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**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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**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,

Last Tuesday, November 17th, I was afforded the privilege of tagging along with Bill Conklin and a wonderful lady named Claudia for a visit to St. Mary's Hospital in Reno for a Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit in the pediatric ward. I was a little apprehensive about doing the visit. However, all my fears dissipated once we got started.

The first little boy we saw was very young - maybe about one year or so. He was as frisky as could be expected and we could all tell that he really wanted to go home. Bill gave him a little blue hat with submarine Dolphins embroidered on the front and a coloring book and some crayons. As expected, the little rascal thought the crayons should first be tasted. Bill presented the little boy and his mom the certificate designating him an Honorary Submariner. He knew what the hat was for and started wearing it right away.

We moved on to a second child, a boy of about ten years old. His grandfather was sitting in the room with him. We went through the routine with an explanation of what made submarines work and the presentation of the hat and certificate. That young guy was smiling and wearing the hat when we departed.

So, if you ever get a chance to tag along with Bill, Primo, Paul or Claudia to do a Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit, please give it a shot. It will make you feel good.

Got some good news in the mail when I got home Tuesday. Our totally re-written Corvina Base Bylaws have been signed off as approved by USSVI Western Region District Five Commander Pete Juhos. We'll stow the original in our Base safe deposit box. I'll ask Norm Peterson to place the bylaws on the Corvina Base website for all to use.

One more thing. Flu season is upon us. Hasn't been hyped up by the media to the extent it was last year. However, give them time. Had your flu shot yet???? Got mine. Please think about getting yours and while you're at it, ask your doctor about the shingles and pneumonia vaccines. Easy to do and for most of us they're free. Preventive medicine is the best medicine.

We hope to see everyone at the Christmas lunch at the Nugget in Sparks on December 5th at about 1100 or so. Next year's Base officers will be sworn in, we'll present the award of the "Brownie" to this year's very distinguished recipient, and we'll have some great chow and the annual raffle to beat all raffles. Donations gladly accepted.

Best regards to all,  
Dennis Wiley  
Base Commander  
Corvina Base, USSVI



Next year is our time to show the USSVI community what we can do. Have you decided what your job will be for the convention?

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**November  
Meeting Minutes**



The meeting was called to order by Commander Wiley at 1400 as COB Leif Larsen sounded two blasts on the klaxon. An Invocation by Chaplain Paul Allen, Pledge of Allegiance, Reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of the Bell for all boats lost in November and December and moment of silence for all departed friends, family, submariners and shipmates followed in their usual order. There were 32 members and guests present.

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

Commander Wiley announced that Leif Larsen and Paul Young have been appointed as co-COBS to replace Bob Heaps, and that this appointment has been approved by the board of directors.

The Nevada Day Parade, held in Carson City on October 31, 2015 was attended by 15 members and guests.

XO Steve Salzman brought us up to date on dues payments for 2016.

Secretary Pete Akerson reports no new mail requiring action by the Base.

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

Chaplain Paul Allen reports no additions to the Binnacle List.

Newsletter Editor Norm Peterson reports all is well with the Website and Newsletter.

Kaps4Kids Chairman Bill Conklin reported on his present and planned activities and that the program is doing quite well financially.

The meetin/Assembly times and places for the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia City were discussed. The parade was attended by at least 19 members and guests.



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Ballots for the annual Base election were collected.

After a recess to count ballots, the following results were announced:

Corvina Base Officers Elected to serve in 2016:

Commander – Dennis Wiley  
Vice Commander – Steve Salzman  
Treasurer- Dave Aunkst  
Secretary- Pete Akerson

The proposed Corvina Base Bylaws were approved without change or amendment.

After announcement of the election results, the monthly raffle/50/50 drawing was held with the following results:

Tool – Clyde Weber Hat – Dale Poe  
Hat-Pete Akerson Shirt- Dave Aunkst  
Tools- Dennis Wylie Coin- Frank Ely  
Wine- Steve Salzman Vodka- Steve Salzman  
Book- Frank Urbani Wine- DeDe Salzman  
Flashlight-Ken McCray Bag- Mercedes Parsons  
Wine- Dale Poe Base Patch- Pete Akerson  
Magnet-Jim Turner Magnet- Terry Bolen  
Vodka- Clyde Weber  
The 50/50 cash prize was won by Wes Rece.

The Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held in the usual location at the Sparks Nugget at 1130 on December 5, 2015. The price is \$30.00 per person and must be received NLT November 30, 2015.

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, the meeting closed at 1506 as co-COB Larsen sounded three blasts on the klaxon.

Respectfully,  
Pete Akerson, Secretary



## Treasurers

### Report

1. Account balances: Available at base meetings.
2. Deposits:
  - \$ 250.00 – Base & national dues
  - 990.00 – Payments for 2015 Christmas Lunch
  - 67.00 – Nov. meeting Raffle
  - =====
  - \$ 1307.00
3. Checks issued:
  - \$ 125.00 - War Veterans Memorial Association #2018
  - 25.00 – VC Parade Registration #2019
  - 15.47 – Float tire repair #2020
  - 44.00 – Award Engraving #2021
  - 60.00 – Christmas Lunch refund #2022
  - 5.68 – Postage #2023
  - 140.00 – USSVI national dues #2024
  - =====
  - \$ 415.15

### SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

Harry Wellman CS1 (SS)	Harry Sembagh EN3 (SS)
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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)
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Lowell Wapelhorst MOMM2(SS)	Jack Quade SMSN(SS)
Bert Skidmore YN2(SS)	Walter Lewis IC1(SS)
Frank Kenyon EM3 (SS)	Bob Heaps IC2 (SS)



## **CORVINA BASE HONORS KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) MONTH WITH TWO HOSPITAL VISITS**

The Corvina Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited both St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Pediatric Unit and Renown Children's Hospital during Kap (SS) 4 Kid(SS) Month, November 2015.

In addition to visits with the children designating them as "Honorary Submariners", the Team presented Nursing Stations at both hospitals with stuffed animals for their use to bring continued joy to patients throughout the Holiday Season. Gifts of reading and activity books were also donated for use in the Pediatrics Common Areas.

The visit to St. Mary's was the first of regularly scheduled monthly visits that will continue into the foreseeable future.

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team Members Bill Conklin, Primo Quarisa and Claudia Quarisa participated in the visits, as well as Base Commander Dennis Wiley.



Gab, Mom, Bill, Dennis - "K4K Team Chairman Bill Conklin and Corvina Base Commander Dennis Wiley designate Gabrian as "Honorary Submariner" as Mom Abby looks on"



"The K4K Team visits with Bryan and his family, designating him as "Honorary Submariner""



"K4K Team Members Bill Conklin and Primo Quarisa present Kimberly with a hat, certificate and other gifts, designating her as "Honorary Submariner" as proud Mom Monica looks on"

### **As I age, I've realized that:**

1. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off .
2. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
3. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
4. I talk to myself because, sometimes, I need expert advice.
5. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
6. When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now, it's like a mini vacation .
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about .
8. I like my middle finger best because it always sticks

up for me!

9. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!

10. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

11. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

12. When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than the word "please", I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

13. At my age, "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

14. Chocolate comes from cocoa which is a tree, which makes it a plant, which means it's salad, almost.

# Chaplains Report



**Paul Young:** As I write this Paul is home recovering from a five hour surgery on a broken left arm. On Saturday, October 31 (which is Nevada Day), while helping set up the Corvina Base float for the Nevada Day Parade, Paul took a dive off of the float and broke the two bones that connect the arm to the wrist. The orthopedic surgeon had to wait over two weeks to do the surgery because of swelling in the



arm but felt that Paul's arm would heal fine except the left hand may pull slightly to the left. At the November Lunch Bunch we discussed Paul's dilemma and thought he deserved a nickname because of the possibility of the crooked hand and decided that "Captain Crook" would be appropriate. Paul's wife, Lisa, just started back to work after staying home to make sure he behaved himself and being looney from the pain meds. Paul qualified on the USS Whale (SSN-638) in 1976 and joined USSVI and the Corvina Base as a life member in 2013. Paul recently volunteered to be the Assistant COB. Our best to you Paul and we will see you at the Christmas Luncheon. Two photos are attached. An x-ray of Paul's wrist and a



medal his wife made for him which says "Dry Dock Diver Award".

