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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."*



(From left to right Vice-Commander Regy Bronner, Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto, Marine Patrol Unit Sgt. Sam Machado & Commander Barry Wyatt.)

**For over 30 years** the Yolo County Sheriff has been an integral part of our annual December 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial and Wreath Laying ceremony at Discovery Park. The Gold Country Base honored that service by making a presentation of a plaque to both the Sheriff & the Marine Patrol Unit.

### Next Meeting—March 24 , 2018

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

### First Call to Morning Chow

**Monday April 16 @ 9:30** Denny's Howe and Hwy 50

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### Representatives of The United

States Submarine Veterans, Inc, Gold Country Base, joined members of the California Highway Patrol in making a joint presentation of a Celebration of Life in honor of the memory of the late Frederick Max Stiesberg, Jr. of Grass Valley, California. The program was held at the Grass Valley Events Center with approximately 200 family and friends in attendance.

The Gold Country Base was represented by Regy Bronner, Vice Commander; Anita Bronner, Associate Member; and Harry Beach, who presented a memorial prayer and an American flag to the deceased's family at the start of the ceremony. An additional USSVI Gold Country Base memorial plaque signed by Howard Grover, Base Chaplain, was located on a table of honor. The California Highway Patrol honor guard presented a California State flag at the end of the ceremony. Representing the CHP were a number of local senior and retired officers and patrolmen.

Fred Stiesberg, an Electronics Technician Second Class (SS), served honorably from 1962 to 1968. He qualified in submarines on the USS Rock (SS-274) and served on the USS Raton (SS-270), USS Rasher (SS-269), USS Ronquil (SS-396), USS Salmon (SSR-573), and the USS Halibut (SSN-587). He served for 31 years in the CHP.



**Frederick Max Stiesberg, Jr**  
**(Fred) ET2(SS)**



### Now Hear This!

**21 March Kaps-4-Kids** visitation at 10:30 AM at Kaiser Hospital in Roseville (contact Les Jamison (407) 509-7814

**6 April** VFW plaque presentation 6:00 pm, 415 Pine Street, Nevada City (contact Regy for more info)

**21 April 118 Submarine Birthday Ball** Naval Postgraduate School Monterey (page 8)

**23 -27 April Western Region Roundup**, Sam's Town Las Vegas (page 8)

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

**Shipmates**, as many of you may know I suffered an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm on Sunday Feb. 25. The statistics say after a rupture of this type the risk of death is approximately 80%. Most patients die before reaching hospital. Had it not been for a series of miracles, including the quick action of my wife Marriah, an ambulance which was right down the street and the excellence of the surgical team you would be looking for a new Base Commander. I am getting stronger every day and am looking forward to resuming my duties soon.

I am going to keep my column short this month, but I did want to thank all those who sent me well wishes. And I especially want to thank Regy, his wife Anita and Harry for stepping up and representing us at the memorial for our shipmate Fred Stiesberg. His wife Candise sent me the following email a few



days ago, referring to Regy and Harry she wrote, "They did a great job representing the Gold Country Base. It was a beautiful ceremony for Fred. He would be proud as we all were to have the Submarine Veterans honor him in such a special way. It was a pleasure meeting them and Mrs. Bronner." Hope to see you all at the meeting. **Barry Wyatt, Base Commander**

## Goat Locker



**Here it is March** and the year seems to be flying by. I regret my absences lately but am looking forward to a more frequent attendance.

I have been reflecting on the personal obligation I feel for our group and how really fortunate I am to have the USSVI family in my life. We truly are a Band of Brothers and as such we all gain a different perspective of what it meant to us to have experienced this life on Submarines, but we came away with a common inseparable bond. Brothers of the Phin has grown to mean more to me as my USSVI longevity has increased. In my spare time, which I'm always wishing there was more of. Quite often I find myself wondering about other Submariners that I have lost track of and start searching. This all brings me to a recent experience where a shipmate from one of my Boats contacted me as a ghost from the past, his words not mine, but not a ghost. In fact one of the finest Submariners I've known. In this small community of people we are so lucky to be a part of, there are some of the finest men and now women we will ever know.



