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Clear The Baffles

GOLD COUNTRY BASE



Overall 2022
First Place

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."



Edward John Alves
MM2(SS)

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Mark, Barry, Pete & Frank
Gold Country Base was well
represented at the
National Convention in Tucson



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Next Meeting—October 21, 2023 Potluck @ 12 noon
Meeting Starts 1pm Folsom Veterans Hall -1300 Forrest St., Folsom

First Call to Morning Chow
Tuesday October 10 0930 @ Susies Country Oaks Café
1000 Melody Lane, Roseville



Shipmates, We had two of our plank SubVets, who were very active in establishing the Gold Country Base, received their orders to go on Eternal Patrol. We lost Ed Alves and Joe Cooke this past month.

We participated in a "Celebration of Life" for Edward John Alves on July 23 at the Folsom VFW. The event started with the Sea Cadets posting the colors. Ed's niece gave the family's eulogy. I presented his military service summary coupled with Ed's participation in development and support of Gold Country Base. Pete read the Lost Boats and Gene tolled the bell. Mike and Pete conducted the "Folding and Presentation of the United States Flag". Pete Juhos presented the folded "Honor Flag" to Janet as a symbol of a grateful nation. This concluded the formal service which was followed by a very large potluck dinner. The ceremony was attended by over 75 people, which included family, extended family, neighbors, shipments, and SubVets.

We are planning to travel to Joe Cooke's interment on September 25th. It is scheduled for 1:00 pm in Napa. We need to carpool to offset some of the gasoline expense.

I have been in contact with the Folsom VFW to determine if they want to jointly put on the "land, Sea, and Air BBQ". They planned to review the financial performance of the last time it was held to determine if it is financially feasible. We must factor in the inflationary costs of food and services.

We are scheduled for the following events:

Veteran's Day Parade in Auburn – November 11

Bass Pro Day – November 12

December 7 – Discovery Park

Holiday party – December 15 at VFW hall

Special mention of Bill Visinette who passed away last month and prayers for his wife, who is fighting stage 4 cancer. He was always active with the Western Round-up.

Keep healthy and get your flu shot and your Covid booster.

Les Jamison, Base Commander

Vice-COMMANDER

Shipmates, I attended the National Convention in Tucson. Other Gold Country Base people there were Pete and Debbie Juhos, Fran and Byrnece Elliott, and Barry Wyatt. There were about four hundred other subverts there as well. I enjoyed meeting and talking with many of them. Submarine Veterans are very friendly. I was struck by what seems to me to be true about USSVI, I'm not sure there is any other group of veterans with the camaraderie and brotherhood that submariners have. We are a special group, and I am grateful to be part of this group.



Gold Country Base received three awards at the convention. We received the Golden Anchor Award for Category 1 Bases, Barry received a Robert Link Commander's Award, and the Now Hear This Newsletter received the Best Newsletter Award. Any member can nominate someone for the national awards or the Base awards. Now is the time of the year to submit nominations for the Tim Spoon Achievement Award. I am still looking for members to be on the Awards Committee to have a say in the awards process,

Mark Elftmann , Vice Commander

Folsom JVO



The Irreverent Warriors will be holding A silkies Hike on October 14. For more information, click this link: [Irreverent Warriors](#)

The Folks at the Veterans are planning the Folsom Veteran's Parade. Although we have participated for several years, Gold Country Base has chosen to attend the Auburn Veteran's Parade this year.

The VFW has received an invitation from the Folsom Police Department for various Veteran's groups to participate in a Police Motorcycle Competition next April 27. They are looking for a Military Color Guard and Service Flags Detachment and 4 to 5 independent motorcycle riders to participate in the completion.

The VFW is looking for volunteer bartenders for the Veteran's Hall Canteen. The bartenders receive tips and \$60 for events.



SubVet Check-In

I have compiled a list of names that are members we should call. I would like others to review the list to see if other people should be added. I also have a list of associate members whose significant other has left on Eternal Patrol that can be called to offer support.

OFFICER'S COUNTRY

Guardian Angels

Chaplain



Angels Are Ordered to Protect

Psalm 91: 11-12: *For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.* This is a promise of God worth taking to heart.

Angels Serve God's People

Hebrews 1:14 *Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation.*

Note the angels will only help God's people.

Angels Deliver

Psalm 34:7 *The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.*

An example of this is in Acts 12, Peter is rescued from prison while in chains. An Angel awakens him, and his chains dropped off, then leads him to the cell door which opens on its own. At the outside gate they walk outside. Peter starts walking down the street. As looks back and no longer see the angel is gone; he realizes then he was not dreaming but had been helped by an angel.

This is a very brief summary of protection of angels. Ask me to tell you of my encounter with an angel.

**Blessings to all,
Base Chaplain, Howard**



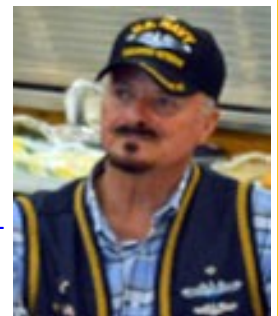
Historian



I have updated the MS Excel documents for "Gold Country Base Officer History, Elected Positions", and "Gold Country Base Officer History, Appointed Positions" as best I can. However, I still need more input on some names and dates before I can release the current updated version. I have received some assistance with correcting MS Excel format issues from Mark Elftmann, which should allow me to print the full version of this document when it's completed. The document will be published in our next newsletter when fully completed. I appreciate having our members input this and other historical information so it will be correct and timely.

As the Gold Country Base Photographer, I have taken lots of pictures at our recent base meetings, at Ed Alves's Celebration of Life and I will attend Joe Cooke's Internment with Barry Wyatt on September 25th to participate and take more photographs. Again, I am very grateful to Naomi and Jerry Wentland for taking pictures at this month's First Call to Morning Chow at Susie's Country Oaks Café this month. My wife and I have had some health issues recently that conflicted with that time. I do enjoy taking pictures at our events, but I greatly appreciate it when others can take photographs when I'm not able to attend.

Roger Paul, Gold Country Base Historian / Photographer



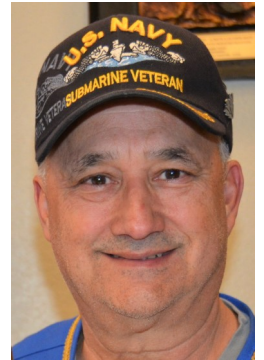
OFFICER'S COUNTRY



Greetings Shipmates, as we get closer to the end of the year, and it sure has been a busy one at that we still have a busy schedule coming up with Veterans' Day, December 7th, holiday party and of course breakfasts and meeting. It's a good time to look back at what a great base we have and how we all care about one another and how important our mission is to keep our base going. It's a pleasure to serve with each and every one

of you. It's no surprise how we have racked up the awards at our conventions due to the people we have who do such an amazing job. Big thanks to every one of you Submariners!

Gene Ratto, Gold Country Base Chief of the Boat (COB)



Recently, as Base Scouting Award Program Coordinator, I have been in contact with Tim Pacl, our Scouting Program National Chairman. USSVI is in the process of incorporating Sea Cadets into the program. Currently, the local Sea Cadet group has two members who have earned the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Once coordination with their group is completed, a presentation ceremony and "Court of Honor (COH)" will be scheduled. A recommendation is pending that the COH be scheduled in conjunction with a base meeting at the Veterans Hall. I will speak to any additional information as it becomes available at our monthly base meeting.

