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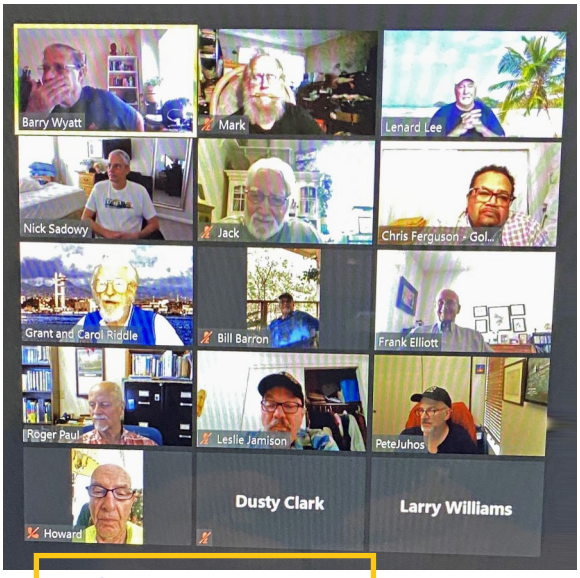
Clear The Baffles

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.



July Base Meeting

Great Attendance at our Zoom Meetings

August Base Meeting

Next Meeting— Gold Country Base

Saturday September 26 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting — **Go to** www.zoom.us

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Now Hear This!

September Base Meeting on Zoom Nominations for Base Commander & Base Secretary (see page 13)

Submissions for "Tim Spoon Achievement Award" Due October 31st (see page 14)

Folsom Veterans Day Parade "Cancelled". Other activities such as a Virtual Parade are in the planning stage.

December 7th traditional event is doubtful. Planning for some type of a memorial and wreath laying is underway.

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USSVI—Gold Country Base

OFFICER'S COUNTRY

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates– The good news is that we all have made it through another couple of months, wearing our masks and staying away from land lovers. The bad news for me is after 25 years I started smoking again, not with cigarettes or cigars but just by being outside walking our dogs. As I mentioned in the last edition the near future is not bright for our regular physical activities. The Folsom Veterans Day Parade has been canceled and in preliminary talks with Sacramento County Parks I'm told they are not issuing permits for any type of gatherings, thus, putting our standard program for our Pearl Harbor Memorial and Wreath Laying Ceremony in doubt. We will do something, there is no way on my watch we will break with a tradition started almost 34 years ago by our WWII SubVets. We will keep you posted. At this month's base meeting nominations for Base Commander and Base Secretary will be on the agenda, please review the qualification and election process listed from our bylaws on page 13. Also, nominations are now open for the "Tim Spoon Achievement Award," the submission form is on page 14. For this and for National Awards we need you to take the time to put forward a shipmate who has shown extra effort to keep us moving forward. My deep appreciation for those members who put my name up for National Awards, you can see the results of their labor on page 12. Congratulation to our Vice Commander Les Jamison on receiving the Silver Anchor. As to our Newsletter, for the first time in 5 years, we did not take top honors; I will just have to try harder next year. Join us on Zoom and please take care of yourselves and your families.

Barry Wyatt, Base Commander

Last time I talked about reading the book of Revelations and gave a few verses. So, what is it really about? It was a revelation given to the Apostle John by Christ on the Roman prison island of Patmos. It covered very briefly the past, then the present. The present at the time was roughly 100 AD. The future which most of the chapters cover are "The End Times" just before and when Christ will return. Plus, the major things that take place for over 1000 years after Christ's return.

John sees several visions of the future but imagine what he saw was over 2000 years in the future. He was seeing things he had no concept of what were some of the things he saw. So, it is a bit confusing.
But it fits together with many of the prophets both old and new testaments said; along with many things Jesus said while here on earth. Much of what is said is so we would know how we are to live our individual lives. Or put another way, how we should be prepared for when Jesus does return.

Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain

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 p lane. 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

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)

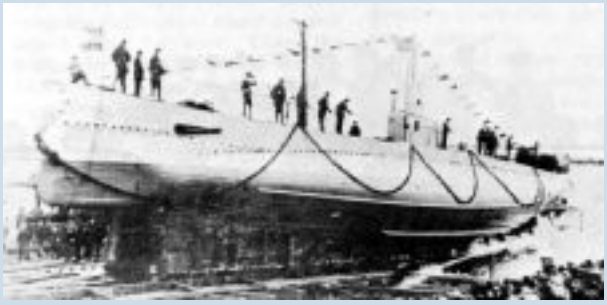
Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, 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.