The life of a Submariner isn't easy but it was one the best parts of my life and I will always cherish the memories of the Boats and the Sailors who manned them. The lost traditions the mock trials and the subsequent sentences. Blue nose, Shellback, Order of the Golden Dragon. Casino night, Steak and Lobster. Half way night. And of course, the Beauty Pageant.

Patrols could be boring, the drills could be grueling, the coffee was sometimes shitty. There were good CO's there were not so good CO's, but the crews always made the difference. The Shipmates, the Bands of Brothers.

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

FROM  
OUR  
CHAPLAIN



## The Beatitudes (continued) Matthew 5

<sup>7</sup> Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Let us continue to pray for Barry as he recovers.



**Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain**

## The Bowfin Base in Hawaii has produced these great Submarine shirts.

You can order one direct at <http://bowfinbase.com> (click on Ship's Store tab) or from me and

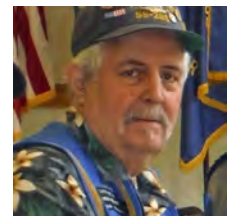


save some of the shipping cost. I will have a sample at the next meeting. If you order

direct pay attention to their caution on size and order one size

larger than you normally take.

**Tim Spoon Membership, Storekeeper.**





# 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

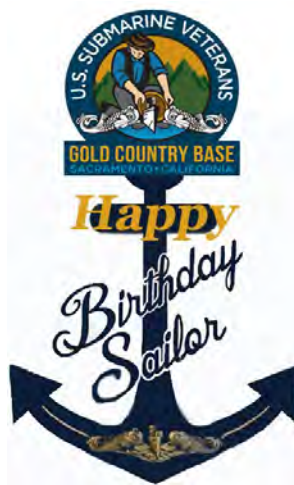
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## On The Lighter Side





Gold Country Base would not be able to continue to operate without the generous contribution from those Members, Wives and Friends who donate to

# Gold Country Base Booster's

## Thank you

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# VA Information



## What is seasonal affective Disorder (SAD)?

Seasonal Affective Disorder is a condition associated with feeling sad or blue during certain times of the year. It is a disorder that triggers symptoms of depression, most commonly in the fall or winter. In the fall and winter there is less sunlight, hence it is sometimes called winter depression.

Psychiatrists and other mental health clinicians diagnose depression by documenting low or sad mood, irritability, feeling of guilt or shame, problems with sleep, poor concentration or attention (memory problems), low energy or motivation, poor appetite and thoughts off self-harm.

SAD can mimic other medical conditions, such as anemia, hypothyroidism, diabetes, infections. Hence a medical work up may be needed—including levels of some vitamins, like vitamin D.

You may have SAD if in the last 2 years, you feel depressed in this season and normal during rest of the year. You may also have SAD if your depression for which you are being treated gets worse in this season.

Your symptoms will get better on their own when a new season arrives, often in spring or summer. But treatment can make you feel better sooner.



## **Gold Country Base Meeting Minutes. February 24, 2018**

**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 February 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 22 members and 3 guests in attendance.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:** Mike Nivens, Chief, California Highway Patrol (Ret.)

### **FORMAL REPORTS:**

***BASE COMMANDER:*** Barry Wyatt reported the following:

Date has been set for the plaque presentation to the Yolo County Sheriff.

Encouraged members to submit nominations for USSVI National awards.

Announced the rescheduling of the June meeting to June 30

Reminded members about registration for Western Regional Roundup and the Submarine Birthday Ball.

***VICE COMMANDER:*** Reggie Bronner reported the following:

We are within the projected budget for the year.

Working on a date to make plaque presentation to the Nevada City VFW.

