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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."*



**Navy Day  
Aerospace Museum  
of California  
Gold Country Sub  
Vets and Qualified  
Sailors currently  
serving.**

**Manning our booth  
at the  
California State Fair**

### **Next Meeting—August 25, 2018**

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

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

**Monday September 10 @ 9:30** Brookfield's  
Sunrise Blvd at Hwy 50 Rancho Cordova

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates, I want to thank those members who participated in the 7+ activities that we have been involved in over the past couple of months, the most recent of those came in the last weeks of July. Having our beautiful Submarine Float and our members in parade dress uniforms at both the California State Fair and the Navy Day exhibit at the California Aerospace Museum gave us exposure to thousands of people. None of that was possible without the dedication of our members who got up at the crack of dawn and withstood the scorching heat to make this happen. Our next event is the Nevada City Constitution Day Parade on Sunday, September 9th.

John Mannix will get the information out soon to the membership. After that we take a break until the Folsom Veterans' Day Parade in November.



The election for National Officers began on August 1st and continues until October 10th (see information on page 8). In the past it has been very difficult to get members to participate by voting, it is our goal to have the highest percentage of any base in the country. Please take the time to vote. Nominations for Base Commander and Secretary need to be made at our September meeting with the voting for those positions at our October meeting. Member participation is extremely important. Master Mariner nominations can be made by completing the form on page 9. Please check

with Regy if you have any questions.

I have include some pictures of the site for our Lost Boats Memorial at the Veterans Plaza on the beautiful West Sacramento River Walk on page 11 we will keep you posted on our progress. I will be out of town for tomorrows meeting but it will be in the capable hands of our Vice Commander. Have a great Labor Day I look forward to see you in September.

**Barry Wyatt, Base Commander**

FROM  
OUR  
CHAPLAIN



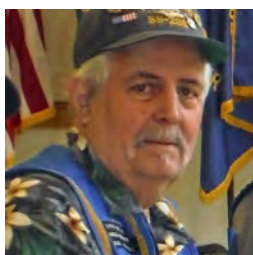
### Peter's Miraculous Escape - Acts Chapter 12

<sup>1</sup>It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. <sup>3</sup>When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

<sup>6</sup>The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

To be continued.

**Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain**



Do you need a new boat specific ball cap Imagine this cap with your qual boat name above the dolphins and hull number below or a Submarine Ink Pen.

**Tim Spoon  
Membership,  
Storekeeper.**





# Lost Boats

## August

### USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3rd war patrol when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.



**USS Flier (SS-250)** Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin (SS-272).



### USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island while on her 3rd war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.



### USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6th war patrol. Harder had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.



### USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.



# August Birthdays

Jack Everett

Ric Reineman

Ajax Smith Mike McCoy

Gary Thomas

Gene Ratto Jerry Ellis

Matt Lettau



## On The Lighter Side



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### Thank you

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## VA Information



Serving California's  
Veterans and their Families

## CALVET NEWS WATCH

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## **GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES 28 July 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 July were read by the Vice-Commander Reggie Bronner and the Treasurer Les Jamison tolled the bell for each Lost Boat; one additional toll in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTION:** There were 19 members and 7 guests in attendance.

**GUEST SPEAKER COORDINATOR** Chad Clay introduced our Guest Speaker Julie Baumgarter, VOA Employment & Training Manager, Veteran Services

### **FORMAL REPORTS:**

**BC/PAO/NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Barry Wyatt expressed his appreciation for the member participation in the many events we attended in June and July. Gave an update on the progress for the Lost Boat Memorial we are going to build on the West Sacramento River Walk. Because the new leadership of the Luther Burbank Navy JROTC has shown no interest in our support we are suspending fund raising for that group.

**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: 113 members in good standing. Tim also gave information on H.R. 299, the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act*

**HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR:** Nothing to report

**EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR:** Nothing to report

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Nothing to report

**BASE PHOTOGRAPHER** Roger Paul reported: He is available to take portrait pictures of new members.

**NAVY JROTC LIAISON:** Nothing to report

**KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR:** Nothing to report

**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 May meeting and seconded. The membership voted in favor of approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

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

**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

## Nevada City Constitution Day Parade

Sunday, September 9,  
2018 Parade Starts  
promptly -2:00 pm  
Theme: "Honor the  
Past – Hope for the  
Future"

More information contact:  
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## Gold Country Base Elections

Nominations for Base Commander and Base Secretary should be submitted at the September Business Meeting. The vote will be held at the October meeting; followed by "Installation of Officers" at the following January meeting. Terms for elected Base Officers shall be effective on January 1st of each term.



