CORVINA BASE

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Newsletter of the Year Awards

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Meetings are held on the first Saturday Of each month at Denny's

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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.





There are two elections ongoing at the present time that we should be concerned with. The first is for the USSVI National Officers and proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Information on the candidates and changes are listed in the last issue of the *American Submariner* (2014-Issue 2). The Base had a pretty dismal record at the last election, with only about 13% of the members voting. The national average was at least 23%. Lets see if we can improve the participation this time; do the reading and VOTE! You can either vote on-line (preferred) or via snail-mail. Either way, the votes must be received before August 27, 2014.

The second "election" is for the Base Newsletter name and motto. Everyone should have received a ballot. Some have been returned, but we can do a lot better. Everyone can get involved, not just the members that can attend the Base meetings. The votes must be received on or before the Base meeting on July 5, 2014. The winners for each category will win two tickets to the Base Christmas Lunch; and will be announced at the Annual Base Picnic in August. See fine printà (No prize awarded if we don't change the Newsletter name.)

Thanks to Norm Peterson, the extraordinary Base Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, the new Base Website just keeps getting better and better. There is now a cover picture of all the books in the Base Library, and an improved method to check them out. Check the website (www.usscorvinabase.us) from time to time to see the ongoing improvements. Too bad National doesn't have an award for the best Base Website; ours would be hard to beat.

The first parade of the year is coming up on the Fourth of July, in Virginia City. This is always a fun time, with the enthusiastic crowds. Detailed information will be sent out via E-mail, as we get closer, but we generally meet around 1000hrs in the area of the Fourth Ward School on the south-end of "C" Street. The parade starts at 1100hrs, semi-sharp. We will be getting the float ready on Wednesday, July 2nd; watch for an E-mail for directions.



Fourth of July Facts

The Declaration of Independence, signed in 1776, was meant to justify a revolt against the British, with a list of charges against the British king.

The Fourth of July commemorates the *adoption* of the Declaration of Independence. It was initially adopted by Congress on July 2, 1776, but then it was revised and the final version was adopted two days later.



Minutes of Corvina Base Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commander Aunkst at 1400 as COB Heaps sounded two blasts on the klaxon. The Invocation by Chaplain Allen, Pledge of allegiance, reading of the USSVI creed, Tolling of the Bell for boats lost in June and moment of silent prayer for all lost fellow submariners, shipmates, friends and family followed in their usual order. There were 23 members, guests and visitors present.

New member Les Downing introduced himself, followed by all members present introducing themselves.

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

XO/Recruiter Dennis Wiley reports the addition of one new member as of today.

Secretary Pete Akerson reports no mail requiring action by the base has been received since the last meeting.

Treasurer Robert Talbert reports that the base is still in very sound financial condition.

Cha plain Paul Allen reports no new additions to the binnacle list and passed along some words of thanks from the family of member Jack Quade, who recently departed on his Eternal Patrol

In a very brief ceremony, member Leif Larsen was belatedly presented with his Holland Club Certificate and patch.

All members are encouraged to vote in the upcoming USSVI National elections, and to select a motto and Newsletter name for Corvina Base

The June 'Lunch Bunch' gathering will be held at the Fandango Casino in Carson City on June 20, 2014.

Corvina base will be participating in the 4th of July Parade in Virginia City this year. A float clean-p is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

After a short break, The monthly 50/50 raffle/drawing was held with the following results: NV auto sticker – Pete Akerson Wine – Tom Bonner Book – Tom Bonner Knife – Our guest, A former Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard worker who's first name is Trinidad. His Last name starts with 'V', but I am unable to read it in the Attendance Log. Mug – Tom Bonner Card Wallet – Wes Rece Apple Pie Booze – Larry Shipman Book – Dave Aunkst Rum – Bill Desormier U-571 DVD – Dennis Wiley Card Wallet – Clyde Webber Book – Norm Peterson Wine – Pete Akerson Book – Marcedes Parsons The 50/50 cash prize was won by our guest Trinidad V. whose name I am still unable to read.

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, the meeting adjourned at 1448 as COB Heaps sounded three blasts on the klaxon.

Respectfully,

Pete Akerson, Secretary.



Treasurers Report

Robert didn't report in. I am sure we are in good shape with the base funds.



Fourth of July Facts

As Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration, Britain's army was on its way toward to New York Harbor. It began: "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."



Chaplains Comer

Our Chaplain Paul is in Scotland for an extended vacation. I am sure he is not checking out the Scotch Whiskey.

Maybe he is looking to buy a kilt.



Fourth of July Facts

The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men representing the 13 colonies. The moment marked the beginning of all-out war against the British. The American Revolutionary War is said to have started in 1775, however. The Declaration was signed more than two years after Boston officials refused to return three shiploads of taxed tea to Britain, fueling colonists to dump the tea into the harbor in what became the infamous Boston Tea Party.

