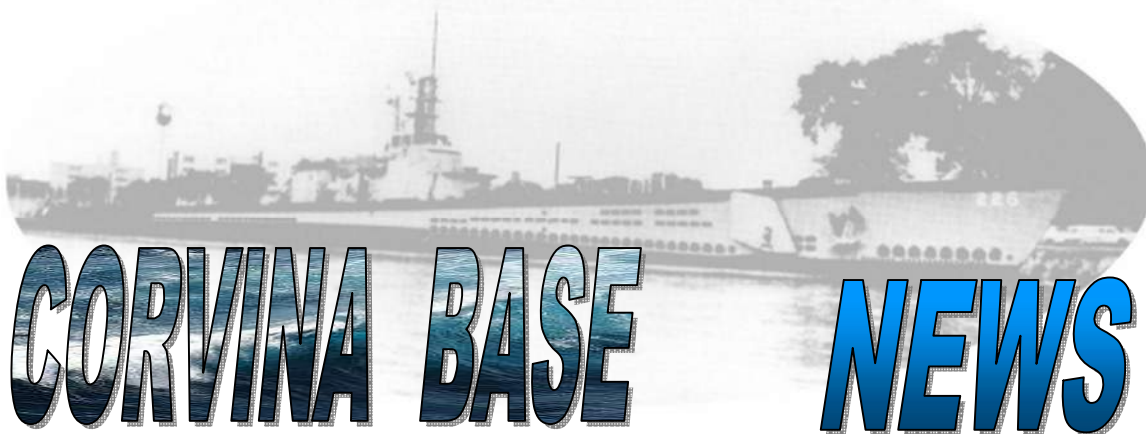




September
2015



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

The story of our base float

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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.

Shipmates and friends. This month, I'll tell you about some of the mundane matters that need to be done each and every year plus a little more.

First of all, it's time for the Corvina Base election of officers. A nomination committee has been formed. The committee will come up with nominees for Base Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominations will be presented at the October 3, 2015 Corvina Base business meeting at Denny's. Nominations additional to those proposed by the nomination committee may also be made during the October business meeting.

The Corvina Base Commander is limited to serve two (2) consecutive one year terms. There are no term limits for Vice Commander, Secretary or Treasurer. The Base Commander and Vice Commander must be regular members. The Secretary and Treasurer may be regular or associate members of the Base. All incumbent Corvina Base Officers are eligible for another term.

Another matter that is in progress is a complete rewrite of the Corvina Base Bylaws. The Bylaws tell us how to execute the business of the Base and who does what and when. The Commander, Western Region District Five recommended numerous changes and corrections to our existing bylaws that will bring Corvina Base in line with the USSVI National Bylaws and Constitution. The proposed rewrite will be once again evaluated and considered by the Corvina Base Board of Directors before the September 29th BOD meeting. Once that's done, the proposed Bylaws will be sent out to the Corvina Base crew to be "read". The proposed rewritten Bylaws will be voted upon by the Corvina Base crew on the ballot for the election of Base officers which will be completed at the November 7th business meeting. All hands are encouraged to read the proposed Bylaws when we send them out. Your input is welcome.

One more issue. Foul, rough and discourteous language used by anyone during the conduct of any of our meetings or services is strongly discouraged. From klaxon to klaxon, from invocation through benediction, please be considerate of your shipmates, and our friends and guests. I'm not trying to remove your constitutional rights to free speech. However, if you really do need to let loose a cuss word or two, please step outside. I think you know where I'm coming from. Enough said on a that.

Dennis Wiley
Base Commander



**Time to start planning on how you want to help
make this a great convention**

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September

Meeting Minutes

No meeting held this month



Treasurers

Report



1. Account balances:


All account balances are available at
Base meetings.

2. Deposits:

\$	0.19 – Checking Interest
	45.00 – Yard Sale Proceeds
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\$	45.19

3. Checks issued:

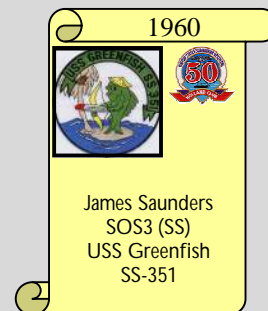
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\$	175.00

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Corvina Base Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Team visits renown Children's Hospital in Reno, NV

The Corvina Base Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Team visited Renown Children's Hospital on Sept. 3, 2015. Five children were visited; three in the Children's Specialty Clinic and two, individually in their rooms, in the Pediatric Unit. In addition to caps and certificates designating them as "Honorary Submariners", the children were presented with coloring books, wrist bands, stickers and temporary tattoos.



