which still exists but is now surrounded by Tel Aviv) and bring back the Apostle Peter. He is staying at Simon the tanner's house by the sea. Cornelius sends 2 servants and a soldier who is his aid. They leave immediately and walk to Joppa. They arrive the about noon on day 2. While the men are still on the outskirts of Joppa Peter is hungry but lunch is not ready. So he goes to the roof to pray. Peter has a vision from God which is described as sheet lowered down from heaven with clean and unclean animals. A voice tells Peter to kill and eat. As a Jew Peter is aghast and tell God so. The voice tells him not to call anything unclean that God has cleansed. The vision is repeated 2 more times. *(To be continued).*

**In Christ, Howard Grover, Chaplain**





## Officers Country (continued)

### Goat Locker



**It's time once again** for our annual picnic. I'm sure we will once again have a good turnout for the event and this year I'm looking forward to the duties of chef.

I will be accompanied by my daughter Terri Simants from Michigan and my Grandson Cabot Falkner from Vallejo. There should be plenty of wonderful food and drinks along with some great sea stories. & HOT DOGS!

So, summer is upon us and many of us will be traveling for vacations and weekend trips to the many different attractions our state has to offer and I take this opportunity to encourage everyone to journey safely and use extreme care in you activities and always be aware of your surroundings as I want you all back safely. Remember, the rivers are running much stronger this year than they have in many years. Life jackets are a must when boating.



Something to keep in mind for activities, is the many military and veteran discounts available for different venues which can make a vacation much more affordable. So, get the old station wagon tuned up and running fine and go out there and have a great summer. I'll be remodeling my house but oh well.

Wear your hats and jackets guys, that was a great story Pete posted and yes it does seem the Folsom does have an exceptionally patriotic populace.

Be well, God Bless

**Tom Rumsey, MMCS(SS) USN RET.**  
**Chief of the Boat**

### From the District Commander

It has come to my attention that there was a change to the PPM issued / distributed via the USSVI website (Documents online) on February 16, 2017 It deals with numerous things. I take particular interest in the references to the Tolling the Boats Ceremony. As we all know Tolling the Boats is our most sacred ceremony. It was originally established by our esteemed brothers of World War II. It was named then, and continues to be titled Tolling the Boats. Over the years some of the USSVI documentation has drifted into changing the title to Tolling of the Boats. The 2017 PPM change calls our attention to the proper title and eliminates the word "of" wherever it appears in the Tolling context. *(continued column 2)*



Shipmates, your friendly Storekeeper has a variety of glass ware for summer time enjoyment. I have shot glasses, wine glasses, and 16 oz beer glasses. Each has the USSVI logo on them.

Stop by the stores table and check them out. There are only a couple of each type on display and I have more in storage.

Also check out the caps with a new design.

Don't forget that I can special order a cap with any boat name on it. Order this meeting and you shall have it by the next meeting.



**Tim Spoon**

**Treasurer, Storekeeper & Membership**

*(Continued from column 1)*

Please take note and do your best to bring our Base documentation and our habits back to the way our predecessors referred to the Tolling the Boats Ceremony.

While I am on the subject of Tolling; It is optional for Bases to conduct a Tolling the Boats Ceremony during meetings. It may be included in the agenda, but is not required. At a minimum a moment of silence to remember those of our shipmates who have gone on eternal patrol is required when a Tolling is not conducted. Most Bases I am familiar with include a Tolling the Boats Ceremony for those lost during the month in which the meeting is being conducted.

In reviewing the change to the PPM I was reminded that after tolling the last lost boat, there is another paragraph included which may be found on page 40 of the PPM. It opens with "Finally we remember" and ends with the last toll struck. Please take a look at this and ensure it is incorporated in your Tolling ceremonies.

Respectfully,  
Pete Juhos, District Commander  
WRD-5



# Lost Boats

June

## USS Herring (SS-233)

Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.