Leif Larsen now a Holland Club member





Fourth of July Facts

Several countries used the Declaration of Independence as a beacon in their own struggles for freedom. Among them, France. Then later, Greece, Poland, Russia and many countries in South America.

"Yankee Doodle," one of many patriotic songs in the United States, was originally sung prior to the Revolution by British military officers who mocked the unorganized and buckskin-wearing "Yankees" with whom they fought during the French and Indian War.

2014 BASE BOOSTER CLUB LIST

Lon Schmidt

Dan Moran

Jim Gibson

Leaf Larsen

Don Brown

Harry Cousins

Harvey Hudson

Chester MacDowell Family

Paul Young

Rick Dentino

Dale & Esther Poe

Dennis Wiley

Bill Desomier

Dave Aunkst

Norm Peterson

Birthday List

July

1 Bill Noland

3 Dan Moran

4 Jon Schoenfeld

4 David Porras

10 James Saunders

20 Rick Dentino

21 William Glenn

24 Dennis Costarakis

28 Dale Poe

30 Gabe Freitas



Street Smart

Hi, Sailors and friends. I'm here again!

EMERCENCY EQUIPMENT. A long time ago, I was on my way to work in Manhattan. As a detective I was dressed in a suit and tie. I was on the Cross Bronx, a major highway. I got a freaking flat tire. I was trying to change the tire with the lug wrench that was in the car. I young man stopped to help. He had a large x shaped tire iron. He changed the tire right away. I asked him if I could give him a tip. He said no thanks, but told me to get the right tools, which I did. He added that, pay back by helping someone in need,

When we moved to Reno, two of the sub vets told me to carry a fire extinguisher in my car. Some roads have no traffic, and no fire department nearby. I never had a fire in my car, but I stopped twice to put out small fires in other vehicles. I passed on the saying "pay back by helping others".

I went to a Wal-Mart and bought a Roadside emergency kit, (JUSTIN CASE) 77 items in the case. I have used the jumper cables, a few times. An air compressor, (to blow up a weak tire.) While traveling, have a cell phone in your car. Just in case, the poop hits the fan. You don't have to a fancy smancy one. Though the new phones are so cool, they can do so much.

If you need help with a new phone, just ask a teenager.

In your home have a flashlight on the floor of a closet near a door. Have an emergency plan. Teach others what to do.

On the boat we always had a plan and a backup plan. (Keep Qualified) Keep up with first aid, be the one that others will ask for help.

Please remember, If it's too good to be true, don't do it. I forgot who said that there is a sucker born every minute. Please let me know who?

Be careful; keep the wind at your back. Have lots for fun.

Dan Moran





JULY

- 1- BOD Meeting 0900hrs
- 4- Independence Day Parade
 Virginia City
 - 5- Base Meeting 1400hrs
 - 18- Lunch Bunch 1130hrs
 - 29- BOD Meeting 0900hrs

AUGUST

2- Base Picnic @ Davis Creek Park 1100hrs

15- Lunch Bunch 1130hrs



Fourth of July Facts

The "Star Spangled Banner" wasn't written until Francis Scott Key wrote a poem stemming from observations in 1814, when the British relentlessly attacked Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. It was later put to music, though not decreed the official national anthem of the United States until 1931.





For decades American submarines have roamed the depths in a dangerous battle for information and advantage in missions known only to a select few. Now, after six years of research, those missions are told in *Blind Man's Bluff*, a magnificent achievement in investigative reporting. It reads like a spy thriller -- except everything in it is true. This is an epic of adventure, ingenuity, courage, and disaster beneath the sea, a story filled with unforgettable characters who engineered daring missions to tap the enemy's underwater communications cables and to shadow Soviet submarines. It is a story of heroes and-spies, of bravery and tragedy.





Welcome to our newest member, Les Downing.



Fourth of July Facts

Three U.S. presidents actually died on July 4. Two of them passed away within hours of each other on July 4, 1826: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The two had been political rivals and then friends later in life. The other to share the distinction was James Monroe, who died July 4, 1831.

I am sure this was done for the cause.





Fourth of July Facts

On July 6, 1776, the Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first newspaper to print the now-historic Declaration of Independence.

Oh how we've grown: In 1776, about 2.5 million people lived in the newly independent United States, according to the U.S. Censure Bureau. In 2011, 311.7 million Americans will celebrate Independence Day.

2016 USSVI Reno Convention

It's never to early to start get involved helping with the 2003 convention, I can fun.

