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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."



After the disbanding of the Wahoo Base on January 1st, Base Commander Art Brice and 2 other members attended our meeting to announce their generous donation of funds and their beautiful Ships Bell.



Next Meeting—February 22, 2020

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

First Call to Morning Chow

Monday March 9 @ 9:30 Brookfield's HWY 50 at
Sunrise 11135 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova

**District Commander Pete Juhos swears in new Base Officers
Vice Commander Les Jamison and Base Treasure Nick Sadowy**

Attention all Gold Country Base Members!

To move forward to a new USSVI website your help is needed. Update your personal information today.
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22-27 March Western Region Round-Up Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort and Casino Laughlin, NV (see page 10)

18 April 120th Annual Submarine Ball 1 University Circle Monterey, CA Naval Postgraduate School, Barbara McNitt Ballroom (see page 10)

OFFICER'S COUNTRY

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates— With all the enjoyment of the holiday season behind us our new year began with a sad event. Military Interment services for Tim Spoon were held on Friday, January 10th at 1pm at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. More than 20 SubVets attended along with a huge group of family and friends. The honor guard was provided by Patriot Guard Riders.



This may have been our final good bye but Tim will continue to live on for many of us that were touched by his kindness, loyalty and his dedication to his family and other veterans. Mid-month I was contacted by our friend Tom Jones who is now the Executive Director of the Aerospace Museum of California, requesting that we bring our Sub Float to the Free Museum Day event. We had a great time which we all enjoyed, especially the tour of the FedEx jet. My thanks to John Mannix and Jerry Wentland for the transport services and to the rest of the crew who attended. First Call to Morning

Chow has been well attended the last couple of months; my thanks to Harold Fisher for making all the arrangements. On Thursday our DC Pete Juhos put together a conference call for base officers to listen to, and interact with, our National Commander Wayne Standerfer, and National Junior Vice Commander Steve Bell; I thought the call was extremely helpful and I appreciate the time our National Officers shared with us. On Wednesday I attended the CA State Commanders Veterans Council meeting at the state capitol. The meeting was attended by representatives of every major Veterans organization in the state and was very informative. We receive an update on pending legislation that would impact veterans from Senator Bob Archuleta, Chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs. Our guest speaker was Dr. Vito Imbasciani MD, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs. I will recommend to Pete to move up the chain of command that USSVI needs to seek a permanent membership with this group.

Barry Wyatt, Base Commander

FROM
OUR
CHAPLAIN



The Sermon on The Mount Just Ask!

Remember in school the teachers were frequently saying; "There was no such thing as a dumb." question." Well here is the here is Jesus' version. Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seek he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. I have a story that illustrates the verses above. A few years ago, while I was still doing electrical contracting, I come across a problem that took me a day and a half to resolve. I couldn't in good conscience charge the customer for that time it took me resolve the mistake I had made. So, a day later in my early morning prayer time, I asked the Lord why He had not shown what was wrong. Immediately I knew His answer. He said; "**Howard you didn't ask!** I had wasted that time by not asking Him what was wrong. All I had to do was just ask!



Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain

Lost Boats

January

USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost on Jan 5, 1944 with the loss of 76 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4th war patrol. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on Jan 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Jap destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.



USS Swordfish (SS-193)

Lost on Jan 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on Jan 20, 1942 with no loss of life, on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her.



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on Jan 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was rammed by the USS PC-460 and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.



Lost Boats

February

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on Feb 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.



USS Shark I (SS-174)

Lost on Feb 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.



USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on Feb 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser.



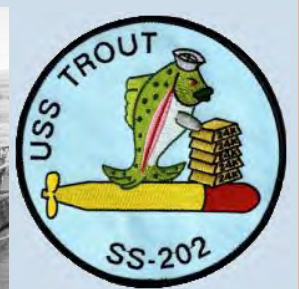
USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on Feb 26, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.



USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on Feb 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 officers & men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman & damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.



Birthdays

January

Tony Jacobs
Jerry Mitchell Tom Rumsey
Howard Shaw

February

Dennis Cline Grant Riddle
Randall Woolley
William Johnson



On The Lighter Side



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VA Information

**CalVet secretary
 Vito Imbasciani reappointed
 by Governor Newsom, will
 continue to lead agency
 dedicated to helping veterans**

"I thank Governor Newsom for the opportunity to continue to lead CalVet," Imbasciani said. "It remains an honor for me to serve California's nearly 1.6 million veterans. I am fueled by the sacred mission of caring for veterans, and look forward to helping the Governor achieve his strategic goals."



