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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."*



**Great turnout for January First Call to Morning Chow**

### 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 February 12 @ 9:30** Denny's 122 Sunrise Blvd, Roseville

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**Now Hear This!**

**January** Boat Sponsorship Month (see page 9)

**1 February** Nominations period for all USSVI National Awards begins (see page 7)

**19 February** American Heritage Day at Mt Vernon Memorial Park 8201 Greenback Lane Fair Oaks 10am—2pm

**23 –27 April** Western Region Roundup, Sam's Town Las Vegas

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

**Shipmates,** Happy New Year to all; my hope for 2018 is that we can reach or exceed the level of achievements set by our members last year. As we begin 2018 the goals for our Base are simple, we need to follow the direction provided by our creed and purpose statement and continue the outstanding participation in our communities. We need to continue our support of the Burbank High School Titan Battalion Navy JROTC and the greater Sacramento area Veterans community. It is clear to me, and I hope to you, that in order to keep moving forward we need the help of more than those members who always suit up and show up, those members who show us all through their actions their commitment to our organization. We are 110 strong and it isn't fair that a few are carrying the load for us all. Right now we need a Base Secretary, a liaison to the veterans hall and, although a couple of members have stepped up to take a piece of our Event Coordinator position, we still need help in that area. Our eBoard meets at 10am before every meeting, please join us we could use your help.



Coming up in February we have a couple of events which we will be getting more information on and sending it out. The first is the "American Heritage Day" at Mt Vernon Memorial Park on Monday Feb. 19, where we will be displaying our Sub Float and providing information about our organization to the public. And the next will be our KapSS 4 KidSS at Kaiser that Les is setting up. Also, please check out pages 6 thru 9 which list National and regional information.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on Saturday.

**Barry Wyatt, Base Commander**

**Jonah the First Submariner** In Nineveh Jonah obeys God and in chapter 3 verses 4 – 6 proclaimed: <sup>4</sup> And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. <sup>6</sup> Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

FROM  
OUR  
CHAPLAIN



**God sees their hearts and shows compassion on the Ninevites and does not destroy them.**

**In chapter 4 Jonah is angry with God because of His compassion. Jonah argues with God but the last verse says in part: Should I not pity Nineveh?**

**See what Jesus says about Jonah in Matthew 12:40-41.**



**Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain**



**Shipmates, We still have a few 2018 USSVI Calendars for sale.**

"The theme for this years calendar is Submarine Squadrons of the Pacific Fleet" Stop by the Storekeepers table and get yours before they are gone.

Also your friendly Storekeeper has a variety of glass ware for your 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.



**Tim Spoon  
Membership, Treasurer, Storekeeper.**



# 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 destroyers sunk her by gun fire.



## 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.



## December Birthdays

Ted Armstrong

Charles Betty Joe Cooke

Gary English John Mannix

Howard Grover

Jim Hudson

Richard Larsen



## On The Lighter Side



"Hey, it's been great talking to you, Mom, but I really have to go."

Officials have noted an alarming increase in "Saluting While Texting" incidents...



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# VA Information



## CalVet Programs

California is home to nearly 2 million veterans. They range in age from World War II veterans in their 90's to "Millennials" from the current conflicts. Each generation has a different need and interest and each has a different way to learn about those services and benefits, but the one common element for all of you (and your family) is you stood up, put on the uniform and served in the U.S. Military. You are a veteran and because of that distinction you have earned benefits and services that will help you transition back to civilian life, or help you when you are finished with your civilian career and are now looking at retirement.

CalVet offers a variety of services to honorably discharged veterans from residency in one of our state Veterans Homes to helping you purchase a home through our Farm and Home Loan program. This department also advocates for veterans, providing information and representation before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. There are many services, benefits and preferences provided to you by the people of California as a way to honor your service...explore this site and find out what you may have been missing.



[www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov)

## Gold Country Base Meeting Minutes. December 2017

No formal business meeting was held in the month of December

Submitted by Bill Hunt, Base Secretary



Bill Hunt, Secretary

# Western Region News

## Save the Date



**IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROUP RATE ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE BOOKED BY**

**April 5, 2018**

**ASK FOR GROUP CODE "A8USC04" WHEN BOOKING**

**Online after entering Group Code it will go back to**

**"Find a Room" [WWW.SAMSTOWNLV.COM](http://WWW.SAMSTOWNLV.COM)**

**PHONE: 702-456-7777 OR 1-800-897-8696**

The website [www.wrroundup.com](http://www.wrroundup.com) has been updated for 2018, but the Registration and Agenda pages are still under construction. We still need some information from Sam's Towns to complete the update, I am working on it.

More information call or email: Gene Kellar

Phone: (303) 988-7661

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# News From National

## NEWS-01: 2018 USSVI AWARDS MANUAL MEMO FROM JOHN STANFORD



USSVI Shipmates,

The Awards Manual for 2018 was approved by the USSVI Board of Directors in January 2018.

The nomination period for all Awards starts on February 1, 2018.

The Manual is posted on the USSVI web site, ([www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org)) under the Awards tab.

Please review the Manual, with special notice to the requirements for each Award, and submit your nominations to my attention. As posted my address is [JStan131@Comcast.net](mailto:JStan131@Comcast.net)

Phone: Home 904 743 3197 Cell 904 502 8586

Address any questions you may have regarding the Manual to me.

