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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.



Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) October at Kaiser Hospital Children's Floor
Les Jamison led the crew for another amazing visit.

Note the Submarine Mural on the wall

Pictured left to right Les Jamison, Traci Aoki-tan (Hospital staff), Penny Jamison, Tim Spoon, Janie Spoon, William Barrow, Janet Fisher, Harold Fisher, and Warren Wiederhoeft

Next Meeting—November 24, 2018

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

First Call to Morning Chow & Holiday Gift Exchange

Monday December 10 @ 9:00 Denny's 122 Sunrise Ave, Roseville

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4 December Holiday Party: Folsom Veterans Hall, 1300 Forrest Street, Folsom Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 6:00

7 December Pearl Harbor Remembrance: 0900 (Rain or Shine) Discovery Park, Sacramento

10 December Holiday First Call to Morning Chow & Gift Exchange 0900 Denny's 122 Sunrise Ave, Roseville

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates, I want to thank our Kap(ss)4Kid(ss) Coordinator, Les Jamison, for all his efforts putting together these amazing hospital visits. Not only do they put smiles on the young children and the their parents that we meet but they help us to achieve our goal of positive involvement in the community. Bravo Zula Les and the same to your shipmates and the wives who help make this a success. Les is also putting the final stages of a base wide Wellness Program, stay tuned for more information on how you can help.



Our District Commander and our former Base Commander Pete probably had to buy a bigger suitcase to bring back all the awards we won at the National Convention (see the awards on page 9), congratulations to us all.

We missed being able to participate in the Veterans Day parade because of the extremely poor air quality but I want to make sure to say thank you to John Mannix & John Kelley for all their efforts toward getting us prepared.

The next couple of weeks are filled with our year-end activities and my hope is that we get the same enthusiastic participation that we have had in years past. This Saturday's meeting always produces the best potluck of the year so don't forget to bring your appetite and maybe your spouse to help drive you home. Please remember that we are limited on space for the Holiday Party so contact Les to hold your spot and bring your check book to the meeting. I have a lot to be thankful for this year, not the least of which is the confidence in me that my shipmates showed by reelecting me to a new term at the helm. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Barry Wyatt, Base Commander

FROM
OUR
CHAPLAIN

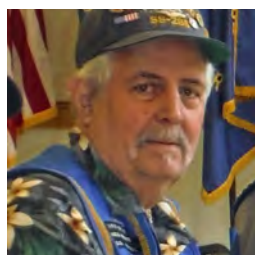


Paul's First Missionary Trip - Acts 13

Cyprus was the first stop. Paul went through the island and proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. In verses 6 & 7: "Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, named Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. This man called for Saul and sought to hear the word of God." The sorcerer opposed them and tried to turn Sergius from the faith. Paul filled with the Holy Spirit looked at the sorcerer and said in verses 10-12: "'O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of righteousness. ¹¹ And now the hand of the Lord *is* upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing for a time." He went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.'"



Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain



Shipmates, Hot off the press the new 2019 USSVI Calendars. 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 Spoon Membership, Storekeeper



Lost Boats

November

USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



USS Scamp (SS-277)

Probably sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.



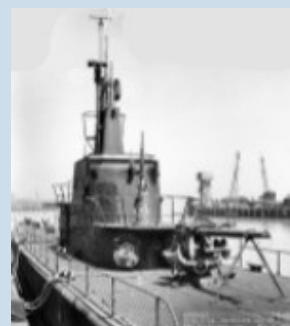
USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential Wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Con-



November Birthdays

Bill Anderson Sam Burks

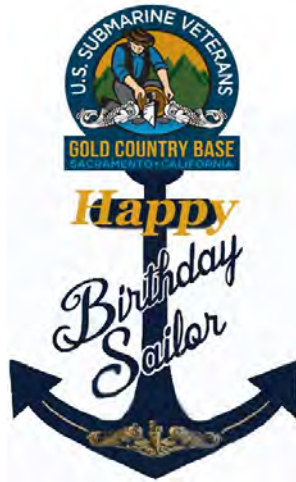
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On The Lighter Side