***TREASURER:*** Base Treasurer Les Jamison 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.

***MEMBERSHIP/STORES:*** Tim Spoon

Gold Country Base membership: 109 members in good standing, 7 associate members. Special order shirts now available.

***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.

***KAP(SS)4KID(SS):*** Les Jamison working on a date with Kaiser Hospital for March.

***NAVY JROTC LIASON:*** Max Schell reported JROTC Change of Command April 26<sup>th</sup> Luther Burbank High School.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

**First Call to Morning Chow:** 0930 March 12 @ Denny's, Sunrise Blvd. Roseville

**Next Base Meeting:** March 24, 2018

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Base Chaplin gave a closing prayer. Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 1355 hrs.

**Submitted by Barry Wyatt, Acting Base Secretary**



# Base News

On February 23, 2018 Debbie and I, and two friends of ours attended the US Navy's Concert Band 2018 Tour performance at Cordova High School. It was a magnificent performance attended by a few Gold Country Base members, veterans and their families from other services, and local community members. Seating in center court and the bleachers on either side of the assembled orchestra were near capacity. Our ears and hearts were enchanted by musical scores of classical to current pop / easy listening themes, and two vocalist musicians provided song from current movie themes and opera-quality performances. Capt. Kenneth Collins served as conductor for this evening's performance, and is the US Navy Band's Commanding Officer.

The US Navy Band provides musical support to the President of the United States, the Dept of the Navy, and other Cabinet members and senior military officials.



Through ceremonies, regional and national tours, public concerts, they inspire patriotism, elevate esprit de corps, enhances Navy awareness, and project a positive image at home and aboard. It is the premier musical organization of the US Navy. Founded in 1925, its crew of 170 enlisted musicians supports six primary performing groups and eight smaller ensembles. At the "World's Finest" the Navy Band is capable of playing any style of music in any setting.

I spoke to Musician Senior Chief Courtney Williams, the Concert/Ceremonial Band moderator. He told me they are always seeking musicians, but the competition is challenging. Prior to enlisting, a lengthy audition process must be taken. Upon acceptance, the candidate receives a letter, which is presented to the recruiter (no talking out for nuclear power or sea duty tales). Boot Camp is the same, except you graduate as Musician 1<sup>st</sup> Class (MU1); then on to Musician A-School. The path to Chief takes a minimum of nine years. All musicians have bachelor and/or graduate degrees. They are very educated and accomplished shipmates. When I asked about evaluation time, I inquired if there were challenges setting one apart from the other. I was told that the scope of collateral duties set each musician apart from each other. The Navy Band supports ceremonial honor guards at Arlington National Cemetery, and other locations; on average there are 5 burials per day. They also perform at official functions at the White House and Cabinet members; Presidential inauguration ceremonies, and publicly. Next time the Navy Band, or one of its ensembles comes to your community, check them out. You will not be disappointed.

**Submitted by Pete Juhos, Past Base Commander, Gold Country Base**



Give a hearty welcome to our newest member **Christopher Ferguson.**

Chris served aboard John C. Calhoun (Blue) 1979-81 and Qualified on her in 1980. He also served on the Spadefish 1983-86. He retired as an E-7 in 1996

Chris lives with his wife Collette in Valley Springs. He found us by seeing one of our members wearing his Dolphin hat at a Wreaths across America event. He joined both National and the Base as a Life member.

