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Newsletter of the Year Awards

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2012 Western Region Class 2 Winner

2013 Western Region Class 2 Winner
2011 Class 1 Honorable Mention

**America Is
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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.

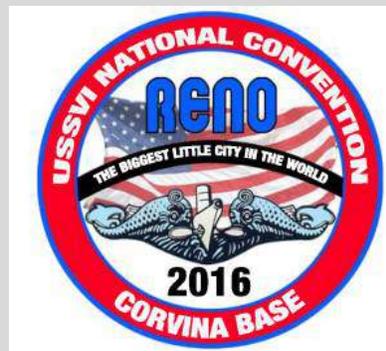
Shipmates and friends,

Only a few more weeks until the 2016 USSVI Convention kicks off right here in Reno at the Grand Sierra Resort. Corvina Base member registration has picked up and is looking good. Overall registration from far and wide across the ranks of USSVI is looking great. Remember, it's your convention. Come on out and make Corvina Base look good. The Corvina Base convention crew has done a bang-up job in all respects. In the last few weeks, the crew will work even harder. Want to help? Just let us know.

Lily and I went to Hawaii to celebrate our 50th anniversary. We have always had very fond memories of the Islands and have oftentimes talked about packing up and moving back. In 1963, I lived in Waikiki with a bunch of other sailors who rented an old plantation house where we could keep our surf boards and crash after a long night of parties. Spent two mid-pac cruises there in 1968 & 69. Still had a lot of fun hanging out at Pokai Bay and Nanakuli. The locals accepted us as friends. No problems, Brudda! Those were the days. In 1974, we took up residence in Hawaii thanks to my duty stations. Did we like it? You bet. Good weather, great food and we always found something interesting to do. Would have stayed there forever but the needs of the Navy took priority and I was transferred to Norfolk, Va. Well, about 20 years had passed since my last visit to Hawaii. Should have known that everything changes. How much did it change? You wouldn't believe me if I told you. I no longer look at Hawaii as the tropical paradise it was many years ago. It appears that every car ever shipped to Hawaii is on the road at the same time. Not good. We coped with that though. And there's a whole new city on Oahu, the second biggest city on the Island I'm told. Kapolei is now where there used to be nothing but cane and pineapple fields. Even has a Walmart. Progress! But the thing that turned me off most about Oahu is the homeless population - the urban campers. They have taken over what were once great city parks. They have set up camps on sidewalks and in alleys. I call it the "okole puka" invasion. You old Pearl Harbor sailors may know what that means. So, enough of my tirade. I guess you know we won't visit Hawaii again. Maybe Las Vegas. I hope the okole puka problem doesn't get as bad there or right here in Reno.

Another great Corvina Base tradition is just a couple of weeks away. That would be the picnic at Davis Creek Regional Park in Washoe Valley August 6th. Come on out and enjoy the company of shipmates and friends and maybe you'll win a good prize at the raffle.

Best regards to all,
Dennis Wiley



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July Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Commander Wiley at 1400.

After an Invocation by Chaplain Paul Allen, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of the Bell Ceremony for boats lost in July, August and September and a moment of silent prayer for all departed shipmates, friends, family and fellow submariners followed. There were 28 members and guests and one very well behaved canine present.

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

Secretary Pete Akerson reported no mail requiring base action had been received since the June meeting.

Treasurer Dave Aunkst was not present, but Commander Wiley relayed information from him, and the base is still in very sound financial condition.

Member Carl Inman was inducted into the Holland Club in a brief ceremony. Congratulations Carl!

Chaplain Paul Allen reported no additions to the Binnacle List. The recent Service for member Jim 'Smokey' Jordan was well attended, and the Honors provided by the Nevada Veterans Coalition were extremely well done. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to make an annual donation to that organization.

Commander Wiley announced that the Cover Art for the 2016 USSVI convention program book has been completed.

Members were advised that the USSVI National Election is currently underway, and all members are encouraged to vote.

