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Clear The Baffles

GOLD COUNTRY BASE



Class II 2020
First Runner Up

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 may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

Guest Speaker



Nicole Demakas

Nicole has been working on the front lines of the Covid-19 battle since the fight began. She has worked closely with State and Federal regulators. She also works with the CDC and will have the latest information regarding the virus and the Delta Variant. She will be at the September meeting to share her knowledge and try to answer any questions we may have regarding keeping us and our families safe.

Gold Country Base Lost Boat Memorial Fundraising is Underway

You can donate online at

<https://gofund.me/f3dfc7a2> or by check to

Gold Country Base c/o Nick Sadowy 4521 Hart Dr, Shingle Springs, CA 95682 (please put Memorial Fund in the description line)



This is only a sample of what our Memorial will look like
(see the story and description on pages 13 & 14)

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Next Meeting—September 25, 2021

Potluck @ 12 noon Meeting Starts 1pm

Folsom Veterans Hall -1300 Forrest St., Folsom

First Call to Morning Chow

Tuesday October 12 @ 9:30 at Peko's 9664 Micron Ave.
Bradshaw & Hwy 50.



Now Hear This!

Western Region Roundup, Reno NV —Postponed

31 October Deadline for Tim Spoon Achievement Award Nominations

11 November Folsom Veterans Day Parade

14 November Veterans Weekend Event Bass Pro Rocklin



Shipmates— I started my message for the last Newsletter with the following sentence, “Finally, it is starting to feel like things are getting back to normal.” Well, it may have felt that way but it didn’t last long. The new Delta Variant has set us back to pre-spring levels, but the good news is we have not lost any members to this nasty thing and my hope is that continues. To begin this edition, I want to congratulate the crew on the excellent results of the emergency readiness test that I engineered for them at the beginning of the last month’s meeting. In reality, I am beyond grateful for the care and concern shown to me and my wife. For me this was an

amazing demonstration of our brotherhood. Thank you, shipmates. I am still not sure what hit me; I do know it was not Covid and it took almost a week before I started hitting on all 8 again. The last couple of months have been difficult for many of us with the air filled with smoke and the destruction we witnessed because of the fires and with one new member totally losing his home. Also, because of the fires and the increase in COVID, we felt it was necessary to cancel our participation in the Nevada City Constitution Day Parade. Pete and I spent almost the entire summer working on a committee to help make the Western Region Round-Up in Reno a success but, in the end, had to vote to postpone it till next year because of the rising threat of this pandemic. At the end of August we all witnessed the tragedy at the Kabul airport with loss of lives and wounds suffered by our troops, two of which were from our community. As I did the research for the stories of these brave young Marines (page 25) my eyes filled with tears thinking of them, and so many others, who have paid the ultimate price to keep us and our families free. It seems like saying thank you is just not enough so, for me, I will keep doing what I’m doing to stay active in my love and support of our nation.

At this month’s meeting we will open nominations for Base Vice-Commander and Treasurer with the election for those positions being held at the October meeting. October 31 is the deadline for the member nominations for the “Tim Spoon Achievement” award. I know activities have been low this year but look around at those shipmates who have continued to do the yeoman's share of keeping us afloat and put them in for this prestigious award. (page 24)

Lost Boat Memorial (page 13 &14) We have submitted our design and wording information to the City of West Sac Recreation Committee for final approval. We are working with a monument company to provide the granite, the engraving and installation; what we need now is the funds to pay for it. Our National Organization has pledged \$3,000 in matching funds and we will begin soliciting local business and others for support. The total cost of the project is around \$15,000 and we need your help to get there. Marriah and I are off to my boat’s reunion in Bangor tomorrow so I will miss the meeting on Saturday, knowing that the Base is in the more than capable hands of Commander Jamison. Hope to see you all at First Call next month.

Barry Wyatt, Base Commander

Vice-COMMANDER

The pictures of the Afghanistan withdrawal and the murder of our 13 men and women by the hands of terrorists at the Afghanistan airport reminded me of the pictures and events of Saigon back 46 years ago. The scenes at the Kabul airport were so similar to those final days in Vietnam. I sit here on my computer just a few miles away as the family and friends of Marine Sgt. Nicole Gee are honoring and saying goodbye to this fallen hero. This reminds me of the number of high school classmates that gave it all in Southeast Asia. I remember how I felt seeing the names of the guys from the neighborhood and those I went to high schools with engraved on the wall. I had just been married a few months and just started college when the fall of Saigon happened. So I was 26 and most of my classmates were 18. I remember in my history class, we would discuss historical events of current days. So naturally I was singled out as an expert because I was a Vietnam veteran. Explaining that I served on a submarine did not excuse me from getting asked the stupid questions that most veterans get asked when they come home. Listed below are some of the questions I remember:



Do you think all the killing that we did in South Vietnam was worth it since we ended up as Losers?

How do you feel knowing you wasted 6 years in military service?

Of course I had no answers to these questions. But I do remember the hurt and the shame at the time.

I only bring this up today as I believe the men and women that served the last 20 years in the Middle East are feeling that pain today. I know the same stupid questions are asked of these Middle East veterans.

So here is my challenge for all of my fellow Submarine veterans:

Any time you spot a veteran, make time for them and thank them for their service.

Ask them if you can help them in any way?

Next time you at the VA hospital find a younger veteran and buy them a coffee and let them talk.

I know we all thank those in uniform but let's search a little more for those veterans.

It is easy to find them as they walk proudly, are well groomed, and have manners when you speak to them.

Stay safe and God Bless Les Jamison, Vice Commander

What is the Millennium? Part 2



The end of the thousand years is described in Revelation 20:7-10:

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Christ, when He returned to earth, came down with His army of believers and spoke and the those who came to destroy Jerusalem were killed by His personal word. This time He just sent fire!

Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain



OFFICER'S COUNTRY



Shipmates, The last meeting had minimal attendance as did the breakfast. I understand the health concerns the virus and other issues, how ever there are important issues to consider for the good of the order that needs your attention. Candidates for various National awards and elections for next base elections. The end of the year is getting closer. I agreed to serve as chief of the boat until year end only.



My mental capacities are going south more rapidly than I had hoped. I would like to see more interest in members stepping up to fill the appointed and elected positions.

