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CORVINA BASE NEWS

Newsletter of the Year Awards

2014 Class 2 First Runner Up

2012 Western Region Class 2 Winner

2013 Western Region Class 2 Winner

2011 Class 1 Honorable Mention



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Denotes a Holland Club Member



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.

Panama City and Panama City Beach, Florida are probably my favorite places to visit. Beautiful beaches, great southern hospitality and the food is out of this world good. The locale is known as the "Redneck Riviera." Every other year I try to make the pilgrimage to the area to grip and grin with old friends from the Diving Navy, and believe it or not, the Submarine Navy. You would be surprised to see how many Navy Divers also wear Submarine Service Dolphins.

Like the USSVI national conventions, when Navy Divers congregate for events such as the biennale Master Diver Reunion, sea stories abound and the first liar doesn't stand a chance. Each time a story is told it is further embellished but always told in a manner that is truly believable - depending on the audience.

Many, like me, rode special warfare submarines way back in the day when there were still sailors who wore a diver rating patch on their right sleeve with UDT embroidered on the helmet breastplate. Many rode Perch, Sea Lion, Tunny and Grayback as divers. There were also those from the "dark side" of submarine and diving operations who rode Halibut, Sea Wolf and Parche. They didn't have too many stories to tell even though I think they really wanted to. Fear of the black helicopters and black Suburbans pouncing upon one for a slight verbal indiscretion still exists. I think we can all understand that.

Some of the DV/SS I spoke with were USSVI members but most were not. Although I encouraged them to join, the reunion was not the ideal venue for recruiting. Most were more interested in food and beer. However, I did manage to tell all about our upcoming 2016 USSVI convention at Reno. That spiked quite a lot of interest. Reno, beer and food, sea stories, good friends --- might just be worth attending.

After Panama City I flew up to Norfolk, Virginia and spent a couple of days with my daughter, her dogs and her very British husband. Good times. Norfolk and the surrounding areas have really changed from the olden days. There are no more signs warning "Sailors and Dogs - Keep Off the Grass". All branches of the military are appreciated and respected.

While I was away, the Base carried on with Vice Commander Steve Salzman at the conn. The XO presented the "Pride Runs Deep" medal and certificate to Cadet PO1 Brooke-Lynn Anderson at the Damonte Ranch NJROTC awards ceremony. Brooke is the first young lady to be the recipient of the Corvina Base award. On top of that, Brooke is the granddaughter of Shipmate Ken Anderson. Congratulation Brooke and thanks, Steve, for all you do for Corvina Base.



**Consider how you are going
to help next year.**

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May Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Commander Wiley at 1400 as COB Heaps sounded two blasts on the Klaxon. After an Invocation by Chaplain Allen, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of the bell Ceremony and moment of Silent prayer for all departed friends, shipmates, submariners, friends and family followed in their usual order. There were 32 members and guests present. Once again a few wives were present and the meeting was a much more pleasant gathering.

This month's submarine history presentation was about the loss and rescue of the USS Squalus and its' crew in May of 1939.

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

Secretary Pete Akerson reports no mail requiring action by the base was received during the month of April.

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

Bill Conklin reports great progress on fund-raising for the Kaps4Kids program and had a donation jar available for today's meeting.

Chaplain Paul Allen reports no new additions to the Binacle List.

Newsletter Editor Norm Peterson was thanked by all members present for his fine work on the Newsletter.

COB Bob Heaps announced that the May 'lunch-bunch' gathering would be at 'Red's Old 395' in Carson City on May 16.

Terry Bolen announced that the web site for the 2016 convention isn't 'up' yet, but is expected to be ready soon.

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The WRD5 review of base documents has not been complete.

The checking account for Corvina Base has been shifted from Mutual of Omaha to US Bank.

Commander Wiley announced tha the annual 'Pride Runs Deep' award would be presented at the NJROTC Awards Ceremony at Damonte Ranch High School at 1830 on May 12, 2015.

After a brief recess, the monthly 50/50 Drawing/Raffle was held with the following results: Wine – Bill Conklin Vodka – Rod Friedline Wine – Pete Akerson Starting Fluid – Paul Young

Friedline Wine – Pete Akerson Starting Fluid – Paul Young Wine – Clyde Weber Bumper – Rod Friedline Wine – Jim Turner The \$81.00 cash prize was won by Commander Wiley who immediately donated a substantial part of it to the 'Kaps4Kids' fund. Thanks, Boss!

