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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."



(Crewmembers From left to right) Warren Wiederhoeft, John Mannix, Regy Bonner, Harry Beach, Jerry Wentland, Bill Barron and Les Jamison- *photo by Roger Paul*

Next Meeting—March 23, 2019

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

First Call to Morning Chow

Monday April 8@ 9:30 Denny's 122 Sunrise Ave, Roseville

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Mount Vernon Memorial Park 17th Annual American Heritage Day

By Roger Paul –Base Photographer

On Monday, February 18, 2019, The Gold Country Base celebrated Presidents' Day by attending the Mount Vernon Memorial Park 17th Annual American Heritage Day. The communities of Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, Orangethorpe and Sacramento were invited to take a stroll through the American Heritage Day event to relive history as special guests George and Martha Washington, Abraham Lincoln and all the visitors made their way through

Mount Vernon to learn and discuss American history. Our USSVI Gold Country Base submarine float played a prominent roll in the military history and we got many visitors who were impressed with our displays and asked lots of questions about what it was like to be a submarine sailor. Also, a few sea stories were graciously mentioned to highlight some of the fun submarine encounters and traditions of the US Navy submarine service.



Now Hear This!

March 25 –29 Western Region Roundup Don Laughlin's Resort & Casino Laughlin NV

April 6 119th Submarine Birthday Ball Naval Postgraduate School Monterey CA

April 20 Folsom's 25th Annual Spring Extravaganza Lembi Community Park, 1328 Riley Street, Folsom

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates, Another month has flown by and my gratitude continues to grow for our members who take the time to participate in our events. Last month, on a cold windy morning, our Events Coordinator John Mannix showed up at our Dry Dock bright and early to load and transport our Submarine Float to the American Heritage Day event at Mount Vernon Memorial Park. Awaiting his arrival were crewmembers Warren Wiederhoeft, Regy Bonner, Harry Beach, Jerry Wentland, Bill Barron, Les Jamison and Roger Paul; great representation for the Gold Country Base. Also Bravo Zula to Nick Sadowy for his work on our new website. Check it out:



www.goldcountrybase.org. Moving forward several of us will be attending the USSVI Wester Roundup in Laughlin, NV where I will facilitate a couple of workshops sharing some of what we do that makes our Base so successful and Pete will represent us at the Naval Submarine Birthday Ball at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Also coming up is the Annual Folsom Spring Eggtravaganza.

At this months meeting we have a couple of special events: first, we will hold a Holland Club induction for the member who have reached the 50 years since qualification milestone; next, we will raffle off Rick Campbells latest book "Treason" which he kindly donated to our base. Also, we will have 2 very special guests both who, for many years, have donated their time and talent to help make our annual December 7th Memorial the outstanding event that it is. To honor and say thank you to them we will present plaques to Neil Henderson, our Piper, and Baldwin Wong, our Bugler.

Barry Wyatt, Base Commander

FROM
OUR
CHAPLAIN



Resurrection Day Part 1

Matthew 28:1-7 (KJV)

¹ In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the grave.

² And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothes white as snow:

⁴ And for fear of him the guards did shake, and became as dead men.

⁵ And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

⁶ He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

⁷ And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Blessings, **Howard Grover, Chaplain**



Shipmates, I still have a few of the new 2019 USSVI Calendars at the Closeout Price of \$5 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

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

Jim Haywood Bill Hunt

Pat Noone Joe Ryan

Max Schell Larry Williams

David Worth Leslie Jamison

Art Rutkowski



On The Lighter Side



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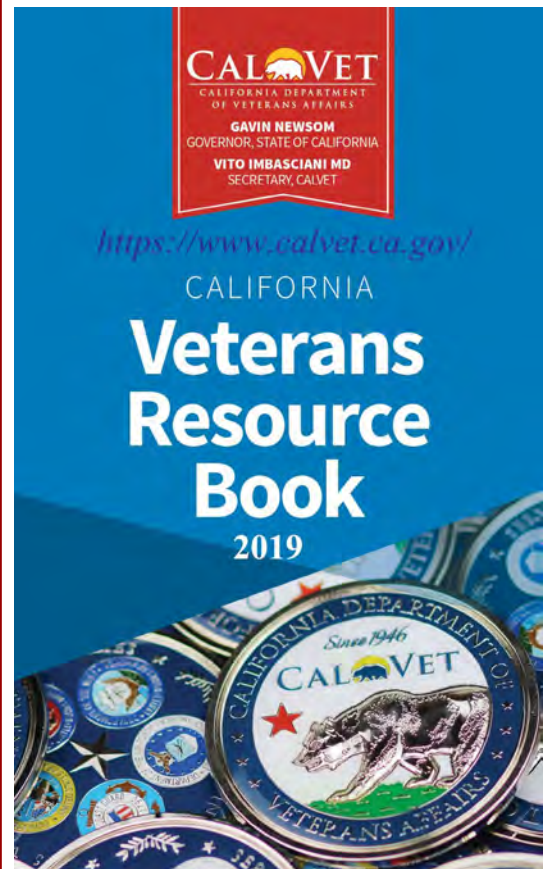
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VA Information



Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

The purpose of the DAV is to assist any and all Veterans in dealing with the VA and your earned Benefits.

If you receive compensation from the VA you are eligible to join. If you join through Tim Spoons Chapter, Chapter 35 of DAV, they will pay 40% of your dues.

As an example, Life membership of DAV for age 71 through 79 is \$140. You pay only \$84 and Chapter 35 pays \$56. Life Membership for age 61 through 70 is \$180. You pay only \$108 and Chapter 35 pays \$72.

Age over 80 is free Membership.

For more information and a membership application please see Tim Spoon.

USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES 26 January 2019

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

Reggie Bonner 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 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 21 members and 5 guests in attendance including 1 new prospective member and 1 prospective associate member.

FORMAL REPORTS:

(BC) FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt

- Base members attended the Heritage Day event – our members out did most other organizations at the event. The sub float was there
- There will be an Egg Extravaganza in Fools for Easter. They children are separated into four groups on four baseball diamonds. Random eggs have a strip of paper from USSVI. When a child brings the strip of paper to the base table, he/she gets a gold dollar coin. The event usually has an amazing turnout with hundreds of kids attend
- Barry has been in contact with the West Sacramento Parks Director about the Lost Boat Memorial and the Parks Department is happy about the memorial. The contractor Barry was working with has been unresponsive to Barry's contact attempts. Barry will be getting estimates for needed work.
- Nick has done a great job on the new website
- The Dec 7th Bugler and Piper will be presented awards for all the work they have done for the base over the years.

VICE COMMANDER: Reggie Bronner –

- There have been no exceedances on the budget

Changes for the Lost Boat Memorial expenses are expected

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) Harry Beach –

- The base sub float is not being handled properly when it is shown events. Damage is being done by either lack of care or knowledge. To prevent this, Harry will take charge of the float and only certain people will handle the float. A group including, Harry, Warren, Jerry, Roger, Les, Barry & John will be the only members who will work with the float.

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 the Base Treasurer via email.

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy with continued help by Tim Spoon

- Total membership is 107 persons. The Base lost three members since the last meeting.
- A WWII member died 15 years ago but was not removed from the Base membership roll because the death was no known.
- Tim sent two letters since the last meeting and then made calls to members who had not paid the dues. One of these was deleted, and two others may be dropped if they do not pay.
- USSVI National drops members if the dues have not been paid by the last day of January

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt - No Report

HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Pat Noone –

- Members eligible for the Holland Club will be inducted at the March meeting
- Pat Noone has not been seen in a long time. He misses everyone and at 96 years old he would rather be at base events than at home. We will try to have Pat at the March meeting for the Holland club induction ceremony

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller

- It has been a long time since there has been a contact with the Eagle Scouts. This may pick up at the end of August which has been a time when scouts are working on their quests.
- We may be able to get some women who are vying to become Eagle Scouts

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MEETING MINUTES (continued)

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover - No Report

BASE PHOTOGRAPHER Roger Paul –

Roger can help and is willing to help members with introductions, resume/photos, and ship stories

NAVY JROTC LIAISON Max Schell – No Report

HISTORIAN Warren Wiederhoeft - No Report

WEB-MASTER Nick Sadowy –

- The new website is a big improvement
- A suggestion was made to include more graphics (such as a submarine or dolphins) in the big blue space on the front page. Barry will forward Nick pictures for possible use.
- Nick welcomes any suggestions for website content

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR Les Jamison

Members who have participated in the Kaps4Kids visits get a great pay back and reward from the kids and parents. The smiles and attitudes were a cure for the members as well a good for the kids.

WELLNESS CHECK – Les Jamison

- This program is based on programs from other bases.
- On a monthly basis, members in a phone tree will call members who have been missed in regular events

On a quarterly basis cards will be sent to members who are not active in the base to let them know the base has them in its thoughts

EVENTS COORDINATOR John Mannis – No report

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Chad Clay

No quest speaker in March due to Holland Club inductees.

