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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."



Guest speaker at our 31st annual December 7th Pearl Harbor Memorial and Wreath-Laying Ceremony, RDML Bonnie Potter, USN (ret)
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**Holiday First
Call to
Morning
Chow & Gift
Exchange**



Gold Country Base Annual Holiday Party and Awards Night.
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Next Meeting—January 27 , 2018

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

First Call to Morning Chow

Monday January 15 @0930 Denny's 7900 College Town Dr. Hwy 50 and Howe Ave.

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2017 Base Commanders Commendation Award winners
John Kelly and Bill Hunt receive their plaques from Base Commander Barry Wyatt



Now Hear This!

***Membership Dues Renewal Deadline** is December 31st
If you have not sent yours in or have questions contact Membership Chair Tim Spoon. (916) 966-3354

***Registration for the 2018 USSVI National Convention** is going strong Don't miss the Boat see more information on page 12

***Base Members Business Card order form** page 15

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

As my first year as Base Commander comes to a close I want to thank my shipmates for their support. I have always believed that effective leadership is best demonstrated by example. For those members who always show up and suit up, showing us all through their actions their commitment to the purpose of our organization, I want to say a well deserved and grateful Thank you.



This has been a busy year for Gold Country Base members; beginning with a memorial service for our former Chaplin Ken Ickies and continuing throughout the year. We have participated in more than 20 events including funeral services at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, four parades, NJROTC events, California State Fair veterans' recognition day booth, Heritage day, Folsom Veterans Hall annual "Land Sea Air" dinner, USSVI Wester Region and National conventions, Submarine Birthday Ball at the Naval Post Graduate school in Monterey, monthly meeting of the Sacramento Veterans Affiliated Council, the December 7th memorial and wreathing ceremony, and several other community events. This outstanding participation furthers the effort to let the greater Sacramento area know that we are proud to be a part of it and strengthens our comradery.



Attending events was not our only major accomplishment in 2017. After a long search to find safe, covered storage for our award-winning parade float one of our members stepped up with an offer to construct a building that would serve as our permanent dry dock on his property. Because of his efforts, some volunteer labor, the donation of building material by local merchants and the funds personally provided by many of our members the project was completed in record time. The USS Gold Country permanent Dry Dock will keep our parade float safe and secure for many years. We won the "Newsletter of the Year" (class II) award for the 2nd year in a row. Our Vietnam-era veterans were recognized by local elected officials and awarded the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration lapel pins. Also our members, through their generous contributions, donated \$1200 to help support the Navy JROTC at Burbank high school.

In conclusion, I want to thank the membership for honoring me with the base's Master Mainer award. My hope for the new year is that I can live up to the example set by past winners and that we all have a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous 2018.

Barry Wyatt, Base Commander

Officers Country

"My thoughts on the past year successes -

As the Base Vice Commander over the last year my tasks, beyond attending monthly base meetings, included working with the Commander as his backup and sounding board. I worked with the rest of the eBoard in making the transition to the new Folsom VFW facility, finishing up the float development, working on parades including the December Pearl Harbor Remembrance, reaching out and recruiting new members, doing community outreach to enhance the base image, volunteering for the Sacramento County Homeless Veteran Stand Down, developing a viable 2018 budgeting forecast and managing the selection process for the annual Master Mariner Awards. During the year I also attended the Las Vegas Regional Meet and the Reno National convention.

For 2018 I look forward to more extensive community outreach and new membership activities."

Regy Bronner, Vice Commander

The Gold Country Base's support of the Luther Burbank NJROTC Titan Battalion has been awesome and greatly appreciated by the Cadets. Through your generosity we are able to contribute over \$1300 annually to their program. We give the unit a general donation of \$500 twice a year to support the program and about \$300 in



awards and leadership scholarships. Additionally, we provide a large number of volunteer hours to support field trips and drill competitions to support the unit's continued success.

For those of you that do not know, the NJROTC program is not about military recruitment, but is a Citizen Development Program. The program uses Navy chain of command and military drill to teach leadership and discipline. This provides a unique learning environment in the high schools where the NJROTC is a Cadet (student) run program, guided and mentored by the instructors, who are retired Officers and Senior Enlisted from Navy and Marine Corps.