Gil Miller, Eagle Scout Coordinator



Hello ladies: First I would like to thank Jerry and Naomi Wentland for their help and hard work cleaning and organizing our shed. We cleaned out a lot of trash and it looks great but needs additional shelving to get everything off the floor.

Believe it or not, the holidays are just around the corner. Preparations are underway for our annual holiday party. I'm in need of some help with the following: Centerpieces (the morning of), Set-up of the tables (the morning of), checking names at the door, and the raffle tickets.

If you can help, please call me at 352-598-9611

Thanks in Advance,

Penny Jamison, SubVet Support Group Commander



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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.



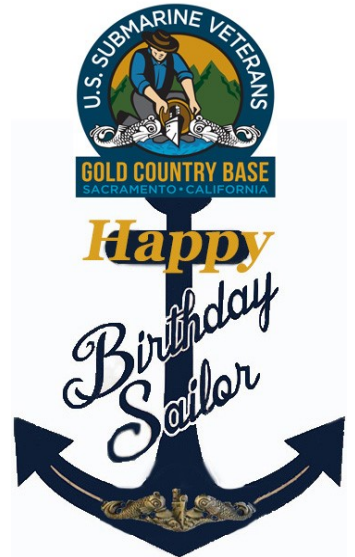
Birthdays

August

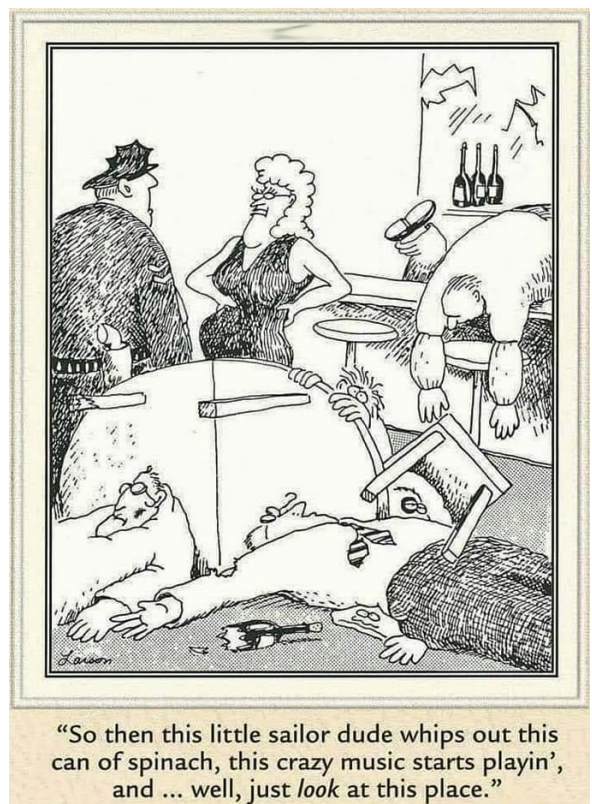
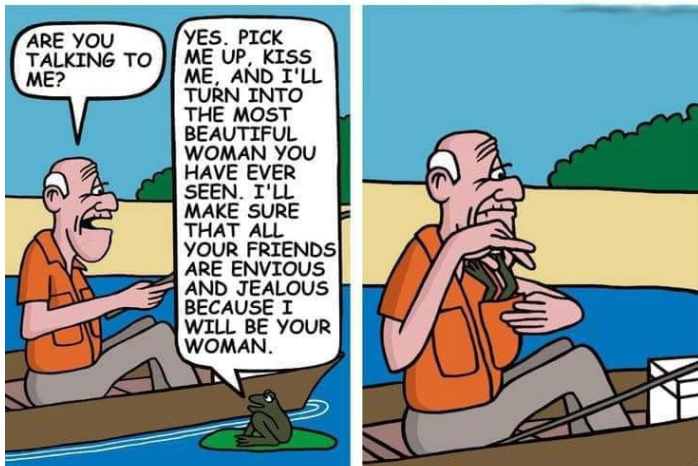
Anita Bronner Jerry Ellis Jack Everett Glynis Elftmann
Gene Ratto Rick Reineman Ed McCarthy Mike Mccoy
Alonzo Brewster Matt Lettau

September

Larry Shamus Reggie Bronner Donald Perkins



On The Lighter Side





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

Gold Country Base Booster's

Ed Alves Janet Alves* Bill Barron**

Harry Beach Rosa Beach* Glenn Boothe*

Jerry Bowers Regy Bronner* Anita Bronner**

John Clark Dennis Cline Mike Daly**

Larry Davis Jr.. Mike Delleney Ron Eggert*

Mark Elftmann Frank Elliott* Jerry Ellis**

Jack Everett Christopher Ferguson**

Harold Fisher Janet Fisher* Michael Goble**

Howard Grover Dennis Henderson*

Bill Hunt Burna Jamieson Pete Juhos**

Debbie Juhos Alvin Lehman* Matt Lettau**

James MacLean George Miyao* Tom Moniz**

*Hans Nettle Harry Pagett Roger Paul**

Gene Ratto Max Rhinehart* Tom Rumsey**

Joe Ryan Louie Slayton Joel Walton*

*David Worth Barry Wyatt**

VA Information

National Life Insurance Awareness Month: Have you taken advantage of VA's life insurance programs?

September is National Life Insurance Awareness Month, a time for you and your family to reflect on whether you have the right coverage to secure your financial future. If you are a service member or Veteran, VA has a wide array of life insurance programs tailored to fit your unique needs, no matter what stage of life you're in.

VA life insurance programs have undergone changes over the past year, resulting in more coverage for Veterans and service members than ever before. Now might be the perfect time to add life insurance to your estate plan or increase your coverage if you are eligible.

Launch of Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife)

VALife is VA's newest life insurance program, and it's open to Veterans with service-connected disabilities. VALife provides coverage to more service-connected Veterans than ever before, and offers the following key features:

- Up to \$40,000 in coverage, available in increments of \$10,000
- No medical exam or health questions required for enrollment

Cash value that builds over the life of the policy.

VALife offers an easy and convenient online application. Veterans can apply, receive an instant decision and manage most aspects of their VALife policy completely online. You can learn more about VALife and how to apply at

[the VALife webpage online.](#)



USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES August 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 13:04 Commander Les Jamison the USSVI Creed and Purpose

INVOCATION: Base Chaplain Howard Grover gave the Invocation.

TOLLING THE BELL: The Lost Boats for the month of September were read by Commander, Les Jamison, and Chief of the Boat, Gene Ratto tolled the bell for each Lost Boat; one additional toll in memory of those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 26 members in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER COORDINATOR CHAD CLAY INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

Chad read an article called Legend of Black Water Canyon

FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Les Jamison

Bass Pro event is November 12

VICE COMMANDER: Mark Elftmann - No report

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB) Gene Ratto - 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 Base Treasurer via email. Checking balance is \$9,840.

