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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



Submarine Force Pacific

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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, family and friends,

We are nearing our 2016 USSVI Convention at Reno. Not much time left to get a lot of work done. The convention committee, headed up by Shipmate Terry Bolin, is working at a frenetic pace to get all of the odds and ends sorted out and completed. We will get it all done before the convention starts.

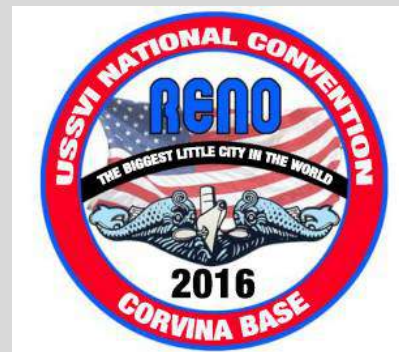
A quick glance at the convention website "Shipmates" section indicates that Corvina Base members are beginning to get their registrations in. That's great. We want to be well represented at the convention and all of its various functions. There is still time for those of you who have not yet registered to get on board.

I heard some scuttlebutt that some of our spouses want to be involved with the convention. We would really appreciate their participation and assistance in getting the job done and at the convention itself. The more, the merrier. If you want to help out, please contact Terry Bolin and he'll tell you what we need done. Lots of positions at the convention from working at the registration desk to checking room readiness, and checking tickets at the many functions. And before the convention, we'll have an old fashioned work party to stuff all the goody bags. Terry mentioned that we could possibly have a meeting of those who want to volunteer their services at the convention and this would include any spouses who want to lend a hand. Terry will schedule that.

On a final note, Corvina Base presented its annual "Pride Runs Deep" medal and certificate to Damonte Ranch High School NJROTC cadet Ethan Pettypiece. It was an outstanding awards ceremony well attended by Corvina Base. I would like to extend a well done and thank you to Shipmate Pete Akerson for making the presentation medal and to Shipmate Norm Peterson for producing the certificate.

Best regards to all of you,

Dennis Wiley
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**May
Meeting Minutes**



The meeting was called to order by Commander Wylie at 1400 as co-COBS Larsen and Young sounded two blasts on the klaxon. An Invocation by Chaplain Paul Allen, the Pledge of Allegiance, Reading of the USSVI creed, Tolling of the Bell for boats lost in May and moment of silent prayer for all departed shipmates, submariners, friends and family followed in their usual order. There were 32 Members and guests present.

Prospective new member Carl Inman introduced himself to all present, followed by all members present introducing themselves and stating their qual boat and date.

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

XO Steve Salzman reported that Baldinis Casino in Sparks would be conducting various events in June to benefit Reno area Gold Star Mothers.

Secretary Pete Akerson reported that no mail requiring Base action had received this month.

Chaplain Paul Allen reported there were no additions to the Binnacle List.

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor Norm Peterson had no significant news or issues to report.

Co-COBS Larsen and Young had nothing to report.

The May Lunch-Bunch meeting will be at CJ Palace in Sparks at 1130 on Friday, May 20th.

Recruiter Don Brown reports his efforts continue with his usual zeal.

Convention Committee Chairman Terry Bolen reported that the next Convention Committee meeting would beat the Grand Sierra on May 21st. Less than 25 percent of the base membership has signed up for the Convention and all hands are urged and encouraged to do so SOON!

Kaps4Kids Chairman Bill Conklin reported on the successful resolution of a potential problem with future visits to Renown Hospital.

Treasurer Dave Aunkst reports the Base is still in very sound condition financially.

Members Jack Ely, Frank Ely, Rudy Massenzi and George Little were inducted into the USSVI Holland Club. Our collective congratulations to them collectively!

After a brief recess for ticket sales, the monthly 50/50 Drawing/Raffle was held with the following results: License Frame – Dave Chute Book – Mercedes Parsons Memo Pad – Linda Ely Liquor – Wes Rece Wine – Leif Larsen Wine – Don Brown Gift Card – Linda Ely Wine – Terry Bolen Vodka – Clyde Weber Beer – Steve Salzman License Frame - Linda Ely Challenge Coin – Bill Conklin.

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, the meeting ended at 1510 as our CO-COBs sounded three blasts on the klaxon.

Respectfully,
Pete Akerson, Secretary

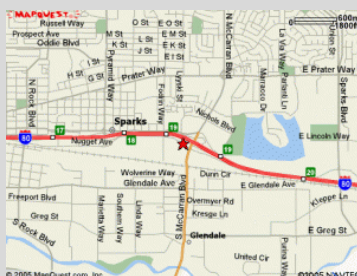


You too can be the proud wearer of one of these. Volunteer to help at the convention.