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.



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.

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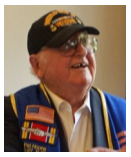

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Birthdays

August

Jack Everett Mike McCoy Ric Reineman

Ajax Smith Gary Thomas Gene Ratto

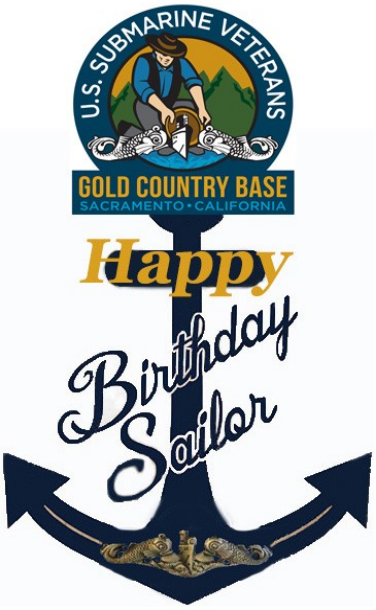
Jerry Ellis Matt Lettau

September

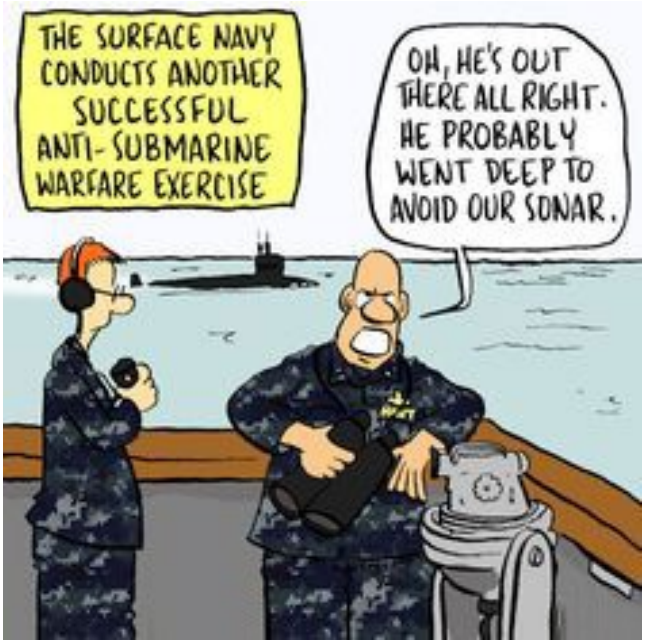
Reggie Bronner Steven Loomis

Max Rhinehard Raymond Rockers

Larry Shamus Roy Wilhite



On The Lighter Side



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VA Information

VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA publishes final regulation for its Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers The expansion will happen in 2 phases. First, we'll expand the program to include family caregivers of eligible Veterans who were seriously injured in the line of duty on or before May 7, 1975. Then 2 years after this first expansion, we'll further expand the program to include family caregivers of eligible Veterans who were seriously injured in the line of duty between May 7, 1975, and September 10, 2001.
https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5494

Veterans benefits 2020: Most unique or newest state benefit
https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/76441/veterans-benefits-2020-unique-newest-state-benefit/

These Are the Most Underutilized Veteran Benefits in Each State https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/these-are-most-underutilized-veteran-benefits-each-state.html?ESRC=mr_200803.nl

VFW Action Corps Weekly
https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly

VA works to raise awareness for lung cancer screening in Veterans
https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/77307/va-works-to-raise-awareness-for-lung-cancer screening inveterans/

Senate Passes $740 Billion Defense Policy Bill with Troop Pay Raise https://www.military.com/daily-news/2020/07/23/senate-passes-740-billion-defense-policy-bill-troop-pay-raise.html?ESRC=navy-a_200729.nl

This Is the Only Medal of Honor Recipient to Ever Give It Back https://www.military.com/off-duty/only-medal-of-honor-recipient-ever-give-it-back.html?ESRC=navy-a_200729.nl

USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES July 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 9:00 AM, Commander Barry Wyatt read the USSVI Creed and Purpose. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the Folsom Veteran's Hall being closed because of the Covid - 19 pandemic.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barry Wyatt
INVOCATION: Chaplin Howard Beach
TOLLING OF THE BOATS: The Lost Boats for the month of January were read by the Vice Commander, Les Jamison, and Chief of the Boat, Chris Ferguson tolled the bell for all Lost Boats and in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.
MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 15 members participating in the meeting online.
FORMAL REPORTS:
BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt There has been no from the Constitution Day Parade in Nevada City about the event. Based on the Covid-19 situation, it is unlikely the parade will happen. Barry received a notice that the Folsom Veteran's Day Parade organizing Committee will start meeting on August 6 via Zoom. Although planning needs to start, the parade may not happen. However, discussion may be held concerning other activities the veteran group can do that do not involve large crowds. As a member of the committee Barry will keep us posted as the committee meets. Despite not being able to meet do much together, the base has made some significant donations: $1,000 to the Folsom Veteran's Hall to help the financial situation with the hall being closed. $1,000 to the Pompanito in San Francisco.
All members are encouraged to vote in the national organization. The base wants to have a better showing in the election this than last year. The process of voting is easy and by following the directions on the USSVI website at ussvi.org in the elections tab. There is information about USSVI charitable fund in the newsletter and the web address is there also. The fund is helping with members affected by the pandemic situation as well as scholarships.
Nominations for the Tim Spoon Achievement Award and base elections are coming up soon. Barry thanked Chris Ferguson for putting a lot of effort into the national awards nomination for the base.
VICE COMMANDER: Les Jamison Kaiser Children's Ward visit is on hold for the time being as expected due to the pandemic. Les donated the leftover food from the last meeting to the fire station at Sunrise Boulevard and Cirby Way.
CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) Chris Ferguson Chris wished Happy Birthday to Roger and Mark for July birthdays. He recommended the members should give reminders to take precautions for Covid-19 such as social distancing, hand washing and Personal Protective Equipment. He also encouraged members to pray and get exercise in moderation.
TREASURER Base Treasurer Nick Sadowy 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. Nick sent a check for $1,000 to the Pompanito and received a thank you letter in return.
MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy Membership is holding steady at 100.
PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt Barry showed appreciation to Howard and Chad for contributing items for the newsletter and he encouraged others to send items that may be of interest to the members. Barry put the Facebook information on the front page of the newsletter to help members visit the base page.
HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Pat Noone No Report
EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller Gil received an email from David Farrin the National Eagle Scout Chairman, who has been in limbo since March but has received several Eagle Scout Award presentation award requests and is getting caught up. A scout troop in Stockton sent word about seven recent and one pending receiving the Eagle Scout award. Gil will send a Recognition Letter signed by Gil and Pete.
CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover Howard made calls to Regy Bronner and Pat Noone to check in with them. He sent additional copies of the Eternal Patrol Certificates to Jerry Mitchell's wife for the grandkids.

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USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES July 25, 2020 (continued from page 8)

NAVY YOUTH LIASON Chad Clay Chad received an email from the Sea Scouts with news that there was a change in leadership of the Sea Scouts. Also, they will have virtual training online training with the Coast Guard, to help the scouts qualify for the badges.

HISTORIAN Warren Wiederhoeft No Report

WEB-MASTER Nick Sadowy Nothing happening on the website of Facebook

STOREKEEPER Roger Paul There was $70 of merchandise sold

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR Les Jamison Les has been in contact with Kiser

SUBVET CHECK-IN PROGRAM – Mark Elftmann Mark fell behind getting this coordinated but will do better in the future.

Sent Frank Elliott the list of members to call. People have been making call and another round is needed.

EVENTS COORDINATOR John Mannix No Report

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Chad Clay No Report

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE Lee Kitchens JVO has not met for several months and the Folsom Veteran's Hall is completely closed.

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER Pete Juhos The National Awards results are on a timeline based on the timeline for the normal national convention. A lot of awards were submitted on behalf of Gold Country Base. One person from Gold Country Base has been nominated for Silver Anchor Award. Pete submitted a few people for awards and wrote an endorsement for a nomination submitted by the COB Chris Ferguson. A total of 21 nominations were submitted for Silver Anchor Award and Pete read them all; some were good, some not so good. Pete also encouraged everyone to vote in the National Elections. Voting in the election shows support for the national organization. The USSVI website security certificate has expired, and you may get a warning about it not being a secure site. This is not a real problem and there would not be an issue continuing onto the site. Please go to the website to vote and update your personal information if necessary. There will be a District Commander with the Regional Director meeting on July 21. There are still discussions about the Western Region Roundup in November. Pete's inclination that it will be canceled. Frank Elliott verified the Roundup in November has been canceled based on information he received from the organizer. There is another one being planned for March so having two of these is not optimal. Pete reported about the Pompanito to the Regional Director so other District Commanders can encourage the bases to contribute to the cause. The Pompanito has received a little over $18,000.