MEMBERSHIP: Nick Sadowy

We have 109 members

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt

Barry will publish the Newsletter in mid-October. Anyone with a sea story is welcome to contribute it to the newsletter. Barry needs everyone to complete a Bio. Joe Cook's internment will be in Napa, not at the National cemetery at the end of September.

HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Lenard Lee -No report

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller -No report

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Howard Grover

Ceremony for Ed Alves will be tomorrow at the VFW hall at 3:00. We would like a big showing for this. White shirt and tie.

BASE PHOTOGRAPHER/ HISTORIAN: Roger Paul -No report

NAVY YOUTH LIASON: Chad Clay - No report

WEB-MASTER: Ed McCarthy

Veteran's Day parade will be In Auburn on November 11.

STOREKEEPER: Jerry Wentland - No report

KAPS4KIDS COORDINATOR: Les Jamison -No report

SUBVET CHECK-IN PROGRAM/ FOLSOM JVO: Mark Elftmann -No report

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Gene Ratto, Ed McCarthy, Les Jamison Annual Lost Boats memorial service in West Sacramento—January 20 or 3rd Saturday in January (20th)

Veteran's Day parade – November 11— begins at 10:25.

Holiday party—December 15—at the VFW hall. For people who don't drive at night, we might organize drivers to pick them up.

(minutes continued on the next page)

USSVI-GOLD COUNTRY BASE MEETING MINUTES August 26, 2023 (continued)

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR: Chad Clay

He is trying to get the spy guy back to speak.

Trying for more speakers, no responses.

Josh Hoover, Assemblyman responded and will be here in September.

Western Region Director: Pete Juhos

December 7 event is in the making.

National Convention will announce a new awards chair.

Eternal patrol to be remembered, Bob Visinette, passed away on Monday while waiting for a heart procedure. His wife now has stage 4 cancer and is having a bad time.

A reminder to have procedures in place upon the departure of life so the ones left behind will know what to do.

Next year's convention will be in Cleveland.

GOOD TO THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS: Barry Wyatt Next year the Western Region Roundup will be in Bremerton, WA on April 10, 11,12. There will be a tour of the Trident submarine along with lunch.

FISHING TOURNAMENT: Alonzo Brewster This event has been canceled.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Kelly has a design to consolidate the plaques and make the stand as simplified as possible. He will get a crew together to complete this. He will also get the tires for the float.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from meeting on July 22, 2023 approved.

FIRST CALL TO MORNING CHOW:

Date & Time – September 12, 2023, 9:30 am @ Suzies Restaurant

NEXT BASE MEETING: September 23, 2023

50/50 Won By: Jerry Bowers \$58 donated back to the base

SEA CADETS: \$42

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Base Chaplin, Howard Grover, gave a closing prayer.

Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 14:15

Submitted by Diana Clay, Base Secretary



Edward John Alves MM2(SS)

April 5, 1940 - August 8, 2023

Edward John Alves,
known by most as



"Ed," died in Placerville on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 83 years old. He was born in Redding, Calif. in 1940 as the only child of Irene L. Mello and Frank L. Alves. He was a 1958 graduate of San Juan High School in Citrus Heights, Calif. Edward enlisted in the US Navy in October of 1958 and served for four years until 1962. During his tenure in the Navy he worked on the U.S.S. Stoddard (DD566) in the Western Pacific, the U.S.S. Corporal (SS346) in Northern Europe and the Mediterranean, and the U.S.S. Razorback (SS394) along the Pacific coast.

In 1963, he married Janet J. Alves and they lived in Citrus Heights for 35 years where Ed worked as welder until he retired from the Operating Engineers (Local 3). Following retirement, he and Janet moved to Randall Tract where they spent 20 years before relocating to their current home in Diamond Springs, Calif. for the last five years.

Ed is survived by his wife, Janet, their son, Thomas Scot Alves of Camino, and their daughter Michelle L. Alves -Churilo, of Granite Bay, as well as nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his two sons, William F. Alves and Edward J. Alves.



Gold Country Base SubVet Check-In

Several of our Shipmates are unable to attend monthly meeting or participate in the events. Both of the men below gave there all to our base. Please take the time to give them a call or a visit. Let them know we are grateful for there service and miss seeing them.

Reginald "Regybear" Bronner was born in Oakland, California in 1942. He joined the United States Naval Reserve (Destroyers) at Treasure Island, San Francisco, at the age of 16 and volunteered for Basic Submarine School at New London, Connecticut, at the age of 17. His first duty station and Qual boat was the USS Baya AGSS-318. He transferred to the USS Sea Fox SS-402. He made a West-Pac cruise to points east during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962-3.

Regy joined USSVI in 1998 and is a Life and Holland Club member. He is a Plank Owner of Gold Country Base. He served as Base Vice Commander from 2016 through 2020.



Regy is residing at Atria Rocklin 3201 Santa Fe Way, Rocklin CA 95765 (916) 435-8281.

Best time to visit or call Regy is early afternoon.

Regy Bronner SOG3 (SS) and his wife Anita



Larry Williams IC2 (SS) and his wife Diana.

Larry was born March 19, 1933 in Sacramento, where he grew up and graduated from C K McClatchy High School. He joined the Navy January 3, 1953 and after boot camp was assigned to the USS Electra AKA-4 an attack cargo ship. After volunteering for Submarine duty he attended Sub-school and then served on the USS Diodon SS-349 where I qualified in 1954. I was discharged from the Navy as a 2ed Class IC Electrician in October of 1959.

After the Navy Larry attended Sacramento Junior College, worked for Western Highway Oil Company for 6 years followed by working for Burroughs Corporation for the next 6 years. He next move into the Banking industry where my duties were retail marketing and Banking. During my career in that field I worked for Security Pacific Bank in Fresno and Brawley; the Bank of America in Brawley and the Motherlode Bank in Placerville where I retired in 1999.

In 1961 I married the love of my life Diana. We have 2 children a son Lawrence, who is a TV Producer and lives in Los Angeles and a Daughter Lori, who works as a Diagnostic Optician and lives in Sacramento.

Larry joined USSVI in 2012 and is a Life and Holland Club member. He is a Plank Owner of Gold Country Base. He served as Base Treasurer from 2013 through 2016.

Larry lives at home 1630 Pheasant Run Dr. Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 435-8281.

Best time to call or visit Larry is early afternoon.

Base Member Bio



Captain Alan More (SS), USN Ret.

Born in Le Sueur, Minnesota

Grew up in Le Sueur Minnesota

Graduated High School in Le Sueur, Minnesota

Attended St Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota for 1 year

Graduated from US Naval Academy in 1962 and entered the Navy in June 1962

Initially served on USS Preston (DD-795) for 18 months

Completed Nuclear Power School Jan 1965 and Submarine School August 1965

USS Stonewall (SSBN-634)

USS Shark (SSN-591) Engineering Officer

USS Theodore Roosevelt (SSBN-600) Executive Officer

Command of USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN-624)

Commodore Oceanographic Systems Pacific (Now known as Undersea Surveillance)

Defense Contractor working for Strategic Command Offutt Air Force Base Nebraska

Married to Annie-Ellen Pualani (Pua) Wegener (deceased) for 47 years.