Harry Beach, Chief of the Boat (COB)



From the Treasurer: Greetings shipmates. Base and National renewal season is right around the corner. Keep an eye out for your renewal notices to arrive in the mail in early October. Your timely payments will keep our chapter in good standing and will make my job as Treasurer / Membership Chair much easier. If there is even a chance that your email or mailing address are NOT correct in the national system, please send me an email (membership@goldcountrybase.org) with your corrected information.



Also we have begun our fundraising drive for our Lost Boats Memorial. Feel free to send donations to: USSVI Gold Country Base 4521 Hart Dr, Shingle Springs, CA 95682-8337 or contribute on line @ <https://gofund.me/f3dfc7a2>

Nicholas Sadowy Treasurer, Membership Chair



Gold Country Base Eagle Scout Activity Update

This summer has proven to be quite busy for me, and a few other base members, with activity related to the USSVI Eagle Scout Achievement Award Program. I am pleased to report that the program is alive and well in Northern California. During 2020, due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the base had no requests for recognition in the Eagle Scout program. However, this year we have made in-absentia achievement recog-



nition awards to two young women who reside in San Joaquin and Tuolumne Counties. Eligibility for young women to become Eagle Scouts is a new addition to Scouting in the United States.

In addition, in May, we presented awards to a local (Folsom) Eagle Scout, Carleton George Liden. Young Mr. Liden has been accepted to attend the United States Air Force Academy. On August 28th, I drove to Lathrop to make a personal achievement award presentation to two Stockton area scouts (Grant Luis Acosta and Alexander Albaugh).

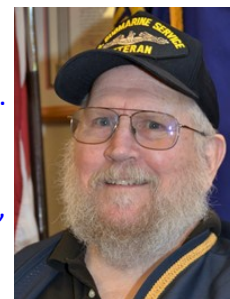
On September 25th, Howard Grover and I will make an on-site achievement award presentation to Christopher "Luke" Hermanson. Young Mr. Hermanson (age 16) has diligently worked to complete his "Eagle Scout Project," and his Court of Honor will be held in Jackson, California in conjunction with the community project dedication. In the coming year, it is anticipated that additional requests for the Eagle Scout Achievement Award will be forthcoming. I will inform our base membership as these requests come to my attention. Base members are encouraged to participate in the award presentations as this is an excellent program for USSVI, Scouting and the community.

Gil Miller, Chairman USSVI Eagle Scout Achievement Award Program, Gold Country Base



SubVet Check-In

Calls are being made. There is not much special happening. Mostly voice mail messages have been left as people haven't been available. Maybe our shipmates feel the relief of the the reduction in COVID restrictions and vaccines along with the summer season. It was nice to see Janet and Ed Alves and Chuck Mitchell, who are on my call list, at First Call to Morning Chow in September.



Folsom JVO

It was a good thing we set the date for our Holiday Dinner. The Veteran's Hall is completely booked until after the New Year starts. The Canteen is looking for bartenders. The Bar Manager, Melissa, is stepping down as well. She will tend bar but will give up her duties as Manager. For the time being Bob, Sean, and. Vice Commander to handle the duties. The Canteen will start accepting cash only. The Veteran's Day Parade Committee, which Barry is a member of, has questioned why the veteran's groups should pay to have the flags at the Veteran's Memorial in City Lions Park. Some members feel the Parade Committee should pay for the flags with sponsors.



Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary, SubVet Check-In & Folsom JVO Representative



Shipmates, in this edition I continued a couple of new features; the first is "**Featured Boat**" the second is historical dates in "**Submarine History**". For the featured boat I chose the Vice-Commanders Qual Boat the USS Greenfish SS 351. Your boat could be next. You provide some history of your boat, I will do some research and find some pictures.



Sea Stories Wanted. Send me a sea story from your time aboard your boat or while you were on liberty, it could be about your first patrol, your last patrol or just a good sea story and I will do the rest.

Thank you to Howard for his story about the USS Kamehameha that he sent in for this edition. It will be 2 months until I publish again, please take the time to send in something that you are willing to share. If you don't like to write give me a call, tell me the story and I will write it up for you. I put a fair amount of time in putting the Newsletter together and really would like some feedback.

Let me know what you think of the new features. Also, if there is some other content you would like to see or if you have a comments about the layout, good, bad or indifferent please let me know.

Barry Wyatt, Newsletter Editor



Shipmates- We still have large quantities of special submarine patches, various pins, and a few ball caps remaining from my inventory of Tim's items that he had in his inventory. It is best for us to bring that inventory down to a manageable size. So, from this month through the end of the year, all of these items will be on sale by at least 10 – 20 % from their listed price. I will do my best to get things out and on display prior to and after our Gold Country Base meetings. Plus, everything is negotiable within reason.



Anything you buy now will go directly into our G. C. Base Treasury for use on our end of year activities or festivities, in honor of our dear shipmate and friend Timothy Spoon.

I've ordered 30 "The 2022 USSVI Calendars" from our National Storekeeper, Barry Commons, and we should have them later this month. Please, Please get your orders in soon before they are all spoken for.

Roger Paul, Storekeeper



Greetings Gold Country Base!

This past USSVI National Convention in Orlando...well, if you chose not to attend you missed a great event. Overall, it was very well planned, executed, and hosted by the Snug Harbor Base and the Central Florida Base. One of the highlights revealed during the Pre-Annual Business Meeting, and the combined Base Commanders and District Commanders meeting was the new USSVI website. Yes, I was witness to its revealing, though still under construction. No, I don't have a live delivery date, so we wait like Palov's dogs. If only to



make you salivate, it has the look and feel of the United States Submarines Charitable Fund, Inc. <https://www.ussvcf.org/> website. Gone are the multiple-colored buttons, and the image of a submarine or tender every time you return to the home page. I'm sure the next edition of the American Submariner will have more information.

Another highlight takeaway was the total number of awards given out to well-deserving Bases and Shipmates across USSVI. Though the overall covid response protocols took a lot of attention away from week to week, or month to month Base activities, Shipmates still found a way to gather for mutual enjoyment, celebrate their freedom and the camaraderie of each other, and make time to share their strength in perseverance over any adversary flying a flag or biological variant. Across the Organization, the North East Region captured 24 awards; South East Region 11 awards; Central Region 18 awards. And of those 18, 15 were awarded to individuals and Bases within WD5. Bravo Zulu to ALL HANDS! And a special thank you to those who took the time to wet their pencil and scratch out a well-organized award nomination! Awards will be presented at an upcoming event as the Base Commander determines. There are always shipmates who perform the necessary functions to support Base operations, and the promote the ideals of our Creed. Let's give them all the opportunity to be recognized at the National level. The next awards cycle will commence in February 2022. And, the 2022 USSVI National Convention will be held in Buffalo, NY between Aug 24-27; and the 2023 USSVI National Convention will be in Tucson, AZ between Aug 28th and Sept 2nd. Looking forward to seeing my Shipmates again soon!

