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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

**The Convention is Past.  
The Newsletter this month  
Is Devoted to Pictures of the Event.**



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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, family and friends,

Saturday, September 3, 2016 we will conduct the Annual Corvina Base Memorial Service at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery at Fernley. We will start the service at 1000. Please come out and pay tribute to USS Corvina (SS-226) and its crew and our shipmates who have departed on Eternal Patrol. This year we are adding four names to the Corvina Base Memorial in recognition of our friends and shipmates who have departed on Eternal Patrol. They are Frank Kenyon, Walt Lewis, Bob Heaps and James "Smoky" Jordan. We have plans to integrate the Nevada Veterans Coalition into this years service with them doing the honors of Taps and a rifle volley.

The 2016 USSVI National Convention at Reno is now in the history books. Corvina Base received hundreds of accolades. The convention was a grand occasion enjoyed by all.

The various meals and memorial service were well attended. All of the guest speakers, including Governor Brian Sandoval, gave outstanding presentations. Grand Sierra Resort laid out fabulous cuisine for all of the meals. The Holland Club Breakfast provided an old submarine sailor favorite, creamed chipped beef on toast. The GSR chefs were provided with two classic Navy recipes for the CCB&T, one from 1904 and the other from 1944. Susan Donahue and the staff of GSR were there to meet all of our needs. They were great.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Terry Bolin for the overall success of the convention. His staff worked long and hard hours to get the job done. We had many, many volunteers. Bobby Heaps oversaw the volunteer crew and made sure every issue was well covered. Bravo Zulu to all.

Did Corvina Base profit from the convention? There are rumors that indicate we did. It will take a couple of weeks for Diane Hogan and Terry Bolin to sort through the various issues, insuring all the bills are paid and the eyes dotted and the tees crossed. We'll find out what the bottom line is when they complete all of the administrative tasks.

And a couple of reminders: Corvina Base elections are coming up in November. Please be thinking about who you would like to see running the Base in 2017. Also, you can submit a nomination for the Corvina Base Founders Award, the "Brownie", at anytime.

Best regards to all,  
Dennis Wiley



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## August Meeting Minutes



No meeting this month



## Treasurers Report

- All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
- Deposits for August:
 

From August Picnic (Raffle/Misc)	\$150.00
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- Checks issued in August:
 

Office Depot/Constitution labels	\$43.25
Nevada Day, Inc/Parade Entry Fee	55.00
Think Ink & Thread/Convention Hats	159.80
Granite Mt. Marble/Fernley Engraving	250.00

## Add Note:

A revised Corvina Base Life Membership Card has been approved and is now available. Any Base Life (Non-Holland Club) Members desiring a Base Life Membership card, contact the Base Commander or Treasurer, and we will issue you a card ASAP. We will attempt to have the then Base Commander sign card.



## Chaplains Report

No report this month which is good news.

Sent this interesting article.

### USS Nevada celebrating milestone

#### Special to the Nevada Appeal

The Blue and Gold crews of USS Nevada (SSBN 733) celebrated the ship's 30th anniversary with a ceremony at Naval Base Kitsap in Bangor, Wash., on Aug. 12.

With this milestone, Nevada became the fourth active Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), and the third based in Bangor, to go beyond its originally planned 30-year service life.

"The age of the ship really makes our Sailors more important than ever," said Cmdr. Gene Severtson, commanding officer of Nevada Gold. "The hard work of Nevada's Sailors for the last 30 years has kept the ship in great material condition that lets us keep going out on patrol for months at a time."

Current Ohio-class SSBNs are reaching the end of their life cycle. When Nevada was commissioned on Aug. 16, 1986, it had an anticipated service life of 30 years.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY LT. ED EARLY

**The Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Nevada (SSBN 733) receives mooring lines from shore as it prepares to dock at Naval Base Kitsap following a strategic deterrent patrol. The U.S. Navy is constantly deployed to preserve peace, protect commerce, and deter aggression through forward presence.**

However, the Ohio-class submarines lifetime has been extended from 30 to 42 years.

USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730) was the first of the Ohio-classes to reach this service milestone in 2014, with USS Alabama (SSBN 731) following in 2015.

"Quite frankly, this could have been a decommissioning ceremony," said Rear Adm. John Tammen,

commander of Submarine Group 9 who also served aboard Nevada early in his career. "Fortunately for the Navy and the country, our crews and maintenance teams have taken great care of the SSBN force over the years and today is a celebration of the next 12 years to come."

The Navy's top priority is to ensure the most survivable leg of our nation's strategic nuclear triad

remains fully resourced and ready through the existing SSBN force and continued development of the Ohio Replacement Program.

"We understand how important it is to keep accomplishing the strategic deterrent mission with this ship. The next generation of SSBNs are still in development and will not be in service until 2031," said Severtson. "Now more than ever, it is imperative we keep this national treasure up and operating for the next 12 years."

The celebration was sponsored by the Reno Navy League who has been an ardent supporter of the ship since its commissioning. "Over the last 30 years, they have come to every change of command and sponsored us on name-sake visits," said Severtson. "We're thankful that they continue to provide us with a great connection to the state of Nevada."

For more news from Commander, Submarine Group 9, visit [www.navy.mil/local/esg9/](http://www.navy.mil/local/esg9/).

## **CORVINA BASE KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) TEAM PARTICIPATES IN THE 2016 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Most of the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) efforts during August centered around preparation for, and participation in the 2016 USSVI National Convention.

In addition to fund raising and sales at the Corvina Base K4K Table (which was very successful), we manned the K4K National Table and disseminated information on their behalf.

On behalf of K4K National Chairman John Riley, we hosted the Annual Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Meeting which was well attended. Among those in attendance were representatives from 3 Bases who have interest in starting a K4K Program. We provided them with information and shared our experiences in starting the K4K Program at Corvina Base.



### **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)
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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  
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*Meetings are held  
on the first Saturday Of each month at Denny's  
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