Thank you for all of your continued support of our sponsored NJROTC Program!

Michael D. "Mad Max" Schell, EMCM(SS), USN, Ret



As we approach the end of another year we can take great pride in our accomplishments over the past twelve months. We have had good attendance at our base meetings and increased our base membership. We've had another year of awards for our parade presence with the float and membership participation.



The parade crew has really gotten the setup of the float down to a science. The BOD meetings have proven effective in planning and execution of events. This is carried through to a huge success in our assistance with the NJROTC annual drill meet at Burbank High School. Our annual picnic/barbecue was good fun and good food. I would like to commend those who make an extra effort to make these events happen. With Barry at the helm and those shipmates who assist we have had a great year. Ya'll know who you are, Thanks. I want to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and the best ever New Year. Be Safe and Have Fun. I am honored to serve as your COB and look forward to an even more successful 2018. God Bless all of You and a special prayer for ARA San Juan, may the crew rest in peace.

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



FROM
OUR
CHAPLAIN



Jonah the First Submariner The crew is reluctant to throw Jonah overboard but eventually do. Imagine yourself hitting the water and knowing you are going to drown. Then you are swal-



lowed by the great fish and then know you are fish food. Verse 17 says: ¹⁷ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Chapter 2 is Jonah's prayer from inside the fish. The last verse says: ¹⁰ So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Chapter 3 begins with: Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.

Next time Jonah continued.

Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain

As we come to the end of 2017 it is time to look back at what it was. We started off with our parade float having become a reality; entering it in parades we garnered more than our share of First Place awards. The crowds loved it and it resulted in a few new members finding out that we existed. It soon became apparent we needed a permanent storage facility. Embarking on an experiment in funding this storage we entered the world of "Go Fund Me". That resulted in a booming success in that we raised 100% of the funds needed to build it. Base member, John Kelley, stepped up and volunteered space at his home to build the storage shed. We now have a first-rate facility to protect our float from the weather. Our involvement with the NJROTC from Luther Burbank high school continues as we generated the funds for our semi-annual donations and scholarship through 'passing the hat' at our meetings. These young people also grace us with their different military demonstrations to highlight some of our meetings, Dec 7th event, and others. Our membership continues to grow even as we have lost some of our senior members to their Final Patrol; we are attracting some of the younger Submarine Veterans in the community.



Our meetings and event participation continue to allow us to share the heritage of this life we chose at a very young age, "The Dolphin Brotherhood". See you at the next meeting/event and remember I still have a few 2018 USSVI calendars left.

Tim Spoon, Treasurer, Membership & Storekeeper



As we turn the page on 2017 we have a lot to be thankful for and proud of. We can be proud of the fact that we raised the money for, and completed, the storage shed for the base float with the great help of John Kelly and Co. Our base newsletter was once again awarded First Place at the National Convention. For the first time we co-hosted a booth at the State Fair for their Veterans Day with our own planned for next year. We participated in several parades and again won First Place for the Constitution Day Parade in Nevada City. There was the Memorial Day Celebration and, most recently, the Pearl Harbor Commemoration. We again supported the Luther Burbank JROTC Drill Meet with great success. Barry has scheduled several guest speakers that have made us aware of events and programs that benefit veterans. Les Jamison has stepped up and worked to revive the Kaps4Kids program. And the list goes on. Participation will continue to be the key to a successful operation. We can be thankful for the increase in membership; and, as we participate in various events and get more exposure, hopefully bring in more members. Although we lost two base members this year, Ken Ickes and Bernie Richter, we can be thankful that the remaining and new members will continue to represent the Submarine Veteran community with honor.

As for the future, I will be stepping down as Secretary soon as my wife and I leave Folsom to relocate to the Oregon coast. It has been my pleasure to be part of this group of submarine veterans who exemplify the service and dedication that we all value. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year with many more to come.

Bill Hunt, Base Secretary



Hi Shipmates and all members. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

As you know this past year has not been the best for Gloria and me because of all our ailments.

However, it has been a great year for the Holland Club, with solid participation in all base activities and several new members sworn in.

Thanks to our great Board Members who stepped up to the task at hand and did a Four O on all things, I am proud of them, and Proud to be a Member of this great group.