A book author is trying to hawk his book and wants to get it took SubVets including book signings. Pete put the author in touch with the USSV Charitable fund Chairman Ken Earls to arrange to have books sold with money going to the Brotherhood Fund. The Brotherhood Fund helps SubVets who are having financial difficulties. Pete thanked Barry for having the Zoom Meetings and the good newsletter with the offbeat humor.

Good of the Order / Communications:

Penny said there was nothing to report with the SubVet spouses and friends' group

Next Base Meeting: Next meeting will be on 8/22/2020

Meeting adjournment:

Base Chaplin, Howard Grover, gave a closing prayer.

Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 10:03 AM

Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary

USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES August 22 , 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 9 AM, Commander Barry Wyatt read the USSVI Creed and Purpose.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Elliott

INVOCATION: Chaplin Howard Grover

TOLLING THE BELL: The Lost Boats for the month of August were read by the Vice Commander, Les Jamison, and COB Chris Ferguson tolled the bell for all Lost Boats and in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION:

FORMAL REPORTS:

Barry made a motion to "Change the order of the Day" to allow the presentation of USSVI National Awards by District Commander Pete Juhos. The motion passed with no objections. Commander Juhos presented the awards.

Les Jamison was received the Silver Anchor Award. Barry Nominated Les for the award.

Barry Received the Robert Link National Commander's Award. Barry was nominated by Mark.

Barry also received a Meritorious Award. He was nominated for this award by Pete.

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt The Folsom Veteran's Day Parade Committee held an online meeting during the second week of August and will likely hold another meeting in September. Possible themes for the parade include the 45th Anniversary of the Vietnam War or the 75th Anniversary of World War II. There are four possible Grand Marshall candidates; Ernie Sheldon – Folsom City Councilman who is a veteran and has done much for veterans and has been a guest speaker for Gold Country Base in the past, Captain Kent Garman – who has been an asset to the base, Don Courier &Tony Lowry. There are two paths being discussed – one is to hold the parade (which is a real possibility) and the other is an alternative to the parade. There are some virtual events being promoted by the committee.

There has been a media guide put out by the National USSVI organization. The main thrust of the guide is for bases to produce a Facebook page. Gold Country Base has an active Facebook Page. Nick was instrumental in getting the page up and running and Chris is a regular contributor to the page. Almost 20% of Gold Country Base voted in the National Elections. The base would like to do better and next year the push for base participation may happen earlier in the voting season.

VICE COMMANDER: Les Jamison Les made a proposal to adopt and approve the current slate of Gold Country Base for another year. Barry suggested that he, Les, and Pete speak outside of the meeting to discuss this. There was a general discussion among all the members participating in the meeting. It was decided to have a working group meeting with Barry, Less, Mark, Nick, and Pete to discuss this. A Zoom meeting was schedule for 4:00 PM on August 23.

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB): Chris Ferguson Everything positive, stay healthy, take care of yourselves and your families, and be careful with smoke in the air. There were some good health and fitness references put on the website. Chris submitted some items for the newsletter.

TREASURER Base Treasurer Nick Sadowy 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.

There was a $275 variance between checking account balance and book balance. There was more in the checking account than Nick expected. Nick tried reconciling the books but only found the error existed at the beginning of the year while all transactions throughout the year balanced. A decision was made to make an adjustment to the book balance to correct the variance.

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy Holding steady at 100

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USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES August 22, 2020 (continued from page 10)