## USS R-12 (SS-89)

Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



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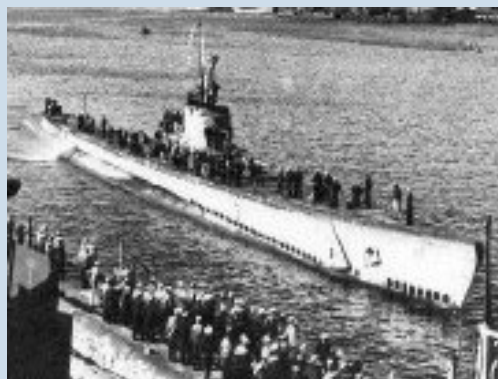
## USS Golet (SS-361)

Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



## USS Bonefish (SS-223)

Lost on June 18, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.





# Lost Boats

June

*continued*

## USS S-27 (SS-132)

Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



## USS O-9 (SS-70)

Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.



## USS Runner (SS-275)

Lost between June 26 & July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.



# June Birthdays

Don Bell David Black

Frank Elliott Bob Foerest

Gill Miller Vic Radwick

Joe Sasser Ernie Woods

Clarence Williams



## On The Lighter Side

### The Cop and the Navy Chief

A police officer pulls a Chief over for speeding and has the following exchange: **Officer:** May I see your driver's license? **Chief:** I don't have one. It was suspended when I got my 5th DUI. **Officer:** May I see the registration for this vehicle? **Chief:** It's not my car. I stole it. **Officer:** The car is stolen? **Chief:** That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the registration in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there. **Officer:** There's a gun in the glove box? **Chief:** Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the woman who owns this car and stuffed her in the trunk.

**Officer:** There's a BODY in the TRUNK?! **Chief:** Yes, sir. Hearing this, the officer immediately called his captain. The car was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain

approached the driver to handle the tense situation: **Captain:** Sir, can I see your license? **Chief:** Sure. Here it is. It was valid. **Captain:** Whose car is this? **Chief:** It's mine, officer. Here's the registration. The driver owned the car. **Captain:** Could you slowly open your glove box so I can see if there's a gun in it? **Chief:** Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box. **Captain:** Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told you said there's a body in it. **Chief:** No problem. Trunk is opened; no body. **Captain:** I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glove box, and that there was a dead body in the trunk. **Chief:** Yeah, and I'll bet the liar said that I was speeding, too.



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## **VA Information**

**Starting in November, 2017** ... Honorably discharged veterans will be able to access the online stores of military exchanges like the one on Redstone Arsenal. The new benefit will not apply to the actual brick-and-mortar stores, but veterans will be able to shop at any service's exchange website. The online benefit will be available starting on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017

The exchanges will use information provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center to verify whether or not a veteran is eligible. According to AAFES, if a veterans' records are incomplete, they will need to register through the VA.

While an honorably discharged veteran will be able to use the benefit, there are no plans to extend it to their dependents. The benefit was the proposal of AAFES Director/CEO Tom Shull in 2014. "AAFES, along with its sister exchanges, is ensuring America's veterans are honored for their service and recognized as Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors for life," he said in a statement. "We look forward to welcoming our veterans home this Veterans Day and every day thereafter."

### **Lowe's Expands Support Of The Military With Enhanced Discount**

Lowe's Companies will expand its military discount program by offering 10 percent off personal purchases every day to current and honorably discharged members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The new program uses a MyLowe's card for quick identification, is available both in U.S. stores and on [Lowe's.com](http://Lowe's.com) and offers easy online enrollment. The discount is effective immediately. Follow these easy steps to enroll:

Visit [Lowe's.com/military](http://Lowe's.com/military) and complete a short personal profile. Check the box to receive a free MyLowe's card.

After the one-time enrollment, U.S. military customers can present their MyLowe's card at the store cash register, or sign in to their account at [Lowe's.com](http://Lowe's.com) and receive the discount. For additional details about the discount, visit [Lowe's.com/military](http://Lowe's.com/military).