Pat Noone, Holland Club Commander





I was pleased to be asked to revitalize the Kaps4Kids efforts for the Gold Country Base.

8/2017 - I contacted John Riley who is the National Kaps4Kids chairman and he supplied me with a packet of materials to get our program going. He supplied me with hat samples, patches, step by step guidelines, copies of

recommendation letters, and a DVD to introduce the program to potential hospitals.

9/2017 – I traveled to the Orlando USSVI National Convention – Attended a side bar meeting on the Kaps4Kids lead by Bob Steffy – Central Florida Base Kaps (SS) 4Kids (SS) Chairman. The discussion included: (1).Building a Kaps4Kids team, (2).Obtaining Kaps & other K4K Items, (3).Picking a facility, (4).What to bring and wear to visit, (5). Conducting a visit, (6). After a visit, (7). Fund Raising. They also announced that coloring books are being made available for handing out at hospital visits.

10/2017 – Reported to Base at the October e-board meeting on progress of our Kaps4Kids program. We established February as target for hospital visit to Kaiser Children Hospital in Roseville. I requested a budget of \$ 310 for 2017, and \$500 for 2018. Budget was approved and awaiting head count from hospital to place hat, doo rags, and beanies order.

11/2017 – Established contact with Traci at Kaiser Hospital and awaiting confirmation of visitation date the first or second week in February 2018.



Les Jamison, Base Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS) Coordinator

As a past commander of the Gold Country Base, I have given much thought to the importance of our members' contributions toward community participation. In the early years, base participation in community events was largely limited to the December 7th Pearl Harbor remembrance, and the Nevada City Constitution Day Parade. Today, by expanding our community involvement, local submariners are well recognized by the citizens of the Sacramento area and hopefully this trend will continue in the coming years. The contributions and effort that our base volunteers make in helping and recognizing young people in our community is one of the most important assets we submariners can provide. As for my role in local area scouting, I plan to continue as Chairman of the Base USSVI Eagle Scout Achievement Award Program and provide any assistance required in facilitating the continuation of this program.



Gil Miller,

Gold Country Base, Chairman, Eagle Scout Achievement Award Program



I have enjoyed being able to share my talents as photographer with the USSVI Gold Country Base membership in 2017. Now that we have the submarine float completed it attracts a lot of attention when we are in the various parades or special events, so I have enjoyed being able to participate in most of those events this year as my time has permitted. Including the various event photographs in our "Clear the Baffles" Gold Country Newsletter has helped to make the newsletter an excellent visual attraction.

By far my favorite event each year is the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance on December 7th. Every year we memorialize the ships and crews lost on December 7, 1941. One of our members always gives a marvelous presentation with posters of Pearl Harbor and Oahu, giving dramatic details of what happened, and ending with a tolling of the bell signifying lost ships. I think we all wish more people would attend this moving service each year, so I'm willing to do my part to help make that happen.

With the help of the Submarine Float we have begun to be noticed by other submariners in the Sacramento and Northern California locations we participate in. We have a terrific group of men that all pull together to get things done, like the newly built garage to keep it safe and secure. I'm proud to be a member of this base and I will do my best to make time to participate and keep this positive momentum going in 2018.



Roger Paul, Base Photographer



SUB MODIFICATIONS: This past year the EBoard has wanted modifications / upgrades to Our Base Parade Float 1) New lift platform to increase the height that Boat is raised above trailer deck to be more visible when Base members are riding while in parades, status completed. 2) needed modifications to lift are safeties while traveling, lifted and stowed positions status 80%. 3) changing decking material from expanded metal to deck plate safety concerns. This involves more bracing supports drilling & taping to securing deck, mounting safety tie downs & lifting mounts in deck status 75% completed. 4) addition of trailer brakes and support system along with adding of shocks (towing control) status 75% completed 5) addition of a spare tire and mounting in progress 6) after all modifications completed painting 6) modifications to the removable top of the SAIL mounting system additionally needed is a storage / traveling container Box status in progress. 7) fabrication of new " THANK YOU / DONOR " plaques mounting brackets status in progress. My suggestion is a new traveling cover reasoning is current cover is showing signs of leaving wear marks on paint of BOAT surface. I feel VERY PROUD to have made this Project come to REALITY for the BASE Members, I'm also HONORED to be an ASSOCIATE BASE MEMBER of Gold Country Base 222. My wife & I enjoy EVERYONE'S kindness and stories from Harry, Pat, Pete, Barry, Warren, Tom, Frank, Reggie and Howard I could almost name everyone but that would take entire PAGE . My wife & I feel the DEEP HURT & LOSS of Our WWII SHIPMATES it's a LOSS that can't be replaced but " WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THEM ". I've been wondering if there is somehow, as a BASE, that we could come up with our own monument / Wall with their names for ALL to see and remember. Naomi & I want to Everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to come " REMEMBER STAY ARMY STRONG and BE ALL YOU CAN BE".