Four children: Alan R More II, Erik K More, Karna P More, and Kelli P Haley.

Seven grandchildren



Alonzo Brewster SK1 (SS)

I was born Monday August 26, 1968, in Sacramento, CA. I was raised in Sacramento by my mother Gladys Brewster, and my older brothers and sisters. My mom always reminded me that at eight years old I told her I was going to join the military. On November 1st, 1989, I shipped off to bootcamp in Great lakes, IL. After completion of bootcamp I shipped to Sub School. My first submarine was the new construction submarine, USS West Virginia SSBN 736 stationed in Kings Bay Georgia. It was on the West Virginia that I first earned my Dolphins. My next tour of duty was the construction submarine, USS Toledo SSN 769. After the completion of two sea duty tours, I went to shore duty in San Diego. After the completion of shore duty, I arrived aboard the USS Kamehameha SSN 642 (IMUA) sometime after its conversion to a slow approach seal delivery platform. During my tour on the Kamehameha, I took over as the Stored Department leading Petty Officer and received my first Blue E for supply operations. I beat out four other boats for the honor. Since my retirement I have worked various retail and warehouse jobs. I also worked at the Mather V.A. for 18 months. I was surprised to find out that over eighty percent of all V.A positions were by veterans.



In the next edition of Clear the Baffles Bio's for:

Chad Clay & Michael Rayfuse

Gold Country Base News

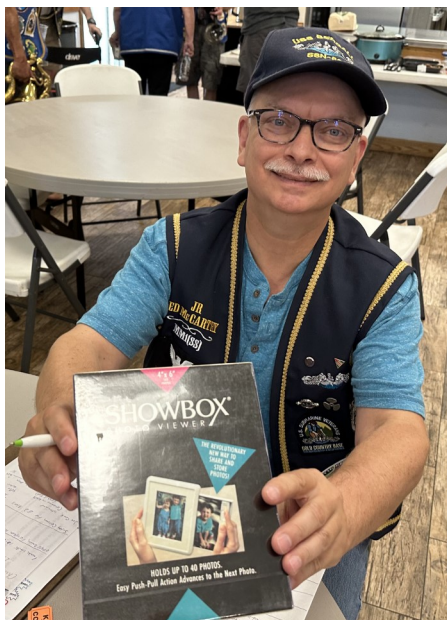


Gold Country Base News

July First Call



Base Meeting July and August



Gold Country Base News

Upcoming Events

November 11—Veteran's Day Parade Auburn—
Formation information will be sent out.

November 12—Veterans Day Weekend Bass Pro

December 7—Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony

December 12—First Call to Morning Chow & Gift Exchange

December 15—Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony

January 2024—Lost Boats memorial service in West Sacramento



USSVI Western Region News

USSVI Western Region Roundup

A Gathering of Submariners

April 11 - 13, 2024

**Best Western Silverdale
Beach Hotel**

Silverdale, Washington

Hosted by USSVI Bremerton Base

www.wrroundup.com



SAVE THE DATE
Registration Will Open Soon

USSVI National Convention

2023 USSVI National Convention Notes

USSVI National Office moving to the third floor of the Joe Negri Clubhouse at 40 School St in Groton, CT, in 2024 (estimate June/July). The new National Office Manager is Charlie Murray with Sharon Walsh as the Assistant National Office Manager. The National Office space will be controlled access. Only the National Office Manager, Assistant National Office Manager, National Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Jr. Vice Commander are granted unrestricted access to the National Office space. All Others will be required to be escorted. The office space is being renovated to meet USSVI's needs. The advantages of the move are cost savings and an increased population for National Office Manager candidates as needed.

USSVI National Treasurer - Paul Hiser has resigned as USSVI National Treasurer due to health issues. John "Sid" Sidlovsky from Hampton Road Base is the new National Treasurer. The BOD voted and approved John Sidlovsky to be National Treasurer for the remainder of Paul Hiser's term.

USSVI National Awards Chairperson - Bill Scott has resigned as National Awards Chairperson. Jeff Walsh is the 2024 USSVI National Awards Chairperson. The BOD voted and approved appointing Jeff Walsh as the 2024 USSVI National Awards Chairperson.

Sea Cadet Program - A nomination was made to establish a USSVI Sea Cadet Program to recognize the achievements of Sea Cadets like the Scouting Recognition program. BOD voted and approved the establishment of a Sea Cadet program.

USSVI and USSV CFIRS status Clarification - USSVI is a Veteran Organization and is classified by IRS as a 501(c)19 non-profit organization. USSVI is tax-exempt BUT is not a tax-deductible organization. To qualify as a tax-deductible 501(c)19 War Veteran Organization the organization membership must consist of 90% of its members being qualified as a War Veteran. USSVI is currently 472 qualified war veteran members short of meeting the 90% level.

2024 USSVI Proposed Budget – BOD voted and approved the proposed 2024 USSVI Budget. The proposed 2024 USSVI Budget is for \$298,505

Membership Status – Currently, USSVI has 11,888 members. We have gained over 700 new members so far this year. The first time we have been in a positive direction in a while. I attribute this to the new website and the National Bulletins being emailed directly to both Base members and Members at Large (MAL).

Website Update – Moving Forward (Plan B – Next website generation). Hire one paid developer (An Associate Member) with a small team of USSVI members donating time to assist. The system would be customized to USSVI requirements. Use a Team Approach for developing the website by utilizing GitHub. Cost of development \$12,500; paid in increments upon meeting milestone requirements. Recommend adding a budget line item of \$3500 (Note: Sr Vice Commander stated that the funds are already in the proposed budget). The site would be like the old website. Reincorporate the Decklog database for the submariners into the website. Bases would be allowed 3-4 pages for a Base website. Cost less than Blackbaud. Estimated time – 1 year after approval to begin.

USSVI National Convention



National
Commander
present the
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Pete Announces the
National Awards



Mark, Barry & Frank enjoying Lunch



USSVI National Awards

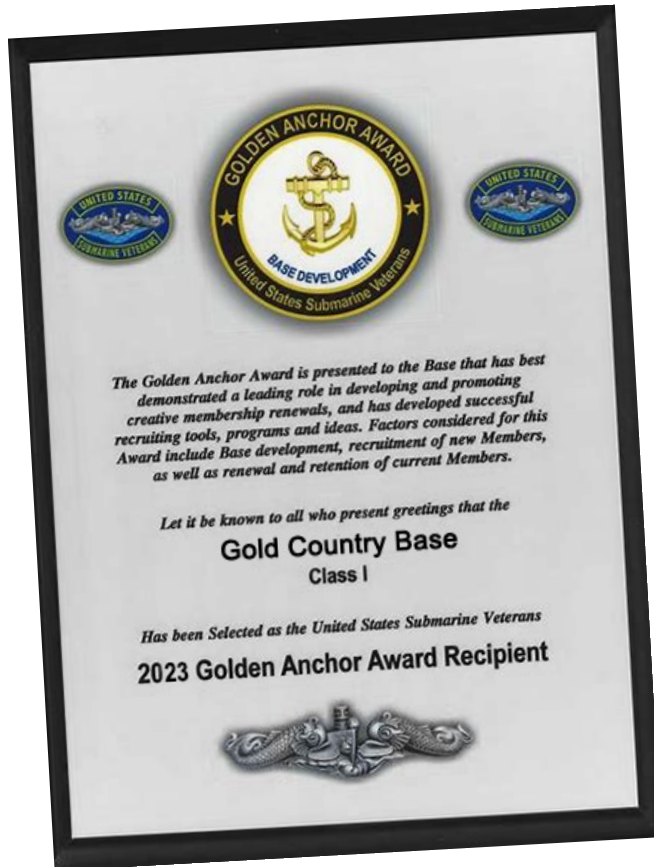
Award: Golden Anchor

Base: Gold Country

Class: 1

Submitted by: Mark Eftmann, Vice Commander

Gold Country Base has done much this year to promote our visibility in the community and recruit new members.