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**Madeline Kenyon:** Little did we know that when WWII Submarine Veteran and Corvina Base member Frank Kenyon went on Eternal Patrol that his bride of 69 years would join him one month later. Madeline attended the Annual Corvina Base Memorial Services when we also honored Frank's life on Sept. 5 at the Veteran Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, NV and she passed away 22 days later. Included is an obituary published in the Reno-Gazette Journal.

**Madeline Kenyon (1925 - 2015)** It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Madeline McMahon Kenyon on September 27, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Frank C. Kenyon who passed away August 27, 2015. Madeline was born in Pittsburg, PA on October 13, 1925 to Mr. & Mrs. James J. McMahon. She spent her youth on Long Island, NY and was a graduate of Manhasset High School Class of 1942. On October 30, 1940, she and Frank met while serving on the decorating committee for the Manhasset High School Halloween dance. That day was the beginning of a loving 75-year relationship.

Upon graduation from High School, Madeline entered Wheaton College, Norton, MA, as a 16-year-old freshman. She graduated with the Class of 1946. In college, she was a member of the Triton Swim Group beginning a lifelong interest and enthusiasm in women's sports in general and aquatics in particular. After graduation, Madeline continued her association with Wheaton as a strong supporter of the college's mission to serve women undergraduate students. She served as Class Reported and Reunion Chairperson.



Frank & Madeline married on September 6, 1946 as soon as Frank returned from submarine service in World War II. They lived for many years in Livingston, NJ where the family grew with the addition of son James and daughter Starr. Madeline played an important role in developing the Livingston Community Pool that provided a much needed and appreciated summer recreation opportunity for the community. After a short move to Pennsylvania, the family settled in Morris Plains, NJ in 1958.

In 1960, Madeline became the first woman physical education instructor at Drew University, Madison, NJ. At that time, the College admitted women as students but not as student-athletes. She set about organizing women's athletic teams that were initially dubbed extramural programs rather than varsity sports. Drew's synchronized swimming program, "The Synchers", was perhaps her favorite among the several athletic opportunities that she developed. Many life-long relationships with her athletes arose from these programs.

Madeline became a national pioneer in 1981 when she was named as Drew's Interim Athletic Director, serving then as one of just three women to ever lead a coed athletic department. The appointment recognized her standing among advocates for women's athletics and began her active support for Title IX. She was inducted into the Drew University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

Upon retirement, she and Frank moved to Seneca, SC and to Reno, NV in 1998. She continued her love of sports as a faithful fan and season ticket holder of the University of Nevada Baseball program and as a contributor to the oral history of women's athletics and Title IX published in 2011 by the University of Nevada Oral History Program. Madeline was also a volunteer at the NW library Second Hand Prose Bookstore. She is survived by her son Dr. James L Kenyon (wife Martha Baring, children Lyssa & John Kenyon) of Reno, NV, a daughter Nancy Starr Campbell (husband Bill Campbell) of El Dorado, AR and a sister Patricia Mc Mahon Stewart of Williamsburg, VA. Donations in Madeline's memory may be made to: Tri-County Technical College Foundation Kenyon Family Fund, PO Box 587 Pendleton, SC 29670

**A True Christmas Sea Story:** Since this is the newsletter before Christmas, I'm including a submarine Christmas story since 2015 is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII. Also at this time I would like to honor our Corvina Base members who were serving our country in the US Navy in 1945. Dan Fawcett, Bill Parsons, Bill Noland, Del Schwichtenberg, and Herbert Starmer. Thank you gentlemen! We love you and God Bless you!

"As the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War Two is remembered around the world, a story of Christmas cheer has been revealed by the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport, UK. Conditions aboard submarines in the 1940s left little to be desired; cramped, dark, and with long stints at sea. The crew would have been understandably despondent when Christmas came around. However in 1941, the Soviet Navy gave them a little Christmas cheer in the form of a real-life reindeer. The British Navy's HMS Trident had 56 crew members and was fighting the German Navy in Arctic waters in the winter of 1941 at the time the Russians and British were allied together, fighting against German invasion. During a meeting between the submarine's captain and a Soviet admiral they joked and reminisced about the weather and Christmas time back home in their relative countries. At one point the Soviet admiral suggested a reindeer was the best way to get through the snow-laden streets of Britain.