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt Barry will get a combined newsletter out for August and September.
He is looking for articles from the membership.
HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Pat Noone No Report
EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller Gil and Pete responded to a request from the Stockton/Tracy area where there were eight scouts getting the Eagle Scout. Pete and /Gil drafted a very nice Letter of Recognition for the new Eagle Scouts and a pending Eagle Scout. Gil has not heard from the scout in Amador County working on his project toward Eagle Scout.
CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover Howard received calls from Regy and Pete and everyone is doing good.
NAVY YOUTH LIASON Chad Clay Chad emailed Sea Scouts They Sea Scouts are inactive at this time.
HISTORIAN Warren Wiederhoeft No Report
WEB-MASTER Nick Sadowy There were some health and fitness articles uploaded to the Facebook Page.
STOREKEEPER Roger Paul No Report
KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR Les Jamison Les has been checking in with Kaiser Hospital Children's Ward on a monthly basis. There are no plans for a visitation currently.
SUBVET CHECK-IN PROGRAM – Mark Elftmann Have not heard from the other callers about their calls.
Mark made some calls to members on his list. Reminded them of USSVI National Elections and Gold Country Base Meeting via Zoom. Al Lehman participated in the meeting.
EVENTS COORDINATOR John Mannis No Report
GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Chad Clay Chad has not been beating the bushes for guest speakers.
FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE Lee Kitchens No Report
DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER Pete Juhos 20.93% of Gold Country Base members voted in the USSVI National Election. Dolphin base had 15 or 34% members vote with half the members compare to Gold Country Base. Mare Island base had 27 or 20.45% out of 132 eligible voting members.
The San Diego Base will be having a Tolling of Lost Boats ceremony online on August 27 at 10:00 AM. There will be an email invitation with a link to the ceremony sent.
Pete will attend pre-Annual Business Meeting on August 26 and the Annual Business Meeting as well.
Pete may throw his hat in the ring for Regional Director next year. There are opportunities for everyone to step up and participate in the organization.

Good of the Order / Communications:

None

For The Good of The Order

None

Next Base Meeting: Next meeting will be on 9/25/2020

Meeting adjournment:

Base Chaplin, Howard Grover, gave a closing prayer.

Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 10:31AM

Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary

USSVI National Awards 2020

Robert Link National Commander's Award

Barry Wyatt **Nominated By Mark Elftmann**

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

Meritorious Award

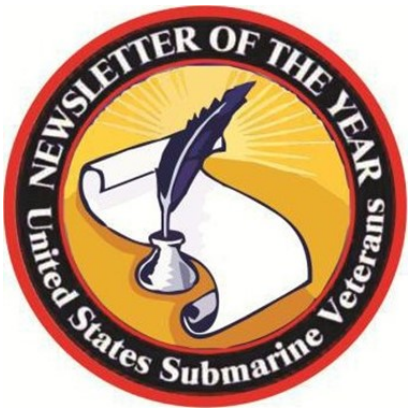
Barry Wyatt **Nominated By Pete Juhos**

This Award is presented to the Member in each class that exemplifies the Motto, "Pride Runs Deep ", who, by their efforts and involvement, promote a positive image of the United States Navy Submarine Force and/or the United States Submarine Veterans.

Silver Anchor Award

Les Jamison **Nominated By Barry Wyatt**

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) First Runner-Up

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The Newsletter of the Year was created to recognize the value of Base communication . It is awarded for its Editorial Achievement in Content, Appearance, Layout, Graphics, General Interest, Originality, Member Information, Professionalism, Readability, National Information and Overall Value to its Readers

GOLD COUNTRY BASE BYLAWS

ARTICLE X - OFFICERS

Section 1 **ELECTED**

A. Elected Base Officers shall include the following: Base Commander, Vice Commander, Base Secretary, and Base Treasurer.

B. The prerequisite for an elected Base Officer is that a Candidate must be a Primary Member in good standing with a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months active participation in Base meetings and activities. Departure from this requirement requires a vote of the Gold Country Base Executive Board.

C. The term of office for Base Commander, Vice Commander, Base Secretary, and Base Treasurer will be two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected. The Base Commander and Base Secretary will be elected in even-number ending years; Vice Commander and Base Treasurer will be elected in odd-number ending years. Officers elected outside of their normal election cycle / periodicity will incur the additional time to meet / achieve the normal cycle timeline.

D. Elected Officers unable to serve their full term due to hardship, health, or incapacity and are able to do so, must communicate their intent of resignation in advance to the Base Commander. Vacancies of elected officers will be as directed by Article XI, Section 3 of these Bylaws

E. The offices of Base Secretary and Base Treasurer may be held by the same Primary Regular Base member.

F. Associate Members *may* be elected to fill the offices of Base Secretary and/or Base Treasurer, or any appointed position. An Associate Member Candidate bears the same prerequisites as that of a Primary Regular Member. An Associate Member *may not* be elected as Base Commander and/or Vice Base Commander.

G. No elected Officer shall be paid for services rendered on behalf of the Base.

H. Nominations for elected Base Officers shall be submitted at the September Business Meeting. Voting shall be completed at the October meeting; followed by "Installation of Officers" at the following January meeting. Terms for elected Base Officers shall be effective on 1 January of each term. Any modification of the Base Officers nomination and installation process requires approval by vote of the membership.