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE Lee Kitchens –

The Land, Sea, and Air Dinner will be held at the Folsom Veterans Hall on June 1

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER Pete Juhos –

Pete was in Monterey working on starting another base in that area

Old Business: Meeting minutes for the month of January.

Moved and Seconded to accept and approved as written.

New Business:

Submarine calendars are still for sale and the price is now \$5

Good of the Order / Communications:

Anyone who has items such as books or videos to give away for the raffles is encouraged to bring them to the meetings
Tim has three boxes of Submarine VHS video tapes and national Geographic Magazines to give away.

First Call to Morning Chow: Date & Time March 11 @ Brookfield's in Rancho Cordova

Next Base Meeting: Next meeting will be March 23, 2019

50/50 Won By: Nick Sadowy won \$73

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

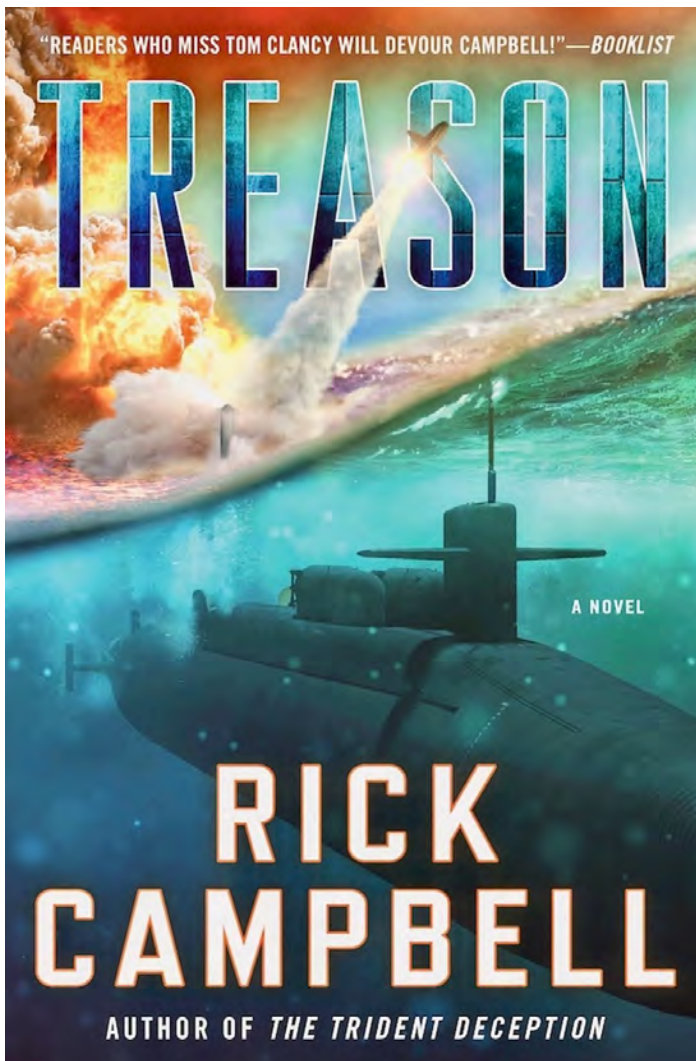
Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary

BASE NEWS & EVENTS

Folsom's 25th Annual Spring Eggtravaganza

Saturday, April 20, 2019

8 to 11 a.m. at Lembi Community Park, 1328 Riley Street—Vendor displays and activities begin at 8 a.m. and the egg hunt starts at 10 a.m. sharp.



"When it comes to naval thrillers, Rick Campbell is the best author working today. In fact, he might be the best since Tom Clancy."



Rick Campbell, a retired Navy Commander and writer for Macmillan / St. Martin's Press, is the author of several bestselling military and submarine thrillers. His first four books were released to critical acclaim and were Top-50 national bestsellers and Top-20 bestsellers at Barnes & Noble. His fifth book - *Treason* - releases at bookstores everywhere in March 2019, with another book under contract for early 2020.