Assembly information for the Fourth of July parade in Virginia City was published. The parade was well attended and we thank my wife, Nancy for proving her usual problem free towing service. Cont. on next page

The annual Corvina Base picnic will be held at Davis Creek Park in Washoe Valley. On August 6th, 2016, Because of the picnic and the September 3rd Memorial service in Fernley, there will be no meetings at Sparks Denny's until Saturday, October 1, 2016.

All members are urged to register for the 2016 USSVI Convention being hosted by Corvina Base.

After a brief break to sell tickets, the monthly 50/50 raffle was held with the following results: Wine – Ken McCray Knife – Dennis Wiley Jar of 'Moonshine' – Dale Poe Cherry Pie – Frank Ely Gin – Frank Urbani Wine – Roy Meadows Wine – Dale Poe Wine – Frank Ely. The \$85.00 cash prize was won by Roy Meadows.

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, the meeting adjourned at 1506.

Very Respectfully,
Pete Akerson, Secretary

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

Frank Urbani (K4K)



Treasurers

Report

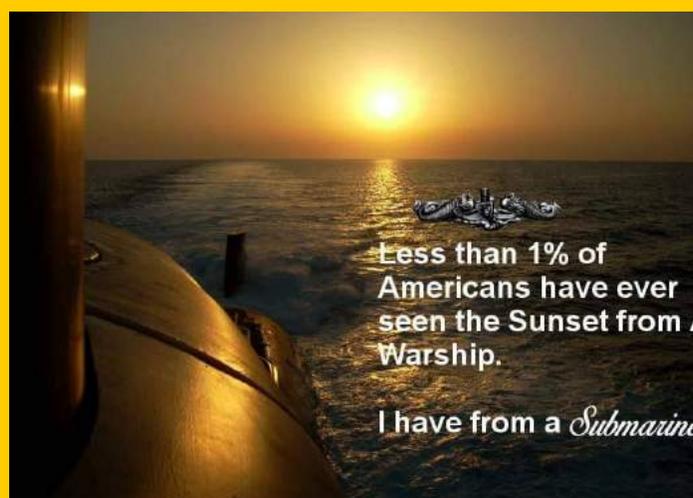
- All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
- Deposits for July:

From July Base Meeting	\$ 86.00 (Raffle)
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- Checks issued in July:

Honor Guard/Quarterly donation(New)	\$125.00
(Nevada Veterans Coalition)	

Base Life Membership Cards

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.



1964



Bill Conklin
MMCM(SS)
USS Barb
SS-596

1954



Joseph Casten
EM3 (SS)
USS Baya
AGSS-318

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.

For any questions or corrections contact: Norm Peterson Editor 775-322-5193



Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visits with St. Mary's Hospital CEO

Sadly, there were no children available for either of our visits to Renown Children's Hospital or St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Unit this month. All were either infants of too ill to visit.

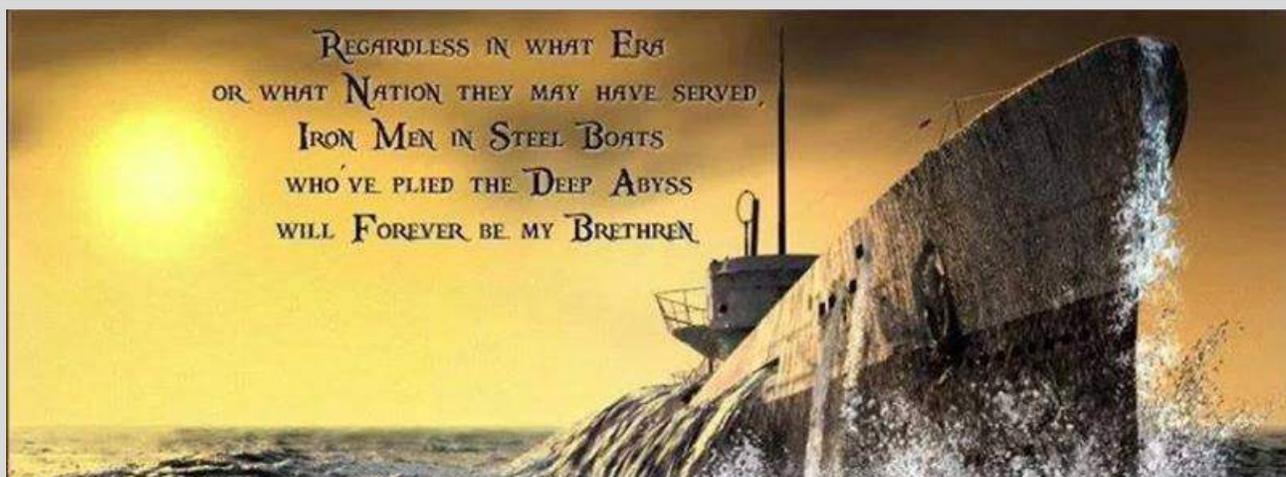
However, during our visit to St. Mary's we were greeted in the Lobby by Helen Lidholm, CEO of St. Mary's and Barbara Curti of St. Mary's Board of Directors. They accompanied us up to the Pediatrics Unit, where they had the Hospital Photographer standing by to take pictures for their promotional literature (and ours).