Meeting all the people from experience. They are here to help make that happen. ing this fall and bring your tion.



thinking about how you want to the convention. Having worked attest it's work, but also a lot of

the different bases is a great have a good time and you can Please attend the kickoff meetideas for a successful conven-

Fourth of July Stories

A Little Boy Meets the President on the Fourth of July

Franklin Pierce was the 14th president of the United States. Like other presidents he enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of children on the Fourth of July as they jumped and played and eagerly waited for the day's special events to begin.

It was a very hot day on July 4, 1854 in Washington, D.C. The President had been busy in the White House receiving visitors and listening to the music played by marching bands as they passed by his residence.

That evening, he decided to step out to stretch his legs and enjoy the cool of the evening. He put his hat on, walked down the long driveway and made his way across Pennsylvania Avenue onto Monument Square. Thousands of people had gathered there to see the spectacular display of fireworks that was about to begin.

As the President walked among the crowds, a boy approached a gentleman and asked, "When sir, are the fireworks to begin?" "I don't know," was the reply. "Ask that gentleman with the large hat." The young boy walked up to "that gentleman," who was none other than President Pierce.

The boy asked, "Mister, can you tell me when the fireworks are to begin?"

The President gave the proper information in a mild manner, and the boy ran off to his friends to communicate the news, not dreaming that the man with the large hat was the President of the United States.

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Mrs. Hammond and the Confederate Flag on July 4, 1894

In Chicago on July 4, 1894, Mrs. Isaac B. Hammond, a southerner, announced she was going to fly a Confederate flag from a window of her house. People heard about it and an angry crowd formed in front of her house. They were determined to remove the flag if it was displayed. Police Lieutenant Stift spoke with Mrs. Hammond and advised her not to display the flag. She then told the crowd that the Confederate flag she had ordered from a store had not yet arrived. The crowd left after which Mrs. Hammond promptly displayed a British flag. A boy who witnessed that mistook the British flag for a Confederate flag and tore it down and destroyed it. Not long thereafter a crowd formed once again in front of Mrs. Hammond's house. They "decorated the premises with the national colors."

Earl, Bubba and Blue: A Funny Fourth of July Short Story

Earl, Bubba and Blue were all best friends. Earl and Bubba had grown up together in a rural area in south Georgia. Blue was Bubba's dog and his faithful companion. His favorite running buddy, besides Earl, that is. Blue was a beautiful bird dog and folks said he looked blue. He was actually gray, so thought Bubba.

Fourth of July had come and in the south, you know how hot it gets. Earl, Bubba and Blue decided to take a boat trip up the river, just as the evening cooled, to see the fireworks. They had a favorite spot to sit and enjoy the yearly event. They never even had to leave the boat. Earl, Bubba and Blue liked that. Too many folks clogging up the roads on holidays, they thought. It was a fine idea to cruise the river and maybe fish along the way. Or maybe on the way back. Didn't matter. The evening was theirs.

Bubba had a surprise for Earl. He had picked up some fireworks and put them in a paper bag, tossing them in the back of the boat while Earl wasn't looking. He actually wanted to wait until Earl was watching the fireworks. Then Bubba planned to set his own fireworks off and scare the devil out Earl. Friends are like that. Nothing like frightening your best buddy to celebrate a holiday. Bubba was grinning all the way down the river as they made way their way slowly to their favorite fireworks watching spot.

Well, Blue's big ears were gently flapping in the soft breeze, his tongue lolling out comfortably. About that time, Earl tossed his cigarette. They were about to maneuver into their favorite position, among several other boats, all wanting a good viewing. Bubba threw the anchor out and they drifted perfectly into their prized spot. It had just grown dark and the evening was quiet. Suddenly, there was a loud bang. Earl screamed "Somebody's shooting at us!" He dove into river. Bubba looked back just in time to see a bottle rocket take off from the back of the boat and it went up, then over, landing in another boat full of folks beside them. It popped loudly. The folks in the boat hit the river, all at the same time. Yep, Earl's cigarette had found it's place. In the bag of fireworks.

Bubba knew what was coming next. Still, he had to wait, just to be sure. FAFOOM! A massive Roman candle he had bought ignited. The first ball of fire hit close to Blue. The dog yelped and dove into the river. The second ball of fire came straight at Bubba. He jumped out of the boat. By this time, the party was really getting started. Boats were yanking up anchors and trying to get away from the blast before being hit. KABAM! The cherry bombs started going off, one by one. Well, now, this was quite a celebration of Independence day that folks around Earl, Bubba and Blue won't be forgetting. It did sound like a war. The fireworks won!