Pete Juhos , USSVI Western Region District 5 Commander



Shipmates, Our last First Call to Morning Chow, which was held at the IHOP restaurant in Roseville, was attended by only a dozen members and wives; I know we can do better.

I have found a new spot off Hwy 50 that I am hoping will become our new permanent location for our every other month breakfasts. Tuesday October 12 @ 9:30 at Peko's 9664 Micron Ave. (Bradshaw & Hwy 50). They have a large private backroom and are excited to



have us. I think this will work out great for next month's breakfast so please join us.

Harold Fisher, First Call to Morning Chow Coordinator

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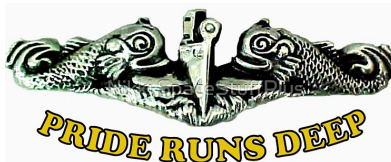
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Lost Boats

September

USS S-5 (SS-110)

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



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USS Grayling (SS-209)

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



USS Pompano (SS-181)

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



USS S-51 (SS-162)

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



USS Cisco (SS-290)

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



Birthdays

AUGUST

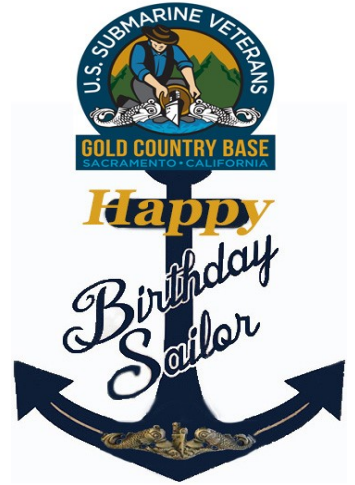
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Ajax Smith Gene Ratto Jerry Ellis Matt Lettau

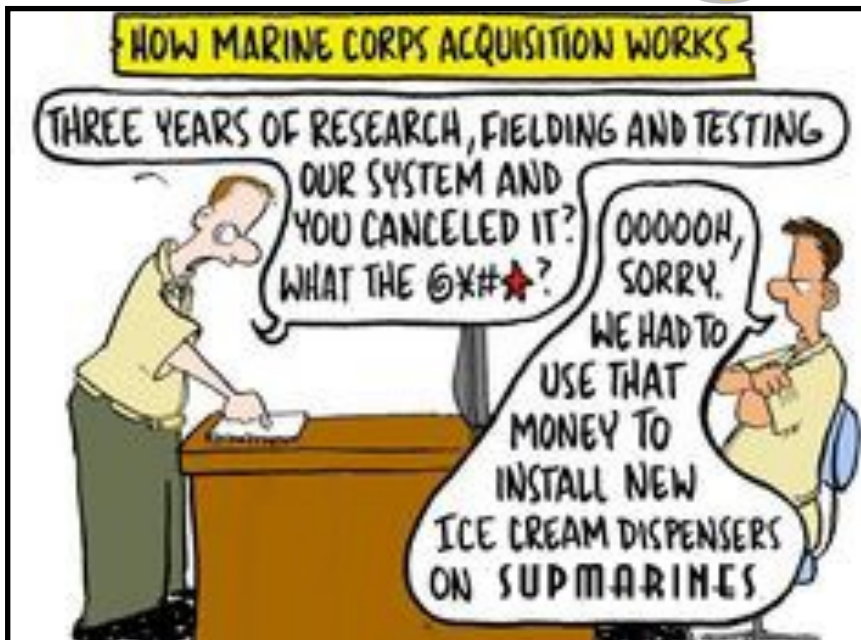
SEPTEMBER

Reggie Bronner Steven Loomis Max Rhinehard

Raymond Rockers Larry Shamus Roy Wilhite



On The Lighter Side



Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.





Gold Country Base would not be able to continue to operate without the generous contribution from those Members, Wives and Friends who donate to

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VA Information

National Park Fees — H.R.4300

Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act On 1 JUL, House Committee on Natural Resources Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R-AR.) joined Committee Chairman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), and 129 other members in introducing the bipartisan Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act.

This legislation would give veterans and Gold Star families free lifetime access to public lands, and active-duty military free annual passes. The America the Beautiful Pass provides access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, national forests and wildlife refuges. This includes some of the country's most iconic natural treasures, ranging from Acadia National Park to the Redwood National Forest. The VIP Act would allow all veterans, active-duty service members and Gold Star Families to visit national parks and public lands free of charge. In 2020, the Trump administration made the America the Beautiful annual pass free for veterans and Gold Star Families. However, this benefit for veterans has never been put into law and could be undone by a future administration. The VIP Act would turn these free annual passes into lifetime passes, as well as codify the annual passes for current service members. These can then be converted into lifetime passes once they leave the military. At the time of introduction, 135 Republican and Democrat members cosponsored the VIP Act and 55 organizations supported the legislation.

USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES August 28, 2021

Howard Grover opened with a prayer for the speedy recovery of our Base Commander Barry Wyatt.



CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order @ Noon by Vice-Commander Les Jamison. The was delayed due a medical emergency with our Base Commander Barry Wyatt. (Note: After an examination by the Folsom Paramedics he was released to his wife to go home, HarryBeach and Chad Clay followed her home with his car and returned to the meeting). The reading of the USSVI Creed and purpose was suspended. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Barron.

INVOCATION Chaplin Howard Grover

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTION 16 Members and new member candidate (Edwards McCarthy) - membership application submitted and forward to Nick Sadowy for review and entry into the USSVI national files.

Holland Club Induction Warren Wiederhoeft reported a ceremony to be held at the next meeting with two members to be inducted.

GUEST SPEAKER COORDINATOR Chad Clay No guest speaker today - Cancelled due to low meeting turnout.

FORMAL REPORTS

BASE COMMANDER given by Vice-Commander Les Jamison

Participation in the Nevada City Constitution Day Parade was cancelled by Gold Country base due to Covid-19 pandemic and wildfires.

Reviewed the current status of the West Sacramento Lost Boats Memorial.