After a Benediction by Chaplain Paul Allen, the meeting ended at 1525 as COB Heaps sounded 3 blasts on the klaxon.

Respectfully,
Pete Akerson, Secretary



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Treasurers Report

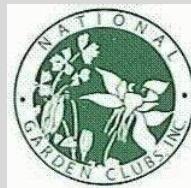
1. All account balances are available at Base meetings.

2. Deposits:

\$ 25.00 - donations
81.00 – Raffle
18.00 - USSVICF Memorial fund
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\$ 129.00

3. Checks issued:

\$ 20.00 – National Dues
\$ 10.00 – Base Dues Overpayment
=====
\$ 30.00



Our honorary member and yard sale guru, Joan Craig is hosting the California and Nevada Garden Clubs Convention in Reno next month. The Garden club places Blue Star Memorial Markers through out the United

States at various locations. I am sure everyone has seen their markers.



On June 8, 2015 at 5:15pm they are dedicating a marker at Powning Park, across from the Reno parade staging area. We have been invited to attend the ceremony. Let's have a showing of our members and wear your vest.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way.

I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

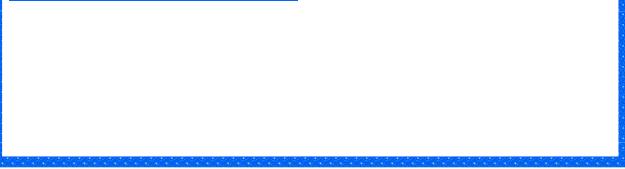


Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Status

Corvina Base is proud to participate in the USSVI Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Program. Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) is a Community Outreach Program, and is chartered under the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Fund. The purpose of the Program is bring comfort to sick or injured children wherever they may be (Children's Hospitals, Hospices, etc. throughout Northern Nevada). This is accomplished by visiting the children and providing them with caps, certificates and other submarine-related items designating them as "Honorary Submariners".

For additional information regarding the Corvina Base Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Program, please contact Bill Conklin, Corvina Base Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Chairman at

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Frank Kenyon	Pete Ackerson K4K
	Dan Moran K4K

Don't forget to visit our web site at:

USSCORVINABASE.org

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

Harry Wellman CS1 (SS)	Harry Sembagh EN3 (SS)
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Lowell Wapehorst MOPMM2 (SS)	Jack Quade SMSN (SS)
Bert Skidmore YN2 (SS)	

Submarines Lost in June

USS Herring (SS-233)

USS R-12 (SS-89)

USS Golet (SS-361)

USS Bonefish (SS-223)

USS S-27 (SS-132)

USS O-9 (SS-70)

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



Chaplains Report

Raoul "Bill" Noland: I recently had a good visit with Bill, a Corvina Base member and WWII submariner and his wife, Zoe, in Garnerville, NV. Bill qualified on the USS Trutta (SS-421) and was an EM 2 (SS) when leaving in 1946. Before the Trutta he served on the USS Bonita (SS-165) and the USS Marlin (SS-205). Like all boat sailors, Bill is proud of his submarine service and upon leaving the Navy he went to college and became a school teacher. Bill is a "master wood craftsman" and has a beautiful woodshop. He and Zoe were gracious hosts and served me fresh out of the oven oatmeal- raisin cookies and coffee. Recently he went through right shoulder surgery, has his arm in a sling for six weeks and sleeps in a recliner like many of us have done. We pray for a good recovery, Bill. In the attached photo on the Trutta Bill is right front with no hat.