Throughout the year we have held two fund raising events which were very successful. Not only were these successful for collecting funds for our Lost Boat Memorial, because of these events we were able to attract a couple of new members.

Speaking of the Lost Boat Memorial, we unveiled the memorial on the River Walk Veteran's Circle in West Sacramento. This event was attended by several people from the City of West Sacramento. The Mayor of West Sacramento was the Guest Speaker. The unveiling was well attended by the public and there were local television stations covering the event.

The Base was the recipient of the proceeds of a golf tournament sponsored by the Fair Oaks Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Base members assisted in putting on the golf tournament. The proceeds from this put our fund-raising efforts for the Lost Boat Memorial over the top.

Gold Country Base annually holds December 7 Pearl Harbor Ceremony that is well attended by various other veteran groups, local dignitaries, the general public. Several local law enforcement groups participate with their river boats assisting in laying a wreath at the confluence of the American and the Sacramento Rivers. It is well covered by local media as well. Base members are frequently told by family and friends that they have been viewed on television news.

Gold Country Hosted the 2023 Western Region Roundup. Because of our various activities throughout the year, during the Roundup, the Base was able to recruit three new members and have three members become active members after being in active prior to the roundup.

In addition to the above events, the base had a table at the California State Fair, the Folsom Veteran's Day Parade.

Despite losing several members due to Eternal Patrol the base membership has gained 1 or 2 members.

USSVI National Awards

Award: Robert Link Commander Commendation

J Barry Wyatt, Gold Country Base

Submitted by: Mark Elftmann, Vice Commander

I nominate Barry Wyatt for the Robert Link Commander Commendation Award. When I read the guidelines for the award, Barry was the perfect embodiment of the award.

Barry's leadership of the Gold Country Base since I joined in 2018 has been the major source of the smooth operation of Gold Country Base. While several members have contributed or even the instigator to base activities, Barry was always there to provide the stewardship necessary to have all our events successful. I cannot remember a time when Barry was absent from any event.

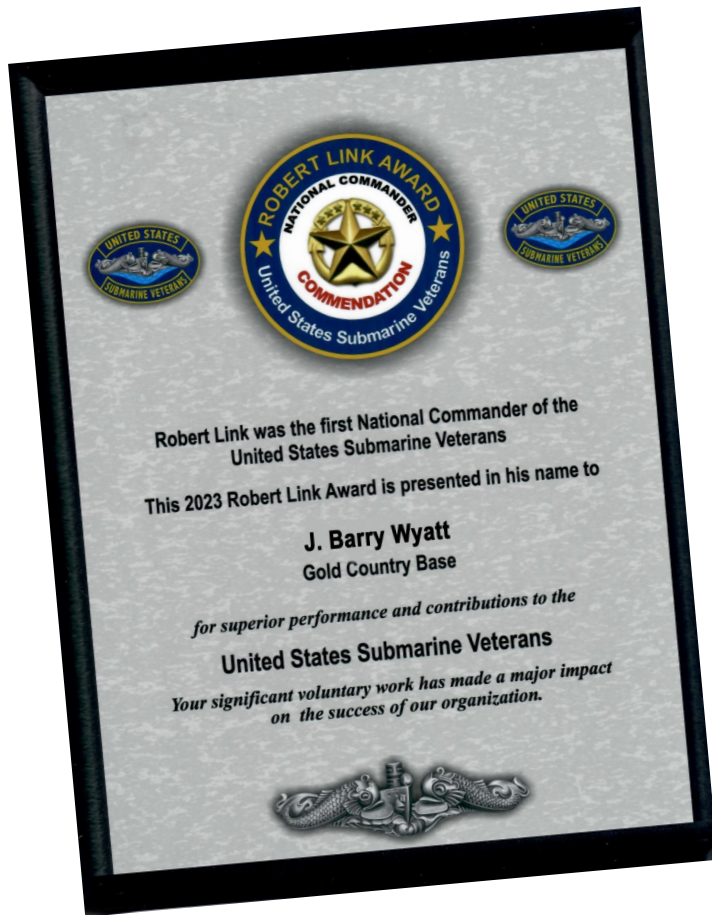
Unfortunately, many members have left for Eternal Patrol in the past several years. Barry always makes sure the memorial, wherever it is held, is well attended by Base Members to commemorate our shipmates.

We always have a December 7 Ceremony to commemorate the events in 1941. Barry is a major part of the logistical planning and execution of the event. There are many members of the base who attend and set up the site, but it is Barry who makes sure

everything to hold the ceremony is available at the park. He also invites local media to cover the event and it has been well publicized throughout the years. It is well attended by many people including several veteran groups.

There are always 15-20 base members who ride the Submarine Float during the Folsom Veterans Day Parade. The public is always very vocal and enthusiastic as we pass along the parade route. It is Barry's leadership that makes this happen each year.

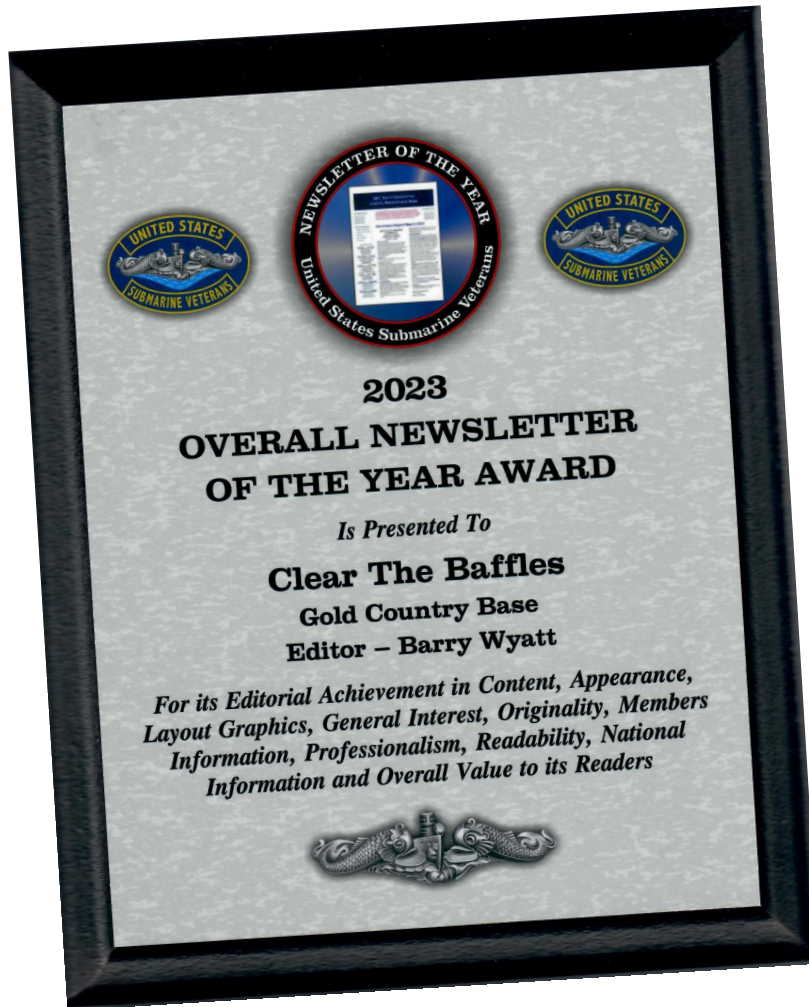
In January 2023 Gold Country Base unveiled a Lost Boat Memorial at a veteran's site in our area. Although there were several members who contributed to this project, it was Barry who was instrumental in getting the memorial in place. Barry was involved in every aspect of getting the memorial to reality. He was part of the group who searched for sites that met the parameters the base was looking for, he spoke several times to the city to gain approval for the memorial, he was involved in the design of the monument, and made sure the monument was made. Along the way several fund raising events occurred to raise the money needed for the project.