In the end, after the final boom, over ten people were in the water taking cover. Some were laughing and some were pretty mad. And wet. A damper on their holiday was not appreciated by some. Some folks have no sense of humor. Blue learned how to swim and bark at the same time, which really was a sight to see. A smoky haze covered the boat. Earl, Bubba and Blue, who really had to be coaxed to come back, climbed back into the boat just as the real fourth of July fireworks started going off. They barely noticed. They had seen enough. Bubba looked at Earl. Earl said "Don't speak to me. If you say one word, I'll kill you." Bubba wisely kept quiet. Well, their faces were red, the dog was Blue and the whites of all of their eyes were still showing when they got back to their dock. It was a fourth of July to remember. Happy fourth! Have a good one.



Classifieds

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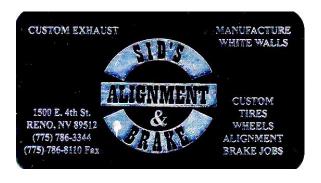
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Let them know you saw their ad in the newsletter.

















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.

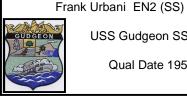
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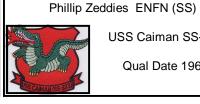
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Clyde Webber ETNSN (SS)

Gerald Baer ENFN (SS)

Paul Allen EN1 (SS)

James Jordan TMSN (SS)



USS Caiman SS-323 Qual Date 1960

Arthur Akerson LCDR



USS Carbonero SS-337 Qual Date 1949



USS Charr SS-328 Qual Date 1959



USS Bang SS-385 Qual Date 1952

Richard Barringer SOSN (SS)

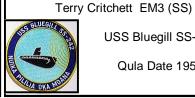
Joseph Casten EM3 (SS)



USS Baya AGSS-318 Qual Date 1954



USS Croaker SS-246 Qual Date 1961



USS Bluegill SS-242 Qula Date 1955

Richard Dentino EM3 (SS)



USS Tigrone SS-419 Qual Date 1955



USS Blackfin (SS-322) Qual Date 1963



Bruce Hedrick EM2 (SS) USS Sea Dragon SS-584 Qual Date 1961

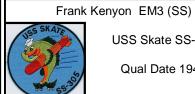
Donald Johnson RMC (SS)



USS Charr SS-328 Qual Date 1958



USS Toro SS-422 Qual Date 1948



USS Skate SS-305 Qual Date 1944

Qual Date 1963

Walter Lewis IC1 (SS)



USS Rasher SS-269 Qual Date 1961



USS Greenfish SS-351 Qual Date 1960



Kenneth Anderson EMC (SS) USS Perch USS-313

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Holland Club Members (cont)

Kenneth McCray EN1 (SS)



USS Blackfin SS-322 Qual Date 1951



USS Jallao SS-368 Qual Date 1959



USS Trutta SS-421 Qual Date 1945

William Parsons RM1 (SS)



USS Thresher SS-200 Qual Date 1941



USS Conger SS-477 Qual Date 1949

James Gibson LCDR(SS)

James Saunders SOS3 (SS)



USS Aspro SS-309 Qual Date 1952

Primo Quarisa EN3 (SS)

Dennis Wiley E9 MMCM(MDV/SS/SW

Oscar Rambeau Qm3 (SS)



USS Carp SS-338 Qual Date 1954



USS Greenfish SS-351 Qual Date 1960



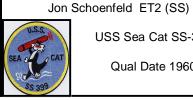
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Lionel Schmidt STS1 (SS)



USS Seafox SS-402 Qual Date 1955



USS Sea Cat SS-399 Qual Date 1960

Delmar Schwichtenberg CWO3 (SS) USS O6 SS-67 No

Patch

Qual Date 1941

Albert Skidmore YN2 (SS)



USS Diodon SS-349 Qual Date 1947



USS Cobia SS-245 Qual Date 1944

Leonard Stefanelli QM3 (SS)

USS Catfish SS-339 Qual Date 1954

David Aunkst ET1 (SS) USS Rasher SS-269 Qual Date 1962



USS Pomfret SS-391 Qual Date 1962

Gabriel Fretias SK3 (SS)

Robert Heaps IC2 (SS)



USS Wahoo SS-565 Qual Date 1962

Harry Cousins LT



USS Chopper SS-342 Qual Date 1962



USS Growler SSG-577 Qual Date 1962

Norman Peterson IC2 (SS)

USS Grampus SS-523 Qual Date 1962

Bill Desormier SK3 (SS)



SS Plunger SSN-595 Qual Date 1963

Wayne Levie SN (SS) JSS Bashaw AGSS-241 Qual Date 1963

Thomas Bonner IC22 (SS)



USS Bonita SSK-3 Qual Date 1958

Holland Club Members (cont)



Don Brown FTGC(SS)
USS Blackfin SS-322
Qual Date 1964



Leif Larsen ST1 (SS)
USS Greenfish SS-351
Qual Date 1964



Bill Conklin MMCM(SS)

USS Barb SSN-596

Qual Date 1964