Jerry Wentland, Base Welder



I Joined the Gold Country Base in 2001, my job entails keeping base major items records, like list of all base officers both elected and appointed including start and end dates. I also maintain the records of important base activities such as the date we installed the Submarine Memorial bench at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. My other major function is to design and print the business cards for all base members, at no charge for the members. They then use the cards as a recruiting tool for base membership. The front of card shows our members personal information, the back contains the date, time and location of our monthly meetings. For members who have not ordered their cards please see the form on page 15, complete it and get it to me and your cards will be on their way.



Warren Wiederhoeft, Base Historian



2017 has been a good year for our base, the only exception has been member participation at the last couple of events. This year's Pearl Harbor day event had fewer of our members than other veteran groups. Our guys did show up in force at Ken Ickies memorial, and the funerals at the National Cemetery for Bernie and Piedmont Base member Hal Rutter.



Being the former COB, I'm not a formal member of the E-Board, however the base commander has asked me to continue in my role as the base Submarine Float coordinator, so I attend the meetings regularly, help set up the tables and chairs and do whatever else need to be done to help. I recommend that if you would like to have input as to how to make meetings and events better and to help encourage participation, attend the E-Board meetings.

I am looking forward to the New Year with hopes 2018 can be much better as far as participation.

Many Thanks to all mu shipmates who have given their time and efforts to Gold Country Base.

Harry Beach, Float Coordinator

Commander, Western Region District 5 USSVI

Commanders,

Hope you've all enjoyed 2017, and the bounties of Thanksgiving; and remembrance of service rendered during Veterans Day this past year. The recent loss of ARA San Juan bears light to the harsh reality of the dangers of our profession. Her crewmembers join the ranks of thousands of others called to Eternal Patrol. Those of us remaining ashore and continuing to stand the watch cannot forget their supreme sacrifice, and the empty seat at their families' table. Rest your oar, shipmate, we have the watch.

As the year winds down, membership dues (renewals) need to be collected by Dec 31, 2017; come January 1, 2018 non-paying members will be dink but have until 1/31/2018 to bring them up to zero bubble and neutral trim. I've noted from the newsletters membership can dwindle due to Eternal Patrol of our eldest members, and lack of dues renewal and even lack of interest. It would be appropriate to think creatively to discover means to improve recruiting efforts; whether you utilize manuals onboard the USSVI website, reach out to me (as some of you have done), or turn to the power of social media.



In the coming year, I'm looking to create a Facebook page (closed group), link it to the National site, and will link to any District 5 Base having their own site. If you've not created one, it's a great tool to spread the word of your existence, upcoming and current events. Yes, it takes time, but likely time well spent if you can offset membership losses with gains from social media. Another social media tool is <https://www.meetup.com/>. The Sacramento-based chapter of the Navy League uses it to gain membership and invite interested parties to engage with them. There may be some fees depending on how you choose to utilize their features, but consider any/all tools at your disposal to spread awareness our existence.

I anticipate the National Treasurer issuing instructions for End of Year reporting. I'd wager that WRD would like to see all the reporting Districts come in well ahead of the performance curve for the rest of the organization. As for the release of the 'upgraded' USSVI website, like some of the RD's have voiced, it's been a longer breath hold than anticipated. I'm sure there are more kinks being worked out than originally identified.