Bill, Damian, Maddox JPG - K4K Team Chairman Bill Conklin explains "Submarine Life" pictures with Damian and Maddox

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Team Members Bill Conklin, Primo Quarisa and Claudia Quarisa participated in the visit. Renown has expressed appreciation for the visit, and has invited the team back for additional visits. Also, the Team has been invited to visit St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Infusion Center later in the

month.



- K4K Team Members Bill Conklin and Primo Quarisa present Lane with a cap and certificate designating him as "Honorary Submariner" as Mom Rachel looks on



Bill, Flynn 2JPG - K4K Team Chairman Bill Conklin designates Flynn as "Honorary Submariner"



Bill, Primo, damian, Fam JPG - K4K Team Members Bill Conklin and Primo Quarisa present Damian, Maddox and Caius caps and certificates designating them as Honorary Submariners" as proud Dad Carlos looks on



Chaplains Report

Eternal Patrol: Regretfully the Corvina Base has lost two of our members to "Eternal Patrol" in the month. Frank Crosby Kenyon III on August 26, 2015 at the age of 92 and Walter Allen Lewis on September 4, 2015 at the age of 73. I want to thank the Corvina Base members that attended the services at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Fernley. Both families were very thankful to the Corvina Base for honoring their loved ones.

Frank Crosby Kenyon III: Frank's family requested that the Corvina Base perform the memorial service for Frank included into our annual memorial service, which we were glad to do so. There was good attendance on a beautiful day and Jim Kenyon sent an email of thanks to the Corvina Base for honoring their husband, father, grandfather and a proud WWII Submarine Veteran. Prostate cancer took Frank's life and macular degeneration affected his ability to drive his auto. When Norm Peterson and I were at Frank and Madeline's house, he showed us some scales that he used when he used to sell paint by weight. One remembrance I have of Frank is when we chartered the Corvina Base 15 years ago and we would toll the bells for the lost boats, Frank would have tears in his eyes when we tolled the USS Bonefish (SS-223) because he was in the same area as the Bonefish during WWII and heard it going down with all 84 hands. Thank you Frank for your service to keep the United States of America free.



Frank Crosby Kenyon III

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Frank Kenyon at home on August 26, 2015. He was a devoted father to his children, James Kenyon and Nancy Starr Campbell, and loving husband of Madeline McMahon Kenyon, his wife of 69 years. His sense of humor and ability to enjoy all that life had to offer will be greatly missed.

Frank was born in Philadelphia in January 8, 1923 to Mr. Frank Crosby Kenyon and Mrs. Helen Zwiese Kenyon. The family moved to New York City and later to the suburbs of Long Island where he grew up developing a life-long interest in messing around in boats. In high school he played football and met Madeline McMahon, beginning the relationship that was central to his life. He heard the news of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor at a football game at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn and enlisted in the Navy following graduation from high school. He entered submarine school before reporting aboard the USS Skate SS 305 based in Pearl Harbor in 1944. On the Skate he participated in significant action in the Sea of Japan. While in the service he wrote and received letters from Madeline McMahon.

Returning home, he married Madeline McMahon in 1946 and resumed his education at the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of business. His role as a father began with the birth of his children James and Nancy. The next years were a frenzy of activity, including constant attention to his growing children, moves from Pennsylvania to New Jersey, to Pennsylvania, and back to New Jersey.

The mix also included music on piano, ukulele, and the "Frankophone", his own invention. He took up skiing in the late 1940s on wooden skis with bear-trap bindings, introducing his children to the sport to as soon as they could walk. He continued to ski into the 21st century adopting modern equipment and techniques as they came along. He and Madeline traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe, often by boat. Another favorite activity was extreme kite flying up through the trees. Whenever possible he was on a sailboat. His professional career was based in sales, with particular interest in marine coatings that led to his creation of the F.C. Kenyon Company of Whippany, New Jersey specializing in marine paint. The company was small and very demanding of his time but during all of these years his family came first; he attended countless band concerts, camping trips, scouting activities, and vacations to the family retreat on Shelter Island, N.Y. Whenever possible he would get out on the water in a sailboat.

After retirement he moved with Madeline Kenyon to South Carolina and later to Reno, NV to be closer to his children and his grandchildren Lyssa and John Kenyon. He was active in Reno as a member of the SAVE Volunteer program in support of the Reno Police Department. He was also an active submarine veteran participating in national meetings and as a Plank Holder of the Corvina Base founded to perpetuate the memory the USS Corvina SS-226 lost in action December 23, 1943. He will be missed by his friends and colleagues. He is survived by his wife Madeline M. Kenyon, his children James and Nancy, his grandchildren John and Lyssa, and his sister Yvonne Kenyon Morell of Marble Falls TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to
 Tri-County Technical College Foundation
 Kenyon Family Fund
 P.O. Box 587
 Pendleton, SC 29670

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Walter Allen Lewis: Walter became a Corvina Base member at the 2003 USSVI Convention at the Hilton Hotel Casino, Reno, but was not an active member. Everyone call him Al and his family said he



Walter A. Lewis

Walter A. Lewis, a 32 year resident of Minden, NV went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sept 4, 2015 at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Susan Lewis of Minden Nevada, his son David Allen Lewis and wife Krystal Lewis of Carson City, Nevada, his daughter Crystal Elizabeth Lewis of Tallhina, Oklahoma, granddaughters Bridget, Kayla and Khloe also of Carson City, Nevada, son Walter Anderson Lewis of California, and numerous cousins in Oklahoma and Idaho.