Memorial Day: On Monday, May 26, Memorial Day, a few members of the Corvina Base family attended the Carson City Memorial Day Ceremony at the Lone Mountain Cemetery. It was scheduled to start at 1:00 P.M. but about 12:45 lightning caused some action to the west and we got worried but it only rained a little so one got drenched and it gave the speakers an opportunity to make some jokes about Nevada weather. We had some good laughs! The event was hosted by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps who did a great job and one of the speakers was a Sea Cadet PO3, Kyle Clardy, leading PO who plans on enlisting in the Navy after he graduates from high school. Corvina Base member, John Hannah and his wife Peggy, are leaders in the program because their son Jeremy is a Sea Cadet. John and Peggy believe strongly enough in this program that they travel from Sparks to Carson City to participate. There were two submarine veteran speakers of which one was our own Corvina Base member WWII submarine veteran, Delmar "Dutch" Schwichtenberg, retired Chief Warrant Officer 03, who

served from 1940-1960. Del qualified on the SS-65 (06) in 1941 and served on the USS Sandlance (SS-381) from 1943-1946 as Chief Engineman and Chief of the Boat. He told me that he did five war patrols on the Sandlance and would have done more but after being hit by an aerial bomb it took eight months in the shipyard to repair it. At 93 years old, Del did a great job at the podium and the crowd really showed their appreciation and approval of his service to our country. Del's wife, Mary Ellen, and a few of their family members were present along with Corvina members Dave Aunkst, Ted Henson, Rod and Rebecca Friedline, and Paul Allen.



The second submariner was Kelly Kite from Minden, NV, a former Douglas County commissioner and Nevada State legislator Dist 39. Kelly was a torpedoman and qualified on the USS Ronquil (SS-396) and the USS Razorback (SS-394) serving from 1966-1970. Before he became a submariner, Kelly was on a Guided Missile Cruiser in Vietnam and when he "got smart" he asked for submarines but instead of going to the Atlantic fleet he wound up back in Vietnam, cruising the Gulf of Tonkin on both submarines. I can hardly imagine a 6 ft. 6 in. man on a conventional submarine. Kelly started his speech by saying "you can rest easy that it will not start snowing until the rain has stopped" and ended his talk by saying he is proud of his two grandsons serving in the military and "with that", he said, "before it starts snowing I will turn it back over." Later, in a phone conversation with Kelly, he said that one of the highlights of the ceremony for him was helping a former COB (Del Schwichtenberg) out of his chair.

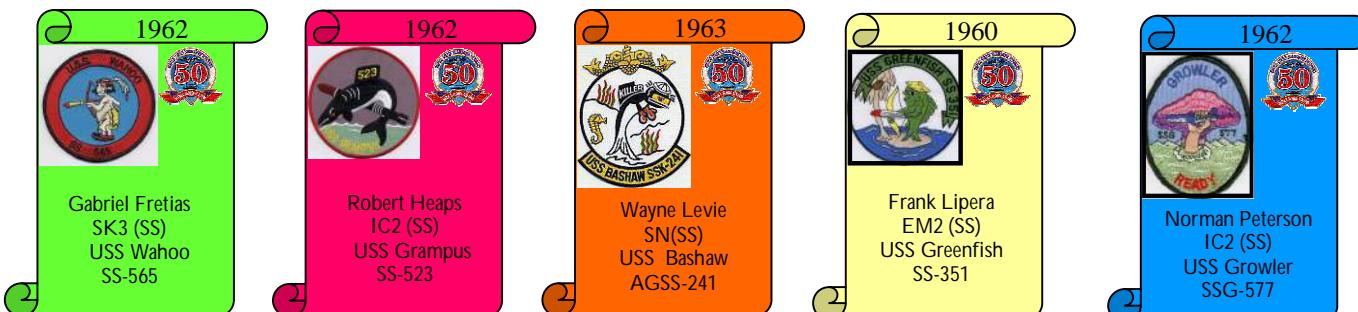
The ceremony's officiate was Lt. Commander Robert Bledsaw, who ended the ceremony by playing "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes. I noticed his email says "navy piper".



Scripture: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Prayer: Our Father, thank you for the men and women that have given their lives for the freedom of America. We ask a special blessing on the families that today need healing in their hearts because of lost loved ones. We pray for our nation's leaders that, you Lord, would give them wisdom in these troubled days. Thank you for your love to us O Lord. Amen!

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain



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"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." – Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943



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"There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home." – Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), in a talk given to a 1977 World Future Society meeting in Boston



1917-1920

The battle ship in Union Square

Building the USS Recruit in the heart of New York City



In 1917 the U.S. Navy built a full-size battleship in Union Square, New York. It would stay there for the next three years.