Again, A hearty welcome aboard Chris



# Western Region News



## Western Regional Roundup

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. More information :

Gene Kellar Phone: (303) 988-7661

[submariner.caucus@gmail.com](mailto:submariner.caucus@gmail.com)



## 118th Submarine Birthday Ball

The Naval Submarine

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

**World's Finest Silent Service**

The theme of this year's celebration is  
"The Pacific"



**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**VADM William R. Merz, USN**

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems

Submarine Related Commands:

Director, Undersea Warfare Division (OPNAV N97)

Commander, Task Force 74/54

Commander, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command

Commander Submarine Development Squadron 12

Commanding Officer, "Submarine NR-1"

Commanding Officer, USS Memphis (SSN 691)

DATE: Saturday, 21 APRIL 2018

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

For more information:  
Contact LT Tim Whitney at  
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website [www.nslnorcal.com](http://www.nslnorcal.com)



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[www.nslnorcal.com](http://www.nslnorcal.com)

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

# News From National



Proposed USS Thresher Memorial  
Arlington National Cemetery

**The USS Thresher** Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Foundation needs our help to realize our mission of erecting a National USS Thresher Commemorative Monument on the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery to honor and perpetuate the memories, and SUBSAFE legacy, of the 129-men lost aboard USS Thresher on April 10, 1963.

A link to a more information about the project and a supporters template letter is available @ <http://threshermemorial.org/> please download the letter, fill it out and send to:

Ms. Karen Durham-Aguilera, Executive Director  
Army National Military Cemeteries  
Arlington National Cemeteries  
Arlington, VA 22211-5003



## 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!

## UPDATE NEW USSVI WEBSITE:

Shipmates,

Because of too many issues with the transfer to the new system we had to go back to old website and the old TOOLS. The URL are [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) for the old website and [www.ussvi.org/shipsoffice.asp](http://www.ussvi.org/shipsoffice.asp) for the old tools which should be what you had bookmarked for the old system.. You use old ussvi sign-in and password and not you e-mail address. We will go back to the new system when these issues are corrected. All Base Tools users are now free to enter data into TOOLS. You will from time to time be getting an test e-mail from [website.admin@ussvi.org](mailto:website.admin@ussvi.org). The programmers are fixing the National e-mail system for the new site so I do not have to use this very old POC method.

Best,

Al Singleman, Jr. IPNC





## "DOLPHINS" - the Submarine Warfare Insignia



### *"Life is simple - either you're qualified or you're not!"*

The insignia of the U.S. submarine service is a submarine flanked by two dolphins. Dolphins, attendants to the Poseidon, Greek god of the sea and patron deity to sailors, is sometimes referred to as the sailor's friend. They were also chosen to represent the Submarine Service because of the characteristic way in which dolphins dive and surface.

On 13 June 1923, Captain E. J. King, Commander, Submarine Division Three (later Fleet Admiral and Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, during WW II), suggested to the Secretary of the Navy via the Bureau of Navigation (now known as BuPers) that a distinguishing device for qualified submariners be adopted. He submitted a pen-and-ink sketch of his own showing a shield mounted on the beam ends of a submarine, with dolphins forward of, and abaft, the conning tower. The suggestion was strongly endorsed by Commander Submarine Division Atlantic. Over the next several months the Bureau of Navigation solicited additional designs from several sources. Some combined a submarine with a shark motif. Others showed submarines and dolphins, and still others used a shield design. A Philadelphia firm, Bailey, Banks & Biddle (BB&B), which had done work in the field of Naval crests, was approached by the Bureau of Navigation with the request that it design a suitable badge. Two designs were submitted by the firm, one of which was to be used for the U.S. Naval Academy's 1926 class crest, which had been designed by under-classman William C. Eddy in 1922. These two designs were combined into a single concept. It was a starboard angle on the bow view of an "O" class submarine, proceeding on the surface, with bow planes rigged for diving, flanked by dolphins in a horizontal position with their heads resting on the upper edge of the bow planes. On 20 March 1924, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation recommended to the Secretary of the Navy that the design be adopted. The recommendation was accepted by Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Acting Secretary of the Navy. His acceptance is dated March 1924. Today the original BB&B design is used by many manufactures without modification, while others choose to take some artistic license, especially in updating the class of submarine depicted.