USSVI National Awards

NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

For the publishing Year May 2022 through April 2023. The Newsletter of the Year was created to recognize



the value of Base communications and to encourage that process. It serves as a tool to encourage Bases to first develop their own Newsletters, and then to improve them sufficiently to be competitive with their peer Bases and those of other Veterans' organizations, and to recognize those that were superior to their peers.

To level the playing field and allow Bases to enter their Newsletter for competition at their peer level, rather than competing with much larger Bases with more experience and financial resources, four entrant classes, based upon Base Membership, will be in place for each publishing year. See the Class definitions in the Awards Nomination Process section of this manual.

One top Award, THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER of the YEAR will be presented to the Base Newsletter which is judged to be the most outstanding Newsletter submitted (regardless of Class).



Shipmates, I received the award, and my name is on the plaque but the Newsletter of the Year award for “Clear the Baffles” is an award for our entire base. Clearly the contributions made by our members is why our newsletter continues to win top honors year after year. The stories and articles you contribute, and the pictures taken and submitted by our base photographer Roger Paul are the reason that we continue to shine.



Our newsletter has received a first-place award or been selected as the “Overall Newsletter of the Year” every year since 2016. No doubt that it takes some imagination and creativity on my part, but I know for sure that if you keep doing the work, we'll keep on taking the top award.

Barry Wyatt, Newsletter Editor/ PAO

US Naval Sea Cadets



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps

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Sea Cadets have had a busy summer!

As you know, the Sea Cadet experience transforms young lives. Because of supporters like you, the Sea Cadets Summer Training Program provided programming to more than **3,800 youth** in over **100 locations** across the U.S. The **280 trainings** included aviation, STEM, robotics, cybersecurity, culinary, photo journalism, welding, shipbuilding, seamanship, and submarine school.

Your dedication to Sea Cadets empowers future leaders and strengthens our maritime services for generations to come. Thank you for helping us chart a course of opportunity and growth for young men and women.

Sea Stories From The Crew

SEA STORY FOLLOWS: submitted by Michael Rayfuse

During our EastPac we had a major incident when securing from snorkeling (every 4 hours we snorkeled for 30 minutes to test the SOSUS array on the Pacific West Coast).

While shifting propulsion from the engines to the battery a mechanical interlock was defeated in maneuvering which caused all battery disconnects to trip, killing everything except the battle lamps in the vital areas. With no AC power to control the hydraulics the BCP was useless, and the snorkel induction was flooding while the engine room hull valves were both open. See photo below:

The hull valves were closed manually by the enginemen on watch after several thousand pounds of water had flooded into the Fwd. Engine Room.

With 2000 lbs. In the bilge and flooded induction pipes we were going down. The Diving Officer went into action alongside the duty Auxiliary man and the IC man opening air valves with the IC watch on aft ballast, Aux watch on fwd. ballast and the DO on the Safety tank. About this time, we get the report that there is a fire in maneuvering. We stopped going down at 160 feet depth and surfaced awkwardly into state 3 seas.

The fire aft had forced the Electricians in Maneuvering to evacuate to tubes aft after locking fire extinguishers open and closing the flapper valves and the door aft. The After-engine room watch had closed the flapper valves to maneuvering and secured the door going forward. A plastic Canister Vacuum in the power cage caught fire due to the flying sparks from the major short circuit above it.

The skipper was in control now barefooted and ordered the people in tube aft to evacuate via topside. They opened the hatch and got a load of water for their effort and closed the hatch. The skipper went topside from tubes FWD, barefooted, all the way to tubes aft, and opened the hatch to let them know it was safe. More water followed but they were convinced and a dozen or so men got out of the smoke-filled tubes aft.

On the surface with the deck hatches secure we started to ventilate the smoke filled after compartments (after-engine room, maneuvering and tubes aft). However, when the secure snorkeling command was given the Electricians running the propulsion system hit an air pressure valve that shuts down the engines.

We couldn't start the engines till an engineman remembered the stop engines air signal bypass in the after engine room. Starting an engine got the airflow going and shortly the smoke was sucked out of the 3 aft compartments.

Analyzing the problem was quick as the only problem in maneuvering beside the fused buss-works was a burnt vacuum cleaner and some diamond tread carpeting beneath it in the starboard cage. The fire was out from lack of oxygen. The bus bars were sorted out and the burnt/fused portion was removed. Analysis showed that we could power both shafts with the engines but had to submerge on one screw as the battery link to the port shaft was open/disabled. After the engines were running, we could run both shafts.

Assured that things were in order the batteries breakers were reset and the AC generators were brought back online. Lights, camera, and action-we were back in the game, and three hours later we resumed our cycle-(30 minutes snorkeling and 3.5 hours on the surface).

Entering the straights of Juan De Fuca, We set the Maneuvering watch, the Radar watch, the Active Sonar watch, and a lookout dedicated to a set of binoculars facing forward watching for deadheads. (barely floating trees that are 98% submerged). We did not want to damage the sonar chin mount right before our Sonar calibration in Dabop.

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Completing our calibration at Dabop we headed back to the Hood Canal and eventually Vancouver BC. The shit show wasn't quite over yet. Apparently during the calibration of the fire control system, we were addressing a MK 37 torpedo.

Underway, surfaced, at a Standard Bell, we fired a torpedo out of Tubes Aft. Somebody really screwed up. The tube was flooded, equalized and the door open and somebody flipped a switch and the fish swam out and fortunately stopped.

The combined shit shows must have affected two of the quartermasters psyche as two of them missed movement from Vancouver BC. back to Pearl Harbor. So, I stood QM watch for the return since I knew the loran systems.