Western Region Roundup is still up in the air due to the increase of Covid cases coupled with wildfires.

VICE COMMANDER Les Jamison

Les commented-on Gold Country base serving up hot dogs to Veterans at the Rocklin Bass Pro Shop. This would most likely occur on the Sunday (November 14th) following Veterans Day on the 11th.

Base holiday party currently scheduled for December 16th at the Veterans Hall. Cost per plate \$30 per plate.

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) HARRY BEACH

Got Barry Wyatt and his wife home safely. Barry seems to be resting and will go to the doctor's on Monday. Nothing else to report

TREASURER Base Treasurer Nick Sadowy

Sent in a report, read by the Vice-Commander Les Jamison. The books are in balance. Gold Country Base does not publicly release financial information in the meeting minutes. Any base member can request a report from the Base Treasurer via email.

MEMBERSHIP Nick Sadowy

Currently, the USSVI membership stands at 107 members. We have another new spouse joining along with a new member (Edward McCarthy) joining. This should bring our total membership to 109 members.

SHIP STORES Roger Paul

Found title to float trailer in storekeeper's files and turned it over to Les Jamison.

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USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES August 28, 2021 (continued)

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR [Les Jamison](#)

Sent emails to Kaiser Hospitals to see if they would allow Zoom meetings with the children wing of the hospital. Awaiting answers.

EAGLE SCOUT [Gil Miller](#) Nothing new to report

CHAPLAIN / BINNACLE LIST [Howard Grover](#)

Keep Barry Wyatt, Diana Williams, and Janet Fisher in your prayers.

NAVY YOUTH LIAISON [Chad Clay](#) Nothing new to report

WEB-MASTER [Nick Sadowy](#) Nothing to report

HISTORIAN [Warren Wiederhoeft](#)

New member business cards are available

SUBVET CHECK-IN [Mark Elftmann](#) Nothing to report

SUBVET SUPPORT GROUP [Penny Jamison](#)

The Holiday party is scheduled for Thursday December 16, 2021.

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER [PETE JUHOS](#) No Report

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE [Mark Elftmann](#) No Report

No 50/50 conducted for JROTC collection.

Old Business: Meeting minutes for the month of July, Moved and Seconded to accept and approved as written and distributed in the Now Hear This bulletin.

New Business: None

Good of the Order: Nothing to Report

First Call to Morning Chow

Tuesday September 14 @9:30 IHOP Restaurant Roseville

Next Base Meeting:

Next meeting will be on July 24, 2021 Potluck @ 12 noon Meeting Starts 1pm

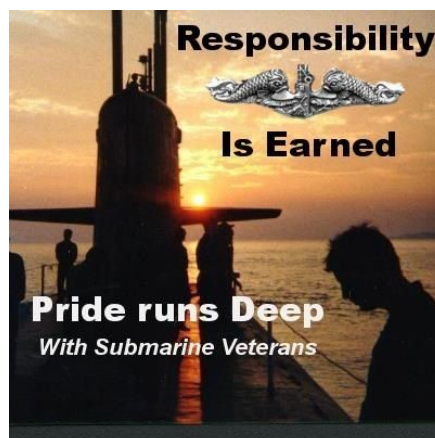
Folsom Veterans Hall -1300 Forrest St., Folsom

Meeting Adjournment

Base Chaplain, Howard Grover gave a closing prayer and a meal blessing.

The Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 12.37 pm.

We joined together and had our Potluck Lunch. We ended our overall meeting early as the air quality was extremely poor due to the fires.



Lost Boats Memorial

Gold Country Base Lost Boats Memorial In late 2017, I began working on an idea to build a Lost Boat Memorial somewhere in our area. Working with Tim and a few other members we came up with a base criteria for the project. We needed to find a spot that was close to water, somewhat safe from vandalism and one with easy access and good public visibility. After a fair amount of research over the next several months I discovered the Veterans Plaza on the River Walk in West Sacramento. I then contacted the Mayor of West Sac and explained what we were trying to do. He handed us off to the Superintendent of Parks, Sam Cooney, and we scheduled a meeting at the site. Tim and I met with Sam in May of 2018 and got a clear, supportive message that our memorial would be a great fit for that location.

As it turns out that part of the project was the easy part. We had a location, now what do we do? What would it look like, how much would it cost, who would build it, who would install it? As time went by we explored many different options and when Tim left us my interest in moving forward just sort of went away.

About a year ago, with the urging of Les, I once again focused on building this memorial. I recontacted Sam Cooney and apologized for the delays. Les and I met with a monument company to get an idea about design and cost. Last June we made a presentation to the City of West Sacramento Recreation Committee and received their unanimous support. Over the last couple of months the city has prepared the site by removing and transplanting the roses. I have interviewed a half dozen monument companies to provide the granite, do the engraving and installation and have found one that has the best price and really wants to work with us. What we need now are the funds to pay for it. The maximum total cost is \$15,000. We have established a GoFundMe account and are working with USSVI to receive matching funds. By sending all donations to the charitable fund they would qualify as a 501c3 tax deduction. Use the following link for our GoFundMe account. <https://gofund.me/373a335b>



Tim at our first visit to the site in
May 2018



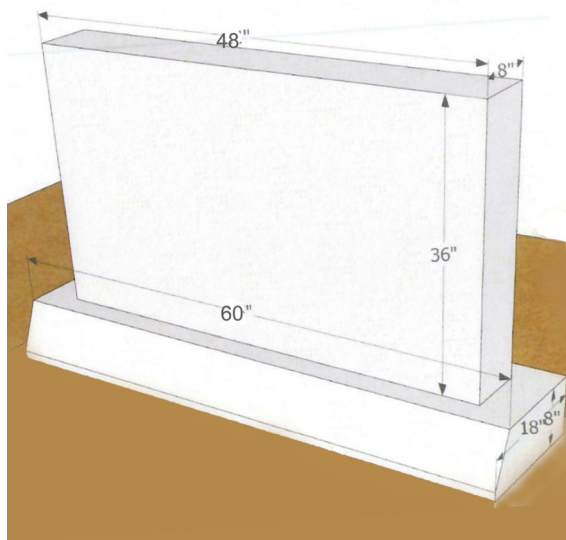
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Lost Boats Memorial