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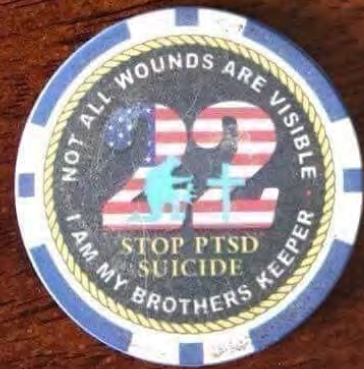
Gold Country Base Booster's

Thank you

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VA Information

Approximately 22 military veterans a day choose to end their lives. I'm asking that 22 of my Facebook friends copy and post the Veteran's Crisis Phone Number: 1.800.273.8255



Learn about the state and federal benefits you are entitled to receive and how to claim them. Those benefits could compensate you for a service-connected disability, allow you to begin or resume your college education, care for your health, train for or find employment, buy a home, live out your years with dignity and respect, and much more!

To find out about the benefits you and your dependents are entitled to receive, Register, Log in or Browse at :

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/>



USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES 27 October, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 13:00 Base Commander Barry Wyatt read the USSVI Creed and Purpose, Barry Wyatt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Base Chaplain Howard Grover gave the Invocation.

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 24 members and 5 guests in attendance including 1 new prospective members.

Guest Speaker Coordinator Chad Clay introduction of guest speaker:

Kevin Warren, Retired Detective, Sacramento County Sherriff's Department spoke on Community Oriented Policing. Kevin mentioned that most people he spoke with when meeting with citizens said being concerned about traffic was most important. Kevin indicated that burglaries, of residents and vehicles, may be a larger issue. He said most burglaries are crimes of opportunity occurring during daytime hours when many residents are away from home. Vehicle break-ins happen mostly from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM with the peak period being 2:00 AM – 5:00 AM. Investigating such crimes is frustrating because of the small amount of evidence available. Most of these crimes are committed by people whose job is being a criminal and are looking for money to support a drug habit. The criminals may be related to residents and are casing the area for future burglaries and break-ins. Suspects live between 25 feet, in the case of apartments, and 40 miles from the scene of the crime. Kevin suggested a few deterrent measures such as burglar alarms, barking dogs, locking vehicles and removing all items from the auto, cameras, and receiving alerts on a cell phone. He also suggested not ignoring the instances of people knocking on the door or ringing the doorbell; these may be potential intruders checking to see if our home is unattended at the time. The major items burglars are looking for are small valuable items that can easily be put in a pocket or a pillow case rather than large hard to take items. Another suggestion may be to visit local pawn shops after a burglary to see if the items may be for sale; usually the rightful owner is required to pay the pawn shop to get possessions back.

FORMAL REPORTS:

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BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt

We need biographies from new members. New members can send biographies via email to Barry at: SacSub-Vet@barrywyatt.com

VICE COMMANDER: Reggie Bronner Master Mariner nominations closed on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Members that have previously selected as Master mariners cannot be nominated again. We need more nominations.

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 Total membership is 112 with 1 new member possibly pending. 2019 calendars are available for \$12 – submarine pens are available for \$2

First call to Morning chow will be held on Monday, November 11, at Brookfield's at 9:00 AM. Location is: 11135 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, 95670 near the corner of Folsom Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard.

The October First Call Breakfast was held at the Denny's on Howe Avenue but there was a mix-up in the meeting room. The motion to remove this location from the list of First Call Breakfast locations was moved and seconded. There will be first Call Breakfasts at the Brookfield's and Roseville Denny's locations during alternating months in the future.

The December First Call to Breakfast (on December 10) will include a Steal a Gift event.

Letters will be sent in about a month for USSVI membership renewal. For members who join in the last three months of the year, the member dues are \$30 (for Gold Country Base and the national organization each) but this includes the remaining 2018 membership as well as the entire 2019 membership.

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt

No newsletter for October was issued and Barry asked to be forgiven; however, with Barry's schedule being freed up, he should be able to create a newsletter more regularly.

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 Max has moved to King City

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MEETING MINUTES (*continued*)

HISTORIAN Warren Wiederhoeft - No Report

WEB-MASTER Rick Reineman - No Report

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR Les Jamison

The following members and wives/guests visited the Kaiser Hospital Children's Floor on October 10, 2018 to share our Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) program. Les Jamison, Traci Aoki-tan, Penny Jamison, Tim Spoon, Betty Spoon, William Barrow, Janet Fisher, Harold Fisher, and Warren Wiederhoeft.

