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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."*



**4th of July Parade in  
Stockton a Family Affair.**

**Base Annual Charter Day  
B-B-Q at the Kelly Drydock  
for our Sub Float. Great turn-  
out Great Camaraderie**



### **Next Meeting—July 28 , 2018**

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

### **First Call to Morning Chow**

**Monday August 13 @ 9:30 Denny's 122 Sunrise  
Ave, Roseville, CA 95661**

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***Now Hear This!***

**Thursday July 19 California State fair Military and Veterans Appreciation Day.** All Veterans admitted to the fair at no charge.

**Friday July 20 Navy Day Aerospace Museum of California**  
9am to 2pm Aerospace Museum of California 3200 Freedom Park Drive McClellan, CA 95652

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

If you think you missed the June edition of the Newsletter you didn't it just did not get published. The truth is it takes a lot of time to put this together and for several reasons I didn't get it done. Meanwhile, our Base has had a flurry of activities over the last couple of months. At the end of May we participated in the Memorial Day event at the Lakeside Cemetery, Folsom. The following Saturday we had our Float in the Pow Wow Days Parade in Orangevale and later that day we showed up in force at the LSA dinner at the Vets Hall. On the last Saturday in June we celebrated our Charter Day with a BBQ and



family picnic at the Kelly drydock. On the same day, Pete represented us in the Folsom Home Town Parade. Next came the 4th of July Parade in Stockton. None of this could of happened without the dedicated hard work of our members. John Mannix picked up the deck plates for our float and transported them to the powder coater then retrieved them and brought them home. John Kelly put in a tremendous effort to reattaching the plates and readying the drydock area for our BBQ. Frank Elliot was the tow vehicle for the 4th parade and Les Jamison is just there every time he is needed. I could go on and on but I just want to let my shipmates know how grateful I am for the members who suit up and show up whenever there is work to do. The fun is not over yet, tomorrow we are at the State Fair with our float and on Friday it moves to the Aerospace Museum for Navy Day. The really big news is that we are moving forward on building a Lost Boats Memorial at the Veterans Plaza on the beautiful West Sacramento River Walk . Enough for now I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 28th.

**Barry Wyatt, Base Commander**

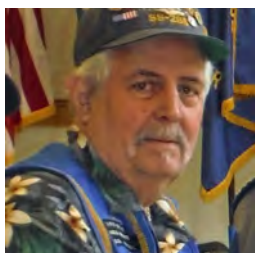
FROM  
OUR  
CHAPLAIN



### Acts 5 a Lesson on Lying

**This is about a couple** who for their want of attention lied to Peter but paid a big price. <sup>1</sup> But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. <sup>2</sup> And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it*, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? <sup>4</sup> While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." <sup>5</sup> Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. <sup>6</sup> And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried *him*. The same happened to the wife a little later. Of course this got a lot of people's attention on lying.

**Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain**



**Now that parade season** is in full swing do you need a new boat specific ball cap Imagine this cap with your qual boat name above the dolphins and hull number below. It can be done just see your friendly storekeeper





# Lost Boats

July

## USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance.



After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



## USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



## USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.



# July Birthdays

Don Carter

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Robert Robinson

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## VA Information

**VA's Caregiver Support Line assistance is just a quick phone call away.** Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed social workers who answer the support line can:

- Provide you with information about assistance available from VA.
- Help you access services.
- Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center

**CAREGIVER  
SUPPORT LINE**  
 1-855-260-3274

near you.

Just listen, if that's what you need right now.

If you're just getting started with VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274 is a great first step to learn more about the support that is available to you.



## **GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES 26 May 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 1300. Base Commander Barry Wyatt read the USSVI Creed and Purpose.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Les Jamison led the Pledge.

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

**TOLLING OF THE BELL:** The lost boats for the month of May were read by the Base Historian Warren Wiederhoeft and acting Chief of the Boat Harry Beach tolled the bell for each Lost Boat; one additional toll in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTION:** There were 21 members and 7 guests in attendance.

### **FORMAL REPORTS:**

**BC/PAO/NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Barry Wyatt reported: All Base Members please go online and update your personal information/bios. 28 May – Memorial Day; 02 June – Pow Wow in Orangevale and Land Sea & Air Dinner (Barry also gave brief explanation of Land Sea & Air to new members); 04 July – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Stockton, 19 July – California State Fair booth, members are encouraged to participate.

