

October 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

WHO WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF



John Hanson

Nathaniel Gorham



George Washington



Elias Boudinot



Richard Henry Lee



Thomas Mifflin



John Hancock



Arthur St. Clair



Cyrus Griffin

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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.

Shipmates and friends,

In the next couple of months, Corvina Base has many events scheduled. It's nearing the end of 2015 so I'll put out some information as a reminder.

Saturday, October 31st is Nevada Day. This years theme is "One State - Many Cultures. Once again Corvina Base will be participating in the festivities. After all, Submarine Sailors are a very distinctive culture. The parade will start at 1000 and we will stage up at 0830. We will put out additional information soon.

Saturday, November 7th, we will once again have our regular business meeting starting at 1400 at Denny's Coffee Shop in Sparks. This is an important meeting as we will be electing Corvina Base officers for 2016 and, additionally we will be voting on the re-written Base Bylaws. Copies of the bylaws and election ballot have been sent out to all hands via email or USPS. If you have not received the bylaws and ballot, please give me a call. I will have ballots available at the meeting. Please vote. It's your right as a Corvina Base shipmate.

Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day. This year we will participate in the parade at Virginia City. The VC Veterans Day parade is always a fun event and it's down hill and easy. The crowd is always large and they express their appreciation for all parade participants. We'll be getting additional information out in the near future.

Saturday, December 5th is the date for the annual Corvina Base Christmas lunch and officer induction. Once again, Shipmate Terry Bolin has organized an outstanding venue for the occasion. The menu is excellent as always. Please sign up early and mail your checks, \$30.00 per person, to Robert Talbert, 20 Arbor Court, Dayton, NV 89403. Make your check/s out to Corvina Base. Checks must be received by November 30, 2015.

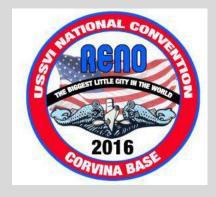
It' time to pay our dues once again. USSVI dues have beem increased by \$5.00 for next year going from \$30.00 to \$35.00. However, you can avoid paying the increase if you get your dues in to Robert Talbert before December 31st. Before December 31st, the annual USSVI dues are \$30.00.

One additional item: If you change your address, email address or telephone number, please let us know as soon as possible. We oftentimes find ourselves doing detective work to contact you.

Dennis Wiley
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Corvina Base, USSVI







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February Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Commander Wylie at 1400. There were no klaxon blasts sounded. Commander Wylie announced that he had called COB Heaps at home to ask if he'd be at the meeting with the klaxon. One of Bob's neighbors had answered the phone and informed him that she had been called by Bob's wife and asked to check on him because she was unable to contact him by phone. The neighbor said that Bob was in bed and not responding to her efforts to wake him, so she had called 911 and was waiting for their arrival. Commander Wylie announced that the meeting would continue without the usual raffle, submarine history session or 50/50 Drawing. The meeting continued with the -----Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Chaplain Paul Allen, the reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of the bell for boats lost in October and moment of silent prayer for all departed friends, family, shipmates and fellow submariners. There were 31 members and guests present. One of our guests was Cindy Austin, representing Drum Base. After she introduced herself, all members of Corvina Base introduced themselves to her and others present.

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

XO Steve Salzman informed all annual dues paying members that their annual dues for both National and Base membership should be paid by the end of December 2015.

Secretary Pete Akerson reported no mail requiring action by Corvina Base had been received.

Kaps4Kids Chairman Bill Conklin gave a report on his activities and the financial status of the program.

At this time, member Frank Urbani received a cell-phone call from his wife, who is in Hawaii with Bobbi Heaps, telling him that Bob Heaps had passed away in his sleep the previous night, and that they were returning to Reno immediately. After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, this much abbreviated meeting ended at 1442.

Respectfully Submitted, Pete Akerson, Secretary



Treasurers Report

Treasures report will be available at the base meeting.

