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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."*



### We Won Again

#### Nevada City Constitution Day Parade

(From left to right) Crewmembers Les Jamison, Barry Wyatt, John Mannix, Regy Bronner, Max Rhinehart, Tom Rumsey, Bill Barron & Roger Paul

**Next Meeting—September 22, 2018**  
Potluck @ 1200 hrs Meeting Starts 1300 hrs  
Folsom Veterans Hall 1300 Forrest Street Folsom  
**First Call to Morning Chow**  
**Monday October 8 @ 9:30** Denny's 7900 College Town Dr (Howe and Hwy 50)

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*on Eternal Patrol*  
*...Sailor rest your oar we have the watch.*



Lon joined the Navy in 1952 and qualified on the USS Sea Fox (SS-402) in 1955, he also served on the USS Baya (AGSS 318). Lon joined USSVI in 1972 and was Western Regional District 5 Commander when he help to found USS Holland SS1/Gold Country Base in 2000.

### Lionel (Lon) Schmidt

#### STS1(SS)



### *Now Hear This!*

USSVI National Elections August 1st thru October 10th  
Master Mariner Nominations Deadline October 31st  
Veterans Day Parade Sunday November 11 9am

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates, I want to thank our Vice Commander Regy Bronner for keeping us on course during my absence at last month's meeting. I also want to express my gratitude to John Mannix for his continuing effort to take on all the difficult work of arranging our involvement for the various events that the base participates in. And, while I am at it, my thanks and appreciation goes to Chad Clay who continues to bring us great guest speakers every month and to Rodger Paul for his outstanding photography work. Bravo Zula to you all.



As we move into fall there are several things that we need member participation for: 1) Base Elections: Nominations for Base Commander and Secretary need to be made at this month meeting with the voting for those positions at our October meeting. It is my intention to run for a second tour as Commander if I am nominated. 2) National Election: The process is simple I will bring my laptop for members to log on to the USSVI site to vote; it takes less than 2 minutes to complete the task. It is the goal of the Gold Country Base to have the highest voting participation of any base in the country. If you can't make the meeting the easy instructions are on page 8, the deadline is Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, please take the time to vote. 3) Master Mariner: This award is the highest honor presented annually to an outstanding crewmember in recognition for their contributions to the base and its membership. So far only 1 nomination has been received for this year's award. Please see the form on page 9, complete it and send it in today; deadline is October 31. Hope to see you all at the meeting on Saturday.

**Barry Wyatt, Base Commander**

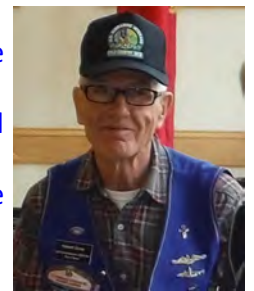
FROM  
OUR  
CHAPLAIN



### **Peter's Miraculous Escape - Acts Chapter 12 (continued)**

Last time the chains had miraculously fallen off Peter's wrists. Next the angel tells Peter to get up and dress and follow him. Peter thinks he is having a dream or vision. <sup>10</sup> When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

<sup>11</sup> And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod." Peter then goes to where some of the believers are staying. <sup>13</sup> And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup> When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate." The people inside couldn't believe it was Peter even though they had been praying for his release but did go let Peter in. **Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain**



Shipmates, Hot off the press I will have the new 2019 USSVI Calendars at the September Base meeting. The theme this year is "Submarine Squadrons of the Atlantic Fleet. Stop by the Stores table and pick up your copy before they run out.

**Tim Spon Membership, Storekeeper**





# Lost Boats

## September

### USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.



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### USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on Sept 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost



### USS Pompano (SS-181)

Pompano was sunk with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. On Sept 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area by air & depth charge attack off the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya Zaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to a mine on or after 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.



### USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on Sept 25, 1925 with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.



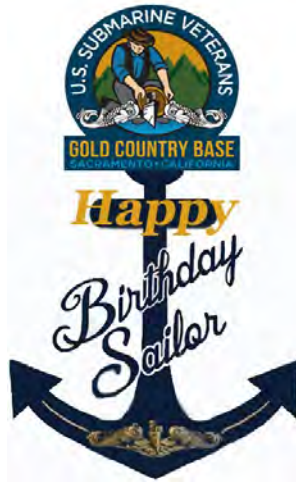
### USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on Sept 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao.