A few days later, the captain and crew of HMS Trident were astonished to discover the Russians return with a fully-grown reindeer as a gift. She was named Pollyanna, and was lowered into the submarine through one of its torpedo ducts. While it was a very unusual situation, the British graciously received the gift and set off to sea with her for six weeks, the BBC Reports.

Pollyanna slept under the captain's bed and lived on some moss the Russians had provided as well as scraps from the kitchens. She took to eating condensed milk and would run to the air hatch whenever the submarine submerged to get a breath of fresh air. She remained healthy and gave the crew much to smile about, even in their cramped conditions.





When the submarine returned to the UK after its mission, Pollyanna had eaten and lived so well onboard that she had to be winched and squeezed out of the vessel. The London Zoo became Pollyanna's home until she died five years later, only a week after HMS Trident was taken out of active service in 1947. Whenever she heard a loudspeaker or siren she was said to have ducked down as if she was still on the submarine. The Royal Navy Submarine Museum has a submarine similar to the HMS Trident on display which can be visited year round. One Christmas, the museum hosted a Santa inside the submarine, and while they did not include a live reindeer they left some moss in the torpedo duct in Pollyanna's memory."

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**A Christmas Scripture:** Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

**Prayer:** As we celebrate Christmas this year we're living in a world that is in much turmoil. Almighty God, we are thankful for the peace we have here in America and pray for continued peace. We ask you, Lord, to be with our military men and women around the globe. Keep them safe and keep their families at home in your care filled with Joy and Peace at this Christmas Season. Also, may your blessings be on the Corvina Base families as they celebrate this special season. Thank you for hearing our prayers, Lord. Amen!



**Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain**



### 6 little stories

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella... That's FAITH
2. When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her That's TRUST
3. Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarm to wake up That's HOPE
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of having zero knowledge of the future That's CONFIDENCE
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children That's LOVE
6. On a man's shirt was written a sentence, I am not 60 years old, I am sweet 16 with 44 years experience That's ATTITUDE



## Pictures from the Nevada Day parade in Carson City and the Veterans Day parade in Virginia City



## Corvina Base Booster Club

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

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## Lost Boats in December

USS F-1 [ex-CARP] (SS-20) was lost on **17-Dec-1917** with the loss of **19 crew** when it was sunk after collision with *USS F-3* off San Clemente.

USS S-4 (SS-109) was lost on **17-Dec-1927** with the loss of **34 crew** when it was sunk after ramming by *USCG Paulding*.

USS Sealion (SS-195) was lost on **25-Dec-1941** when it was scuttled in Manila Bay after damage at Cavite

USS Capelin (SS-289) was lost **on or after 1-Dec-1943** with the loss of **76 crew** when it was sunk off Celebes possibly off Kaeo Bay; Halmahera 1° 34N; 123° 07E or in Molukka Passage

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



## Civilization in 2015 - priceless

Our Phones—Wireless  
Cooking — Fireless  
Cars — Keyless  
Food — Fatless  
Tires —Tubeless  
Dress — Sleeveless  
Youth — Jobless

Leaders — Shameless  
Relationships — Meaningless  
Attitudes—Careless  
Babies — Fatherless  
Feelings—Heartless  
Education—Valueless  
Children—Mannerless

Country—Godless  
We are **SPEECHLESS**,  
Government is **CLUELESS**,  
And our Politicians are **WORTHLESS!**  
I'm scared — **Shitless!**

## Is America Building the Wrong Kind of Submarine?



"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive." --C.S. Lewis When it comes to military technology -- and military naval technology in particular -- most people would probably agree that "the future is nuclear." The most advanced aircraft carriers in the world are American, and they're all nuclear-powered. The fastest, most powerful submarines are nuke boats built by American defense contractors General Dynamics (NYSE: GD ) and Huntington Ingalls (NYSE: HII ) as well.

Follow the leader

The U.S. Navy currently possesses 72 active submarines -- all nuclear-powered. Following America's example, navies from Russia to France to England to even China and India have opted to add nuclear-powered submarines to their fleets. And why wouldn't they? Doesn't nuclear offer "progress" over previous generations of diesel-electric powered submarines?