The group gave each kid, parent, and sibling an Honorary Submarine blue or pink cap. They also gave out certificates to make the kids an Honorary submariner, calendar photos of submarines, and several submarine coloring pictures to color later. The kids displayed such energy of many smiles despite the challenges of their diseases and sometimes painful treatment. The members said the visit was both sad seeing the kids with illnesses and rewarding to see how the kids had positive attitudes despite the illnesses.

The hospital had put a mural of a submarine mural on the wall of the Children's Floor. An article has been submitted to the American Submariner magazine about the visit.

These visits are scheduled semi-annually and the next one should be sometime around March 2019.

EVENTS COORDINATOR John Mannis

The Veteran's Day Parade in Folsom is an important event. It is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 9:00 AM. Details about when and where to assemble will be emailed but members are asked to assemble at about 8:00 AM.

The 2018 Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration will be held at Discovery Park in Sacramento on December 7. The event is scheduled to start at 9:00 AM with member assembly at 7:30 AM. Free parking passes will be available for the event as allowed by the county.

The Gold Country Base Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Folsom Veterans Hall. A Tuesday evening was selected because of the feeling that a weeknight may be less hectic for people wishing to attend compared to a weekend evening. Tickets will cost \$60-\$70 per couple (\$35 per individual) and may be limited to about 60 people. The Master Mariner Award will be awarded that evening. More nominations are needed.

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Chad Clay Future speakers: November – Christiane Stuper – eye surgeon

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE Lee Kitchens Marine Corp Birthday celebration on November 10, 2018

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER Pete Juhos – No Report

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

New Business:

Base election results:

Base Commander – Barry Wyatt

Secretary – Mark Elftmann

Good of the Order / Communications: It was moved and seconded to replace the Navy flag in the Folsom Veterans Hall back yard. The Base will be requesting members to update personal information in our database. Information will be downloaded from the national database and members are requested to review his/her own information.

Once the member database has been updated, a Wellness Check program will be initiated. For absentee members who do not regularly participate in Base activities, calls will be made to check on the members. These calls will be to check for illnesses, ability to travel to activities, asking about any assistance or support needed, and to let these ship-mates know we are thinking of them and care. A phone tree of about six members, providing 10-12 calls each, will be established. There was a request for people at the meeting to sign-up with his name and email address. Of the 113 members in the base there are about 70-75 who do not attend meetings for various reasons such as illness or having no way to get to attend. The phone tree will also be a way to clean-up the base database of members erroneous information. The Wellness Check idea is being borrowed from another USSVI Base reaching out to other SubVets

First Call to Morning Chow: Date & Time November 12 at 9:30 AM @ Denny's Roseville

Next Base Meeting: November 24, 2018

50/50 Won By: Bill Almgren \$55 – Bill donated the \$55 to the Base

Meeting adjournment: Base Chaplin gave a closing prayer. Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 2:06 PM

Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary

LOCAL, BASE NEWS & EVENTS

Gold Country Base Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony

NOTE! Attendance is limited to 56

December 4th Folsom Veterans Hall 1300 Forrest Street Folsom

Doors open at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00

\$35 per person \$70 per couple

Contact Les to reserve your spot. (407) 509-7814 ljamison3049@gmail.com

Please bring your checks to Saturday's meeting or Mail it to: Les Jamison 3913 Oliveglenn Ct. Rocklin, CA 95677



Menu

Mixed Greens with dried cherries, pistachios, blue cheese and vinaigrette

Tri Tip with mushrooms and caramelized onions or Chicken with Fresh Cranberry Sauce

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans with shallots and garlic roasted grape tomatoes

Artisan Bread/Butter

Vegetarian Meal option is available

First Call to Morning Chow & Holiday Steal a Gift December 10 at 9:00, Denny's, 122 Sunrise Ave., Roseville. Please note the time is a little earlier due to the gift stealing.

The December First Call is the time for our annual Steal a Gift exchange done in the Spirit of the holidays. Rules, bring a gift worth at least \$10.00 and wrapped with no name. We will randomly give out numbers and in that order be able to pick a gift or steal one. We try to limit it to one gift per couple but two are permitted. The person who gets number one to start will also be able to be the last chooser.

