CORVINA BASE

July 2013



Meetings are held on the first Saturday Of each month at Denny's Coffee Shop, 205 E. Nugget Ave. Sparks NV At 1400 hours.

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Our Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our Shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country.

That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments.

Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.





Even with the Holiday week-end we had a great turn-out at the July Base meeting. There also was an abundance of raffle prizes. We received another shipment of special sausage from Leonard Stefanelli of San Francisco, which is always a popular item for those that need a sodium treatment. Just kidding; it's really good stuff! Those that don't make the meetings are really missing out. At a future meeting, we hope to have a DVD report on the recent Honor Flight trip that Primo Quarisa and "Doc" Starmer attended. Stay tuned!

The Fourth of July parade in Virginia City, was another well-attended event for the Base. We had 13 members, plus several wives. As always, the crowd was large and enthusiastic, and the parade it-self must have gone on for over an hour. The float did get some exposure, at least on TV Channel 2 news.

August will be a busy month for the Base. Coming up on Saturday, August 3rd is the annual Base picnic at Davis Creek Park, near Bowers Mansion in Washoe Valley. It starts at 1100hrs. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, we will supply the meat, fixings, and soft drinks. You should also bring a plate and silverware, and a chair for your comfort. There is plenty of shade in the trees, and the raffle prizes are always great. After the August Lunch Bunch, the next big event will be the Base garage sale on Saturday, August 17th in Reno's Hidden Valley (has nothing to do with salad dressing). This is an important every-other-year event as a Base fund raiser, to help keep our finances solvent. Contact someone on the Board of Directors for any donations you can provide, or bring them **early** on the sale day. As before, we can't do clothes, CRT computer monitors or TV's.

Then coming up on Saturday, September 7th, will be the annual Corvina Base Memorial Service at the Fernley Veteran's Cemetery. More about that later. So for the next two first Saturdays of August and September, there will be **no** regular Base meetings at Denny's.

I recently had the opportunity to meet Caleb Cage the Executive Director of the Nevada Office of Veterans Services. He is a Nevada native, West Point type, and has been very active in veterans affairs in the state since his appointment by the Governor. I made him aware of our Base and activities, and offered our cooperation in any areas that we may be able to help.

Dave Aunkst

Base Commander



7269 Bold Venture Ct.

Date: August 17th Time: 0800 to 1600 hrs

Corvina Base Garage Sale

Items for sale can be brought to the potato barn. Contact an e-board member to gain entrance. They can also be brought to the above address the day before the sale.



House in cul-de-sac off of Pembroke Dr.





The meeting was called to order by Commander Aunkst at 1400 as COB Heaps sounded his newest version of two blasts on the klaxon. An Invocation by Chaplain Paul Allen, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, and Tolling of the Bell for Boats Lost in the Month of July and moment of silence for all lost friends, family and shipmates followed in their usual order. There were 24 members and guests in attendance. There were no new members present, so introductions were not needed.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter. My sincere thanks to Don Brown for so ably filling in for me during my absence. Nancy and I were "On the road" for six weeks, visited 19 states and the District of Columbia, and traveled more than 9,500 miles. We visited our daughter, Amanda in Colorado Springs, CO where her husband is serving as a Combat Engineer in the U. S. Army at Fort Carson. They are expecting their first child, a son, later this month and Nancy will be heading back their way at that time. We saw the 9-11 Memorial in New York City, and I finally got to actually see the Statue of Liberty. I had sailed past it a few times in my Atlantic Fleet days back in the 1950s, but had always been below decks when I did. We also visited the Viet Nam Wall and other Memorials in Washington, DC and toured several nearby Civil War battlefields, including Gettysburg, PA. It was a long, but interesting and informative trip.

Vice-Commander/Recruiter Dennis Wiley reported that no new members were added during the last month. If you know or meet any Submariners who are not USSVI members, please let Dennis know their names and tell him where they're hiding.

The Secretary reported that there was no new mail requiring action by the Base.

Treasurer Don Brown reported that Corvina Base is still on an even keel financially.

Storekeeper Frank Urbani reports no changes to the ship's store items and that he is still looking for a replacement.

Chaplain Paul Allen reports no additions to the Binnacle List.

Newsletter Editor Norm Peterson had no new information to report.

COB Heaps reports that the July Lunch-bunch gathering will be at Bertha Miranda's in Reno on July 19.