I'd like to thank each of you for the commitment and hard work you do to keep your Base up and running. It's not easy being Base Commander, regardless whether you remain fully employed or enjoy the 'idea' of being retired. Having served in that capacity, I can attest that it is very rewarding. Your ideas, initiative, engagement with Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) programs, local NJROTC units, and drive to ferret out qualified veterans from your midst and bring them into the organization is amazing, as are the accomplishments of your crew and Base to support the USSVI Creed and Purpose.

My wife, Debbie, and I would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and Best Holiday Wishes to each of you, your Board of Directors, your crew and their families. We look forward to traveling outside the immediate area and getting back to making visits to each of you. My sincere apologies for not doing a better job of that in this past year.

Pride Runs Deep!

Peter T. Juhos

MMCS(SS/SS1), USN (Ret).

Commander, Western Region District 5 USSVI

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

<http://www.ussvi.org>

Lost Boats

December

USS Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on Dec 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol, but her exact location, date and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack. One other Sealion man was later captured and died in POW camp.



USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickrel(SS-22)) off San Clemente, CA.



USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.



December Birthdays

Ted Armstrong

Charles Betty Joe Cooke

Gary English John Mannix

Howard Grover

Jim Hudson

Richard Larsen



On The Lighter Side

A rumpled old Navy Chief Submarine Sonarman was standing near the edge of the street with a fishing line in a puddle.

A curious young Marine fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing.

"Fishing," the old Chief simply said.

"Poor old chief," the Marine officer thought to himself and invited the old Navy Chief into the bar for a drink.

As he felt he should start a conversation while they were sipping their spirits, the young jet pilot winked at another pilot and asked the Chief, "How many have you caught today?"

"You're number 14," the old Chief answered, taking another sip from his double shot of 12-year-old Scotch, "2 Air Force, 3 Navy and 9 Marines."



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Gold Country Base Meeting Minutes. November 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 1300 by a toll of the bell. 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 November were read by Vice Commander Reggie Bronner and Harry Beach tolled the bell once for each Lost Boat with an additional toll for those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 20 members and 1 guests in attendance.

FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt reported the following:

Event Coordinator position is still open. Need a volunteer to assume the role.

Secretary Bill Hunt will be leaving the area to move to Oregon. Replacement will be needed.

Barry highlighted the turnout for the events held at Burbank High Drill Meet, Veterans Day parade in Sacramento, and the Memorial Service for Bernie Richter.

First Call to Chow and gift exchange will be held on Monday, December 11.

Pearl Harbor Ceremony will be at Discovery park on Dec 7.

The Holiday Party will be held at the Veterans Hall on Dec 14. A caterer has been selected. The cost will be \$30/ person, \$60/couple.

VICE COMMANDER: Reggie Bronner reported the following:

We are within the projected budget for the year.

Master Mariner selection has been made and will be announced at the Holiday Dinner.

Funds were requested for a sound system for the float.

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: 112 members in good standing, 7 associate members.

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt reported the following:

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. No report.

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller had nothing to report.

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Chaplain Howard Grover had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS:

Max Schell reported that the Burbank High Drill Meet was a resounding success.

The next Sacramento Vets Standown will be next September at Cal Expo.

The Veterans Affiliated Council has new members and communications is expected to improve.

Gil Miller provided info to have Veterans status added to your drivers license. Provide a DD214 to the County Veterans office and then go to the DMV.

Pearl Harbor memorial will be held Dec, 7 at Discovery Park.

Holiday Party will be held on December 14 at the Vets Hall. Capital Sierra Catering will be providing the meal. \$30/ person, \$60/couple.

Pete Juhos won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$60.

First Call to Morning Chow: 0930 Dec. 11 @ Brookfield's, Hwy 50 at Sunrise.

Next Base Meeting: Jan. 27, 2018. No meeting in December.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Base Chaplin gave a closing prayer. Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 1335 hrs.

Submitted by Bill Hunt, Base Secretary



Bill Hunt, Secretary

News From National

NEWS-01: ARA SAN JUAN

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 11/28/2017

The following was sent to the Argentine Chapter of the ISA on this date with my approval:

On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on the loss of ARA San Juan. The crew and family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are grateful for their service to the Argentine Submarine Service. To our Brothers we say, Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service.