**TREASURER:** Les Jamison reported: 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 reported: Gold Country Base membership: 110 members in good standing. Tim also gave information on the Disabled Veteran Mobile Services that is available to all disabled Veterans.

**HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR:** Nothing to report

**EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR:** Had information about an upcoming court of Honor and the need for more members to participate.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Nothing to report

**NAVY JROTC LIAISON:** Max Schell reported a change in leadership at Luther Burbank High School.

**KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR:** Les Jamison announced the possibility of expanding KAPS4KIDS program to homeless shelters.

**GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR:** Chad Clay announced the line up for future speakers.

**FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE:** Nothing to report

### **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:**

50/50 Raffle was won by Marriah Wyatt

**First Call to Morning Chow:** 0930 May 14<sup>th</sup> @ Denny's

**Next Base Meeting:** May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**MEETING ADJOURNEMENT:** Base Chaplain Howard Grover gave a closing prayer.  
Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 1423 hrs.

**Submitted by Barry Wyatt**

# LOCAL, BASE NEWS & EVENTS

## California STATE FAIR

Don't Miss A Moment! July 13-29, 2018

### The California State Fair invites our honorees to the **MILITARY & VETERAN APPRECIATION DAY** THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

Presented By



Yes, you do save lives.



**For free admission, veterans or military personnel must present valid military ID or proof of service at the California State Fair's Box Office.**

For a day revolving around immense appreciation for the individuals and organizations that keep our country safe, we invite active duty, reserve and veterans from all branches of the military to enjoy a day at the Fair.



YOU'RE INVITED TO

## NAVY DAY

AT THE AEROSPACE MUSEUM  
OF CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, JULY 20

10AM - 2PM

- EOD bomb-sniffing robot demonstration
- Sailors from the USS Constitution
- Meteorological & Oceanography experts
- MH-60R Navy helicopter
- Drill team demonstration
- US Navy Band Northwest
- Much more!

Aerospace Museum of California • 3200 Freedom Park Drive • McClellan, CA 95652 (916) 643-3192



# News From National

## National Elections

In two-weeks' time the online voting booth on the USSVI website opens on August 1<sup>st</sup> and remains so until October 10<sup>th</sup>. By now, everyone should have received a copy of their hardcopy issue of the American Submariner (Volume 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter) unless you opted out and receive it online.

Contained therein, starting on page 26 thru 40 you'll find the USSVI National Election documents including biographies of candidates, and instructions (interspersed with some ad copy), and on page 41 the actual ballot. This year, there is only one candidate for each elected officer position, and you can vote only for the Regional Director in the region your Primary Base is located.

There is also a voting box to approve the Proposed Revised USSVI Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) which, as you should be aware, has been combined into one document. If a shipmate requests to re-examine the Proposed Revised USSVI CBL, the document is available on the USSVI website. There is no need to log in, simply go to this link [https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online%20Organization%202018%20USSVI%20REVISED%20CONSTITUTION%20AND%20BYLAWS.pdf)

[Online Organization 2018 USSVI REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online%20Organization%202018%20USSVI%20REVISED%20CONSTITUTION%20AND%20BYLAWS.pdf) or go to [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) find the gold links on the left side of the page and click on the item titled "Documents" then click on the blue bar titled "Organization". It appears (on my screen) in the middle of the page and has been there since 6/10/2018.

It is important that each shipmate be afforded the opportunity and encouraged to vote, even if there is only one candidate for each position. Your vote demonstrates your commitment to the organization and to the leadership who will guide it over the next two years. As the American Submariner has the paper ballot to be cut out, mark your votes, then folded for mailing (you need to add a stamp) you need to be aware that ballots will be collected but not counted until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## NEWS-01: Associate Membership re-instatement

**Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 6/13/2018**

Shipmates,

As of this date, June 12, we are still 145 members short of regaining War Veteran Status. We will get that status back at some point in time in the future, but since we have not gained any ground since the moratorium was put in place and it has not had a significant impact on that status, the Board of Directors discussed at length and voted unanimously to lift the moratorium on the acceptance of Associate Members. This means that we will be accepting Associate Membership applications regardless of their Prior War veteran status. Spouses and other non-submarine candidates that were turned down because of the moratorium should re-submit their applications if they still wish to do so. Make sure their applications are complete, including their sponsor and Base membership preference, along with appropriate dues check and submit it to the National Office, PO Box 3870, Silverdale, WA. 98383-3870.