After the calibration and back at pearl with a complete crew we began testing MK 37 torpedo's by firing 41 of them in 15 days with the last fish being a war shot. we went 40 for 41 with the best hit record, diesel, or nuke in the sub service. Then off to 2 Westpac's and adventure

My Lt. Ciesla Story by Howard Grover

After completing Nuclear Prototype Training I got orders to Charleston, SC to wait for orders to a nuke boat. At the time they had more nuke-trained personnel than Boats. For about 2 months I was painting barracks. Then I got orders to the Kamehameha being built at Mare Island. But first I was to go to Westinghouse Bettis Atomic Laboratory. There were about 40 of us. Half the class was Kamehameha and the other half was Benjamin Franklin. Each half had an officer, the Kam's was Lt. Ciesla. He was an Academy grad. The class was 5 weeks long and we were taught our S5W plant by the engineers who designed it. The SEALs like to brag they are the only ones who train officers and enlisted together. In our case that wasn't true.

Later on the Kam I spent 3 patrols in Maneuvering Room with Ciesla who was the Engineer of the Watch. That is lot of hours together. During his last Patrol Ciesla had decided he was going to resign his commission and go back to school to become a doctor. He would bring stacks of 3X5 cards to our watch. One side of the card had a medical term on the the other side the definition. When the watch allowed, he would give the cards to us on watch in the Maneuvering Room. We would call out a term and Ciesla would give the definition. It wasn't often but if he did not get definition correct he would bring that card back the next watch.

Near the end of his last patrol, he told me I should put in to go to Naval Academy. I told him I couldn't do that. He asked why. I told him the minimum IQ to go to the Naval Academy was 120 and my number was only 104. This was his exact quote: "You got to be shitting me Grover." I was almost the always the last one to bed after finishing my homework at Nuclear Power School. I wasn't smart but I made up for it by being persistent.

I got off the Kam after 5 patrols and had been the lead electrician for 3 patrols with no Chief. Technically there was a Chief (IC not EM) on the 5th patrol but I just ignored him. I had 5 electricians under me so that was 6 of us. If I remember right the electrician allotment on the Kam was 13. The boats had gotten ahead of the Nuke personnel. That was one of the reasons I didn't stay in the Navy.

For years after the Navy I would wonder if Lt. Ciesla ever became a doctor. Sometime after I got internet I googled his name and found him at the Cleveland Clinic as the head of surgery. It feels good to know I had a small part of his success.

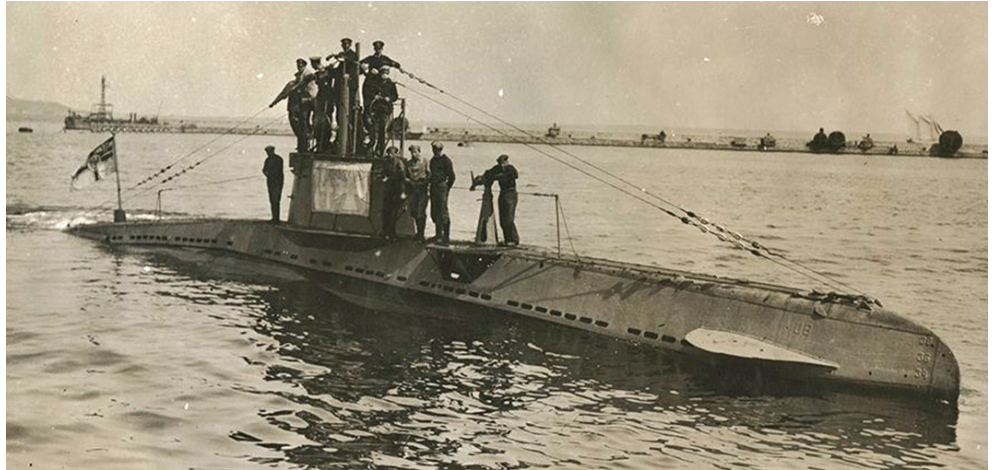
Story of Interest

The Remains of the U-Boats' Watery Reign

Where to see the final four "iron coffins."

THE GERMAN UNTERSEEBOOT, OR U-BOAT, was a submarine that appeared seemingly out of nowhere to destroy both military and commercial ships. Despite their prevalence during World War I and World War II, only four U-boats remain intact today.

(Others rest on the ocean floor.) Preserved as museum vessels, these U-boats are the reminders of the thousands of men who died in these "iron coffins."



U-505

The USS Chatelain (DE-149) made sonar contact with the U-505 on June 4, 1944. Supported by two other destroyers, the Chatelain began firing Hedgehog anti-submarine weapons. Two F4F Wildcat airplanes launched off a nearby aircraft carrier spotted the U-boat and fired their guns into the water to mark its position. Additional depth charges forced the U-505 to surface.

The command was given to abandon ship, but the crew was unable to finish scuttling the U-505. A team of American sailors was able to board the U-505, and secure multiple charts and codebooks which proved useful in breaking the Nazi's Enigma code. This made the U-boat the first warship captured on the high seas by United States forces since the war of 1812. The U-505 was then towed to Bermuda, where she was studied by U.S. Navy intelligence and engineering officers.

In 1954, with no further use for the U-505, the Navy donated her to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. She was authentically restored and remains on display at MSI.

U-995

The U-995 was launched on July 22, 1943. Within days, she was severely damaged by an Allied bombing raid. Axis U-boat forces were stretched thin, though, and with great effort she was repaired and returned to service by September 16. Over the next two years, she completed nine patrols and sank four ships.

When Admiral Karl Donitz ordered the surrender of all ships in May 1945, the U-995 was moored at Trondheim, Norway. Rather than scuttle their boat, her crew surrendered to Allied forces. The Norwegian Navy took possession of U-995 and, in 1952, recommissioned her as the Kaura.

She served in the Norwegian Navy and was decommissioned in 1965. As a symbol of friendship, U-995/Kaura was sold back to Germany for the symbolic price of one deutsche mark. She was taken to Kiel and restored to her WWII appearance. In October 1971, she opened her doors as a museum ship and a memorial to the men who died during the war.

U-534

Accurate weather reports were vital for both Allied and Axis forces in the North Atlantic. Because the jet stream flows west to east, Allied forces received weather information from the United States, but Axis forces relied on weather reports from U-boats throughout the Atlantic.

The U-534 served on weather reporting patrols from June 1943 to May 1945. She never served in combat, though she shot down two RAF bombers during skirmishes.

By May 5, 1945, all U-boats were ordered to surrender, but the commander of the U-534 refused to raise the black flag. She was intercepted by three RAF planes, who dropped depth charges and breached the hull. The commander ordered his crew to abandon ship.

U-534 sank and was forgotten until 1986, when a Danish diver discovered the wreck approximately halfway between Denmark and Sweden. In 1993, U-534 was raised from the seabed. Her 50-year-old ammunition was still live and had to be neutralized. By 1996, she was moved to Birkenhead, England, where she is now the centerpiece at Birkenhead's Woodside Ferry Terminal. A massive restoration began in 2021.

It is still a mystery why U-534 ignored the surrender order. The most widely-accepted theory relates to three Zaukönig T11 torpedoes found in her aft section. Only 38 of these torpedoes, which included acoustic countermeasures to a British decoy system, were made. It is unknown why these torpedoes would be on a weather-reporting U-boat.