# September Birthdays

Reggie Bronner  
Steven Loomis  
Max Rhinehart  
Raymond Rockers  
Larry Shamus  
Roy Wilhite



# On The Lighter Side



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# VA Information

## Hearing Loss and Tinnitus

### What Is Tinnitus?

Tinnitus is usually a symptom of noise-induced hearing loss. It typically manifests itself as a ringing in the ear, although it can sound like clicking, popping, snapping or whistling. One of the causes of tinnitus is damage to the nerves of the inner ear. If damaged enough, the nerves can become bent and constantly register sound input as they will be making continuous contact with the other hairs of the ear. In other cases, tinnitus can be caused by a tumor in the ear which allows the ear to hear the blood passing through the tumor.

### How Is Hearing Loss Treated?

Sadly, most cases of hearing loss cannot be treated. When it is a symptom of a larger ailment, hearing loss can be recovered when the disease is treated. With noise-induced hearing loss or head trauma, the damage is usually permanent; however, technology has made it possible to compensate for hearing loss. A hearing aid can be used to mimic the outer and middle ear if they are damaged. For the cochlea (inner ear), a cochlear implant can mimic the nerves that are damaged and relay sound to the brain.

### What Can I Do If I Suffer From Hearing Loss?

Veterans who have experienced hearing loss or suffer from tinnitus should contact their local County Veteran Service Office to evaluate whether to file a claim for VA compensation. If awarded a disability rating, the veteran may be eligible for monthly compensation and hearing aids, repairs, and future batteries could all be provided at no charge.

For more information about hearing loss please visit the VA's Hearing Loss page [www.research.va.gov/topics/hearing.cfm#research3](http://www.research.va.gov/topics/hearing.cfm#research3).



## USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES 25 August, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 13:00 Base Vice Commander Reggie Bronner read the USSVI Creed and Purpose, Reggie Bronner led the Pledge of Allegiance. INVOCATION: Base Chaplain ----Howard Grover gave the Invocation.

TOLLING THE BELL: The Lost Boats for the month of were read by the Vice-Commander Reggie Bronner, and Chief of the Boat Tom Rumsey tolled the bell for each Lost Boat; one additional toll in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 23 members and 7 guests in attendance including 0 new prospective members.

HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION: Administered By: Larry Williams Received By: Michael Goble

Guest Speaker Coordinator Chad Clay introduction of guest speaker: Selso Cavazos, Senior Grand Commander – California Member Pup Tent 69 - Antelope

FORMAL REPORTS:

### **(BC) FORMAL REPORTS:**

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt - NO REPORT

VICE COMMANDER: Reggie Bronner -NO REPORT

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) Tom Rumsey – NO REPORT

TREASURER Base Treasurer Les Jamison 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/STOREKEEPER: Tim Spoon 112 members plus 1 new member. WWII veteran Roger Lemon from Roseville passed away 5 months ago. Submarine pens with base name available for \$2

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt- NO REPORT

HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Pat Noone- NO REPORT

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller- NO REPORT

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover- NO REPORT

BASE PHOTOGRAPHER: Roger Paul- NO REPORT

NAVY JROTC LIAISON: Max Schell- NO REPORT

HISTORIAN: Warren Wiederhoeft-NO REPORT

WEB-MASTER: Rick Reineman- NO REPORT

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR: Les Jamison- NO REPORT

EVENTS COORDINATOR: John Mannix-September 9 Nevada City Constitution Day Parade at 2:00 PM Muster 12:30-1:00 at top of the hill on Broad Street Parade is 3 blocks all downhill Assembles at VFW Hall in Nevada City

Folsom Veteran's Day Parade in November; December Pearl Harbor Day – Discovery Park – more information coming – visit USSVI memorial site across the river in West Sacramento Tentative date for Holiday dinner is December 13 – possible room for max 80 people - last year cost was \$30 per person not sure about this year cost

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR: Chad Clay-September – I B Aware – Breast Cancer, Nov. Christiana Stuber – eye care

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE: Lee Kitchens- NO REPORT

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER: Pete Juhos- National Election Season open from August 1 to October 10 find biographies of candidates in American submariner Magazine – only one person is running for most positions. Attorney article of incorporating USSVI Constitution and Bylaws in one document – can read the document on USSVI website. USSVI cruise of Western Caribbean leaves on October 21

Old Business: Meeting minutes for the month of July. Moved and Seconded to accept and approved as written.