Walter was a 7 and a half year veteran of the United States Navy. The boats he served on were the RASHER (SS-269), a diesel powered submarine, the SARGO (SSN-583) Fast Attack Boat and the ballistic missile submarine HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN-655), both nuclear powered submarines.

Walter was a member of the Gideons for a number of years. He was also a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

We miss him, greatly loved husband and father.

There will be a viewing Thursday Sept. 17, 2015. 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Walton's Funeral Home in Carson City, Nevada. Graveside services with Military Honor will be held on Friday Sept. 18, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Northern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada.



was proud to be a submarine veteran. After the navy, Al got involved with computers, working at the old Carson Tahoe Hospital, but left to start his own computer service

company. In the last several years, Al had several debilitating problems, but whenever I saw him he always had an upbeat attitude and loved serving in the Gideon organization. Six of us from the Corvina Base attended his funeral service at Fernley. Dennis Wiley presented the "Eternal Patrol" certificate and told the COB, Bob Heaps, to dive the boat with two blasts on the klaxon. The family "loved it". After the casket was interred, I took Al's family and friends on a tour of the Corvina Memorial. They were impressed and wanted us to know that they appreciated our participation in Allen's service. An unexpected hemorrhagic stroke (a bleeding stroke) took Walter's life.

Continued

Scripture: Instead of scripture, I am using the last verse of our National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner" that I used at the Annual Memorial Service. At the service I found out from Mercedes Parsons, Corvina Base Assistant Chaplain that the last verse is her favorite and she has it memorized.

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

From the Chaplain: During the Corvina Base public events, I am encouraging caution on some types of language being used. "Be professional". I believe that when restraint is used many people attending these events will leave with a more positive view of the Corvina Base and the United States Submarine Veterans Inc.! Thank you and God Bless you!

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain

1962



Norman Peterson
IC2 (SS)
USS Growler
SSG-577

1964



Leif Larsen
ST1(SS)
USS Greenfish
SS-351

Yes... on the sub I was on we did do some of the stuff we did, and we didn't do some of the other stuff we did, because if we did do it, it was secret... so we didn't really do it.

Even though we really did. But not really.

Those medals me and my shipmates got that we didn't get for doing what we didn't do that we did... I really got those. Except not. But, yeah.

That's because we never went where we were, so we weren't there where we were.

And even though we weren't where we were, we did do the stuff we didn't do while we weren't there, not doing it.

As far as what boat we were on when we didn't go there on it, and didn't do the stuff we did while not doing that either, I'm not supposed to refer to that either.

So the bottom line is that while we weren't on the boat I won't mention, not doing what we were doing where we weren't... we didn't do that either.

I hope this clarifies things. I really was a submariner.



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

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

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Harry Sembagh EN3 (SS)
Melvin Phillips ET1 (SS)
Boyd Tieslau TM3 (SS)
Russel Scofield TMCS (SS)
Robert Rich EN1 (SS)
Donald Campbell TM2 (SS)
Francis Signore CSC (SS)
Harold Lister EN3 (SS)
Stanley Blair ICC (SS)
James Avitt RM1 (SS)
Richard Burdette LT. (SS)
Charles H. Massie TM1 (SS)
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Elvin L. Morrison FTC (SS)
Larry Garrelts ETCS(SS)
Erick Bjorum CWO(SS)
Melvin Schreckengost ET2
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Charles Hyman MM2(SS)
James T. Wright III
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Edwin V. Schalbert TMC (SS)
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Richard Ekenberg , ETC(SS)
Gerald Stratton ENC(SS)
Richard C. Barringer SOSN(SS)
Lowell Wapelhorst MOMM2(SS)
Jack Quade SMSN(SS)
Bert Skidmore YN2(SS)
Walter Lewis IC1(SS)
Frank Kenyon EM3(SS)

Lost Boats in October

USS O-5 (SS-66) was lost on **11-Oct-1923** with the loss of **2 crew** when it was sunk after collision with *SS ABAGAREZ* (United Fruit) off Panama Canal.

USS S-44 (SS-155) was lost on **7-Oct-1943** with the loss of **56 crew** when it was sunk on 5th patrol off Paramushiru, Kuriles (Northern); One day out of Attu (**2 men were taken prisoner, both survived the war**)

USS Wahoo (SS-238) was lost on **11-Oct-1943** with the loss of **79 crew** when it was sunk in or near La Perouse Strait.