Corvina Base **Booster Club**

Dennis Wiley Peter Akerson Gloria Allen Don Brown Dell & Mary Ellen Schwichdenberg Frank Kenyon Marcedes Parsons Jim Turner Frank Ely Basil & Dorothy Magro (K4K) Frank & Lisa Burke (K4K) Frank & Linda Ely (K4K)

KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) TEAM VISITS ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

The Corvina Base Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Team visited St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Unit on October 13, 2015. This was our first visit to St. Mary's, and it

was very well received by the Pediatric Nurses and Staff.

For a variety of reasons, only one patient was available to visit, a four year old boy. The visit went very well, and both the patient and his parents enjoyed it. We discussed life on a submarine, and shared a variety of Submarine pictures. The patient was given a variety of items including a cap and certificate designating him as an "Honorary Submariner".

The Director of Pediatrics at St Mary's sent a nice note following the visit, and invited the Team to return on a regularly scheduled basis. Details of the future visits are being finalized.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) Team Members Bill Conklin, Paul Young and Claudia Quarisa participated in the







Chaplains Report

Eternal Patrol

Robert "Bob" J. Heaps: It was a real shock for the Corvina Base to get a phone call during our monthly Corvina Base meeting on October 3, 2015 at Denny's in Sparks to inform us why our faithful COB had not appeared to perform his COB duties but had slipped the mooring lines while he was asleep that Saturday morning. Our condolences go to Bob's wife of 34 yrs., Bobbie, and their family. He and Bobbie organized our monthly "Lunch Brunch" for several years after Bob became COB in 2010 after Norm Snyder went on Eternal Patrol. Thank you, Bobbie for being Bob's assistant and sharing his life with the Corvina Base. Bob joined the US Navy in 1962 and left in 1967 as an IC2 (SS). He qualified on the

USS Grampus (SS-523) and did 6 patrols on the USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN-624). Two obituaries are included, one from the Reno Gazette-Journal and one from our new National USSVI Chaplain Bill "Butterbean" Dixon. We will miss you, Bob and thank you for your service to the United States of America. The picture of Bob in whites was taken in Florida.

Thanks to all the Corvina family that could attend the celebration of Bob's life at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, NV. and a great reception at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Reno, NV. where it was evident that the Heaps family had a lot of friends that loved Bob's sense of humor.

Send Cards to: Bobbie Heaps, 135 Starburst Cir. Sparks, NV. 89441-7578

Walter "Al" A. Lewis: Al's wife, Susan, sent

me a thank you card this week and wanted to relay to the Corvina Base a message. "I can't tell you enough how much I appreciate the submarine veterans and all of your help at that time." Little did we know that Bob Heaps sounding the Klaxon at Al's funeral would be the last time he would do so.



Robert J. (Bob) Heaps



Robert (Bob) J. Heaps

May 22, 1940

Oct 3, 2015

Bob Heaps passed away peacefully at his home in Spanish Springs. He was born in Columbus, Ohio to Joseph Hugh and Verta Mattox Heaps (deceased).

He left Ohio State University to join the US Navy. He was a proud Veteran of the Naval Submarine service. He served from 1961-1967 on nuclear submarines during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Corvina Base retired submarine club, where he enjoyed welcoming Veterans returning home to Reno Airport with flags and salute, and participating in the local Veterans and Memorial Day Parades. Any time Bob saw a Military serviceman he would immediately walk over to personally thank them for their service.

When Bob left the Navy in 1967 he began his career at IBM. He worked there for 37 years until his retirement in 2005. He received numerous service recognition awards and was granted a patent on a computer program that he designed. You could see Bob commuting to and from work in his snazzy bronze Corvette. He had the privilege of being one of the IBM employees sent to manage and trouble-shoot the software programs used to monitor the computer scoring system at the Olympics.

After retiring from IBM, Bob and Bobbie spent a few years "full-timing" in their Motorhome and traveling the country. They were avid RVers for over 20 years and were blessed to have many adventures and make lots of wonderful friends. When Bobbie's mother moved in with them they settled into their home in NV. He never lost his love of Corvettes and bought a bright red one soon after. He and Bobbie were members of the Reno Corvette club.

Bob is survived by his wife Barbara (Bobbie) Heaps; daughter Amanda (Dave) Stribling, son Matthew (Dina) Heaps, daughter Kirsten (Phil) Stout, daughter Allison (Jerry) Coles; 12 grandchildren, 3 great-grand children, and one more on the way.