All hands are reminded that the Corvina Base annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at our usual spot at Davis Creek Park. Please attend and bring your families. Corvina Base will provide the burgers, dogs, soft drinks, buns and condiments

. Please bring your own adult beverages and tableware as well as a side-dish to share with other attendees.

The 2013 Corvima Base Garage Sale will be held in conjunction with the Hidden Valley Homeowners Garage Sale on Saturday, August 17, 2013. The official Hours are from 0800 to 1600, but it will undoubtedly be a longer day than that. The Salvation Army Thrift Store will pick up any unsold items. Our location is at 7269 Bold Venture Court. (a cul-de-sac off of Pembroke Drive). A map will be sent out after the picnic.

After a brief recess, the monthly 50/50 raffle/drawing was held. Your Secretary has misplaced or lost his notes listing the winners and their prizes, or perhaps one of my dogs ate it. I can remember that I won the \$62.00 cash prize and in a very uncharacteristic episode of foolishness, perhaps an indication of the onset of Alzheimer's, gave part of it back to the base, but the rest of the winners for this month are forgotten. That's what happens when you choose a geezer in his 80s for your Yeoman. Anyone complaining will be offered my position on the E-Board.

After a Benediction by Padre Allen, the meeting closed at 1438 with a reasonably accurate sounding of 3 blasts on the klaxon by COB Heaps.

Respectfully,

Pete Akerson, Secretary



- 1. All account balances are available at Base meetings.
- 2. Deposits for July

From July meeting \$247.00

3. Checks issued in July

Honor Guard	\$500.00
Holland Club	100.00



Chaplains Comer

Eternal Patrol

Richard C. Barringer: It is with sadness to report that the Corvina Base has had another member go on Eternal Patrol. Richard passed away on April 8, 2013 at the age of 81 while living in Winnemucca, NV on his son and wife's property, Craig and Leticia Barringer. Richard had fought a battle with emphysema, but in the fall of 2012 he was diagnosed by the Veteran's Hospital in Reno that he had lung cancer. Richard qualified on the USS Bang (SS-385) in 1952 and also served on the USS Bergall (SS-320) and was a SOSN (SS) when he left the Navy. He was a plankowner on the Bang at the recommissioning ceremony Oct. 4, 1952 and made patrols in the Barents Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and visited Nassau, Bahamas. When decommissioned, the USS Bang was transferred to the country of Spain. Richard was born in Rochester, New York in May 14, 1932 and loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and worked as a taxidermist for several years in Western New York area and was a member of the USSVI Buffalo Base until he moved out west after retirement and became a member of the Corvina Base. His son, Craig, followed his father in submarines and gualified on the USS Will Rodgers (SSBN-659) in 1983 and the USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN/MTS-635) as a Machinist Mate out of Holyloch, Scotland then the last two years on the USS Frank Cable AS-40 a submarine tinder out of Charleston, South Carolina. Richard was cremated and his family is going to hold a memorial at Meadow Reservoir, north of Truckee, August 3rd, at one of Richard's favorite fishing holes. Craig said his dad was proud to be a submarine veteran and regularly wore his Bang hat and others. "Sailor, rest your oars."

Binnacle List

<u>Jack Quade</u>: We recently reported that Jack was recovering from surgery after breaking his hip, but we just learned from Konrad, his son, that the hip repair didn't heal properly and he had to have his hip replaced. For re-hab he was allowed to live at the same place where his wife, Sally, is in assisted living at Emeritus at the Seasons. Jack will probably be there about 6 months to properly heal and will continue to use his home mailing address.

Mailing Address: 646 W. Riverview Circle, Reno, NV 89509-1101

<u>Scripture</u>: Isaiah 40:30-31 says," Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint."

<u>Prayer</u>: Lord God, we thank you for all your blessings on us and the freedoms we enjoy in this land. Thank you for strength and healing for Jack and Sally and we thank you for the help you give all the Corvina Base members that need your help. Bless the Barringer family at the memorial of their father as they share together. Thank you, Lord, for hearing and answering our prayers. Amen!

Corvina Base Chaplain, Paul Allen

Wilkinson, retired vice admiral

1st commander of nuclear-powered submarine, dies at age 94





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GROTON, Conn. – The Naval Submarine Base in Connecticut says the first commanding officer of the Navy's first nuclear-powered submarine has died. Retired Vice Adm. Eugene P. Wilkinson was 94. He died in Del Mar, Calif., last week.