USS Dorado (SS-248) was lost on **12-Oct-1943** with the loss of **78 crew** when it was sunk in Western Atlantic, possibly near Cuba

USS Escobar (SS-294) was lost on or after **17-Oct-1944** with the loss of **82 crew** when it was sunk somewhere east of 33° 44N; 127° 33E; heading for 33° 44N; 124° 06E.

USS Shark (SS-314) was lost on **24-Oct-1944** with the loss of **90 crew** when it was sunk in channel midway between Hainan and Bashi Channel; 20° 41N; 118° 27E.

USS Seawolf (SS-197) was lost on **3-Oct-1944** with the loss of **102 crew** when it was sunk just north of Morotai, between PI and Indonesia, by *USS Rowell*; 02° 32 N; 129° 18E.

USS Tang (SS-306) was lost on **25-Oct-1944** with the loss of **83 crew** when it was sunk in north end of Formosa Strait in vicinity of Turnabout Island. (**Nine of the crew were taken prisoner and survived the war**).

USS Darter (SS-227) was lost on **24-Oct-1944** when it became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan then was destroyed. **All the crew were rescued by USS Dace.**

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The Story of our Base Float

I received this information and pictures from Grant Riddle.

Hello,

Sorry to be so slow to respond. After searching through old hard-drives I located the file which contained pictures about the construction of the sub float. Attached are some of the pictures. The two periscopes had not been constructed and the stern shell was still being constructed when it came time to enter the boat parade.

A few details. The barge base contains watertight cells for "watertight integrity" in case of damage. The side superstructure also contains watertight cells. There are two 50-pound weights mounted in the bottom of the center cell. In case of capsizing the whole boat will re-right itself due to offset weight and buoyancy.

The entire structure is glued and screwed. No nails were used. EXCEPT that the forward walking deck is a "softpatch." It is only screwed on and can be lifted off for working on the mechanism. (Probably well glued at the edges by paint) Every piece of wood was coated with two coats of polyurethane sealer. The transom on the stern is reinforced to mount a 50hp outboard engine.

The original concept was to launch in the river near Sacramento, and under outboard power travel down to San Francisco Bay to meet the fleet on Fleet Week. What a blast that would have been!! Other considerations prevented the completion of that plan. Once completed the boat was donated to the Sacramento Holland Base, and then sold to the Corvina Base when the members decided they didn't want to use it.

Perhaps we will visit you on your next parade day.

Hope this will provide you some story.

Hello to Don Brown.
Grant Riddle ETC(SS) DBF



Balsawood Model



**Stern
Shell**



Bow Planes construction



**Periscope
Shears
construction**



Getting Ready



**Article
And
Award**



Boat Being Retrieved



Underway

A fact you won't soon forget...

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

A bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu.

The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

He very quickly concluded the cause: When crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout

"Cah", not a single one could shout "Truck."



CORVINA Base Christmas Party & Officer Installation
Saturday December 5, 2015. John Asquaga's Nugget in the Poolside Terrace Room
Located on the 5th floor in the East Tower.

Cocktails 1130—1500 Cash Bar.

Lunch 1200 - 1400

CHRISTMAS 2015 LUNCH SELECTION (\$30.00 per person) (Buffet)

No Host Cocktails

Premium Brands @ \$6.50 ea

Call Brands @ \$5.50 ea

Well Brands @ \$4.75 ea

House Wine by the glass @ \$5.00 ea

Imported Beer/Microbrews @ \$5.50 ea

Domestic/Non Alcohol Beer @ \$4.50 ea

Soft Drinks @\$3.00 ea

Cost \$30.00 per person

Make checks payable to Corvina Base

Mail checks to
Robert Talbert
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Dayton, NV 89403

To be received no later than Nov 30, 2015

Jolly Luncheon Buffet

COLD SELECTIONS

Fresh Field Green Salad Bar
 with Seasonal Accompaniments and Dressings
 Spinach & Chicken Salad with Mustard Bacon Dressing
 Mediterranean Pasta Salad
 Nugget Caesar Salad
 Sliced Fresh Fruit and Melons
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***HOT SELECTIONS***

Baked Vegetarian Cannoli  
*Braised Sirloin Tips*  
 Poached Salmon with Ginger-Wine Butter  
 Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
 Chef's Selection of Rice or Potatoes  
 Homemade Rolls & Butter  
 ~~~~~

DESSERT TABLE

Kahlua Yule Logs
 Pumpkin Cheesecake
 Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce
 Cranberry White Mousse Torte
 Chocolate Mousse Parfait
 Bread Pudding
 Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf or Herbal Tea
 Iced Tea