Thank you for your support for this important program.

**John Stanford,**

### The USSVI Awards

**Joe Negri Award (Submarine Veteran of the Year)\***

**Robert Link National Commander's Award**

**District Commander of the Year Award \***

**Meritorious Award**

**Golden Anchor Award**

**Silver Anchor Award**

**Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award**

**Newsletter of the Year Award**

\* This is a Lifetime Award and will be presented only one time per Shipmate.

## NEWS-01: Second call for nominations for the 2018 National Elections

Shipmates you have until March 1st 2018 to put in your nomination letters for the 2018 National Elections.

So far the Nominees are:

National Commander - Wayne Standerfer

National Senior Vice Cdr- Jon Jaques

National Junior Vice Cdr - Steve Bell

National Secretary - Ray Wewers

National Treasurer - Paul Hiser

Western Regional Director - Jim Denzien

If you feel you would like to run for any of the above positions please send me an e-mail at [al@ssbn657.com](mailto:al@ssbn657.com) with your nomination letter stating your qualifications for the position and a statement that if elected you will accept the position.

Pride Runs Deep,

Al Singleman, Jr. Nomination's Chairman.



## USSVI 2018 Cruise Convention

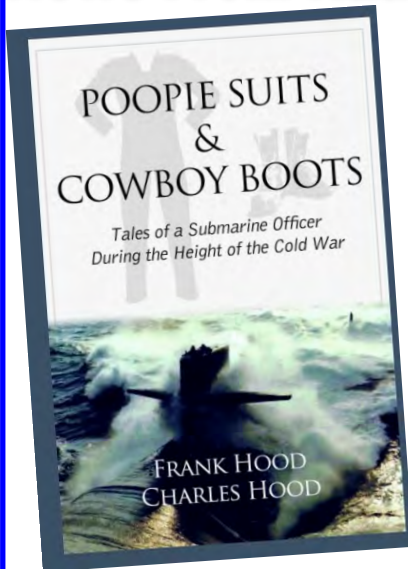
The 2018 USSVI National Convention will be a Western Caribbean cruise, held aboard the MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM from Oct 21,2018 thru Oct 28,2018.

<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!



# News From National (Continued)



## **NEWS-01: "POOPIE SUITS AND COWBOY BOOTS" ALL PROCEEDS TO USSV-CF SCHOLARSHIP FUND Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 1/14/2018**

Frank Hood here. Vice Commander, Marblehead Base.

Most sub vets would agree, that civilians have no idea what we went through, what we endured.

To increase understanding, my brother and I have written a book about day-to-day life aboard a US Navy submarine.

Fellow sub vets would enjoy reading it, because the books details will take them back to their days on the boat, and the funny stories add spice.

It is written in language that civilians will understand, so once a vet has read it, he can pass it on to his children, so they can understand what he went through.

The Title of the book is: "Poopie Suits and Cowboy Boots - Tales of a Submarine Officer During the Height of the Cold War"

We have designated that all proceeds go to the USSVI Scholarship Fund - to help kids and grandkids of our Brothers of the Phin. Would you let your membership know about the book? Put a reference to it in your Base Newsletter?

Here is the easy way to order it. Go to Blurb.com or Amazon.com and type in "poopie suits" near the search spyglass.

There are 3 options: e-book, a soft back or hard cover version.

The Amazon version even allows the reader to adjust font size to make it easier to read.

There is also a version for the Mac or Iphone at iBooks.com

Shipmates can read the first 115 pages of the book for free on the Blurb ebook option page.

I am attaching Chap 11 for your perusal so you can see what is in the book.

Thank you for mentioning this to your membership.

**Straight Board,  
Frank Hood**

## **NEWS-01: WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION**

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 1/12/2018

### **They Deserve Their Own Memorial**

The following was received from the WWI Centennial Commission and is forwarded for your information:

I am writing on behalf of David Hamon, the Military & Veterans Service Organization Coordinator for the World War I Centennial Commission, a Non Profit Federal Organization dedicated to building a National Memorial for the Service men and women of the Great War.

Next week the U. S. Mint will officially release for sale the World War I Centennial Silver Dollar to honor the 4.7 Million who served. (See Link below)

<http://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/communicate/press-media/wwi-centennial-news.html>

If you, or any member of your Military/Veteran Service organization is interested in the coin, it will available beginning Wednesday, January 17. Please feel free to contact Mr. Hamon at [david.hamon@worldwar1centennial.org](mailto:david.hamon@worldwar1centennial.org) if you have any questions about this or our organization.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Respectfully, Caitlin Hamon, Volunteer Staff Assistant, US World War One Centennial Commission  
(202) 380-0725





## 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.



### Boat Sponsorship Program

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BASE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send my donated copies to any Boat or Submarine Facility where needed.

☐ Send my donated copies to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Hull number of Boat or other Facility

Complete the form above and mail with payment of \$30 per donation to:  
Make Checks payable to: USSVI Put BSP on the memo line.

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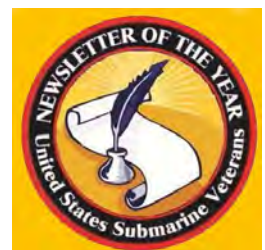
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