Pearl Harbor Memorial and Wreath-Laying Ceremony Friday December 7th 2018

For the past 32 years the greater Sacramento area United States Submarine Veterans have honored that date with a full military ceremony which is open to all veterans, active duty personal, their families and the general public as well.

Guest Speaker: Pete Conaty U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET), Pete is a Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

When: Friday, December 7, 2018 0900 (Rain or Shine)

Where: Discovery Park, Sacramento, CA

Please Note! Free Parking Pass Information: All attendees must enter off the Richard's Blvd entrance and use the parking codes provided at the pay station or they will be charged the \$5 vehicle entry fees. **The pay station is located on the south side of the Park. Guests will need to enter the Park from the RICHARD'S BOULEVARD entry to be able to use the code.** Each guest will need to use the pay station to enter the code and receive their parking pass. Upon arriving at the pay station follow the prompts on the screen for #5 "More Selections" then #3 "Coupon Code" then enter the coupon code provided below. The parking pass will be printed and needs to be placed on the dash of each vehicle in your party.

Parking Code - DISCO12718 Please note it is the letter in the code, not the number zero

News From National

Gold Country Base Members Honored with National Awards



District Commander of the Year 2018

Pete Juhos

Awarded to the one District Commander that exemplifies and demonstrates an outstanding example to his peers, and through his efforts and performance of duties in service to his Base Commanders.



Robert Link National Commander's Award

Barry Wyatt

Robert "Bob" Link was the first National Commander of USSVI. This is the USSVI version of a "Letter of Commendation" from the National Commander.



Silver Anchor Award

Tim Spoon

The Silver Anchor Award is presented to a Member in recognition of his efforts to support one of the primary objectives of our Creed...to provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment.



Newsletter of the Year (Class II)

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The Newsletter of the Year was created to recognize the value of Base communication and encourage that process.

Results of National Election

National Commander: Wayne Standerfer

National Senior Vice-Commander: Jon Jaques

National Junior Vice-Commander: Steve Bell

National Treasurer: Paul Hiser

National Secretary: Ray Wewers

Western Region Director: Jim Denzien

Approve Proposed Revision to Constitution and Bylaws





John T. Leers, Jr., YNCS(SS)

Sacramento, CA Passed away on 10/3/2018

Qualified in submarines on the USS Sea Owl (SS-405)

USSVI Base: Gold Country Dual member: COLUMBUS

Served on: CL-107, SS-405, DE-1030, SSBN-616, SSBN-617

LEERS, John T., YNCS (SS), USN, Ret., 91, of Reynoldsburg, passed away October 3 2018. John was a member of St. Pius X Church. After retirement from the Navy, John became a Naval Science instructor in the Navy Junior ROTC program at Franklin Heights High School. He retired after 22 Years of service. John retired from the Navy after 30 years of service and is a life member of the United States Submarine Veterans, both the local Columbus Base and the national organization where he is a member of USSVI Holland Club. He was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine. Survived by his children, Mike (Cindy) Leers, Jean (Larry) Wolery, Nancy Leers4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

James Reddie Foster, ETC(SS)

Jamestown, CA Passed away on **10/10/2018**

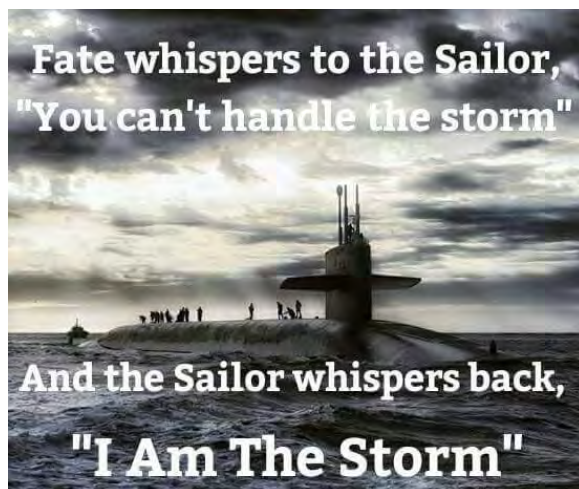
Qualified in submarines on the USS Cochino (SS-345) in 1947

Joined USSVI: **2008**

USSVI Base: Gold Country

Dual member: SVWWII

Served on: SS-478, SS-242, SSN-579, SS-198, AS-16, DE-37, SS-345





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