Gold Country Base Lost Boats Memorial

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USS F4 SS-23	Mar 1915
USS F1 SS-20	Dec 1917
USS H-1 SS-28	Mar 1920
USS S-5 SS-110	Sep 1920
USS O-5 SS-66	Oct 1923
USS S-51 SS-162	Sep 1925
USS S-4 SS-109	Dec 1927
USS Squalus SS-192	May 1939
USS O-9 SS-70	Jun 1941
USS Sealion SS-195	Dec 1941
USS S-36 SS-141	Jan 1942
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USS Shark SS-174	Feb 1942
USS Perch SS-176	Mar 1942
USS S-27 SS-132	Jun 1942
USS Grunion SS-216	Jul 1942
USS S-39 SS-144	Aug 1942
USS Argonaut SM-1	Jan 1943
USS Amberjack SS-219	Feb 1943
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USS Pickerel SS-177	Apr 1943
USS Grenadier SS-210	Apr 1943
USS R-12 SS-89	Jun 1943
USS Runner SS-275	Jun 1943
USS Grayling SS-209	Sep 1943
USS Pompano SS-181	Sep 1943
USS Cisco SS-290	Sep 1943
USS S-44 SS-155	Oct 1943
USS Wahoo SS-238	Oct 1943
USS Dorado SS-248	Oct 1943
USS Corvina SS-226	Nov 1943
USS Sculpin SS-191	Nov 1943

This memorial represents the **"depth of gratitude"** we have for our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country in the United States Navy Submarine Service and to honor those brave men and women who are serving now and who will serve in the future, beneath the oceans of the world.

United States Submariners are members of the elite underseas fighting force of the United States Navy. They are all volunteers who passed stringent testing, challenging training and proved their mettle when they earned the coveted designation **"Qualified in Submarines"**.

Over the history of the Navy, in both war and peace, 65 United States Submarines have been lost and 4,000 young American Sailors have paid the ultimate price and remain on Eternal Patrol. The sacrifices and devotion to duty of all American Submariners exemplifies the extraordinary service they provide to our nation. Their mission of Strategic Deterrence allows us the opportunity to live out our lives in freedom knowing that the world is a safer and more peaceful place.

Gold Country Base, United States Submarine Veterans—2022

USS Capelin SS-289	Dec 1943
USS Scorpion SS-278	Jan 1944
USS Grayback SS-208	Feb 1944
USS Trout SS-202	Feb 1944
USS Tullibee SS-284	Mar 1944
USS Gudgeon SS-211	Apr 1944
USS Herring SS-233	Jun 1944
USS Golet SS-361	Jun 1944
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USS Albacore SS-218	Nov 1944
USS Growler SS-215	Nov 1944
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USS Swordfish SS-193	Jan 1945
USS Barbel SS-316	Feb 1945
USS Kete SS-369	Mar 1945
USS Trigger SS-237	Mar 1945
USS Snook SS-279	Apr 1945
USS Lagarto SS-371	May 1945
USS Bonefish SS-223	Jun 1945
USS Bullhead SS-332	Aug 1945
USS Cochino SS-345	Aug 1949
USS Stickleback SS-415	May 1958
USS Thresher SSN-593	Apr 1963
USS Scorpion SSN-589	May 1968

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Gold Country Base News

Nominations for Base Vice Commander and Base Treasurer.

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.

The term of office for Base Vice Commander 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 time-line.

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.

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

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 1January of each term. Any modification of the Base Officers nomination and installation process requires approval by vote of the membership.

USSVI Regional News



Postponed

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that the Western Region Roundup is being rescheduled (WRR). The members of the Western Region Roundup Committee after much deliberation have decided that in the interest of safety and wellbeing of our shipmates to reschedule the 2021 Western Region Roundup.

Amid concerns over the Corona Virus (COVID-19) we are experiencing increased restrictions on social events, with no way of anticipating the future requirements

Many of our shipmates are in the age group that is most susceptible to this virus.

It is the responsible thing to do given Corona Virus fears.

The Western Region Roundup Committee is working to establish a new date for 2022 and will announce when available.

Please be advised you must cancel your own hotel reservations.

You may let your WRR Reservation ride for next year or your fees can be refunded. Please advise via email to: westernregionroundup@gmail.com.

Gene E. Kellar



From The Crew

An Unusual Polaris Patrol

It was unusual for several reasons. First, it was in three different parts. It wasn't just a straight 60 days on patrol. Second, we knew about this before we left for Guam to relieve the Kam Blue crew. Third, we crossed the deepest part of the Mariana Trench. And last, but not least, we crossed the equator.

Day 1 of the patrol was normal but at certain point, we returned to Guam. We tied up to the tender where they unloaded 5 A3 missiles which were replaced with five with no war heads. Then, we headed to the Pacific Missile Range.

On the way, at the deepest point of the Mariana Trench, most of the crew got to see and even got to ping the fathometer. I remember it taking well over a minute for the ping to return. The long delay was because the depth was just shy of 36,000 feet. There was some periscope liberty when we went by Truk Island. Crossing the equator, there was the initiation of all the polliwogs. I was one of those pollywogs. My shellback certificate is dated January 18, 1968.



USS Kamehameha SSBN642

Once on station we surfaced to transfer some of our guys to the USS Robert H McCard DD822. They were going to take film of our birds coming out of the water. I had been on one destroyer and it happened to be the DD822 in Kingston Bay Jamaica. What were the chances of that? Maybe I will tell that story at another time.



I was in the Maneuvering Room when we launched the 5 birds. It was the 3rd or 4th one, launched, fell back into the water and hit us as it sank. The film we saw later showed that bird was almost horizontal when came out the water. It lit off and tried hard to straighten up but just burst into a ball of flame and sank. There was a concern that it had damaged us in some way, but it turned out that it did no damage. We returned to Guam and loaded five more A3 missiles. Then left to complete the regular patrol. I think we were never told why we did this. I have always assumed that it was to show the Russians how good even our old missiles were.

Story provide by
**Howard
Grover**



From The Crew

Do You Remember?

RECRUIT INFORMATION STUDY SHEET
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THE ELEVEN GENERAL ORDERS

1. To take charge of this post and all government property in view.
2. To walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert, and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
3. To report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. To repeat all calls from the post more distant from the guard house than my own.
5. To quit my post only when properly relieved.
6. To receive, obey, and pass on to the sentry who relieves me all orders from the commanding officer, field officer of the day, officer of the day, the officers and petty officers of the guard only.
7. To talk to no one except in line of duty.
8. To give the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
9. To call the corporal of the guard in any case not covered by instructions.
10. To salute all officers, and all colors and standards not cased.
11. To be especially watchful at night, and, during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.