Tim Spoon Achievement Award Nomination

The Tim Spoon Achievement 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 Tim Spoon Achievement award 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, Les Jamison, at ljamison3049@gmail.com prior to the submission deadline of October 31st. Award will be presented at the Annual Holiday Dinner.

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USSVI National News

Shipmates,

Disregard the previous notice sent out on Saturday September 5, 2020 to include the USS Bonefish SS-582 to the Lost Boats Tolling Ceremony. Due to membership request, the BOD's voted on Wednesday September 8, 2020 to remove/rescind the previous vote taken that resulted in the addition of the Bonefish to the Tolling Ceremony.

The addition of the Bonefish to the Tolling Ceremony was a result of a member(s) asking the BOD's to add an agenda item to our 2020 Annual Post-BOD Meeting to consider including the USS Bonefish SS-582 in the Lost Boats Tolling Ceremony.

This request was complied with and after a discussion which included the details of the catastrophic event that resulted in the loss of three crew members and the eventual scrapping of the Bonefish, the request was approved by a unanimous vote.

Unfortunately, including the Bonefish to the Tolling Ceremony was not accepted very well by a good number of our USSVI members. Their interpretation of the criteria that is to be used in adding a Boat to the Lost Boats listing was not on the same wavelength that the BOD's was using when the vote was taken, this resulted in some very unhappy shipmates. To them, the sanctity of the Lost Boats Tolling Ceremony is not to be taken lightly. They will not split hairs on the definition of a boat being lost, it has to be lost at sea ("Sunk"), period. Returning to port, being decommissioned, and scrapped is not considered as a loss.

The current Tolling Ceremony recognizes, and a bell is rung for all of our shipmates that have been lost where the Boat itself was not lost.

Quote from the Tolling agenda.

"Throughout the history of our Submarine Force, there have been many accidents and casualties which did not directly result in the loss of the boat, but in which Submariners died performing their duties: some were lost individually, and some with their Shipmates, some at-sea and some in-port. We honor and remember all of them here today."

Our BOD's are obligated to immediately reconsider any change they have implemented that causes a major disruption in our membership, weight both sides of the argument, and take the necessary steps to rectify it when needed. This was done and resulted in the addition of the Bonefish to the Tolling Ceremony being rescinded.

As a closing note, the P&P Manual is presently being revised and updated, which will include a rewrite of the criteria addressing the addition of Boats to our Lost Boats Ceremony. The possibility of a difference in interpretation will be eliminated. All the best and please take care, **Wayne Standerfer, National Commander**

NEWS-01: 2020 Nat. Election results posted on website

Shipmates,

The 2020 National Election Results are available on the USSVI web site. There are two (2) documents"2020 National Election Results Officers and C&B Changes.pdf" and "2020 National Election Results by Regions Districts and Bases.pdf."

They are on the USSVI web site at ussvi.org Documents Elections

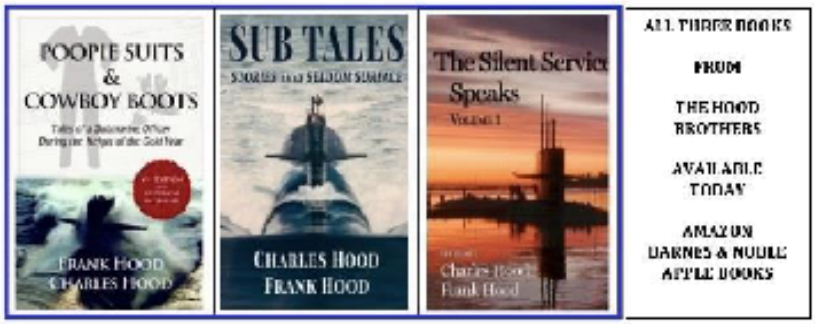
The voting statistics are by Regions, Districts and Bases. Please note: there is a discrepancy between the membership numbers in the Region and District reports and those in the Bases report. This is because those reports calculate membership differently. The number on the Bases report reflects the actual number of members who voted.

We believe that the Region and District reports include members who are dual members of one or more Bases. It was built into the software when the voting module was designed. We will address this issue in the design and build the new USSVI web site.

Congratulations to the Candidates. Thank you to all the members who voted.

Regards, **Tom Conlon, PNC, USSVI Election Master**

USSVI Charitable Fund



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The Year of Giving

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20—Dollars per month

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What Have We Done in the Past?