Services for Bob are to be held at Fernley Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 11:00 am, with a Celebration of Life immediately following at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4895 S. McCarran Blvd, Reno.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to The Veterans Guest House in Reno, which provides military families support during times of medical need, or the Corvina Base Club.



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On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on Robert's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for Robert's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country."

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. - 2 Thess 3:16.

Robert J. Heaps IC2(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate

His record is now posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website.

Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

~ Bill Dixon, Cary, North Carolina





Thanksgiving Day: On October 13, 2015 the US Navy was 240 years old. There is only one ship still in commission from that early start of the US Navy in 1775. The "United States Constitution" was named by President George Washington and later received the nickname "Old Ironsides" because the enemy's cannon balls would not penetrate the hull during one of the battles of the War of 1812. It was laid down in 1794, launched in 1797 and her maiden voyage was July 1798. It can be seen and toured in the Boston Harbor which my wife and I did about 13 years ago. As I was thinking



back to that visit, I was reminded that as Thanksgiving Day approaches we have much to be thankful for. This wonderful country, the United States of America, is truly blessed by God with a

freedom that much of the world can only dream about. If you want to visit the USS Constitution, which is worthwhile, you will have to wait about 2 ½ years because it just went into the Boston Navy Yard (formerly Charleston Navy Yard) May 18, 2015 for a 3 year overhaul.



<u>Scripture</u>: Psalm 107:29-32 "He caused the storm to be still, so that the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they were quiet; so He guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the LORD for His loving kindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men! Let them extol Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him at the seat of the elders." May God's Blessings continue to rest on America as we feast with family and friends and enjoy our freedom!

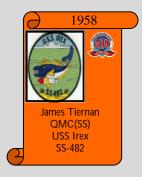
Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

Harry Wellman CS1 (SS) Melvin Phillips ET1 (SS) Russel Scofield TMCS (SS) Donald Campbell TM2 (SS) Harold Lister EN3 (SS) James Avitt RM1 (SS) Charles H. Massie TM1 (SS) Elvin L. Morrison FTC (SS) Erick Bjorum CWO(SS) Norm Snyder EM1(SS) James T. Wright III Chester E. MacDowell TMI (SS) Jerry D. Noma MM2(SS) Gerald Stratton ENC(SS) Lowell Wapelhorst MOMM2(SS) Bert Skidmore YN2(SS) Frank Kenyon EM3 (SS)

Harry Sembagh EN3 (SS) Boyd Tieslau TM3 (SS) Robert Rich EN1 (SS) Francis Signore CSC (SS) Stanley Blair ICC (SS) Richard Burdette LT. (SS) Wayne F. Garrett ET2 (SS) Larry Garrelts ETCS(SS) Melvin Schreckengost ET2 Charles Hyman MM2(SS) Gordon Lane RMC(SS) Edwin V. Schalbert TMC (SS) Richard Ekenberg, ETC(SS) Richard C. Barringer SOSN(SS) Jack Quade SMSN(SS) Walter Lewis IC1(SS) Bob Heaps IC2 (SS)









Lost Boats in November

<u>USS Corvina (SS-226)</u> was lost on **16-Nov-1943** with the loss of **82**Crew when it was sunk just south of Truk

<u>USS Sculpin (SS-191)</u> was lost on 19-Nov-1943 with the loss of 40 Crew when it was sunk north of Groluk Island near Truk. (42 crew were taken prisoner, only 21 survived the war)

<u>USS Growler (SS-215)</u> was lost on **8-Nov-1944** with the loss of **84**Crew when it was sunk in South China Sea

USS Albacore (SS-218) was lost on **7-Nov-1944** with the loss of **86**Crew when it was sunk near 41° 49N; 141° 11E in channel between Hokkaido and Honshu.