NOTES:

You shall be able to quote any particular one or all the above General Orders, anytime, anyplace, or to anyone who may order you to do so. For more detailed information concerning the Eleven General Orders, read pages 144, 145, 146, and 147 in the Bluejackets Manual. Your Bluejackets Manual will normally be issued during the last day the company is in Receiving.

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Featured Boat

USS *Greenfish* (SS-351) *Balao*-class Submarine of the United States Navy.

Greenfish (SS-351) was launched by the Electric Boat Co., Groton, Connecticut, 21 December 1945; sponsored by Mrs. Thomas J. Doyle; and commissioned 7 June 1946, Comdr. R. M. Metcalf commanding.

Greenfish's shakedown cruise 22 July to 13 September 1946, took her to Barranquilla, Colombia; the Canal Zone; Callao, Peru; and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Exercises out of New London and in Chesapeake Bay carried her through the year, and the early months of 1947 found *Greenfish* back in the Caribbean for fleet exercises. On 11 February 1947 she effected one of the first transfers of personnel from an aircraft carrier, *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, to a submarine by helicopter.

Various exercises along the American coast and in the Caribbean occupied *Greenfish* until 8 January 1948, when she entered the Electric Boat Co. yards for a GUPPY II conversion. This included the installation of snorkeling equipment on *Greenfish*, enabling her to run her diesel engines while submerged, which required the enlargement of her "sail". In addition, more batteries were installed to increase her submerged speed and permit the ship to remain completely submerged for longer periods.

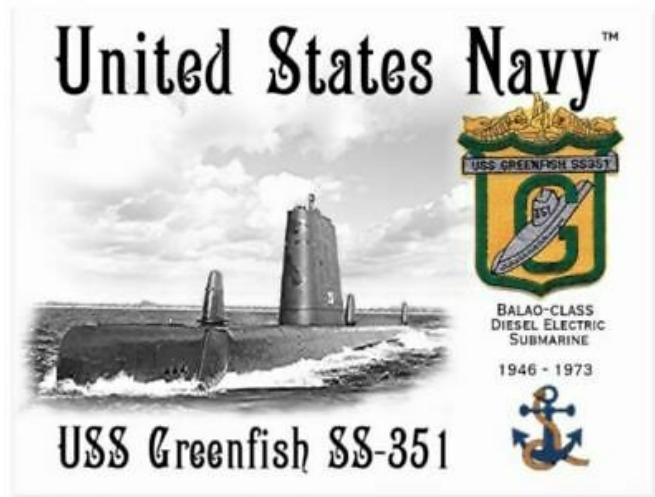
Returning to New London 21 August 1948, *Greenfish* sailed on her "second" shakedown cruise 1 September, with Rear Admiral James J. Fife, Commander, Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet, aboard. She transited the Panama Canal 9 September and engaged in exercises at Balboa before returning to New London 24 September.



The new GUPPY submarine was attached to the Pacific Fleet, and sailed for Pearl Harbor 23 October. She reached her new home 25 November 1948. With the exception of ASW and harbor defense exercises in Puget Sound in 1950 and a subsequent Mare Island overhaul, *Greenfish* operated out of Pearl Harbor on local exercises through 1951.

Departing Pearl Harbor 15 November 1951, *Greenfish* sailed to Yokosuka, Japan, for Korean War duty. After a patrol 31 January to 1 March 1952, She participated in exercises at Okinawa and then returned to Hawaii 2 June. Local and special operations filled her time until 5 November 1954, when she entered the Pearl Harbor Shipyard for another modernization overhaul.

Greenfish, overhaul completed 6 July 1955, sailed for deployment with the 7th Fleet 15 September and reached Yokosuka 29 September. From 19 October to 15 November she engaged in special operations, and then embarked on a tour of Southeast Asia. Ports visited by *Greenfish* during her 2-month cruise included Manila, Singapore, Rangoon, where she was the first submarine ever to visit and was inspected by Burmese Prime Minister U Nu, and Hong Kong. After further exercises off Okinawa and Yokosuka, *Greenfish* returned to Pearl Harbor 13 March 1956.



Featured Boat

The following 5 years fell into a pattern for Greenfish—local operations out of Pearl Harbor, special operations, exercises along the American coast, and periodic overhauls. *Greenfish* entered Pearl Harbor Shipyard 15 December 1960 for a FRAM (Fleet Rehabilitation and Modernization) overhaul and extensive conversion to a GUPPY III class ship. This included cutting *Greenfish* in half and adding a 15-foot (5 m) section of hull to permit more batteries and other equipment.

Conversion completed, *Greenfish* departed 28 July 1961 for shakedown, operations at Pearl Harbor, and in December sailed to serve with the 7th Fleet. In addition to special operations, the submarine participated in various fleet and ASW exercises and visited several ports, including Hong Kong, Manila, and Okinawa. Returning to Pearl Harbor June 1962, *Greenfish* engaged in local operations until October, when the Cuban Missile Crisis sent her to Japan to strengthen the 7th Fleet. Upon return to Hawaii December 1962, she underwent a brief overhaul and then resumed her peace time schedule of local and special operations interspersed with training exercises.

Based at Pearl Harbor, she participated in various ASW exercises while maintaining the high tempo of training and readiness for her crew. From 30 March 1964 to 4 September she underwent overhaul; and, after a



cruise to the Pacific Coast and back, *Greenfish* departed for the Far East 27 January 1965. She arrived Japan early in February and during the next 4 months operated with the 7th Fleet in waters from Japan to the Philippines. She returned to Pearl Harbor 1 August, continued type training into 1966, and deployed once again to the Western Pacific 1 February 1966. She completed her duty with the 7th Fleet 1 July and returned to Hawaii later that month to resume readiness exercises out of Pearl Harbor. Into 1967 she continued to serve in the Pacific Fleet's submarine force. In 1970 she underwent a yard overhaul at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, CA. She then

underwent weapons alignment in Bangor, WA. *Greenfish* Transited the Panama Canal and proceeded to Sub base New London. She made a Med cruise and North Atlantic cruise in 1971 and a springboard exercise in 1972.

