



June
2016



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

Why we
celebrate the

Fourth of
July

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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,

Summer is here and it's going fast. Corvina Base has so many, many things going on. Independence Day, July 4th we'll participate in the parade at Virginia City. That's always a great parade, down hill the whole route, and the crowds love us. Next on the schedule is the annual Corvina Base picnic on Saturday, August 6th at Davis Creek Park in Washoe Valley. I know it's close to the start of the USSVI National Convention but please, come on out and have some chow, enjoy visiting with friends and shipmates. Maybe you'll take home that special raffle prize. Then, starting on August 15th, our premier event of the year: the USSVI National Convention hosted by Corvina Base at the Grand Sierra in Reno. The list of "Shipmates" attending is rapidly growing. Check it out on the convention website. Maybe you'll find an old shipmate listed who still owes you money. If you need specific information about the convention, please contact Shipmate Terry Bolen or one of the other convention committee members.

Another great shipmate has slipped his mooring and departed on Eternal Patrol. James "Smoky" Jordon got underway on June 21st. I had the privilege of visiting with Smoky a few days before his departure. He was in great spirits and was fully accepting of his ultimate departure on Eternal Patrol. I'll surely miss Smoky and his many stories of times past. Rest your oar, Shipmate.

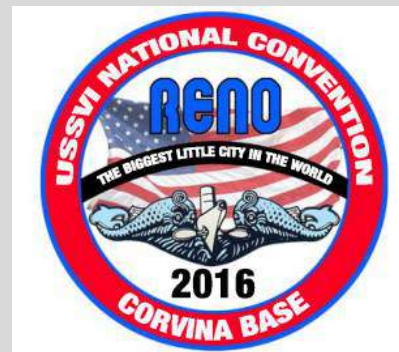
Shipmates, the USSVI National Election is upon us. Please log in to the USSVI website and cast your votes for the various offices and amendments proposed. Your vote, as always, does count. Please read the amendments before you cast your vote.

We are several months away from selection of the 2016 Corvina Base Founder's Award, the "Brownie", but now is the time to start thinking about who you think is deserving of the honor and getting ready to submit your nomination form. The information on the "Brownie" award will be sent out to all hands in the future.

On another subject, the Corvina Base election of new officers, will also be coming up. Now is the time to think about who you would like to see as your next Base Commander, Base Vice Commander, Base Secretary and Base Treasurer.

Special thanks go out to Norm Peterson, Leif Larson and Steve Salzman for doing work on the USS Corvina float to improve its functionality and appearance.

Pride runs deep,
Dennis Wiley



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June
Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Commander Wiley at 1400. An Invocation by Chaplain Paul Allen, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of the bell for boats lost in the Month of June and moment of silent prayer for, departed friends, shipmates, family and fellow submariners followed in their usual order. There were 28 members and guests present.

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

Vice Commander Steve Salzman made a brief report.

Secretary Pete Akerson reported that no mail requiring Base action has been received..

Treasurer Dave Aunkst reported that the base is still in solid financial condition.

Chaplain Paul Allen reported that member 'Jim 'Smokey' Jordan is now receiving Hospice care.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Norm Peterson had no concerns/problems to report.

The June 'Lunch Bunch' gathering was announced for BJ's at Sierra Summit on June 17th, 2016.

Recruiter Don Brown reported meeting a potential new member on the most recent 'Honor Flight'.

There was no Ad Hoc BoD members report.

2016 Convention Committee Chairman Terry Bolen Announced meetings for volunteer Convention workers would be held at 0900 and 1100 in the Board Room at the Grand Sierra on June 18th.

After a break to sell tickets, the monthly 50/50 raffle/drawing was held with the following results: License Frame/Sunglasses – Pete Akerson Navy Cap – Ted Henson Cup – Terry
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Bolen Floor Mat – Mercedes Parsons
 Book – Dave Porras Wine – Frank Urbani
 Book – Del Schwichtenberg Wine – Clyde Webber
 License Frame and Sunglasses – Dennis Wiley
 License Frame and Sunglasses – Wesley Rece
 Vodka – Cindy Austin
 Wine – MaryEllen Schwichtenberg Hat – Don Brown
 Floor Mat – Primo Quarisa Cup – Don Johnson
 Book – Paul Young
 Wine – Mercedes Parsons Wine – Elmer Hopson
 Boo – Pete Akerson Whistle – Dave Aunkst
 Wine – Bill Conklin Wine – Steve Salzman
 The \$61.00 cash prize was won by Gene Murphy.

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, The meeting adjourned at 1500.