Treasurers Report

1. All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
2. Deposits for May:
From May Base Meeting \$131.00
(Raffle/Dues)
3. Checks issued in May:
USSVI/National Dues (New Member) \$ 25.00
Virginia City Tourism/July 4th Parade 30.00



*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 Booster Club

Terry Bolen (In memory of Bob Heaps)
Paul Young (K4K)
Pete Akerson (K4K)
Jack Ely (K4K)
Norm Peterson (K4K)
Bill Conklin (K4K)
Clyde Webber
Dennis Wiley
Don Brown
Diane Hogan
Mark Hogan
Mercedes Parsons
Leif Larsen



Chaplains Report

Binnacle List

James (Jim) "Smoky" Jordan: Just before I began to write this, I called Smoky at Renown Hospital, Reno, NV to get his permission to write about his status. The doctors, with two of Smokey's children, informed him on Friday, May 20, that he only has days to live. He has an infection that medicine can't arrest. He was admitted to Renown Hospital over two weeks ago and as of May 23rd in the afternoon; they moved him to his home where his best friend, his dog Sadie, can be at his side. He will be on Hospice care at home, watched over by his daughter, Nadine, and son, Jerry. Smoky ended his conversation with me by saying that he has made his life right with God a long time ago and is ready to cross over to the other side. As many of you know, the son of Smoky's daughter, Charlie, US Navy Seal Corpsman Petty Officer First Class Kevin R. Ebbert was killed in action in Afghanistan. Charlie called me recently about Smoky, but also informed me that a portion of a California Highway is going to be dedicated in Kevin Ebberts's name. It is in the Arcata, CA area (by Eureka) on June 12, and I will try to get some information for the Corvina Newsletter. Smoky was a proud grandfather! Smoky, may the Lord God Almighty be with you and keep you in His care!

Memorial Day: I wrote about Memorial Day in the April 2016 issue of the Corvina Base Newsletter but I wanted to include a couple more items. My wife, Gloria, and I recently spent a few days with family in the Sonora, Twain Harte area of California and checked out some Mark Twain history while we were there; mainly at Jackass Hill during the gold rush days. In old town, Sonora, there is a big, two story, brick Veterans Memorial Hall with a military museum inside, packed full of memorabilia. I had a good visit with the veteran in charge that day and I thought he was a little older than me but it turned out that I was five years older than him. I was surprised! They had a nice memorial honoring the Korean War veterans in front of the museum and in the backyard there was a MK 14 torpedo. I've include a few photos. If you go to Sonora on a visit, take time to visit this museum.



Editor. Nice set of screws on this



Vietnam: Many of the Corvina Base members did patrols in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War and if we had been asked about the future of Vietnam we probably would have never guessed that 40 years after the end of the war it would be a destination vacation country. Today, as I write this, President Obama is in Vietnam announcing that the United States would fully lift a longstanding U.S. embargo on lethal arms sales to Vietnam. The sale of military weapons to Vietnam will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Ahead of President Obama's visit, China's state news service Xinhua accused the United States of having "shown no restraint in meddling in a regional situation" in the South China Sea. My wife's nephew is married to the daughter of a Vietnamese immigrant who went on vacation to Vietnam about two years ago and said

they were treated real well but some of the food was a little different to their tastes. They also said parts of the country are beautiful. I wonder if Iraq, Afghanistan, or Syria will ever be vacation countries? Added is a photo of the "50th year Vietnam Commemorative Medal".

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:8 a time for war and a time for peace.

Prayer: Father God, Thank you for the peace that the people of Vietnam now enjoy but we pray for peace and healing for the Vietnam veterans in the United States that still need help. We also pray for Smoky Jordan and his family during this time of transition. May peace and comfort be in their home and strength to walk through this time.

Thank you, Lord! Amen

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain



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

The Corvina Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Unit on May 18, 2016. The two girls who were visited were very young, so most of the time was spent visiting with their Mom's, both of whom showed a lot of interest with the Program. We provided Honorary Submariner Beanies to the girls and Caps to their older siblings. Team Members Bill Conklin and Primo Quarisa participated in the visit.

A Pediatric Nurse at St. Mary's asked if we would be interested in talking with her son's Cub Scout Troop about Submarine History to help them earn a Military History type badge. We agreed, and are expecting to hear from the Troop Leader to schedule a time and date.

The Security issue with Renown Children's Hospital has been resolved, and we have been cleared to resume our K4K visits with no restrictions. We are currently scheduled to visit Renown on June 8, 2016.

Our regularly monthly visit to St. Mary's is scheduled for June 15, 2016.