Greenfish was decommissioned, struck from the US Naval Register 29 October 1973, and transferred (sold) to Brazil, 19 December 1973, where she was renamed **Amazonas (S-16)**. She was struck 15 October 1992, originally to be transformed into a museum ship at the Centro Histórico da Marinha in Rio de Janeiro. However, she was ultimately judged to be in too bad condition, and was scrapped in 2001.

**USS Greenfish (SS-351)
was the Qual Boat of
Gold Country Base Vice Commander
Les Jamison**



New Details Revealed on Next-Gen Attack Submarine

The Navy envisions its next-generation nuclear-powered attack submarine to be the “ultimate apex predator,” according to officials.

Known as the SSN(X), the future platform will combine the Virginia-class submarine’s acoustics and sensors, the Seawolf-class’ payload and speed and the Columbia-class’ projected operational availability, said Rear Adm. Bill Houston, director of the undersea warfare division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. “It really needs to be ready for ... major combat operations,” he said during a panel discussion hosted by the Navy League in July. “It’s going to need to be able to go behind enemy lines and deliver that punch that is going to really, really establish our primacy.”

The team hopes to allow for plenty of time to conduct research, development, test and evaluation for the program, he said.

“It takes a significant amount of time and effort for that RDT&E to develop this apex predator,” he said. “It’s a daunting task, but the team is more than capable of doing it.”

The Navy wants to begin procuring the new class of subs beginning in fiscal year 2031, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Kevin Graney, president of General Dynamics Electric Boat, said his conversations with Navy leadership have included mentions of speed and acoustic superiority when it comes to the SSN(X). However, the requirements for the submarine have yet to be confirmed. Electric Boat is one of only two shipyards in the country capable of building nuclear-powered vessels, according to CRS. The other builder is Huntington Ingalls Industries’ Newport News Shipbuilding.

“We’re getting more and more in sync with each passing day, which I think is great,” Graney said. Electric Boat has already invested \$2 billion in its shipbuilding facilities to increase efficiency to ensure that it can work on multiple projects simultaneously, Graney said.

However, the future of the next-generation platform is not assured. A June memo from then-Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Harker suggested that the service may have to cut back on some of its next-generation platforms due to budget constraints.

Houston said the Navy has to carefully balance maintenance costs with upcoming plans to grow the submarine fleet.

“We need that private industry support to ensure that we have the maintenance capability ... as we leverage into the future for our next submarine SSN(X),” he said.

Rear Adm. Jeffrey Jablon, commander of the submarine force for U.S. Pacific Fleet, said growing the attack submarine inventory will reduce pressure on the fleet, enabling vessels to undergo maintenance and be used for sailor training.

Battle Force 2045, a vision for the future Navy released under former Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, called for the attack sub fleet to increase from approximately 50 boats to around 70.

“The size of the force only adds goodness to my job to prepare the force for major combat operations and also gives the combatant commanders more flexibility and operational management flexibility,” Jablon said.



American Submarine's Dates of Interest

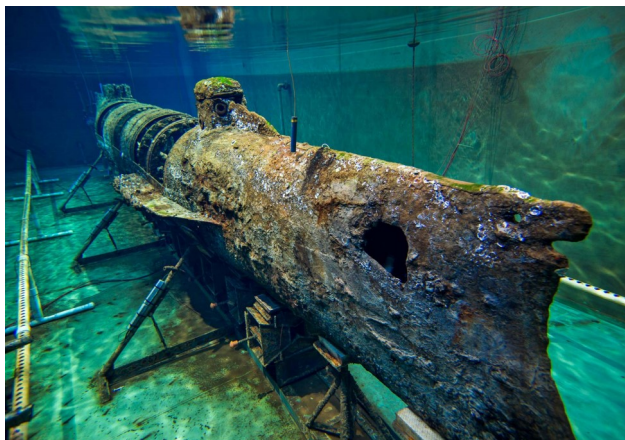
August

Aug 03 1958 – Cold War: Nautilus Travels Under North Pole » The U.S. nuclear submarine Nautilus accomplishes the first undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole. The world's first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus dived at Point Barrow, Alaska, and traveled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap to reach the top of the world. It then steamed on to Iceland, pioneering a new and shorter route from the Pacific to the Atlantic and Europe.



Aug 08 2000 – Post Civil War: Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley is raised to the surface after 136 years on the ocean floor and 30 years after its discovery

Aug 18 1944 – WWII: USS Rasher (SS 269) Sinking's » On this date the Rasher made contact with a convoy of thirteen ships protected by six escorts. Two torpedoes were launched hitting the tanker Teiyo Maru and causing it to explode. Rasher launched a spread of six bow torpedoes on its second approach, three of which hit and sank the 17,000-ton transport Teia Maru. She then fired three more torpedoes, hitting and sinking the 20,000-ton carrier Taiyo. After pulling away and reloading, Rasher launched four torpedoes and recorded three hits on the cargo-transport Eishin Maru which caused an ammunition detonation. Rasher then launched two torpedoes and recorded two hits on Noshiro Maru. Rasher counted sixteen detonations from eighteen torpedoes fired. Rasher sank the highest tonnage of any World War II U.S. submarine patrol to that date.



Aug 29 1862 – Civil War: H.L. Hunley » Confederate submarine sank in Charleston harbor for the first time. After making several practice dives in the harbor, the submarine was moored by lines fastened to steamer Etiwan at the dock at Fort Johnson. When the steamer moved away from the dock unexpectedly, H. L. Hunley was drawn onto her side. She filled with water and rapidly sank, carrying with her five gallant seamen. Lieutenant Payne and two others escaped. She was subsequently raised and refitted, as, undaunted by the "unfortunate accident," another crew volunteered to man her.

Aug 29 1915 – U.S. Navy: Salvage divers raise F-4 (SS-23), the first U.S. submarine sunk in an accident

Aug 29 1916 – U.S. Navy: Congress creates US Naval Reserve.