Respectfully,

Pete Akerson, Secretary



Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Report for June 2016

Unfortunately, no Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visits were performed during June due to a variety of issues including personnel availability and low census on the Pediatric Wards. Visits are planned at both Renown Children's Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Unit during July..



Treasurers

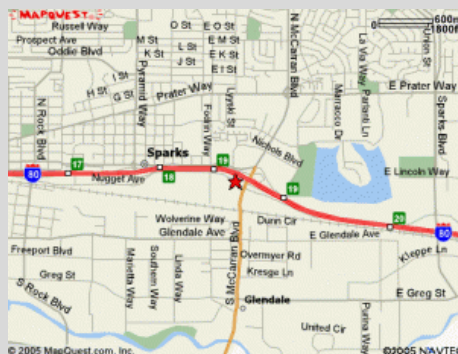
Report

1. All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
2. Deposits for June:
 From June Base Meeting \$75.00 (Raffle)
3. Checks issued in June:

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| Honor Guard/Quarterly donation | \$125.00 |
| US Postmaster/PO Box Rent/1 Year | 86.00 |
| Steve Salzman/ Holland Club Expenses | 12.06 |
| 2016 USSVI Nat Conv./Tote Bag Ad | 125.00 |
| US Bank/Safe Deposit Box Rent/1 Year | 38.50 |



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



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Chaplains Report

Eternal Patrol

James Douglas Jordan, Jr.: "Smokey" as he was known to the Corvina Base slipped his mooring lines at 12:28 P.M. Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in the living room of his home in Sparks, NV with two of his children Nadine and Jerry at his bedside. They had been Jim's caretakers since he's been on St. Mary's Hospice and did a great job in their loving care for Dad. Jim was born on September 13, 1930 in Lexington, KY and would have been 86 years old in September. I had some great visits with Jim and he said his favorite Bible verse was Jesus' words from Matthew 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Whenever I would visit Jim he always tried to have an upbeat attitude. He was baptized by his Baptist Kentucky Pastor Sam Hatton, who he referred to as Uncle Sam, in a creek on church property where they cleared out any water moccasins before entering the water. They always had venison meat in the freezer, ate squirrel meat and learned how to cook over a campfire from hobos. He followed an older brother to Endicott, New York and married his Italian bride there in 1951. Jim played the drums for many years in Binghamton, NY and So. Calif. in clubs and played also a little in Reno which included the Herlong, CA Army Base. His wife's Italian family taught him how to play the Italian game "Bocce" (Bocci) which is similar to English bowling.

Jim became a proud Life member of USSVI, the Corvina Base, and a Holland Club member in 2004. He served in the US Navy from 1948-1951 as a TMSN(SS) and qualified on the USS Toro (SS-422) in 1948 and also served on the USS Argonaut (SS-475). Besides working on computers Jim loved being involved with the men of the Corvina Base and Baptist church Pastor Bill in the church's food bank.

Jim is going to be cremated and interred with his second wife, June, at the N. Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Fernley, NV. Thank you for your service to our country, James. Rest your oar, we've got the watch!

Grandson of Jim Jordan – Navy Seal Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin R. Ebbert:

In the Corvina Base May 2016 Newsletter I mentioned that a portion of Hwy 101 in Eureka, CA was going to be dedicated in Kevin's name. Kevin's mom, Charlie Jordan, raised the money for this project and the response was generous enough that there were funds to pay for the reception after the dedication.



Kevin was highly decorated by the United States Navy. He received all of the following awards: two Bronze Stars with "V" Device, the Purple Heart, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, two Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, the NATO ISAF Medal, the Expert Rifle Marksmanship Medal, and the Expert Pistol Marksmanship Medal.

I've included an article from the Eureka Times-Standard Newspaper written by reporter Hunter Cresswell about the dedication ceremony and reception and a copy of the citation from his 2nd Bronze Star Medal w/valor. The Times-Standard photo shows Ursula Ebbert and Charlie Jordan unveiling the hwy. sign.

"Around 200 friends, family and community members gathered for an unveiling and dedication ceremony at the Arcata Community Center on Sunday afternoon to honor the memory of a local hero and Navy SEAL, who gave his life while serving his country.

A one mile stretch of Highway 101 running south from the Samoa Boulevard exits in Arcata is now the Kevin R. Ebbert Memorial Highway.

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Ebbert was born in Humboldt County and raised in Arcata. While living in the area he made numerous friends and gave back to his community. In November 2012 he sacrificed himself to save his comrades during a combat operation in the mountainous province of Uruzgan in central Afghanistan. Ebbert and his team were pinned by sniper fire from above but he left cover to radio for help when he was shot. His efforts allowed air personnel to cover his team and prevented the loss of more of his teammate's lives. Ebbert was 32.