Vito Imbasciani, of Los Angeles, has been reappointed secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, where he has served since 2015. Imbasciani was director of government relations at the Southern California Permanente Medical Group from 2004 to 2015, where he was a urologic surgeon from 1997 to 2004. He served as state surgeon for the California Army National Guard from 2004 to 2014 and as a surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1986 to 2014. Imbasciani earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts degrees in musicology from Cornell University. Imbasciani was confirmed to this position by the Senate in 2016.

USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES January 25, 2020

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

INVOCATION: Base Chaplain Howard Grover gave the Invocation.

TOLLING THE BELL: The Lost Boats for the month of January were read by the Vice Commander, Les Jamison, and Glenn Booth, from the former Wahoo Base tolled the bell for each Lost Boat; one additional toll in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 22 members and 6 guests in attendance including 0 new member and 0 prospective associate member.

Motion to Suspend the Order of the Day to swear in new officers and for a special presentation by Wahoo Base members. Passed by Acclamation

New base officers were sworn in by Pet Juhos, District 5 Commander:

- Les Jamison as Vice Commander
- Nick Sadowy as Treasurer

The Wahoo Base was disbanded on December 31, 2019. Several members of the former base attended our meeting and Former Wahoo Base Commander Art Brice announced the following donations to Gold Country Base:

- Cash to the base general fund
- The base bell which is one of the nicest bells around
- Former Wahoo Base members Art Brice and Glenn Booth joined Gold Country Base as members

FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt

The following members were appointed and confirmed by the eBoard.

- Chris Ferguson – Chief of the Boat
- Roger Paul – Storekeeper
- Les Jamison – Awards Chair
- There is a Submarine Memorial at California State University, Fresno with 54 trees commemorating the submarines lost during and after World War II. The base may hold a field trip in October to visit the memorial.
- The eBoard meeting start time has been changed from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- There have been 20 members who have paid national dues but who have not paid base dues. Barry, Les, and Nick will discuss what needs to be done about this membership issue.
- The base is looking to help in forming an informal group of people who are not members but may be related to members. The group would help at some of the events and activities the base has; however, the method of participation for this group has not been defined. Although there would be no leader of the group, Penny Jamison will take the lead to move this group along. The group will have informal meetups before the monthly base meetings.
- Members are requested to update their member info on the USSVI national website database at ussvi.org
National award submissions start February 1.

VICE COMMANDER: Les Jamison

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) Chris Ferguson – No report

TREASURER Base Treasurer: Les Jamison

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy

Base membership is 109 with 2 members from the former Wahoo Base joining Gold country base

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt

No newsletter will be published in January

Member biographies are still requested. These can be emailed to Barry at: SacSubVet@barrywyatt.com

HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Pat Noone

At least one member will be qualified for induction in the Holland Club with the induction done at the base meeting in March



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USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES January 25, 2020 (continued)

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: [Gil Miller](#)

- There is one possible candidate nearing completion in Amador county.

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: [Howard Grover](#)

- Former Vice Commander Regy Bronner's condition will limit his participation in base events because he medical issues. He welcomes telephone calls. He sends his thanks for all the help he has received in the past.
- Chad Clay is under the weather
- Harry Beach is not feeling well
- Sam Burks, the first Base Commander is at home in West Sacramento with his condition getting worse fast.
- T. Michael Bircumshaw, American Submariner Editor has cancer.

BASE PHOTOGRAPHER: [Roger Paul](#)

NAVY YOUTH LIASON: [Chad Clay](#) – No report

HISTORIAN: [Warren Wiederhoeft](#)

- Warren has a form for members to order business cards. Every member should have business cards

WEB-MASTER: [Nick Sadowy](#)

STOREKEEPER: [Roger Paul](#)

- Roger Paul has assumed the duties of Storekeeper
- There are still 2020 calendars left. The theme is submarines and the shipyards that built them

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR: [Les Jamison](#)

WELLNESS CHECK: [Mark Elftmann](#)

EVENTS COORDINATOR: [John Mannis](#)

- Monday, February 17 American Heritage Day at Mt. Vernon Memorial Park with the submarine float participating.
- Kaps-4-Kids visit to Kaiser Hospital Children's Ward will be in late March or early April
- The base picnic will be on June 27 at the Folsom Veteran's Hall
- The Holiday party will be on December 9 or December 10, 2020

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR: [Chad Clay](#)

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE: [Lee Kitchens](#)

- There is not a lot of dealings happening The Land Sea & Air dinner is back in turmoil amongst other groups

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER: [Pete Juhos](#)

- Members should make an effort to go on to the national website, [ussvi.org](#), before the end of the month to verify/ correct personal information
- A new national website should be available sometime in the future
- The 120 Submarine Birthday Ball will be held on April 18, 2020 in Monterey at the Naval Post Graduate School. Lodging is available at the Gateway Inn that is cheaper than any place in the area.
- United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. annual convention will be in Tucson, AZ from August 23, 2020 to August 30, 2020 at the El Conquistador Tucson, A Hilton Resort.