"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." 2 Thess 3:16.

ARA San Juan , Now on Eternal Patrol.
Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.



USSVI 2018 Cruise Convention

The 2018 USSVI National Convention will be a Western Caribbean cruise, held aboard the MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM from Oct 21,2018 thru Oct 28,2018.

<http://www.ussviconvention.org/2018/>

2018 brings a unique opportunity to combine the 55th annual USSVI National Convention with a fabulous Caribbean cruise! We'll sail on Holland America Line's beautiful *ms*

Nieuw Amsterdam, round trip out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida!

This trip will sell out fast, so book early! We have had a list of Submariners interested in booking this trip even before it was organized, and quite a few that have already signed up. Bring a friend, your spouse or your family, all are welcome to join us and with so many wonderful activities, there is something for everyone on this trip of a lifetime! Don't miss the boat. Join your shipmates onboard for the 2018 USSVI National Convention!

December 7th Memorial and Wreath-Laying Ceremony



**Western Region District Commander
Pete Juhos Master of Ceremonies**



**Base members Bill Hunt & Warren Wiederhoeft board the
Sheriffs' patrol boat in preparation for laying the wreath**



**Base member Max Shell describes the
details of the attack.**



Bugler Baldwin Wong and Piper Neil Henderson



Sacramento County Supervisors Don Nottoli and Sue Frost pose with Commander Tom Jones and Honor Guard members of the Titian Battalion Navy JROTC

December 7th 2017 was the 76th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. For the past 31 years the greater Sacramento area United States Submarine Veterans have honored that date with a Memorial and Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Base Commander Barry Wyatt, under the watchful eye of Vice Commander Regy Bronner, presents a \$500 check donated by the membership as our semi-annual contribution to help support the NJROTC



2017 Holiday Party and Awards Night



**Chief of the Boat Tom Rumsey gives the remembrance
for our shipmates on Eternal Patrol**



**Base Commander Barry Wyatt receives
the "Master Mariner" Award from Vice
Commander Regy Bronner**



Base members, their wives and guests enjoy our annual Holiday Party

Base Business Card order form. Provided to all members at no cost by Warren Wiederhoeft

Front of card example w Logo's	Back of card Base Meeting Info
  <p>Name: Life, Base Position, or Holland Club Member Phone: or C/P: City, CA (or other state) Email</p>	<p>GOLD COUNTRY BASE Submarine Vets - Present & Past - Come Join Us!</p> <p>When: 4th Saturday Each Month at 1300 hours Where: Folsom Veterans Hall 1300 Forrest St. Folsom, CA. 95630</p> <p>For more information please visit: www.goldcountrybase.org OR www.ussvi.org OR https://www.facebook.com/orvsn/GoldCountryBase/</p>







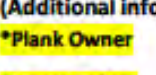
***Name as you want it printed on Card, >>**

Some people use their middle name etc.?

Like John "Lee" Smith, John "Doc" Smith or other

Extra Logos can be added on card if they apply, and if room on Card Permits

***If you want any of the below Logo's Included > (If card space available) please mark: > (Yes) or (No)**

	Holland Club Member (If Qualified in Submarines 50 Years ago, or more)	Logo () ()
	USSVI Life Member (If Member is paid Life Member of USSVI)	Logo () ()
	International Submarine Assoc ISA (If Member of ISA International USA)	Logo () ()
	WW II Submarine Veterans (If Member of WW II Sub Vets)	Logo () ()
	VFW If you are a member (If you are a member)	Logo () ()
	41 for Freedom "Deterrent Patrol Pin" (If you made Patrols on a "FBM" SSBN)	Logo () ()
	DBF "Diesel Boats Forever" If you want on your Card	Logo () ()

(Additional information included, your options)----- **please mark: > (Yes) or (No)**

*Plank Owner	(Gold Country Base, Base membership at time of re-charter 2014)	() ()
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*Cell Phone #:	(If you want included)	() ()
*City:	(If you want included)	() ()
*CA or other state:	(If you want included)	() ()
*Email:	(If you want included)	() ()

Questions; ***ITEMS PRINTED ON CARD,** SPECIAL CARD FORMAT or DATA, HANDLED AS THEY ARISE
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