'Kevin was one of the sweetest and caring little boys,' Ebbert's mother Charlie Jordan said. 'He continued that as he became a young man.'

The smell of coffee and refreshments fill the gymnasium as people milled about talking to one another about Ebbert and their memories of him. A senior recital during his years studying music at the University of California Santa Cruz played over the sound system.

North Coast Assemblyman Jim Wood spoke at the ceremony about his role in helping move a resolution through state Legislature to get this part of the highway named after Ebbert.

'For me it's the end of something we started looking at right away when I was elected to office. It's an amazing tribute to an amazing man,' Wood said.

Humboldt County 3rd District Supervisor Mark Lovelace also helped out with getting the highway dedicated to Ebbert and spoke during the ceremony. 'I feel like I really missed an opportunity to know someone wonderful,' Lovelace said. 'Kevin lived his life as a model of dedication and respect to one's values.'

Arcata Mayor Paul Pitino was also in the crowd. Also speaking at the event was Jordan and Ebbert's widow, Ursula Ebbert.

'Remember Kevin's sacrifice and what he lived for and he will live on,' Ursula Ebbert told the crowd.

She said she met Ebbert in 2002 on a camping trip in the Trinity Alps and married in 2011.

'He always was the best person I ever met,' she said. 'For me he's always a constant source of inspiration.'

Ursula Ebbert lives in Virginia and said the dedication meant a lot to her because of the support the community has given. 'It just means that he will continue to be remembered,' she said.

Also attending the event were multiple SEALs and other people Ebbert met during his career as a military medic, including a team member who was in Uruzgan on the day he died.



'It was a privilege to be a teammate,' Rob Huberty said. 'He raised the bar for everyone. He said he heard Ebbert's last words over the radio saying where his team was and requesting support. 'We have a saying in the SEAL teams, 'Long live the brotherhood,' Huberty said. 'Maybe we can aspire to live up to his high standards.' Ebbert's uncle Jim Ebbert and father were also SEALs. 'On Thanksgiving day, he facetimed us and help up his acceptance letter for med school,' Jim Ebbert said of the last time he spoke to Ebbert.



The family heard about his death the next day.

'We're trained not to panic or cry,' Jim Ebbert said. 'I just turned around and said, 'Let's take care of business.'

Jordan said she was thankful for the turn out at the event and for all the support she and her family have received.

'Every time I go past that sign, which will a lot, I will remember Kev,' she said."

"For heroic achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy while serving as a SEAL operator, for Special Operations Task Force-SOUTHEAST, in direct support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from September to November 2012. During this period, Petty Officer Ebbert conducted 10 joint and combine combat operations inside Taliban safe havens. On 24 November, he was the support element team leader during an 87-man combined Special Operations Kandak and United

States Special Operations Forces foot patrol. While maneuvering through demanding and hostile terrain to their overwatch position, his element received effective small arms fire from a close-range enemy ambush. Although wounded in the opening exchange of the ambush, he directed his element to move to cover and suppress the enemy located 25 meters above. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he calmly notified the command and control position of the situation. Simultaneously, he moved to a tactically advantageous position, passed the friendly position to airborne assets and started to coordinate suppressive fire when he was mortally wounded by insurgent small arms fire. His actions afforded his teammates the opportunity to seek cover from the insurgent fire and absolutely prevented additional loss of life. By his extraordinary guidance, zealous initiative, and total dedication to duty, Petty Officer Ebbert reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized".

Jim Jordan was very proud to be the grandfather of Kevin!

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain



James Douglas Jordan Jr.

"Smokey"

September 13, 1930 — June 21, 2016

GREENLIGHT A VET

Perhaps you've already seen green lights on residences' porch areas. Do you know what they mean? It's way too early for Christmas. So, what's the reason?

Believe it or not, veterans don't always have it easy in the States. While many would think they'd be honored and treated with certain acknowledgements after defending the country against tyranny, realistically, that's not the case all the time.



CHANGE ONE LIGHT TO GREEN

Change one light to green in a visible location-on your porch, in your home, or at your office-and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans.



WHAT IS GREENLIGHT A VET?

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green.

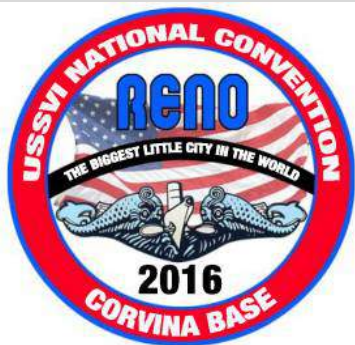
Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being.