Intended as a recruitment and training center, the ship was commissioned as a normal seagoing ship, under the command of Acting Captain C. F. Pierce, and manned by trainee sailors from Newport Training Station. Internally the ship had a wireless station, full officer's quarters, doctor's quarters and examination rooms to assess the health of potential candidates.

Constructed from wood, the USS Recruit carried two cage masts, a conning tower and a dummy funnel, or smokestack.

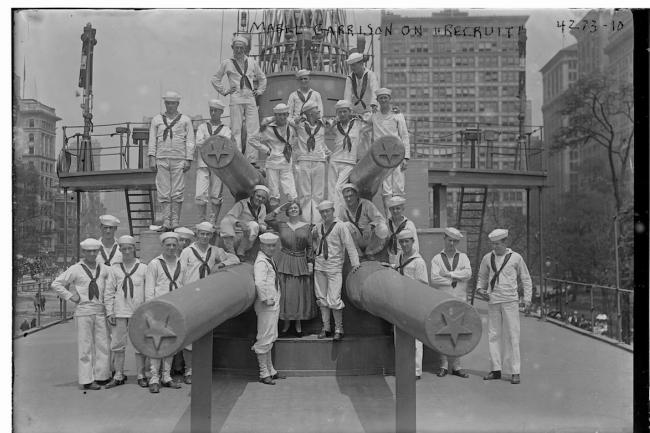
It had six wooden replicas of 14-inch (360 mm) guns housed in three twin turrets, 10 wooden five-inch (130 mm) anti-torpedo boat guns and two replica one-pound saluting guns, matching the configuration of battleships of the time.



According to the August 1917 edition of Popular Science, the Recruit followed the normal navy routine. Sailors rose at 6 a.m., scrubbed the decks, did their laundry, and attended instructional classes. They then stood guard over the ship and were available to answer questions from visitors. By night, all the ship's lights were turned on, including a series of searchlights. The ship hosted a variety of social events and receptions, including a christening, patriotic speeches and visits by various dignitaries, a group of Native Americans and the woman's motor corps.



The equipment is that of the up-to-the-minute dreadnought with accommodations on board for day and night life of officers and men.



As a recruiting tool the ship was very successful, helping to recruit 25,000 men into the U.S. Navy. The First World War ended in 1918, and by 1920 the Recruit was no longer needed in Union Square.

It was properly decommissioned and dismantled, with the intention of relocating it to Coney Island's Luna Park. This did not happen and the fate of the Recruit is unknown.

Street Smart

By Dan Moran



Hi Sailors and Friends,

Another tails of Dirt Bags.

I worked as a Police Officer in New York City (upper Manhattan.) I was assigned to an area of People from an island in the Caribbean, called Hispaniola. Two peoples live on the same island. The Dominican Republic and Haiti people, they are two very different worlds apart. Different languages and different cultures.

Now while on patrol, as we passed one building, with a few people sitting on the front stoop. One of the men said in a loud voice, the cops do nothing they are shit. (and much more) I stopped, and we got out the dirt bag ran up the steps into the building. I drove away. This happened a few more times, in the next month or so. I told myself, Not to get mad, but to get even.

Back to the dirt bag later.

On Patrol we received a call that their where no more ambulances available.

We responded. A women at an address across the street from the Dirt bags house, was very sick and needed an ambulance. She lived in an apartment on the third floor with her sister. It looked very serious to me; I carried her out of her apartment to police car and took her with her sister to the hospital. I had learned shortly after that she had VODO powers.

Weeks later I saw her sitting on her building steps. We stopped and talked with her. She thanked us for helping her. She said that if she could ever help with anything, just ask. So I did. I mentioned the dirt bag that lived across the street. She knew exactly who I was talking about. She asked me to come back in an hour, which we did. She talked with me alone. She gave me a small bag

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The Typewriter

The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. The kids uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked her, "Hey, Mom, what is this?"

"Oh, that is an old typewriter," she answered, thinking that would satisfy their curiosity.

"Well, what does it do?" they queried.

"I will show you," their mother said.

She went downstairs and returned with a blank piece of paper.

She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page.

"WOW!" the boys exclaimed, "That is really cool -- but how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered, "It does not need a plug."

"Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted.

"It does not need batteries either," she continued.

"Wow! This is so cool!" the brothers exclaimed, "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

Dr. Geezer's clinic

An old geezer, who had been a retired farmer for a long time, became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: Dr. Geezer's clinic. "Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

This is what transpired.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth." can you please help me?

