



GOLD COUNTRY BASE

October 2021 Bulletin

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."

Next Meeting—Saturday October 23, 2021

Potluck @ 12 noon Meeting Starts 1pm
Folsom Veterans Hall -1300 Forrest St., Folsom

First Call to Morning

Chow - Tuesday November 9th

@ IHOP Restaurant 100 North Sunrise Ave
Roseville, CA



Gold Country Base Lost Boat Memorial Fundraising is Underway

Two Ways to Make a Tax-Deductible Donation and Qualify Us for Matching Funds.

Online www.ussvcf.org

1. Go to the USSVI Charitable Fund Website using the link above. *Click on the Donate Button*
2. Select or Enter a Dollar Amount -- *(click Continue)*
3. Complete the Form -- *(click Continue)*
4. Select a Fund from Drop Down Box (Gold Country Lost Boat Memorial) -- *(click Continue)*
5. Enter Credit Card information -- *(click Finish)*

By Check

1. Make check Payable to USSVI Charitable Fund
2. Put Gold Country Base Lost Boats Memorial in the Subject Line
3. **Mail to:** USSVCF

PO Box 3870

Silverdale WA 98383



Now Hear This!

26 October 11:00—2:00 Work Party @ the Sub Float Drydock - John Kelly's home 6915 Pecan Ave, Orangevale

30 October 11:00 Road Trip to Solano Monument Company 340 Industrial Way # R, Dixon, CA 95620

31 October Deadline for Tim Spoon Achievement Award Nominations. Send entries to Les Jamison ljamison3049@gmail.com

11 November Folsom Veterans Day Parade 8:00 East Bidwell & Montrose, Folsom

14 November 9:00—3:00 Veterans Weekend Event Bass Pro Hwy 80 Rocklin

This Months Guest Speaker Brian Annis, Chief Financial Officer, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Brian was appointed to that position by Governor Gavin Newsom in April 2019. Prior to that, Brian served as Under Secretary and Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency from 2013 to 2019. Brian earned a Master of Arts degree in economics from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Science degree in political economics of natural resources from the University of California Berkeley



USSVI-Gold Country Base Minutes of the Meeting:

9/25/2021



CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 1:00 PM Vice Commander Les Jamison read the USSVI Creed and Purpose.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Wentland

INVOCATION: Vice Commander, Les Jamison

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTION:

23 Members and 1 guest attended the meeting in person at the Folsom Veteran's Hall

GUEST SPEAKER COORDINATOR CHAD CLAY INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

Nicole Demakas; a Registered Nurse, who has worked on the front lines of the COVID 19 pandemic with state and federal regulators as well as the CDC spoke to the group about the virus and the vaccines. She provided the latest information about the virus and the Delta variant. Nicole provided samples of masks, face shields, and hand cleaner. Nicole is Les and Penny Jamison's daughter.

FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt

Barry was in Washington State at a reunion of his boat

VICE COMMANDER: Les Jamison

Les encouraged everyone to show thanks and appreciation to veterans we meet during our daily travels.

The Base will participate with the Boat Float on November 14 in a celebration of veterans at Bass Pro Shop in Rocklin. Bass Pro will provide sodas, hotdogs, and chips to veterans who visit the store.

To get the float ready a volunteer sign up sheet was passed around for a work party to work on the it.

Also needing work will be the plaques and frames for the Pearl Harbor Ceremony

The float and base will also participate in the Folsom Veteran's Parade.

There is a GoFundMe campaign to help pay for the West Sacramento Lost Boat Memorial. The National USSVI organization will match fund.

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB): Harry Beach - No Report

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.

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy

On the USSVI roll there are now 107 members on the USSVI National Website at ussvi.org

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt

Submissions for the newsletter are always welcome and Barry is working on the next one already. Each EBoard members are asked to contribute his report.

HOLLAND CLUB COMMANDER: Warren Wiederhoeft

Warren is the new Holland Club Commander

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller

Gil and Howard Grover were attending an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in the area on the day of the meeting.

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover - No Report

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NAVY YOUTH LIASON Chad Clay

Although Chad has reached out to the JNROTC and Sea Scouts who have not responded. Chad will likely express to these people that Gold Country Base would like to hear from these groups, so we are familiar with the activities they participate in. Without such contact the base would not be enthusiastic about providing support. When the groups request our support.

HISTORIAN Warren Wiederhoeft - No Report

WEB-MASTER Nick Sadowy - No Report

STOREKEEPER Roger Paul

Michael has agreed to serve as a backup to Roger.

Roger said the items in the store are being offered at a big discount.

KAPS-4-KIDS COORDINATOR Les Jamison

Kaps-4-Kids is still on hold. Les has had some correspondence with the Children's Ward at Kaiser and they are anticipating it will be towards the end of the year before that opens.

Les is looking into possibly recommending the base purchase an electronic tablet to use in the Kaps-4-Kids program.

SUBVET CHECK-IN PROGRAM – Mark Elftmann

Calls are being made and we could use news about how those calls are going.

EVENTS COORDINATOR John Mannis - No Report

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Chad Clay

Chad spoke with the Commander of VFW Post 6604 from the Folsom Veteran's Hall who has agreed to speak at a future base meeting; they will work out a date.

Chad has also spoken with Brian from California Transportation to speak.

A property inspector will speak sometime about how protect our property.

Chad may be able to get a Sheriff's SWAT Officer to speak

FOLSOM JVO REPRESENTATIVE Mark Elftmann

The Folsom Veteran's Hall rental calendar is booked solid until after the first of the year. However, the base was able to get December 16 as a date for our Holiday Party.

Local Eagle Scout hopefuls installed a new Pergola and a bench in the courtyard.

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER Pete Juhos - No Report

Good of the Order / Communications:

Nothing to share

First Call to Morning Chow

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @Perkos at Highway 50 and Bradshaw in Rancho Cordova (Sacramento) 9664 Micron Avenue

Next Base Meeting: Next meeting will be on 10/23/2021

50/50 Won By: \$40 won by Mike McCoy

Meeting adjournment:

Les gave a closing prayer.

Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 2:011 PM

Submitted by Mark Elftmann, Base Secretary

Lost Boats

October

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on Oct 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on Oct 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.



USS Wahoo (SS-238)

Lost on Oct 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.



USS Dorado (SS-248)

Lost on Oct 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.



USS Escolar (SS-294)

Lost on Oct 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.



Lost Boats

October (continued)

USS Shark II (SS-314)

Lost on Oct 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 men when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POW's on board.



USS Darter (SS-227)

Lost on Oct 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship



USS Tang (SS-306)

Lost on Oct 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor



USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Abangarez off the Panama Canal.