Good of the Order / Communications:

First Call to Morning Chow:

Date & Time Monday, Feb 10, 2020 @ Denny's Sunrise Blvd and Douglas Blvd, Roseville

Next Base Meeting: Next meeting will be on February 22, 2020

50/50 Won By: Roger Paul won \$60

Meeting adjournment:

Base Chaplin, Howard Grover, gave a closing prayer.

Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 2:12 PM

Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary

BASE NEWS & EVENTS



Tim Spoon EM2 (SS)
Military Internment
Ceremony at the
Sacramento Valley
National Cemetery in
Dixon - January 10, 2020



Our Submarine Float on Display
Saturday February 1st
Aerospace Museum of California



**Second Monday of
Every Month**
Need A Ride Give Us A Call
(see phone numbers on page 5)



Regional, Local News & Events



WESTERN REGION ROUNDUP



A Gathering of Submariners

March 22 thru 27, 2020

www.wrroundup.com

Laughlin, NV



MARCH 28, 2020 | 6 PM TO 10 PM | 2729 PROSPECT
PARK RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670

SACRAMENTO VETERANS
RESOURCE CENTER PRESENTS:

6TH ANNUAL "CRABS & CAMO" CRAB FEED



Individual tickets: \$55
Table (seats 6): \$300

Contact Leanna for more information!
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120th Submarine Birthday Ball

The Naval Submarine League of Northern California
Cordially Invites All Military Services (Active and Retired) and All Civilian Supporters
to Celebrate in the World's Finest Silent Service Birthday Celebration.

The theme of this year's ball is:
"Famous Submariners"



GUEST SPEAKER: ADM Robert P. Burke, USN

Vice Chief of Naval Operations
58th Chief of Naval Personnel
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education)
Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy (OPNAV N13)
Commander Submarine Group 8
Director of Operations U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa
Deputy Commander U.S. 6th Fleet
Commander Submarine Development Squadron 12
Commanding Officer, USS Hampton (SSN 767)



DATE: Saturday, 18 APRIL 2020

TIME: Cocktail Hour begins at 1800
Barbara McNitt Ballroom at NPS

For more information:
Contact LT Michael Lacey (michael.lacey@nps.edu)
or visit our website
northerncalifornia.navalsubleague.org



Purchase tickets at:
submarinebirthdayball2020.rsvpify.com

Pricing:
Civilians and Officer/E7 and Above: \$75
E6 and Below: \$70
(plus applicable taxes & fees)
Military: Dinner dress blues / service equivalent
Civilian: Black tie-optional

USSVI National News



2020 USSVI National Convention —Tucson, AZ

August 23 – August 30, 2020

Welcome to Tucson, Shipmates!

Your Hosts Tucson Base and Perch Base

<https://ussviconvention.org/2020/>

Nominations for National Awards

The US Submarine Veteran's National Award Program recognizes members or bases whose contributions to the organization or their local community stand out. Any USSVI member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing (or entity such as a Base, where appropriate and stated in the Award description).

The Manual is posted on the USSVI web site, (www.ussvi.org) under the Awards tab.

Please review the Manual, with special notice to the requirements for each Award. Submit questions and nominations to:

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The USSVI National Awards

Joe Negri Award (Submarine Veteran of the Year)*

Robert Link National Commander's Award

District Commander of the Year Award *

Meritorious Award

Golden Anchor Award

Silver Anchor Award

Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award

Newsletter of the Year Award

* This is a Lifetime Award and will be presented only one time per Shipmate.

Attention all Gold Country Base Members!

As National moves forward with developing a new website your help is needed. Update your personal information today .

- ♦ Go to USSVI.org
- ♦ click on the [Members Login Tab](#).
- ♦ Login or apply for a password.
- ♦ Click on [Update Profile Tab](#) Complete the information and click on [Save Changes Made To This Page](#)



January 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 Jack Messersmith at (928) 227-7753 or email Mes-serJ109@gmail.com 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 entered in the quarterly USSVI Boat Giveaway contest, a \$500 value (one entry per sponsorship).

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Who We Are

Mark Elftmann EM2(SS)

I signed up for the Navy on my 19th birthday in 1972 but I didn't actually get to boot camp until about 45 days later. I had no idea what to do when I joined; I knew the word "diesel" so I enlisted to be in A-gang.