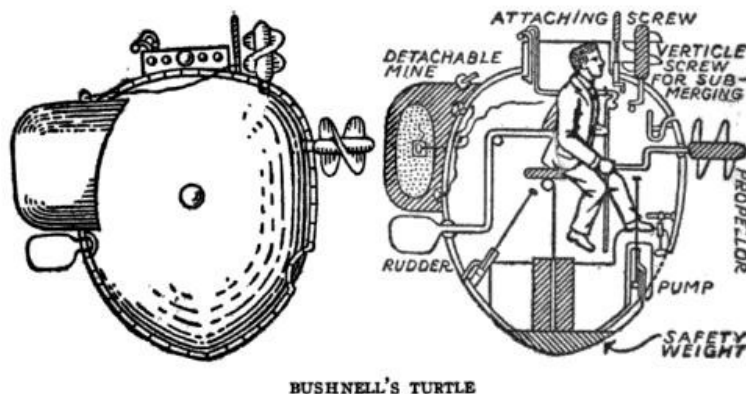
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American Submarine's Dates of Interest

September

Sep 01 1925 – U.S. Navy: Cmdr. John Rodgers and a crew of four in a PN-9 aircraft run out of fuel on the first San Francisco to Hawaii flight. Landing at sea, they rig a sail and set sail for Hawaii. On 10 SEP, they are rescued by the submarine USS R-4, 10 miles from Kauai, then Territory of Hawaii

Sep 07 1776 – American Revolution: World's First Submarine Attack » The American submersible craft Turtle attempts to attach a time bomb to the hull of British Admiral Richard Howe's flagship Eagle in New York Harbor. It was the first use of a submarine in warfare.



Sep 25 1944 – WW2: Sinking of Nissei Maru » Off Manchuria USS Thresher (SS-200) spotted a large cargo vessel. Thresher surfaced at 1315 and headed for the nearest point on the enemy's zigzag course. One hour later, the submarine spotted a floatplane on patrol, and hurriedly "pulled the plug" to submerge. As she went deep, one depth charge exploded nearby. Staying under until 1600, Thresher came to the surface and picked up her target at 1815. The submarine then tracked her quarry until after sunset. Thresher's commander postulated that the enemy vessel was bound for Daisei Gunto and accordingly plotted course to intercept the enemy vessel before she could reach that destination, some three hours later. Attacking from the bright moon side, Thresher fired two bow tubes, aiming one torpedo at the hull near the main-mast and one at the fore. Both struck home, and the 1,468 ton freighter Nissei Maru broke up and sank within one minute.



Sep 30 1954 – U.S. Navy: The USS Nautilus » The world's first nuclear submarine is commissioned by the U.S. Navy. The Nautilus was constructed under the direction of U.S. Navy Captain Hyman G. Rickover, a brilliant Russian-born engineer who joined the U.S. atomic program in 1946. In 1947, he was put in charge of the navy's nuclear-propulsion program and began work on an atomic submarine. Regarded as a fanatic by his detractors, Rickover succeeded in developing and delivering the world's first nuclear submarine years ahead of schedule. In 1952, the Nautilus' keel was laid by President Harry S. Truman, and on January 21, 1954, first lady Mamie Eisenhower broke a bottle of champagne across its bow as it was launched into the Thames River at Groton, Connecticut. Commissioned on September 30, 1954, it first ran under nuclear power on the morning of January 17, 1955.



'Timothy H. Spoon' Achievement Award Nomination

The Timothy H. 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 this prestigious 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.

Date_____

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Nominee Name_____

Nominated by_____

Reason for the Nomination_____

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Sergeant Nicole Gee from Roseville and Tyler Andrews from Folsom

These young Marines come from our neighborhoods, our communities.

Folsom Marine injured in Kabul

Community rallies in support of 2019 FHS grad

FOLSOM, Calif. (KTXL) — U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Tyler Justin Vargas-Andrews, 23, a Folsom resident is fighting for his life after he was critically injured in the suicide bombing attack at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday, Aug. 27.

U.S. Marine Sgt. Tyler Vargas-Andrews is being treated at a U.S. military hospital in Germany.

While he's recovering, people in Folsom made sure to show their support. More than 100 people, most of whom don't even know Tyler, met at the Eagles Lodge in Folsom on Sunday August 29th to cut yellow ribbons. Afterward, they spent a few hours tying the ribbons around trees, poles and posts around town. Tyler is fighting for his life, and when he gets out of that hospital and comes home, we want him to know that we're all proud of him and that we're all behind him.

Vargas-Andrews is a 2016 graduate of Folsom High, where he played soccer, and went on to play at Folsom Lake College. A statement released from the family said Vargas-Andrews is the embodiment of the United States Marine Corps institutional core values of honor, courage and commitment. As a young man, he knew he wanted to be a U.S. Marine and stayed true to that.



Sgt. Nicole Gee, killed in Afghanistan, honored in Roseville:

She 'died doing what she loved'

A warrior and an angel. That's how Sgt. Nicole Gee was remembered at her memorial service in Roseville, hundreds were in attendance to celebrate the life of the 23-year-old Marine and "hometown hero."

Gee was killed Aug. 26 along with 12 other American service members in a suicide-bomber attack outside Kabul's Hamid Karzai International Airport.

Gee's name and face became well-known following her death after a photo of her cradling an Afghan baby in her arms circulated across the internet. She captioned the photo "I love my job."

What the photo didn't show, her aunt Cheryl Juels said, holding back tears, is the chaos that surrounded Gee on that day. Filthy and sleep-deprived from the constant "desperate screams and pleas of thousands of people surrounding them," Gee was near the end of her shift when someone handed her a baby to comfort, Juels said. To calm the baby down amid the noise and the heat, Gee blew softly on the little girl's face and smiled at her.

The work she did in the last days of her life helped save thousands of people from oppression, torture and death, said Mallory Harrison, a friend and fellow Marine.

"She was a true Marine's Marine, Nicole died doing what she loved," Harrison told mourners at Bayside.

"She lost her life so others may live and — without a doubt — she died proud; proud of who she was, proud of what she was doing and proud to be a United States Marine."



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Michael D. "Mad Max" Schell, following 20 years in Submarine Nuclear Power Plant operation and supervision, took his attention to detail in a different direction by taking over West Coast Specialties as owner and creative consultant. He is a long time and life member of USSVI and Gold Country Base. Mad Max is a promotional product distributor, that through his Advertising Specialties network, has access to over 3,500 supplier factories to source and produce any custom decorated product or wearables, with a focus on creatively solving his client's needs vs. just selling ink pens and coffee mugs, or whatever else is on sale). Through his membership In the iPROMOTEu distributor network, he has access to top of the line brands at very competitive pricing. Some of his specialties include awards and plaques, coins, patches, drink ware (coffee mugs, pint glasses, shot glasses, metal and plastic water bottles), and wearables (T-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, caps and jackets). His decoration techniques include embroidery, screen-printing, dye sublimation, direct garment printing, heat transfers and laser engraving.

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