Over the past 10 years, your Charitable Foundation has given out over $625.000 in Awards & Grants! Each and every award and grant was evaluated and analyzed by several individuals to determine the validity and worthiness of each award.

We have awarded over $92,000 from our Brotherhood Fund to help fellow Submarine Veterans with a wide range of disasters. • We have awarded more than $460,000 in scholarships to children & grandchildren of Submarine Veterans. • We have contributed over $150,000 toward Memorials & Museums. • Our Kaps4Kids program has received over $25,000 in just supplies for this wonderful program created by Submarine Veterans.

Despite all of these contributions, our investment portfolio continues to be at approximately $1,000,000. This is due to ongoing donations from you and the public, along with generous corporations and other non-profit organizations., with prudent investments of our funds.

Your Pledge

Look for the Pledge form at your base meeting or the *American Submariner*, or on the USSVI website and/or the USSVCF.org website.

We ask you to pledge for monthly or quarterly or one time donations of $100, $200, $250 or $500. Pay via monthly checks sent to our Silverdale office. Alternatively, pay via debit or credit card on our website or by contacting our CF Treasurer.

A check in the amount of $10, $15, or $20 per month is easily within the reach of nearly every household. Make your Pledge now! Be Generous!

Why the Year of Giving?

Is anyone surprised that in the past 10 years many costs have risen? College & University (state colleges & Universities) costs have increased by over 60% in the past 10 years. There is no letup of natural disasters around the United States,. In fact, we can argue that they are increasing in frequency and intensity..

If we want to help our Shipmates more, we really can dip into our own pockets and share a little of our good fortune to help out..

Your USSVI leadership team, over numerous generations of individuals, has proven to be more than competent in managing the donations provided by you, our members. We are asking for more to be involved and for a little more to be provided by you. We believe that a $200 or $400 pledge paid over a 12 or 24 month period is not outside any of our member's capability's.

Donate On-Line

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In the year 2000, the USSVI began the Charitable Foundation. We quickly grew to a fund balance of nearly $1,000,000.

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Stories of Interest

Satellite image of Aug. 18, 2020 appears to show a Chinese submarine using an underground base on Hainan Island on the South China Sea.

Military watchers across the internet were provided with a rare sight after photos circulated this week that appear to show a Chinese submarine using an underground base on Hainan Island on the South China Sea.
The satellite image from American imaging company Planet Labs, first posted on the social media accounts of Radio Free Asia, shows what appears to be a Type 093 nuclear-powered attack submarine entering a tunnel to an underground berth on Yulin Naval Base.

Drew Thompson, a former United States Defense Department official now at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, says the shot of the submarine is a rare occurrence.

"That's unusual that a commercial satellite would be overhead at just the right time" on a cloudless day, he said.

What's not unusual is the Chinese underground base. It's how Beijing conceals a lot of its military hardware, from submarines to missile systems based far inland, Thompson said.

"The Chinese have tremendous experience building underground facilities," Thompson said. "It's in keeping with their strategic culture."

But the Chinese shorelines get particular attention. "They have an ingrained sense of the acute vulnerability of their coastline to attack," Thompson said.

CNN has reached out to Chinese authorities for comment on the images.

The Yulin base, on the southern end of Hainan Island almost 300 miles (470 kilometers) southwest of Hong Kong, is one of China's key facilities to protect its naval assets.

As for the submarine, Thompson said its presence at the base doesn't send any particular signal about the People's Liberation Army Navy.

"The bottom line is they have a large and growing submarine fleet which is improving in quality," he said. "They are able to protect it with underground facilities." and keep the submarines out the sight of prying eyes.

At least once this year, on May 15, the US Navy sent one of its P-8A Poseidon intelligence and reconnaissance jets on a flight near the Yulin base, Navy spokesperson Reann Mommsen confirmed to CNN. "That's the job of naval intelligence," said Thompson. "Watching an adversary is a daily effort."

And tunnels can make that frustrating for US military planners, said Carl Schuster, a former director of operations at the US Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Center.

"You have no evidence of (the submarine's) combat readiness, operational response times and availability," he said. "Tunnels blind potential opponents to the submarines' operating status and patterns, denying them the ability to determine the state of China's military preparations, knowledge critical to assessing China's intentions and plans."

As for the submarine itself, if it is one a Type 093, it would be one of as many as six in the Chinese fleet, according to the nonprofit Nuclear Threat Initiative. The Type 093 comes in three versions and can be armed with torpedoes and cruise missiles.