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh ! ! ! This is Gasoline! ! ! "

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor Young: "Oh , no you don't , that is gasoline ! ! !"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young , a fter having lost \$1000 , leaves angrily ...only to come back again after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak . I can hardly see !!!! "

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so...here's your \$1000 back."

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500 !!! "

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer"!!!!

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bag which had some bones in it with a piece of paper with a diagram on it. She said to get some glue. Then glue the bones like the diagram on the front door to his apartment, but be sure that he is not home at that time. A day or so later I did.

I later found out that after the dirt bag saw his door, he went to the roof and went down his fire escape to his apartment. Took his clothes and was never seen again.

GOT EVEN.

Smart Phones, Hack-Proof your Apps.

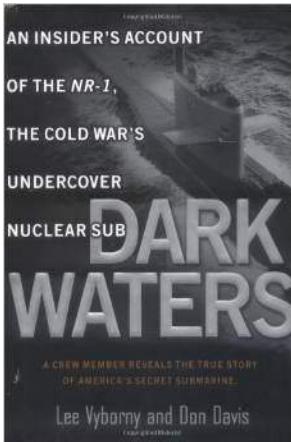
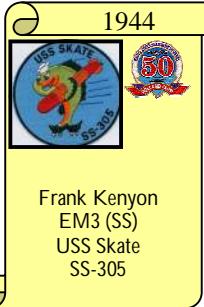
Your Smart phone and tablet can be infected with viruses and malware. Just like desktop and laptop computers.

This happens when you download a malicious app. From 2013 to 2014, mobile app malware targeting Android phones rose 600%. Your account details, passwords, photos. Hackers will sell all.

What to do? Get apps only from official websites. The official Apple iOS and Android app stores. While there get LOOKOUT anti-virus APPS, for FREE.

Keep the wind to your back, have fun.

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Book Review

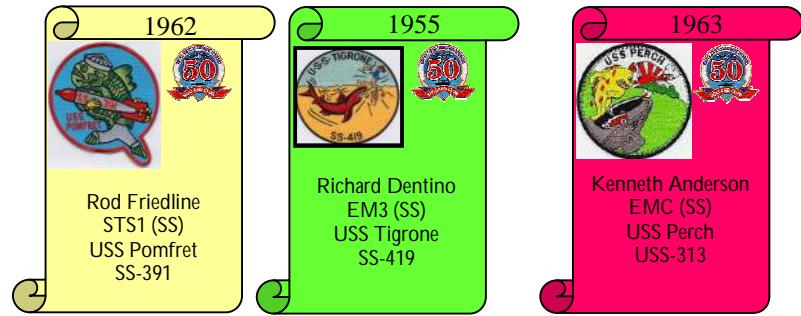


Operating alone and unarmed on the bottom of the sea, the U.S. Navy's smallest nuclear-powered submarine is one of its biggest weapons. Tied up at a pier, the boat with the bright orange sail looks absolutely minuscule, innocent and out of place beside its big brothers, the fleet's huge missile-carrying and attack submarines, but it can dive deeper, stay down for a month, and accomplish missions far beyond the capabilities of any of them. The ship has been cloaked in mystery. It wasn't commissioned or given a name, and even today it is hardly known beyond a select fraternity of sailors and scientists. They simply call it the NR-1.

The little submarine was born in controversy, served in secrecy, survived potential catastrophe on numerous occasions, and is still in operation almost forty years after being conceived. It was and remains the only one of its kind ever built.

The story of the NR-1 is told against the tense background of the Cold War and peopled with such rich characters as the acerbic Admiral Hyman Rickover, ocean scientist Robert Ballard (who found the Titanic), the designers and builders who faced almost impossible tasks to give life to the ship, the unique officers and sailors who took the little boat down into depths on covert missions, and the families who waited for them on shore, unaware that there would be no escape if the boat ran into trouble.

"Dark Waters: An Insider's Account of the NR-1, the Cold War's Undercover Nuclear Sub" is a thrill-a-minute book of submarine adventure, imminent danger, personal bravery, technological wonder and historic discovery. It will be a proud addition to the shelves of readers who love stories of the sea, history and intrigue.



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