## 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!



## Memorial Day

Lakeside Memorial Lawn Cemetery Folsom



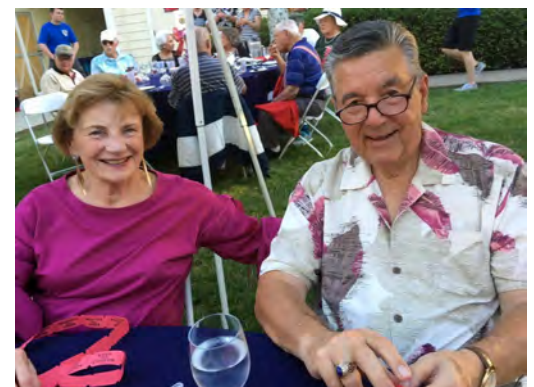
## Orangevale Pow Wow Days Parade







# Land Sea Air Dinner







**Charter Day Bar-b-Que & Family Picnic**



**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Stockton**



**Home Town Parade  
Folsom**





## The Line

I saw a line of sailors,  
They seemed so far away.  
Their uniforms were brilliant white  
Despite the cloudy day.

I couldn't see their faces  
Their rates, left arm and right,  
But on and on the column grew  
It really was a sight.

And then I saw another group  
Quite different from the first.  
Their beards and shaggy haircuts  
Their uniforms the worst.

Playing Acey Ducey  
And smoking cigarettes  
And endless games of poker  
Drinking coffee, making bets.

I asked a nearby sailor,  
Who are those wretched lads?  
"Oh, them, they're submariners,  
They're altogether bad."

They hid beneath the surface  
On submarines of old.  
Their missions were so secret,  
They never could be told.

And every one a scoundrel  
With language foul and blue.  
They just weren't proper sailors  
Believe me, it's all true."

And suddenly a rush of wind  
Blew all the clouds away  
The angels came and passed the line  
The gamblers stopped their play.

The other sailors grumbled  
"We've been standing in this line  
For what seems an eternity?  
And faithful all this time."

The angel said, "Just wait a bit  
Your time will come soon well.  
But these boys get to go home now,  
They've done their time in hell.

"Their boat went down so quickly,  
There wasn't time to pray.  
But God heard every mother,  
Who lost her son that day."

The submariners rose as one  
And walked into the light  
They all went down together,  
As one, they all took flight

So pray for submariners  
When you think of those we've lost  
The freedom we enjoy today  
Came with a heavy cost.



Robert W. MacPherson  
CWO USN Retired

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## Wellness Check

The following is an email I received from the Hampton Roads Base which should be considered and implemented by all bases.

"The Hampton Roads Base has started a new program this month that you may be interested in pushing out to the other Bases as an optional program.

It is a wellness check program that we feel conforms with the USSVI Creed.

We realized that many of our members are 80 years old or older and are slowing down (to put it mildly).

We haven't seen or heard from many of them in some period of time and we're concerned about them as Brothers-of-the-'Phin, fellow submariners.

Our membership records keeper used the USSVI database to identify and list all of our members that fit the age parameter.

Using that list, we do a wellness check by calling everyone on it that we haven't seen at a recent meeting or event to speak with them and ensure they are doing well (at least that they are still above ground) with the intention of calling them each quarter.

This way we should be able to help or get help for anyone who needs it.

Any members that we cannot reach by phone we request someone to check on them, preferably in-person, to see how they are.

Hampton Roads Base has 56 members (out of 279) on the list and after the first round of phone calls, we have 4 members that we cannot reach by phone and that we are sending people out to check on them.

We also have 1 member who lives alone, as best we can determine, and that did not respond well during the phone call, so we are sending someone out to assess him and make sure he has any care he needs and isn't completely isolated from human contact.

Several of the members that I spoke with in this first round of calls were very appreciative of the call and the intent of the program when it was explained to them and said they welcomed the call and would in the future as well.

This program is one that I think is worth consideration by all Bases and it deserves recognition and endorsement by our National leadership".

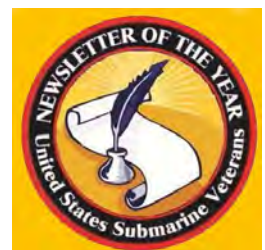
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