## Gold Country Base Meeting Minutes. May 27, 2017



Bill Hunt, Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 13:00. Base Commander Barry Wyatt read the USSVI Creed and Purpose and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Base Chaplain Howard Grover gave the Invocation.

**TOLLING THE BELL:** The Lost Boats for the month of April were read by the Vice Commander Regy Bronner and

Warren Weiderhoeft, filling in for the Chief of the Boat Tom Rumsey, tolled the bell once for each Lost Boat with an additional toll for those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTION:** There were 23 members and 2 guests in attendance.

### **FORMAL REPORTS:**

**TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP/STORES:** Base Treasurer Tim Spoon reported the following:

The books are in balance. Gold Country Base does not publicly release financial information in the Newsletter. Any Base member can request a report from Base Treasurer via email.

Gold Country Base membership: 109 members in good standing and 7 associate members.

2017 Calendars are available now.

Tim now has an inventory of assorted hats.

**PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Barry Wyatt reported the following:

The story of Howard Grover's last cruise in in the latest newsletter.

We have collected \$3000 so far for the storage building for the float.

Barry mentioned the upcoming Memorial Day Service and encouraged participation.

The float will be in the Pow Wow Days parade in Orangevale on June 4. Participation is encouraged.

Solicitations are being accepted for the position of Awards Chair.

Member biographies are needed for the Base Newsletter. This is a good way to become familiar with the background of the membership.

**HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR:** Pat Noone was not in attendance due to health issues. Nothing new to report.

**EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR:** Nothing to report.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST:** Chaplain Howard Grover had nothing new to report. Bernie Richter was in attendance at the meeting. Pat Noone continues with health issues.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the April meeting and seconded. The membership voted in favor of approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Annual Land Sea and Air Dinner was held on May 20 at the Hall. Again this year, Gold Country Base won the major prizes in the raffle. Tim Spoon won the laptop computer and Tom Rumsey won the TV.

The Float storage building project is progressing. John Kelly has set up a concrete pour for Saturday, June 10. Looking for volunteers. Barry reported that \$3000 has been donated thus far for the project.

Chuck Mitchell gave a short talk about his time assigned to the USS Scorpion which was one of the Lost Boats for the month.

Les Jamison accepted the role of Caps4Kids chair.

In place of the next meeting there will be our annual BBQ to commemorate the founding of the Gold Country Base. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Sharon Frost won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$48. She donated half to the building fund.

After passing the bucket we took in \$66 for the NJROTC fund.

**First Call to Morning Chow:** 0930 June 12@ Brookfield's, Hwy 50 and Sunrise.

**Next Base Meeting:** June 24, 2017

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Base Chaplain gave a closing prayer. Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 1405 hrs.

**Submitted by Bill Hunt, Base Secretary**



# News From National

## USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

Orlando, Florida September 1 – September 6, 2017

USSVI Central Florida Base is your host for the 2017 USSVI National Convention

**2017 USSVI National Convention in Orlando, Florida**

Rosen Shingle Creek

Hotel and Convention Registration can be done on line "[www.ussviconvention.org/2017/](http://www.ussviconvention.org/2017/)" Click on the "Hotel Registration" or "Convention Registration"



## **National Board of Directors reverses decision to cancel Liability Insurance**

Shipmates,

The Travelers Limited Liability Insurance Policy written through Rust Insurance Agency to cover 3rd Party bodily injury and property damage, where USSVI is at fault has been renewed. As noted in previous years, Bases are requested to fill out a Special Event Questionnaire for organized events (parades, picnics, etc.) and mail it to Rust Insurance. This should be done as soon as you schedule your activity.

Rust Insurance has added a USSVI page on their website, that includes a Summary of Coverages, Certificate of Insurance and the Special Event Questionnaire form which can be filled out on line, printed and mailed to the address on the bottom of the form.

Please remember, this policy is designed to protect us against claims alleging negligence that cause injuries to persons other than USSVI members. It does not cover suits between members or units of USSVI against each other. In other words, it is not an accident policy for members.