You'd think so. But as C.S. Lewis pointed out, sometimes to progress, you have to admit to having made a mistake, reverse course, and get back on the right track. More and more often these days, foreign navies are coming to the conclusion that nuclear-powered submarines were the wrong way to go -- and believe it or not, that diesel is actually "the future."

To get ahead, first go Down Under

Take Australia for instance. Earlier this month, Australia signed an agreement with Japan whereby the two nations will begin working together to develop a new class of stealth submarines -- powered by diesel-electric engines.

Using the same "air-independent propulsion" (AIP) diesel-electric systems developed by Japan for use in its Soryu-class submarines, Australia aims to replace its current fleet of six aging Collins-class subs with a round dozen based on a new design. Larger than the current Collins-class boats, Australia's new subs will be capable of carrying everything from cruise missiles to unmanned underwater vehicles to special operations troops. According to DefenseNews.com, this will permit "a major regional enhancement of Australia's capabilities" and deployment "into South China Sea and beyond."

Australia hopes to have the new boats in the water by 2030 and has budgeted up to \$33 billion for the project, which it calls "Project Sea 1000."

\$33 billion? That's a lot of money

Yes, it is. Luckily for Australia, Project Sea 1000 may end up costing only a fraction of the budgeted sum. You see, it costs American taxpayers about \$2.7 billion to have General Dynamics or Huntington Ingalls build us a Virginia-class nuclear fast-attack submarine.

Building a dozen of them would yield a price tag of \$32.4 billion -- about what Australia had braced itself to pay. But Japan's Soryu-class subs, upon which Australia may base its new boats, cost only \$540 million apiece to produce -- just 20% the cost of a new nuke boat. At 3,000 tons displacement, the Soryus are about half the size of a Virginia-class sub -- so pound-for-pound, Australia's still getting a good deal.

A good deal for U.S., too?

Is this something the U.S. should try to get in on? Over at the Pentagon, this is a question that's being asked more and more often. As budgets come under pressure, the prospect of replacing a few of our older nuke boats with modern diesel-electrics that cost five times less has some appeal. This is especially true among Navy strategists who argue diesel-electric boats aren't just cheaper than nukes. When equipped with an AIP engine, diesel-electrics can outperform their nuclear cousins in stealthy movement, are particularly hard to detect (and kill) in shallow coastal waters (such as you'll find off the coasts of Korea, China, and Iran for example), and with improvements in range, can now travel silently and underwater for weeks at a time.

The upshot for investors

Arguments like these make a lot of sense to Navy tacticians. They make a lot of sense for taxpayers concerned over the burgeoning size of the U.S. defense budget -- and they should make sense for investors as well.

America hasn't built a new diesel-electric submarine for its fleet in 55 years -- and a lot of things can change over a half century. Over that time, America's Nuclear Navy has become wedded to the idea that "nuclear is better," but globally, defense market analysts at AMI International say there's a market for about 300 new diesel-electric submarines waiting to be built over the next 20 years -- 100 of them in the Asian and Pacific markets alone. At \$540 million a pop, that's a \$162 billion opportunity.

That's a lot of money for U.S. submakers General Dynamics and Huntington Ingalls to be leaving on the table -- waiting to be scooped up by companies like ThyssenKrupp, DCNS, and Mitsubishi Heavy, which do build diesel-electrics. And that's not even counting the billions that could be earned building diesel-electrics for the U.S. Navy, should it decide to walk back its commitment to nuclear. Once upon a time, America was pretty good at building diesel-electric boats. For the sake of the taxpayers, and for the sake of the shareholders of these companies, maybe we should think about getting good at it again.

#### MUSIC

A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard when, all of a sudden, he hears music.

No one is around, so he starts searching for the source.

He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads: "Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770- 1827". Then he realizes that the music is Beethoven's 9th Symphony and it is being played backwards!

Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him.

By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time, it is the 7th Symphony, but like the previous piece, it is being played backward.

Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar.

When they return with the expert, the 5th Symphony is playing, again backwards.

The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed.....the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th.

The next day the news has spread, and a crowd has gathered around the grave.

They are all listening to the 2nd Symphony being played backward.

Just then, the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group.

Someone in the group asks him if he has an explanation for the music.

"I would have thought it was obvious," the caretaker says. "He's merely decomposing."