The Corvina Base News is published monthly for the use of the Corvina Base Members. Distribution is by E-mail along with 12 copies sent by the USPS. Submission of articles must be received by the 25th of the month.

Holland Club Members are denoted in the newsletter with the symbol: Each member will show up about every fourth month.

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Corn from the COB / CO-COB

"oldtimers"

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things.

They decide to go to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair.

His wife asks, "Where are you going?"

"To the kitchen," he replies.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. You'd better write it down, because you know you'll forget it."

He says, "I can remember that! You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, so you'd better write it down!" she retorts.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Leave me alone! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream -- I got it, for goodness sake!" Then he grumbles into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stares at the plate for a moment and says... "Where's my toast?"

Our newest Holland Club members

1966



Frank Ely
YN3(SS)
USS Archerfish
AGSS-311



Rudy Massenzi, Jack Ely, Frank Ely
George Little not pictured

1966



George Little
STS1(SS)
USS Shark
SSN-591

1966



Jack Ely
YN3(SS)
USS Archerfish
AGSS-311

1960



Rudy Massenzi
TM3(SS)
USS Redfish
SS-395

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

Harry Wellman CS1 (SS)	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)	Wayne F. Garrett ET2 (SS)
Elvin L. Morrison FTC (SS)	Larry Garrelts ETCS(SS)
Erick Bjorum CWO(SS)	Melvin Schreckengost ET2
Norm Snyder EM1(SS)	Charles Hyman MM2(SS)
James T. Wright III	Gordon Lane RMC(SS)
Chester E. MacDowell TMI (SS)	Edwin V. Schalbert TMC (SS)
Jerry D. Noma MM2(SS)	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)	Bob Heaps IC2 (SS)

Lost boats in June

[USS O-9 \(SS-70\)](#) was lost on **20-Jun-1941** with the loss of **34 crew** when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth NH

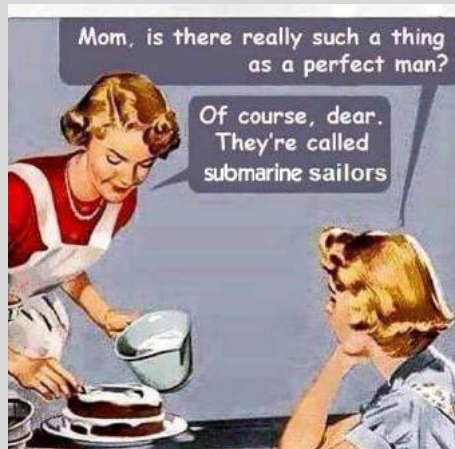
[USS S-27 \(SS-132\)](#) was lost on **19-Jun-1942** when it grounded off Amchitka Island, 400 yds off island Near St Makarius Point (near Constantine Harbor), **all the crew were rescued.**

[USS R-12 \(SS-89\)](#) was lost on **12-Jun-1943** with the loss of **42 crew** when it foundered off Key West

[USS Herring \(SS-233\)](#) was lost on **1-Jun-1944** with the loss of **80 crew** when it was sunk within shore battery range of Point Tagan

[USS Golet \(SS-361\)](#) was lost on **14-Jun-1944** with the loss of **82 crew** when it was sunk near 41° 04N - 14° 13E

[USS Bonefish \(SS-223\)](#) was lost on **18-Jun-1945** with the loss of **86 crew** when it was sunk in Toyama Wan



"Pride Runs Deep" medal and certificate to Damonte Ranch High School NJROTC cadet Ethan Pettypiece.

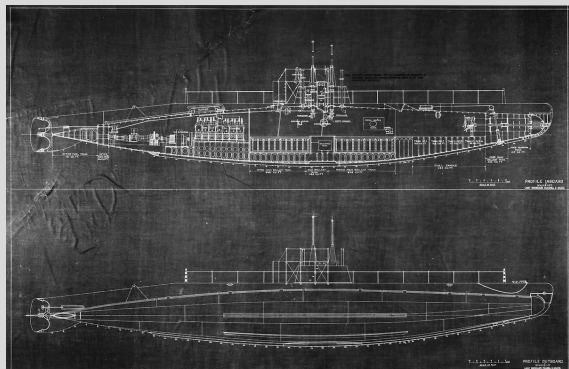


SUBMARINE FORCE PACIFIC

COMMANDER,
SUBMARINE FORCE,
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

History of SUBPAC

The Beginning



The Pacific Submarine Force came to Hawaii in 1914 when four F-class boats were towed from San Francisco to Honolulu. They operated out of Honolulu Harbor until they were replaced by four K-class submarines that operated from Kuahua Island in Pearl Harbor from 1915-1917 when they were recalled to the mainland with America's entry into World War I. Submarines returned to Hawaii in 1919 when six R-class boats arrived at Pearl Harbor. The inventory in Hawaii continued to grow and by the outset of World War II, 22 of the 51 American submarines in the Pacific were homeported at Pearl Harbor.