The submarine insignia was to be worn at all times by officers and men qualified in submarine duty attached to submarine units or organizations, ashore and afloat, and not to be worn when not attached. In 1941 the Uniform Regulations were modified to permit officers and men qualified who were eligible to wear the submarine insignia after they had been assigned to other duties in the naval service, unless such right had been revoked.

The officers' insignia was a gold metal pin (gold plating over "sterling" silver, or bronze), worn centered above the left breast pocket and above the ribbons and medals. Enlisted men wore the insignia, embroidered in silk, white silk for blue clothing and blue silk for white clothing. This was sewn on the outside of the right sleeve, midway between the wrist and elbow. The device was two and three-quarters inches long.

In 1943, the Uniform Regulations were modified to provide that: "Enlisted men, who are qualified and subsequently promoted to commissioned or warrant ranks, may wear enlisted submarine insignia on the left breast until they qualify as submarine officers, at which time this insignia would be replaced by the officers' submarine pin."

In mid-1947, the embroidered device shifted from the right sleeve of the enlisted men's jumper to above the left breast pocket. On 21 September 1950, a change to the Uniform Regulations authorized officers the option of either a gold bullion embroidered sew-on insignia, or gold plated pin-on insignia. Enlisted submariners were given the option of either a silver bullion embroidered sew-on insignia, or a "sterling" silver (or silver plated), metal pin-on insignia for the dress uniform. This was in addition to the silk embroidered insignia sewn on the undress uniform.

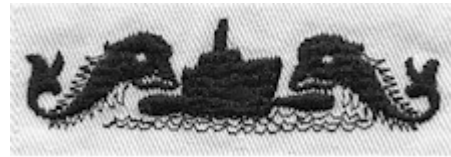
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## Dolphin Collection (enlisted)



Earliest - Silk Embroidered



For Summer Whites



Early Silk Variation



CPO's Gray Embroidered - '43 to '49



Sterling "Deep Wave" Pin-Back  
50's by Hilborn & Hamburger



Silver Bullion Thread - 50's



"WestPacs" - 50's & 60's made in Yokosuka



Sterling, clutch-back 50's & 60's - mfg. by Gemsco



Contemporary - Utility

In 1967, the manufacturer, Vanguard discontinued their "sterling" dolphins, in favor of less expensive silver plate or silver oxide surfaces.

It is probable that the other manufacturers did the same - and at about the same time to remain competitive.

# LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Vietnam War Commemoration

On March 29, 2018 Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc, Sacramento Chapter-500 will host the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, and the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemorative along with co-hosts, California Department of Veteran Affairs, (CalVet) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to be held at the Official California Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park, Sacramento.



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the California Department of Veterans Affairs and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 500 cordially invite you to a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and to thank and honor all Vietnam veterans who sacrificed so much in service to our country.

Vietnam veterans are invited to attend and receive a commemorative lapel pin this year on National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

### WHEN

Thursday, March 29, 2018  
12 p.m.

### WHERE

California Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
in Capitol Park  
15 Street and Capitol Avenue,  
Sacramento, CA 95814



## Luther Burbank Titan Battalion Navy JROTC Change of Command

**Thursday April 26, 12:30—2:30**

Luther Burbank High School (Football Field)  
500 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA 95823

# From Our Members

## Shipmates,

Regy has a great idea to contact potential new members. Instead of throwing them away, if you would bring in your recent copies of past issues of the American Submariner, I will put one of my cards on them, then place them around the waiting areas of the VA clinic at Mather and perhaps McClellan. That way a Sub Veteran who happens to pick one up to read and is interested they can contact me from my business card info. We may even want to expand our distribution by putting them in the Veteran Service Office's at our local colleges.

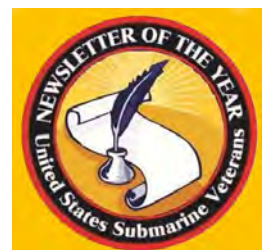
**Thanks for your help,**

**Tim Spoon, Membership**





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