Sometime in boot camp the Navy said I could be trained as a Nuke but I had to extend for two years. I thought, "Hey this is fun, I want more of this." At the time, nuclear power seemed like a good way to generate electricity and being nuclear trained could lead to a career. I had no idea how nuclear power worked. I chose to be an electrician even though I didn't know AC from DC. I learned about electricity in EM A school at NTC San Diego.



Between EM A school and Nuclear Power School at Mare Island, I served aboard the USS Juneau (LPD 10) in Long Beach, close to my home near Los Angeles. After Nuclear Power School I went to prototype at S5G in Idaho.

In November of 1974 I reported to USS William H. Bates (SSN 680) where I Qualified in 1975. When I reported, the 3rd class yeoman checking me on the boat just laughed at me. He said the boat was leaving for its second consecutive spec op in four days. I had almost no time to prepare but I made it through the run OK. I spent about four years on the Bates, met some very good friends and had some interesting experiences.

In August 1978, my enlistment was completed, and I left the Navy. Working at a nuclear power plant didn't appeal to me; around that time Three Mile Island was in the news and nuclear power wasn't looking too promising. However, working with motors, generators, and other electrical equipment like I did in the Navy was really what I wanted to do.

I worked for nearly 30 years in the electrical field. Working first at a Naval Communications facility in Dixon for eight years and then moving on to a biomass fired power plant in Woodland for 18 years.

Although I really enjoyed electrical work, and still do, I had enough of the power plant and in 2007 I left after working my way from Instrument & Electrical Technician to Plant Manager. I really didn't like the Plant Manager's job and called it quits after three years

I wasn't sure what I wanted to do next, so I just fiddled around for about six months. Realizing I had to go back to work, I decided to try tax preparation and attended H & R Block Tax School in the fall of 2007. Tax work is just as interesting as electrical work and I have enjoyed preparing tax returns and helping people with tax troubles for about 12 years.

Sometime in 2018 I was in Costco in Citrus Heights and saw John Armitage, who I didn't know, with a submarine hat and we chatted for a bit. On the way out he saw me again and told me about the sub vets group in Folsom. Tim contacted me a few days later and I joined the Gold Country Base.

I met Glynis, my wife, in 1981 when we were both working at a Wienerschnitzel my brother owned and got married in January 1982.

Mark Elftmann

Stories of Interest

USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma to Sail Again

Navy ships named USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma will return to active duty with the announcement by Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Modly that two new Virginia-class attack submarines will be named after American heroes of the greatest generation who perished on the famed Pearl Harbor battleships. The move brings back into service the hallowed ship names 78 years after both were badly damaged in the surprise Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Most of the Navy casualties that day came from losses on those two ships.



"I am honored and humbled to name the next two Virginia-class nuclear fast-attack submarines to be built as the USS Oklahoma (SSN-802) and the USS Arizona (SSN-803)," Modly said in a release. "It is my fondest wish that the citizens of the great states of Arizona and Oklahoma will understand and celebrate our Navy's desire to memorialize the 1,177 heroes who perished in

USS Arizona (BB-39) and the 429 more in USS Oklahoma (BB-37) in Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 7, 1941."

Modly added that "there is no greater honor I can think of for the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the nation than to build and commission into active service two state-of-the-art American warships carrying the spirit of those heroes of the greatest generation, as well as that of their families and the Grand Canyon and Sooner states as they sail through a new American maritime century."

Approximately 1.8 million people annually visit the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, which includes the USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma and USS Utah memorials, six officer bungalows, three mooring quays, and the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

"Today is a proud day for Arizona," Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey said in a release. "It's been nearly 80 years since the attacks on Pearl Harbor, which resulted in the sinking of the USS Arizona and deaths of 1,177 of her crewmembers. This ship and the name, 'USS Arizona,' hold special meaning for our country, its history and the people of Arizona--and today, that legacy begins a new chapter."

Story provide by: Tom Rumsey



Class:	Virginia-class Submarine
Displacement:	7,800 tons
Length:	377 ft (115 m)
Beam:	34 ft (10.4 m)
Draft:	32 ft (9.8 m)
Propulsion:	S9G reactor auxiliary diesel engine
Speed:	25 knots (46 km/h)
Endurance:	Can remain submerged for up to 3 months
Test depth:	Greater than 800 ft (244 m)
Complement:	15 officers 120 enlisted men
Armament:	12 VLS tubes, four 21 inch (530 mm) torpedo tubes for Mk -48 torpedoes BGM-109 Tomahawk



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