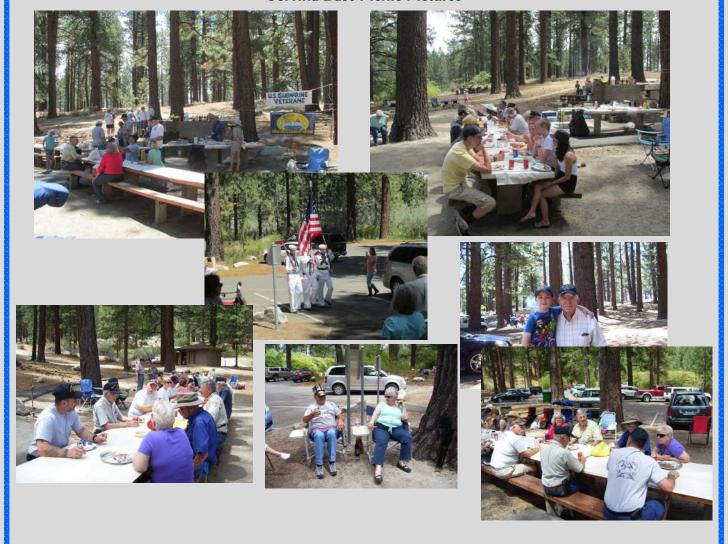
<u>USS Scamp (SS-277)</u> was lost on **16-Nov-1944** with the loss of **83**Crew when it was sunk off Inubo Saki near Tokyo Bay

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





Corvina Base Picnic Pictures



WHO WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

I suspect George Washington was your first guess. After all, who else comes to mind?

But think back to your history books - The United States declared its independence in 1776, yet George Washington did not take office until April 30, 1789.

So who was running the country during these initial years of our young country? In fact, the first President of the United States was named John Hanson! I can hear you now -John who? John Hanson, was the first President of The United States.

Check Google for more detailed information. There was also a U.S. stamp made in his honor. The new country was actually formed on March 1, 1781 with the adoption of The Articles of Confederation. This document was actually proposed on June 11, 1776, but not agreed upon by Congress until November 15, 1777. Maryland refused to sign this document until Virginia and New York ceded their western lands (Maryland was afraid that these states would gain too much power in the new government from such large amounts of land).

Once the signing took place in 1781, a President was needed to run the country. John Hanson was chosen unanimously by Congress (which included George Washington). In fact, all the other potential candidates refused to run against him, as he was a major player in the revolution and an extremely influential member of Congress.

As the first President, Hanson had quite the shoes to fill. No one had ever been President and the role was poorly defined. His actions in office would set precedent for all future Presidents. He took office just as the Revolutionary War ended. Almost immediately, the troops demanded to be paid. As would be expected after any long war, there were no funds to meet the salaries. As a result, the soldiers threatened to overthrow the new government and put Washington on the throne as a monarch.

All the members of Congress ran for their lives, leaving Hanson as the only guy left running the government. He somehow managed to calm the troops down and hold the country together. If he had failed, the government would have fallen almost immediately and everyone would have been bowing to King Washington.

Hanson, as President, ordered all foreign troops off American soil, as well as the removal of all foreign flags. This was quite the feat, considering the fact that so many European countries had a stake in the United States since the days following Columbus.

Hanson established the Great Seal of the United States, which all Presidents have since been required to use on all official documents. President Hanson also established the first Treasury Department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department.

Lastly, he declared that the fourth Thursday of every November was to be Thanksgiving Day, which is still true today.

The Articles of Confederation only allowed a President to serve a one year term during any three year period, so Hanson actually accomplished quite a bit in such little time.

Seven other presidents were elected after him:

- 1. John Hanson
- 2. Elias Boudinot (1782-83),
- 3. Thomas Mifflin (1783-84),
- 4. Richard Henry Lee (1784-85),
- 5. John Hancock (1785-86),
- 6. Nathan Gorman (1786-87),
- 7. Arthur St. Clair (1787-88), and
- 8. Cyrus Griffin (1788-89),
- ...all served prior to George Washington ever taking office.

So what happened? Why don't we hear about the first eight presidents? It's quite simple - The Articles of Confederation didn't work well. The individual states had too much power and nothing could be agreed upon. A new doctrine needed to be written - something we know as the Constitution.