Wilkinson received his commission in 1940 and reported to the heavy cruiser USS Louisville for his first tour of duty.

He graduated from the Naval Submarine School in Groton (GRAH'-tuhn), Conn., in March 1942. During World War II he participated in eight submarine war patrols.

Wilkinson commanded the Nautilus, which was commissioned in 1954 as the world's first nuclear-powered ship. On Jan. 17, 1955, he ordered all lines cast off and signaled the message, "Underway on nuclear power."

The Submarine Force Library and Museum says Nautilus broke all submerged speed and distance records.

SUBMARINER operating instructions (submitted by Gil

Houston)

CONGRATULATIONS on your decision to choose a SUBMARINER as a Mate. Your investment should give you a lifetime of pleasure and trouble-free operation. Please read these instructions carefully before use.

Warnings *Never overfill your SUBMARINER. Overfilling can affect both the appearance and speed of your SUBMARINER and may lessen its operating life.

*Do not attempt to seal the ventilation openings on your SUBMA-RINER. The regular emission of toxic odors is an important safety feature built into your SUBMARINER. It is not considered a malfunction under your warranty.

*For optimum operation, you should give your SUBMARINER a regular and thorough servicing.

Getting started...

*Try to keep your SUBMARINER upright while getting him into the house. Use no hooks, as he may initially be commitment phobic. Place on a cushioned surface before attempting to turn on. Stand well back.

*Contents may have settled during transportation. Actual size may vary.

Older models

*Do not attempt to jump-start older models. Firmly grasp working parts and first check pressure is adequate. Allow to warm up slowly. If SUBMARINER remains stalled, you may need to change your settings. For a start, you may be in the wrong gear. Consider changing into something pink. and frilly.

Initial use

*Your SUBMARINER has a durable outer casing but it is highly sensitive to knocks. Even gentle knocking can seriously distort the settings on the ego panel. To reset, approach the ego and stroke firmly. Compliment your SUBMARINER on the attractiveness of his durable outer casing. Offer a jar of olives, the lid of which he may care to pry open with a manly laugh. Sigh admiringly when this is done. Next, repeat the steps listed in "Getting Started" • In most cases, you'll find your SUBMARINER will now virtually turn himself on.

Ongoing use

*Do not leave your SUBMARINER turned on in a public place, especially when you intend to leave him unattended. Malfunction in these circumstances is not covered by your guarantee. *Your SUBMARINER will perform best if given one task at a time. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR MULTI-TASKING.

• Product may contain nuts. Choose carefully as the returns counter at Matelot incorporated often features lengthy queues.

Maintenance

* To clean your SUBMARINER, immerse in warm water and remove any scuff marks with a soft cloth. Tougher stains, especially those consequent to his employment in diesel boats, may be rubbed away using a solution of alcohol, applied nightly, usually just after 6 o'clock.

*Act cautiously whenever detaching your SUBMARINER from the household power. Remember if not given occasional access to at least a feeling of power, your SUBMARINER may become run-down and difficult to handle.

Waivers and exclusions

*Your SUBMARINER is not a reliable source of fashion advice.

Matelot Incorporated, its agents or representatives are not responsible for any losses or humiliations consequent to your reliance on fashion advice given by your SUBMARINER..

WARNING: Your SUBMARINER cannot spot any difference whatsoever between the first dress you tried on and the fourth one, despite the way he enthusiastically backs up your view that "the fourth one is by far the best".

• Your SUBMARINER cannot be expected to stop and ask for directions when driving. Customers should remember that the Earth is round, so you will arrive at your destination eventually. HE DOES NOT NEED YOUR ADVICE ON HIS DRIVING METHODS. Your SUBMARINER comes with perfect eyesight but may find it difficult to locate small items around the house, such as his wallet and keys. This is not considered a fault under your warranty. According to information supplied by your SUBMARINER, he suspects that you are deliberately hiding his stuff every morning.

A final word

*Use your SUBMARINER properly and only for what it is

intended and you will enjoy years of rugged, safe and

dependable service -service only available from the happy

folks here at Matelot Incorporated

Meaning of Life

For those who understand, no explanation is needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

One day I had lunch with some friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type about 80 years old, came along with them---all in all, a pleasant bunch.