Regards,

Wayne Standerfer

National Senior Vice Commander

## **The Plight of USS Ling (SS-297),** a World War

II-era submarine owned by the Submarine Memorial Association which runs the New Jersey Naval Museum in Hackensack, New Jersey. Mired in the muddy bottom of the Hackensack River and damaged by Hurricane Sandy, Ling became inaccessible to the public and sadly, the museum was forced to close in 2012. Without the revenues, the museum generated from admission fees and charitable donations, the Submarine Memorial Association does not have the funds to move her or to re-

store her. Now, not only has the boat fallen into a serious state of disrepair, she is in danger of being evicted from the berth she has occupied since the early 1970s to make room for a large real estate development project. (See NY Times story) [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/12/nyregion/submarine-hackensack-uss-ling.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/12/nyregion/submarine-hackensack-uss-ling.html?_r=0)



A GoFundMe page to raise funds to help save and restore USS Ling, <https://www.gofundme.com/uss-ling> has been set up with the hope that Submariners might consider helping with the preservation of this important piece of our submarine heritage and maritime history. All contributions made through the GoFundMe web site **go directly to the Submarine Memorial Association** – a qualified 501(c) (3) organization – **and all donations are fully tax-deductible**. Those who do not wish to contribute financially can still help by sharing the Ling's story with family, friends and colleagues via email or on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media. **Pride Runs Deep!**

## Regional & Local Events

### Memorial Day Folsom



Bill Hunt, Vice Commander Regy Bronner & Regy's wife Anita



Master of  
Ceremonies  
Bob Repar



### Carmichael Fourth of July Parade

Gold Country Base members riding on our award winning Submarine parade float along with patriots young and old will gather to mark an annual Carmichael tradition – the Carmichael Parade – on Tuesday, July 4.



## Benefits Workshop for Veterans

LAWYERS FOR VETERANS  
**B&M**  
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CALL 877-838-2889

Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 67  
2784 Stockton Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
916-453-9209

American Legion Post 108  
Thursday, June 29, 2017  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

11350 American Legion Drive  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685  
209-223-2963

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Guest Speaker Isaiah Martzen (Staff Sergeant, US Air Force), Folsom Mayor Andy Morin & Jim Woodward (President VFW Auxiliary Post 6604)



# The Last Ride on the Kamehameha

A Sea Story by Howard Grover

## Kam Ride Continued

From the time I got the list of crew members from Joe Fallon who attended the '96 reunion in Hawaii. I started contacting those people. Over time the list I developed got up to over 50 guys who were interested in Riding. Guys not on that list started contacting me so the list got bigger. Initially we thought there would be a reunion when the Kam arrived in Bremerton. But later we learned there was going to be a ceremony before the Kam left Hawaii. Eventually there were several guys who volunteered including the Kamfish.com webmaster to help plus my wife Lila. COMSUBPAC and Squadron One staff were helping with dates. I tried to get someone to volunteer to be a Hawaii reunion coordinator. No one volunteered. Looking back the fact I took that job made the whole process go smoother and we ended with a volunteer to head the Bremerton decommissioning.

The Kam returned from WestPac June 21, 2001. We got nailed down dates. August 8<sup>th</sup> was the deactivation ceremony. Due to an email from the Kam from

Saipan in May we had a tentative date for the Pearl deactivation ceremony. We began to make a list of those wanting to come to the reunion. With help of Capt Dickieson we chose the Bowfin Museum for the reunion. Soon after we booked the Bowfin for the reunion for August 9<sup>th</sup> with a tentative number at 100 people. I started receiving checks made out to the Pacific Fleet Submarine Association (PFSMA) after the Kam's return. The actual number turned to be about 106 with maybe 30 guys from the last crew including 3 ex COs and the last CO and a few of his ward room plus a few Midshipmen from the Naval Academy.