And that leads us to the end of our story. George Washington definitely was not the first President of the United States. He was the first President of the United States under the Constitution we follow today.

And the first eight Presidents have been forgotten in history.

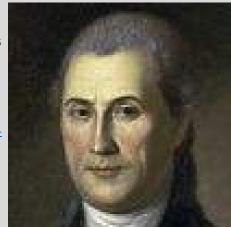
BUT NOW as Paul Harvey would say, the rest of the story.

July 2nd, 2015 New Orleans, Louisiana

After 102 Years, The Federal Government Finally Agrees: <u>Samuel Huntington</u> And Not <u>John Hanson</u> Was The First USCA President to Serve Under The Articles of Confederation.

The Smithsonian Institute, the National Archives of the United States and the Library of Congress have corrected their websites and exhibits to reflect that the Articles of Confederation's government commenced on March 1st, 1781, with Samuel Huntington serving as the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled (USCA). This reverses the 1903 official position of the United States Congress that the Articles of Confederation government commenced on November 5th, 1781, with John Hanson serving as the first USCA President. Additionally, all three government institutions recognized that Samuel Johnston (who declined the office) and Thomas McKean were elected to the USCA Presidency, July 9th and 10th, 1781, respectively, under the ratified Articles of Confederation after Samuel Huntington resigned the office on July 6th, 1781, due to illness.

The office, President of the United States in Congress Assembled was established by the Articles (of Confederation, ratified on March 2, 1781), and the term was limited to one year by the appointment (election) of the delegates:



George Washington is the first President of the United States under the Constitution.

The Articles gave the 13 states the power..."to appoint one of their members to preside, provided that no person be allowed to serve in the office of president more than one year in any term of three years;"

In 1781 Samuel Huntington, had already served as President of the Continental Congress for 17 months. The Articles, the first U.S. Constitution, limited all presidencies to a term of one year. Since there was no operating constitution prior to 1781 Huntington was determined to be eligible to serve one year as 1st President of the United States under the Articles. Upon the urging of his fellow delegates he agreed and accepted the unanimous call to serve as President of the United States (in Congress Assembled)

"..he was elected President of the Continental Congress on September 28, 1779. His steady hand helped keep the Congress together...he stepped up his efforts through letters and contacts to get the States to complete the ratification of the Articles, that had laid on the table for years.

By the time he became the Presiding officer, every state except Maryland, had ratified the Articles and the Confederation...Huntington managed to convince the Legislatures of New York, Virginia, and Connecticut to cede their claims to the national congress. After that, Maryland gave in and did likewise, finally ratifying the Articles on March 1, 1781...

...Huntington stayed on office, now as President of the United States in Congress Assembled (Wiki fails to mention he was elected to this position), until July 9, 1781 when ill health forced him to resign and return to Connecticut."



The XO's Missing Door by Michael G. Price MMC(SS) SSBN-623BI have to admit I cannot take credit for this. Circa 1978 SSBN-623B Nathan Hale. Somewhere in the North Atlantic. Midget decided it would be a really cool idea to steal the XO's stateroom door. It was about 7 weeks into the patrol and we were getting pretty bored. Field day was going to start in about an hour and the XO had gone to radio to review the traffic. Midget knew his pattern. He would be there about 30 minutes.

Accompanied by two other "A gang" accomplices, the deed was done. They carried the door right through the control room and aft into the missile house. Everybody on the boat including the CO (I suspect) knew where the door was. Just not the XO. For the next several weeks the XO did very personal field day inspections. The door was never found. We turned it over to the gold crew when they came aboard and on our next patrol it was safely returned.

XO, if you read this stuff, it was hidden outboard of the missile house berthing. You know, behind the nuke lab. Game set and match.







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—1330 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 <u>Robert Talbert</u> <u>20 Arbor Ct.</u> <u>Dayton, NV 89403</u>

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 Ceasar Salad Sliced Fresh Fruit and Melons

HOT SELECTIONS

Baked Vegetarian Cannolli
Teriyaki Tri Tip
Poached Salmon with Ginger-Wine Butter
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Chef's Selection of Rice or Potatoes
Homemade Rolls & Butter

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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