Ms. Lidholm invited us to her office, where she asked us for an overview of the material we cover during visits with the children. We spent almost an hour explaining the program, reviewing our material and telling "sea stories". They asked great questions and showed real interest in what we do. They couldn't have been more gracious.

Ms. Lidholm said she was very pleased with what we do, and both ladies accepted our invitation to join us during a future visit with the children.

K4K Team Members Bill Conklin, Primo Quarisa and Claudia Quarisa

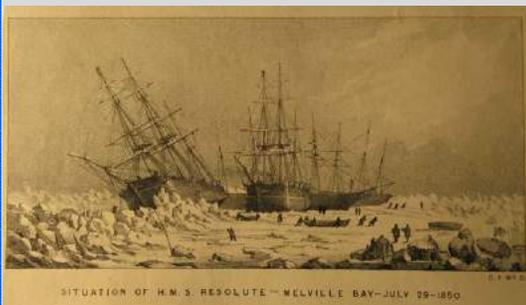
participated in the presentation.





Chaplains Report

I'm happy to report that no one from the Corvina Base is seriously ill at the present time, at least that I know of, so I thought that since we are in a presidential election year I would write a short article about the president's desk in the Oval Office. It is called the "Resolute Desk" and was a gift from Queen Victoria to President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880 and was built from the timbers of the British Arctic exploration ship HMS Resolute. It was placed in the Oval Office the first time in 1961 by Jackie Kennedy for President John F. Kennedy to use. It has been used in the Oval Office also by President Carter, Reagan, Clinton, G. W. Bush, and Obama. HMS Resolute was part of a five-ship squadron sent from Britain in April 1852 to search for the missing British explorer Sir John Franklin, who had left Britain in 1845 in search of the fabled Northwest Passage through the Canadian Arctic. After two years of searching for Franklin the HMS Resolute and three other ships were abandoned, stuck in ice.



Three years later, Sept. 1855, an American whaler, James Buddington from New London, CT discovered the Resolute after it had drifted 1200 miles east in an ice pack. He split his crew and sailed it back to New London. The U.S. Congress spent \$40,000 repairing the Resolute and sailing it back to Britain as a goodwill gift in 1856. In later years, the Resolute was broken up with some of the timber being used to make the Resolute Desk and presented to the U.S. as a token of goodwill from Queen Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland in 1880. The whaler, James Buddington of course did not know then that his homeport of New London would become a submarine base in the next century.

Flag Day June 14, 2016: My family and I attended the Flag Day ceremony at the Capitol in June and viewed the first 36-star



American flag, hand painted, and raised above Fort Ruby in Elko County immediately after Nevada received statehood on Oct. 31, 1864. For 100 years it was passed down through generations of the family of the fort's doctor in Ohio, before it was returned to Nevada by the family in 1965. The guest speaker was Dr. Ty Cobb but last year in 2015 when I attended the ceremony the guest speaker was McAlvay Layne "The Ghost of Mark Twain". McAlvay is to be the guest speaker for the Awards Banquet on the last night of the

2016 USSVI Convention at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno. Be sure to attend because he is a great performer. I included a photo I snapped last year of McAlvay with Adam Laxalt, Nevada Attorney General on Flag Day 2015.