When the menus were presented, we ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "Ice Cream, please. Two scoops, chocolate.

I wasn't sure my ears heard right, and the others were aghast. "Along with heated apple pie," Jim added, completely unabashed.

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time.. But when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy mine.

I couldn't take my eyes off Jim as his pie a-la-mode went down. The other guys couldn't believe it. They ate their lunches silently and grinned.

The next time I went out to eat, I called and invited Jim. I lunched on white meat tuna. He ordered a parfait.

I smiled. He asked if he amused me. I answered, "Yes, you do, but also you confuse me.

How come you order rich desserts, while I feel I must be sensible? He laughed and said "I'm tasting all that is Possible.

I try to eat the food I need, and do the things I should. But life's so short, my friend, I hate missing out on something good.

This year I realized how old I was. (He grinned) I haven't been this old before."

"So, before I die, I've got to try those things that for years I had ignored.

I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead.

There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I've not laughed at all the jokes. I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and cokes.

I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace.

I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast. I want un-timed long distance calls to the folks I love the most.

I haven't cried at all the movies yet, or walked in the morning rain. I need to feel wind on my face. I want to be in love again.

So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final chocolate mousse before my life expired."

With that, I called the waitress over.. "I've changed my mind, " I said. "I want what he is having, only add some more whipped cream!"

This is my gift to you - We need an annual Friends Day!

Be mindful that happiness isn't based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships with people we like and respect. Remember that while money talks, CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM SINGS!



AUGUST

3- Base Picnic @ Davis Creek Park	1100 hrs	
16- Lunch Bunch	11 30 hrs	
25 to 9/2- USSVI Convention/Rochester- MN		
SEPTEMBER		
3- BOD Meeting	0900 hrs	
7- Memorial Service @ Fernley	1000 hrs	
11- Patriot Day/Remember 9/1 1		
20- Lunch Bunch	1130 hrs	

Birthday List

AUGUST

- 3 Taggart Rogers
- 5 Bruce Hedrick
 - 11 Joe Casten
- 17 Scott Standfill
- 20 Walter Lewis
 - 28 Phil Zeddies
- 30 Wesley Rece

2013 BASE BOOSTER CLUB LIST

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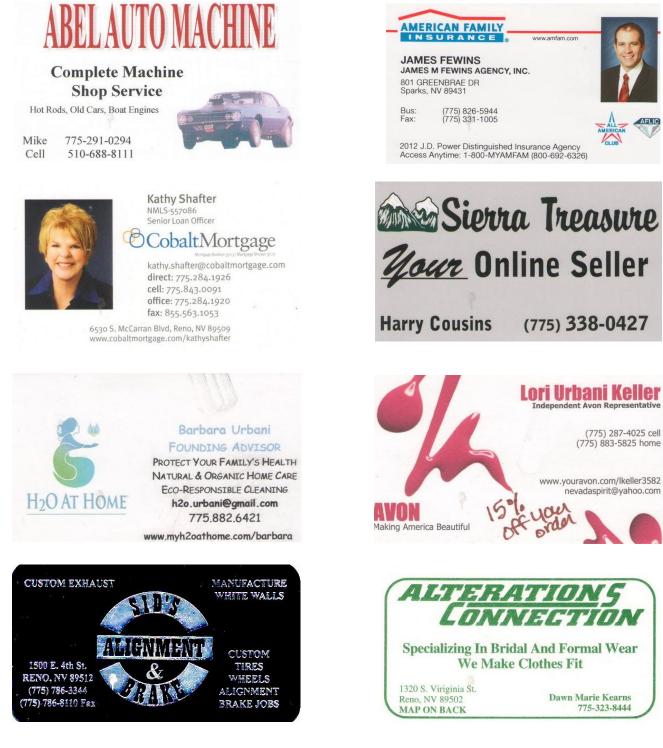
Classifieds

The following business have generously donated to defray the costs of

printing and distributing the Corvina Base Newsletter.

Please consider using them if you need one of their services and

let them know you saw it in the newsletter.





Holland Club members are those submarine veterans of USSVI (United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.) that qualified on a submarine 50 or more years ago. When qualified, a sailor earns the right to wear, and responsibility of, the dolphin insignia of submarine service.