I kept 2 lists one for the Ceremony which I sent to COMSUBPAC and second for the reunion. I made the lists with same parameters so I could move the information from one to the other. COMSUBPAC used my list to make their own list. Soon after the Kam return she starting sending out invitations for the ceremony. I received in the mail from the Kam 50 Invitations with postage. The CO wanted me to let him know who I sent the invitations to. I now had his email so I was in direct connection with him. That made the effort easier. WOW here I was a civilian doing Navy work. He told me that permission to Ride was still in progress.

**TO BE CONTINUED**



**Warren Joseph Sasser, RM3(SS) on Eternal Patrol August 23, 2016 at San Diego, CA.**

Warren enlisted in the Navy at Portland, Oregon in February 1943 and Qualified in submarines on the USS Flying Fish (SS-229) in 1946 he also Served on: DE-394, SS-265, SS-410, SS-426.

He was a dual member of SVWWII and a Plank Owner of the USS Holland SS-1 / Gold Country Base and the Gold Country Base.

He had not known that he had been designated Qualified in Submarines until he requested a copy of his service record in about 2008 or so. At the end of the war he just wanted to get home.

You have never seen a prouder Sub Sailor as he was the day he handed me the record to update our records Designating Him Qualified. He had been our Most Dink member until that note came. At the end of our combined meeting, Sub Vets WWII & USSVI, Jim Heywood, Commander Sub Vets WWII, called him forward and presented his first official pair of Dolphins some 60 years late. Talk about a very Proud Dolphin owner.

Tim Spoon

***(please note Tim just received this update from National a few days ago)***

## Burbank High School Titan Battalion Navy JROTC Awards Night



Cadet Myles Vaughn receives recognition from Senior Naval Science Instructor Commander Tom Jones.



Gold Country Base Commander Barry Wyatt and NJROTC Liaison Max Shell present this year's award winner Cadet Myles Vaughn with a commemorative plaque and a scholarship check for \$200.

## Gold Country Base News

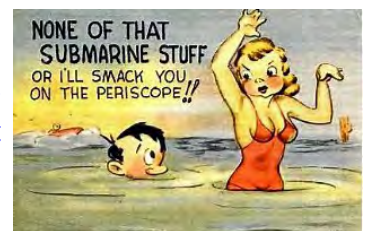


From left to right Orangevale Chamber Board members Mariette Lasley, & Jim Beilgard, Barry, John, Miss Orangevale Sierra Rainwater & administrator Tamara Barbu~Brown.

**Base Commander Barry Wyatt & Sub Vet John Kelly** accept the "Outstanding Overall" trophy for our Parade float in the Orangevale Pow Wow Days Parade.



**Base members** discuss the future of our nation, the price of tomatoes and other very important things at our May meeting.



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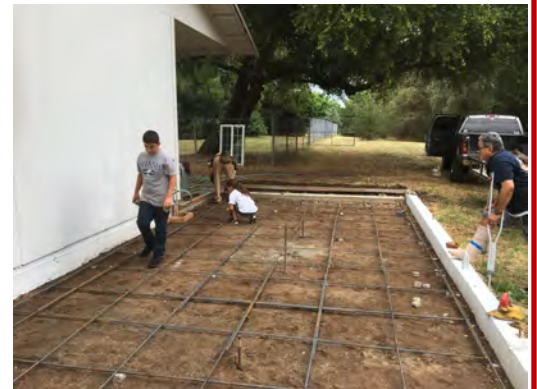


# The construction of the Permanent Dry Dock for our Award-winning Submarine Parade Float is under way.

*Stim wall  
framed and  
poured by John  
Kelly and Rick  
Reineman*



*Jerry Wetland  
gets a donation  
of the rebar and  
the crew to lay it  
out and tie it off.*



*The concrete is poured, Sub Vets Rick Reineman, John Kelly, Bill Hunt and John's Brother-in-Law Chuck Krek get it done.*



**Next Step the walls.**

**IT FITS**





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