From The Crew

THIS IS WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN

1) NUDITY I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat,
'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) OPINIONS On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) KETCHUP A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) MORE NUDITY A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) POLICE # 1 While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?
Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report.
'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police.
Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,'
'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

6) POLICE # 2 It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.
'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied.
Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van.
Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

(More Next Month)

Submitted by
Pete Juhos

Puzzle Submitted by Shipmate Pete Juhos

US NAVY SUBMARINES - LOST BOATS (By name only no hull numbers)

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Words are hidden  OR

Find the following words in the puzzle: **Find the following words in the puzzle:**

ALBACORE
AMBERJACK
ARGONAUT
BARBEL
BONEFISH
BULLHEAD
CAPELIN
CARP
CISCO
COCHINO
CORVINA
DARTER
DORADO
ESCOLAR
FLIER
GOLET
GRAMPUS
GRAYBACK
GRAYLING
GRENADIER
GROWLER
GRUNION
GUDGEON
HARDER
HERRING
KETE
LAGARTO
MOCCASIN
PERCH
PICKEREL
POMPANO
ROBALO
RUNNER
SCAMP
SCORPION
SCULPIN
SEALION
SEAWOLF
SHARK
SKATE
SNAPPER
SNOOK
SQUALUS
STICKLEBACK
SWORDFISH
TANG
THRESHER
TRIGGER
TRITON
TROUT
TULLIBEE
WAHOO

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10 tips
Nutrition Education Series

choosing healthy meals as you get older

10 healthy eating tips for people age 65+

Making healthy food choices is a smart thing to do—no matter how old you are! Your body changes through your 60s, 70s, 80s, and beyond. Food provides nutrients you need as you age. Use these tips to choose foods for better health at each stage of life.

1 drink plenty of liquids

With age, you may lose some of your sense of thirst. Drink water often. Low-fat or fat-free milk or 100% juice also helps you stay hydrated. Limit beverages that have lots of added sugars or salt. Learn which liquids are better choices.

2 make eating a social event

Meals are more enjoyable when you eat with others. Invite a friend to join you or take part in a potluck at least twice a week. A senior center or place of worship may offer meals that are shared with others. There are many ways to make mealtimes pleasing.

3 plan healthy meals

Find trusted nutrition information from ChooseMyPlate.gov and the National Institute on Aging. Get advice on what to eat, how much to eat, and which foods to choose, all based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Find sensible, flexible ways to choose and prepare tasty meals so you can eat foods you need.

4 know how much to eat

Learn to recognize how much to eat so you can control portion size. MyPlate's SuperTracker shows amounts of food you need. When eating out, pack part of your meal to eat later. One restaurant dish might be enough for two meals or more.

5 vary your vegetables

Include a variety of different colored vegetables to brighten your plate. Most vegetables are a low-calorie source of nutrients. Vegetables are also a good source of fiber.

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NIH National Institute on Aging

United States Department of Agriculture
Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion
DG TipSheet No. 42
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6 eat for your teeth and gums

Many people find that their teeth and gums change as they age. People with dental problems sometimes find it hard to chew fruits, vegetables, or meats. Don't miss out on needed nutrients! Eating softer foods can help. Try cooked or canned foods like unsweetened fruit, low-sodium soups, or canned tuna.

7 use herbs and spices

Foods may seem to lose their flavor as you age. If favorite dishes taste different, it may not be the cook! Maybe your sense of smell, sense of taste, or both have changed. Medicines may also change how foods taste. Add flavor to your meals with herbs and spices.

8 keep food safe

Don't take a chance with your health. A food-related illness can be life threatening for an older person. Throw out food that might not be safe. Avoid certain foods that are always risky for an older person, such as unpasteurized dairy foods. Other foods can be harmful to you when they are raw or undercooked, such as eggs, sprouts, fish, shellfish, meat, or poultry.

9 read the Nutrition Facts label

Make the right choices when buying food. Pay attention to important nutrients to know as well as calories, fats, sodium, and the rest of the Nutrition Facts label. Ask your doctor if there are ingredients and nutrients you might need to limit or to increase.

10 ask your doctor about vitamins or supplements

Food is the best way to get nutrients you need. Should you take vitamins or other pills or powders with herbs and minerals? These are called dietary supplements. Your doctor will know if you need them. More may not be better. Some can interfere with your medicines or affect your medical conditions.

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