New Business: (If no report, state simply 'No report'). Nominations for Base elections Next Month, Base Commander Secretary & Membership – Tim would like to take a rest

Good of the Order / Communications:

**First Call to Morning Chow:** Date & Time: September 109:30 AM @ Brookfield's Rancho Cordova HWY 50 (Folsom Blvd) and Sunrise Blvd Next Base Meeting: September 22, 2018

50/50 Won By: -----Janet Fish

Meeting adjournment: Base Chaplin gave a closing prayer. Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 1:52 PM

**Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary**

# LOCAL, BASE NEWS & EVENTS

## 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.



## 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)

## 9/11 - Eve

Shipmates, 17 years ago today I had been residing and working as a contractor to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces at the King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Al-Jubail, KSA. Like me, each of us has an exact time/place memory which will forever be etched in our souls of the events that would unfold inside the next 24 hours.

On September 11, 2001 at 0846 (EST) was our current generation Pearl Harbor-equivalent. In that moment, life changed for everyone; at home and abroad, ashore, at sea, and submerged wherever their duty calls. In my current industry, the USA PATRIOT Act was born of this event. And, life has changed in so many other ways. For those who did not return to their loved ones, make connecting flights, did not escape the hell of the World Trade Center, Pentagon, or an empty field in PA we owe a them a prayer and moment of silence.



To the men and women who would go into harm's way to thwart terrorism and an ideology that would prefer we are not amongst the living we owe them an equal prayer and debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice. Perhaps it's time to take pause from the political wrangling across our Nation and simply be grateful we're alive to experience it all - it's wonderful beauty, majesty, and appreciate the flag of our great nation flying free. God Bless America, and thank you, Shipmates and your families, for your continued commitment, service, and dedication to the United States Submarine Veterans, and the Base you call home.

Pride Runs Deep!

**Peter T. Juhos**

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

Commander, Western Region District 5

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CALIFORNIA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

OCTOBER 13, 2018 - SATURDAY

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL, STATE CAPITOL PARK, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

OCT 12, FRIDAY:		
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Welcome reception	-VFW Post 67, 2784 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95817. -Attendance is free and limited to the first 225 people who RSVP. -RSVP to Seth Reeb at Reeb Government Relations: <a href="mailto:sethreeb@comcast.net">sethreeb@comcast.net</a> (530) 559-1621
OCT 13, SATURDAY:		
10:00 am	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial event begins	-CA Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the State Capitol Park. (100 yards south of the Hyatt Hotel at 14 <sup>th</sup> & L streets, Sacramento, CA 95814). See map on 2 <sup>nd</sup> page.
11:00 am	Program and ceremony begin	-Attendance is open to the public and all are welcome.
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Luncheon	-VFW Post 67, 2784 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95817. -Tickets are \$25 and limited to the first 225 people who RSVP & pay. -RSVP via phone or email to Seth Reeb: <a href="mailto:sethreeb@comcast.net">sethreeb@comcast.net</a> (530) 559-1621 -Send check for \$25 and contact information to: California Veterans Benefit Fund 1017 L Street, PMB 426 Sacramento, CA 95814-3805

# News From National

## 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/](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_2018_USSVI_REVISD_CONSTITUTION_AND_BYLAWS.pdf)

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**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).**



We remember John McCain as a Naval Officer, a Vietnam Veteran and a POW, for those achievements alone he deserves our respect and the condolences of our membership. His Father and Grandfather were both highly regarded Submarine Admirals and out of respect for them I say Sailor rest your Oar on behalf of the USSVI membership.

**John Markiewicz**  
National Commander



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

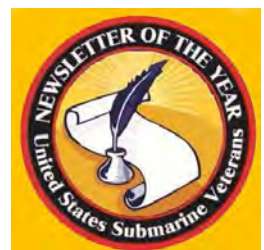
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

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