**3rd ANNUAL** *Standup for Homeless Veterans*  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM  
ELKS LODGE #6  
6446 RIVERSIDE BLVD SACRAMENTO

*BBQ, Auction, Door Prizes  
Live Rock-n-Roll - Howlin' Alan Band*

**Tickets \$25 until 30 Sep 2018**  
Tickets sold at VA Voluntary Services 916-366-5372 and Elks Lodge #6  
Or ON LINE AT ---<https://vetstock2018.eventbrite.com>  
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## Gold Country Base 'Master Mariner' Award Nomination

Nominees will be members in good standing; who have, by his or her personal individual effort and participation during the preceding year (or years) have demonstrably contributed to the advancement and embodiment of the Gold Country Base, and the USSVI creed and purposes; by his or her dedicated service and support to the same, and to his or her fellow submarine veterans and associated members exemplifying the meaning and spirit of the word "Shipmate." **Submission deadline October 31st.** (See submittal form page 9)



## National Elections



The online voting booth on the USSVI website opened on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will remain open until October 10<sup>th</sup>. By now, everyone should have received a copy of their hard-copy 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/>

Online Organization 2018 USSVI REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.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).**

### NEWS-01: American Submariner Magazine

Shipmates,

The transition to the new editorship is well underway for the American Submariner, however, there were issues with the Cloud and none of the Links connecting to the photos normally included in the magazine were recoverable. Therefore, I am not certain of exactly when we will be printing the Third Quarter edition of the American Submariner. It is looking like early September at this moment.

Let me thank those of you who sent me the next ten years of material for the magazine. I am sure I will be asking for more soon. I will get to all which is deemed printable by our large editorial staff and get them out in the order received. Prepare to go to Flank!

Best, Michael Bircumshaw

National Editor, American Submariner (2005-2010 & 2018-AI Fin)



### Not to late to Register! 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!





### 'Master Mariner' Award Nomination

The Master Mariner award is presented to a Gold Country Base crewmember who meets the following requirements;

Nominees will be members in good standing; who have, by his or her personal individual effort and participation during the preceding year (or years) have demonstrably contributed to the advancement and embodiment of the Gold Country Base, and the USSVI creed and purposes; by his or her dedicated service and support to the same, and to his or her fellow submarine veterans and associated members exemplifying the meaning and spirit of the word "Shipmate."

Factors to be considered in nominating and assessing members for the Master Mariner and Base Commander's Commendation must take into consideration their demonstrable achievement in:

- Good Character. Provides a 'model' for others based on personal involvement in Base activities, including attracting and mentoring new members.
- Required due paid on time; attends regularly scheduled Base meetings.
- Performed assigned duties in such a manner as to positively reflect on the Gold Country Base, and USSVI, with the general public.
- Performed one or more specific difficult tasks in the minds of the membership which are considered 'above and beyond.'

Please complete and submit the information below to the Awards Committee Chair, Regy Bronner, at [regybear@aol.com](mailto:regybear@aol.com) prior to the submission deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Award will be presented at the Annual Holiday Dinner.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for the Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

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Tim explains to Joe the theory of relativity and how that impacts the frying of an egg.



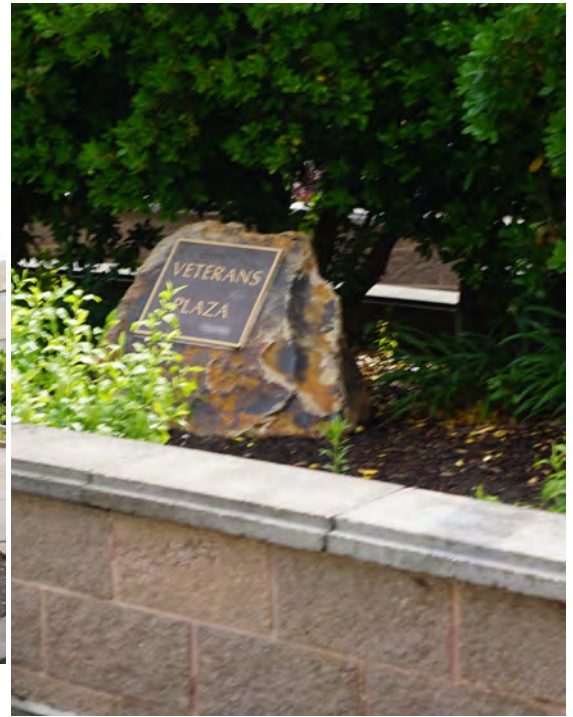
## Navy Day Aerospace Museum of California

## California State Fair





This is the site of the Gold Country Base's Lost Boat Memorial. Located on the beautiful West Sacramento River Walk, planning is well under way.

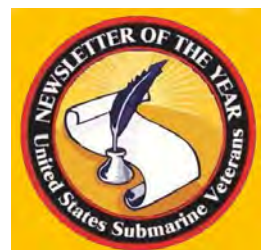


This design is not exactly what we are planning but close.





## August 2018 Newsletter



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