U-2540

Following World War II, U-2540 was scuttled, but it was later salvaged and put back into service by the German Navy. Launched on January 13, 1945, the U-2540 served as a training ship during the final months of the war. She was one of the most technologically advanced U-boats built by the Nazis, and one of the first submarines

designed to operate primarily while submerged, rather than on the surface and



only diving for a short time. On May 4, 1945, the U-2540 was scuttled in an inlet between Denmark and Germany. A decade later, the newly-formed German Federal Navy needed submarines to patrol their coast. Rather than build new ships, they located and salvaged the U-2540 and other U-boats. She was retrofitted and rechristened the Wilhelm Bauer. She was decommissioned in 1982.

A non-profit group of U-boat enthusiasts later purchased the Wilhelm Bauer. Restored to her wartime condition, she was permanently moored next to the German Maritime Museum in Bremerhaven in 1984. Today, the U-2540 is the only U-boat still floating in the sea. The U-2540 is open to visitors and dedicated to the preservation of peace.

Story provided by
Newsletter Editor
Barry Wyatt



Featured Boat

USS *Corporal* (SS-346), a *Balao*-class submarine, was a ship of the United States Navy named for the corporal, an alternate name for the fallfish, found in streams of the eastern United States.

Construction and commissioning

Corporal was launched 10 June 1945 by Electric Boat Co., Groton, Connecticut, sponsored by Mrs. H. C. Wick; commissioned 9 November 1945 and reported to the Atlantic Fleet.

Service history

Corporal cleared New London 8 January 1946 for her base at Key West, arriving 25 February. She took part in antisubmarine warfare projects and fleet exercises off Florida and Bermuda and in the Caribbean until returning to Groton 26 February 1947. After extensive modernization, she returned to Key West 2 March 1948.

She continued to conduct training and join in exercises off Florida and in the Caribbean until her first tour of duty in the Mediterranean with the 6th Fleet from 16 July 1952 to 15 October. Returning to local operations off Key West, she also participated in large-scale fleet exercises in the Atlantic and Caribbean. She cruised to the British Isles from 11 March to 16 May 1957, and upon her return to Key West, continued training and services to the Fleet Sonar School. Through 1958 and 1959, she operated frequently in ordnance tests, and from August 1959, when Charleston, South Carolina, became her home port, cruised widely along the east coast. In December 1960 *Corporal* sailed to visit Germany and then join the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

USS *Corporal* was converted to a Guppy III configuration and continued to operate throughout the 1960s and early 1970s in various capacities during the Cold War. She made regular "Northern" runs across the Arctic Circle above the North Sea, regular "Mediterranean Cruises", frequently operated in the Caribbean and trained submarine sailors in conjunction with the Submarine School in New London, Connecticut.

In 1967 USS *Corporal* collided in Rhode Island's Block Island Sound with the 30-foot sloop *Medea IV*,^[1] whose owner afterward claimed "they never offered us assistance or asked us if we were damaged."



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General characteristics	
Class and type	<i>Balao</i> -class diesel-electric submarine ^[2]
Displacement	1,526 tons (1,550 t) surfaced ^[2] 2,424 tons (2,463 t) submerged ^[2]
Length	311 ft 9 in (95.02 m) ^[2]
Beam	27 ft 3 in (8.31 m) ^[2]
Draft	16 ft 10 in (5.13 m) maximum ^[2]
Propulsion	4 × General Motors Model 16-278A V16 diesel engines driving electric generators 2 × 126-cell Sargo batteries 4 × high-speed General Electric electric motors with reduction gears
Speed	20.25 knots (38 km/h) surfaced ^[3] 8.75 knots (16 km/h) submerged ^[3]
Range	11,000 nautical miles (20,000 km) surfaced at 10 knots (19 km/h) ^[3]
Endurance	48 hours at 2 knots (3.7 km/h) submerged ^[3] • 75 days on patrol
Test depth	400 ft (120 m) ^[3]
Complement	10 officers, 70–71 enlisted ^[3]
Armament	10 × 21-inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes 6 forward, 4 aft 24 torpedoes ^[4] 1 × 5-inch (127 mm) / 25 caliber deck gun ^[4] Bofors 40 mm and Oerlikon 20 mm cannon

Featured Boat

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Corporal (SS-346)

Helicopter landing

Corporal (SS-346), 1956

During naval exercises off Key West in April 1956, a US Navy Sikorsky H-34 helicopter, serial number 51, made an emergency landing on the *Corporal*'s deck because it experienced serious mechanical problems during an anti-submarine warfare exercise in which the *Corporal* had been serving as the opposing force. After close cooperation by radio and hasty preparations by the submariners, the distressed helicopter managed to touch down safely aft of the submarine's sail. The incident marked "the first time a helicopter made an emergency landing on a submarine." At the time of that emergency landing, the submarine was under the command of Lieutenant Commander E. O. Proctor, and those aboard the helicopter were Commander W. F. Culley and Lieutenant J. K. Johnson.

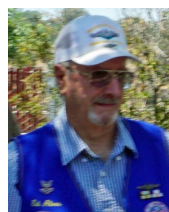
Helicopter on USS Corporal after mechanical trouble.



TCG İkinci İnönü (S333)

Corporal was decommissioned, struck from the US Naval Register, and transferred (sold) to Turkey, under terms of the Security Assistance Program, 28 November 1973. On 12 February 1974 she was commissioned **TCG İkinci İnönü (S333)** ("Second İnönü"), the second of three submarines named in honor of the Second Battle of İnönü in the Turkish Independence War

**USS Corporal (SS-346) was
the Qual Boat of Gold
Country Base Shipmate
Ed Alves**



Navy Submarine News

Second US nuclear submarine arrives in South Korea amid tensions with North

The U.S. docked a second nuclear submarine at an island in South Korea on Monday after a first arrived last week and provoked the anger of North Korea.

South Korea's military said a nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Annapolis SSN 760, arrived at the island of Jeju to resupply while on a broader operations mission, according to the South Korean military.

The Annapolis may also conduct joint military drills between the U.S. and South Korea, Seoul officials told the Yonhap local news agency.

The arrival comes about a week after another nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Kentucky, docked at Port Busan in the first visit by a U.S. nuclear submarine to South Korea since 1981.

President Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol agreed in April on the nuclear submarine's arrival, part of a new commitment better deter North Korea's nuclear aggression, which has been building up for years.

Last week, North Korea responded to what it has perceived as Washington's nuclear aggression by issuing a stern warning of the possibility of a nuclear response from Pyongyang.

North Korea also conducted at least two missile tests following the docking of the Kentucky.



USS Annapolis SSN-760 Los Angeles class attack submarine US Navy

Also on Monday, the U.N. Command said it had initiated conversations with North Korean officials on the whereabouts of Pvt. Travis King, the U.S. soldier who crossed into North Korean territory last month just before he was expected to face disciplinary measures back in the U.S.

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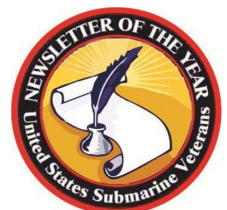
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