"Greenlight" is also a term commonly used to activate forward movement. The simple action of changing one light to green is intended to spark a national conversation regarding the recognition of veterans, and "greenlight" them forward as valued members of our communities.



Any man who may be asked in this century, what he did to make his life worthwhile, can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, "I served in the United States Navy".

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USSVI 2016 Convention

The current registration of the Convention is close to 450 and the last two USSVI convention chairman indicated that about 50% of those attending will register within the last 60 days prior to the convention. With that in mind the committee decided we should go ahead and order 1,000 of each item that will go in the "Goodie Bags". We'll have 1,000 tote bags, badge holder neck wallets, credit card size magnifiers, submarine stress ball, 3" convention patch, convention pin, GSR playing cards, pocket copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

We followed our planning meeting with an information meeting for the volunteers. We had a good turnout of 26 people. Bobbie Heaps has taken charge of organizing the volunteers on our schedule. Leif Larsen gave instructions on what people would be doing at the Registration Desk and showed sample of what the meal tickets will look like.

Our next convention planning meeting will be on Saturday, July 23, 2016 in the Whitney Room on the Mezzanine level. There were no rooms available for July 16th. GSR will try to have a person available to give us and the volunteers a tour at 11:00 on the 23rd.

Many thanks to Bobbie Heaps for jumping in and taking charge of gathering and scheduling the volunteers!

Looking forward to a great convention !

Terry Bolen

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

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| 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 |
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| Bert Skidmore YN2(SS) | Walter Lewis IC1(SS) |
| Frank Kenyon EM3 (SS) | Bob Heaps IC2 (SS) |
| James Jordan TMSN (SS) | |

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

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



Corn from the COB/CO_COB

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest nearly fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life.

After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?" Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father. A while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "WELL, MURPHY, I NOTICE THAT YA DIDN'T STEAL MCGLYNN'S HAT. WHAT CHANGED YOUR MIND?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all." With a tear in his eye, the priest gave Murphy a big smile and said, "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in hell, eh?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery', I remembered where I left me hat."



Meetings are
held
on the
first Saturday
Of each month at

Denny's
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205 E. Nugget Ave.
Sparks NV
At 1400 hours.



Many people think we celebrate the Fourth of July because it is the day we received our Independence from England.

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate the Fourth of July or how the Fourth of July holiday came about? Many people think we celebrate the Fourth of July because it is the day we received our Independence from England. While those people are thinking along the right track that is not the entire reason that we celebrate the Fourth of July, nor is it the reason that the Fourth of July holiday came about.

Way back in the 18th century the United States was not considered the United States. In fact, what we now call states were actually called colonies. The United States was actually an extension of England. People traveled from England aboard ships to settle in America, but eventually differences in life, thought, and interests began to develop which caused a rift between Britain and America.

When the colonies were first settled they were allowed to pretty much develop freely without hardly any interface from Britain, but things abruptly changed in 1763. Britain suddenly decided that they needed to take more control over the colonies. Britain decided that the colonies needed to return revenue to the mother country and they needed to pay for the colonies defense, which was being provided by Britain. But the colonies did not agree with these new rules at all. They felt that since they were not represented in Parliament that they shouldn't have to pay any kinds of taxes to the mother country, hence the saying "no taxation without representation". When Britain continued to tax, the colonies formed the First Continental Congress to persuade the British government to recognize their rights. When this didn't work a war was declared, which is known as the American Revolution.

After the First Continental Congress failed to persuade Britain to recognize the colonies' rights, and war was declared, things began to heat up. Many people who were both considered moderates and radicals had decided that enough was enough and that any kind of taxation without representation was considered tyranny. People such as John Adams, Samuel Adams, and Ben Franklin, as well as a group called the Sons of Liberty decided that it was time to unite all of the colonies and to stand together against Britain.

During the course of the American Revolution a second Continental Congress was formed. It is this group that adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence was drafted by John Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman. After the first draft was written by Thomas Jefferson, it was revised by Ben Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson before it was sent to Congress for approval. All thirteen colonies stood behind the Declaration of Independence and adopted it in full on July 4, 1776.

This is where the Fourth of July holiday comes in. The Fourth of July is known as Independence Day because that is the day that the Second Continental Congress adopted the full and formal Declaration of Independence. Even though we had declared that we were independent, the American Revolution was still being fought, which meant that we were still not independent. Regardless of the ongoing war the following year, people in Philadelphia celebrated a muted Fourth of July.

While celebrations on July 4th during the American Revolution were modest, after the war ended in 1783 the Fourth of July became a holiday in many places. The celebrations included speeches, military events, parades, and fireworks. To this day the Fourth of July is the most patriotic holiday celebrated in the United States.