National USSVI News

2019 USSVI National Convention

August 14 – August 20

Austin, Texas

<https://ussviconvention.org/2019/>

We look forward to seeing you here in Austin and showing you why:
PRIDE RUNS DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

We are offering a chance for 2 winners to have their rooms upgraded to an executive suite at no cost during their stay at the convention. Everyone who has a paid USSVI Registration and reservations for a room at the host hotel, Austin Renaissance, for a minimum of 5 nights by 31 March will be entered into a drawing for this upgrade. The drawing will happen on 10 April to allow for any registrations received in the mail that are post marked by 31 March. Get your registration in now so you can have a chance to win. It also greatly helps your convention committee in their planning efforts.

Please contact Rick Mitchell @ 512-639-0035 or rmitch2@yahoo.com with any questions.



NEWS-01: 2019 USSVI AWARD NOMINATIONS

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, National Commander on 3/19/2019



2019 USSVI AWARD NOMINATIONS - SECOND REMINDER - PLEASE READ AND COMPLY
Shipmates,

We are now half-way through our 2019 awards nomination period and to date we have only received a total of 18 nominations. Please read the individual award requirements and submission procedures described in the 2019 USSVI Awards Manual and take the steps to recognize the accomplishments of your Shipmates, Bases and Newsletters.

The Manual can be found by following this link.

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards_Manuals_2019_USSVI_Awards_Manual.pdf

2019 Awards Submission Timeline

FEBRUARY 1, 2019: All USSVI Members in good standing submit their Award nominations to the National Awards Committee Chairman John Stanford.

APRIL 30, 2019: All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award) must be received by the National Awards Committee Chairman.

MAY 15, 2019: Deadline for submission of Newsletters for Newsletter of the Year Award.

We have many individual Members and Bases that contribute untold hours working to help their shipmates, advance our organization and follow the directives of our Purpose/Creed. Unfortunately, too many of these efforts and accomplishments go unnoticed because they take place at the local level and remain under Nationals Radar.

All Award Nomination go to Awards Chairman John Stanford at:

John G. Stanford, National Awards Committee Chairman—3026 Cesery Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32277-3527

Please direct any questions to John at: JStan131@Comcast.net or Cell (904) 502-8586

All the Best, Wayne Standerfer National Commander

Boat Sponsorship Program

It is renewal time for the Boat Sponsorship Program (BSP)

The AMERICAN SUBMARINER is the quarterly magazine published by the US Submarine Veterans, Inc. and is a major benefit that all USSVI members receive.

Your contribution to BSP pays to send three copies of each issue of *American Submariner* magazine for the subscription year to the command, boat or other place where news of the Silent Service is welcomed.

The cost is \$30 per year or a total of 12 magazines (three each of the four annual volumes).

The subscriptions may be made in the name of a Base or an individual.

The Program Manager is Victor Van Horn (708) 609-9840 Questions on the program may be addressed to him.

Each sponsor will receive the special BSP patch the first time they sponsor. In addition, all sponsors will be



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EARLY DAYS OF AN ICON



Navy Uniform Regulation 3501.27

In 1886, a "low rolled brim high-domed item of constructed of canvas" is written into regulations.

Since then, it has been affectionately referred to as the "Dixie Cup." In the early days, the brim was worn much lower, as seen here by Sailors aboard USS Washington

KEEPING IT SQUARE



Despite regulations saying the cover is not to be "crushed, bent or rolled," Sailors have been personalizing their hats by stylistically reshaping them since its inception.

"To Cap it All Off...," Mark A. Henegen

PROPER WEAR AND MARKING



Navy Uniform Regulation 3501.27

The hat "Must be made of white cotton twill with a rounded crown and full stitch brim.

Must be worn "squarely on the head with the lower front edge approximately 1 1/4 inch above the eyebrows and not crushed, bent or rolled."

Ownership markings should be on the back of the brim, between the crown so marking will not show when turned up.

ICONIC



The Dixie Cup came to symbolize the Navy and became an iconic symbol amongst Sailors and civilians alike.

Featured prominently in popular culture, it was in one of the most recognizable photographs of the Second World War when a Sailor was seen kissing a nurse on Victory over Japan Day in Times Square in New York City.

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A NEW ERA

Currently the Navy is looking to expand the wear of Dixie Cup to females as early as October 2016, ushering in a new era for the cap.



139,392

The number of Dixie Cups ordered by Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support in 2014. The hat is currently made by ORC Industries, a non-profit manufacturing, logistics and assembly company in L Crosse Wisconsin

Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support

HOLLYWOOD AND THE DIXIE CUP



For years, Hollywood has used the Dixie Cup to symbolize the Navy. It's been featured in movies such as "The Last Detail, Anchors Aweigh, Cinderella Leave, The Sand Pebbles, Flags of Our Fathers and many more.

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