World War II

The Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor decimated the surface fleet, but left the submarine force intact. It was up to submarines to take the fight to the enemy. By war's end, submarines had supported all major fleet operations and made 488 war patrols. Pacific Fleet submarines accounted for 54 percent (5 million tons) of all enemy shipping sunk during the war. Success was costly. Fifty-two submarines with 374 officers and 3,131 enlisted men were lost and are considered to be still on patrol.



1950s

Submarine design and development moved ahead rapidly during the war and continued into the 1950s. In 1958, the era of nuclear power came to the Pacific Fleet with the arrival of USS Sargo. Nuclear power revolutionized submarine operations by combining improved operating capability with increased speed and remarkable endurance.

In 1959, the Navy commissioned USS George Washington, the first of 41 POLARIS ballistic missile submarines. These ships put strategic deterrence at sea in both the Atlantic and Pacific.

The next major change in submarine capabilities was in 1978 when USS Los Angeles joined PERMIT and STURGEON class ships operating in the Pacific.



1980s



In August 1982, America's newest ballistic missile submarine, USS Ohio, arrived in the Pacific. Commonly referred to as TRIDENT submarines after the type of missile they carry, these ships are a follow-on to the POSEIDON ships. The TRIDENTS of SUBPAC operate out of their homeport of Bangor, Wa. The TRIDENT system is the most secure leg of America's strategic triad, offering the ultimate in stealth technology; they are virtually undetectable in the opaque oceans of the world.

The evolution of submarines from purely sea-oriented weapons to multi-mission sea and land strike platforms makes them ideally suited to keep pace with a rapidly changing global mission, and they have become increasingly involved in response to regional tensions.

1990s

The speed, stealth, endurance and firepower of today's nuclear submarines were demonstrated in 1991 during America's participation in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Used primarily as surveillance platforms, USS Chicago and USS Louisville operated in conjunction with Allied Naval Forces in the Red Sea. On January 19, 1991, USS Louisville made the transition from passive surveillance to active combatant, becoming the first submarine in history to launch a Tomahawk cruise missile against an enemy target.



A year and a half later, USS Louisville wrote another chapter in the history of submarine operations when in July 1992 she became the first attack submarine to work up and deploy with a carrier battle group in the Pacific. A few months later, USS Topeka deployed to waters new to submarine operations as she transited the Strait of Hormuz into the shallow waters of the Persian Gulf.



Throughout the rest of the 1990s, U.S. Pacific Fleet submarines were routinely operating independently and with aircraft carrier battle groups, surface combatants, amphibious ships and special operating forces and navies of other countries in deep and shallow waters throughout the Pacific, Indian and Arctic Oceans and the Arabian Gulf. However, submarine operations went from routine patrols to aggressive strike on August 20, 1998. Submarine and surface ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group launched Tomahawk cruise missiles against Sudan and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan 13 days after terrorists bombed the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Then on December 16, 1998, USS Columbus (as part of the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group) participated in cruise missile attacks against military targets in Iraq in Operation Desert Fox.

Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, USS Key West was within the Fifth Fleet Operating Area and was the first ship to arrive off the coast of Pakistan, firing Tomahawk cruise missiles into Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

When Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced in March 2003, USS Cheyenne became the first U.S. warship to fire Tomahawk cruise missiles into Baghdad. Three other SUBPAC submarines, USS Louisville, USS Columbia, and USS Key West, also participated in the very successful strike mission responsible for the early successes of coalition forces.

The legacy of the Pacific Submarine Force, established in World War II, continues today. Armed with the finest ships in the world, manned by the most professional Sailors, the Pacific Submarine Force will continue to ensure America's critical access to the world's ocean trade routes, provide credible defense against any hostile maritime forces, and project power from the sea to the shore when needed.

ONLY A NAVIGATOR WOULD THINK OF SUCH THINGS

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was latitude 0 degrees x 31 minutes north and longitude 179 degrees x 30 minutes west.

The date was 31 December 1899. "Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "we're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ships position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather and clear night worked in his favor.

At midnight the "Warrimoo" lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many. The forward part of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and the middle of summer. The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter. The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899. Forward it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in two different days, two different months, two different seasons and two different years but in two different centuries, all at the same time.

**THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT
THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN.
IT WAS FOUND IN THE BILLFOLD OF COACH PAUL BEAR BRYANT
ALABAMA, AFTER HE DIED IN 1982**

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right? ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL

Shocked? YES! Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it.
The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD! SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!