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I've included a photo of my grandson and myself when we toured the USS Pampanito in San Francisco recently. Lucas is 8 yrs. old and has asked me to show him a real submarine for the last four yrs. He was a little cautious when he approached the boat sitting in the water but once on board he loved it and we had a great time with beautiful weather.



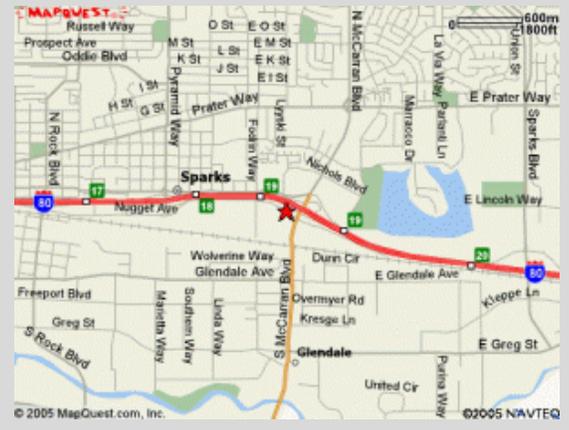
Scripture and Prayer: *Habakkuk 2:14 "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."*

Almighty God, Thank you for the freedom we have as we watch the U.S. Flag fly over our country but as we elect new leaders to lead our nation we pray for your wisdom in choosing the right leaders. With thanksgiving we pray Lord. Amen

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain

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) |
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| Jerry D. Noma MM2(SS) | Richard Ekenberg , ETC(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) |
| James Jordan TMSN (SS) | |



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

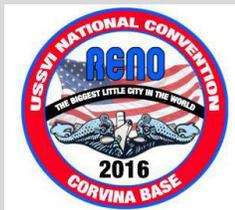
<p>1962</p>  <p>Gabriel Fretias SK3 (SS) USS Wahoo SS-565</p>	<p>1961</p>  <p>Dave Craig ETC (SS) USS Croaker SS-246</p>	<p>1963</p>  <p>Bill Desormier SK3 (SS) USS Plunger SSN-595</p>	<p>1965</p>  <p>Dennis Costarakis CDR USS Bluegill SS-242</p>	<p>1955</p>  <p>Richard Dentino EM3 (SS) USS Tigron SS-419</p>	<p>1964</p>  <p>Don Brown FTCG(SS) USS Blackfin SS-322</p>
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Boats Lost in July

USS Runner (SS-275) was declared lost **1-Jul-1943** with the loss of **78 crew** when it was sunk somewhere between Midway and Hokkaido.

USS S-28 (SS-133) was lost on **4-Jul-1944** with the loss of **50 crew** when it foundered off Hawaii , while operating with *USCGC Reliance*

USS Robalo (SS-273) was lost on **26-Jul-1944** with the loss of **84 crew** when it was sunk 2 miles off west coast of Palawan.



USSVI 2016 Convention

The USSVI 2016 Convention Committee met on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Grand Sierra Resort. Once again, the meeting was well attended. Plans to have Governor Sandoval present at the Welcome Aboard Reception looks promising. Governor Sandoval will read his Proclamation declaring the convention week as Submarine Veterans Week. We are also trying to get confirmation that Reno Mayor, Hilary Schieve will be able to attend the Welcome Aboard Reception to read her Proclamation for Submarine Veterans Week.

Items we have purchased to place in the "Goodie Bags" are coming in on time and the neck wallets for the name tags arrived today. It looks like all things are starting to fall in line. The Souvenir Convention Program Booklet is being printed and should be ready in about one week. Assembling the "Goodie Bags" is planned for Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Grand Sierra Resort.

Dennis Wiley, Bob Heaps and Don Brown have the meals well planned and the Awards Banquet should be one to remember. Don Brown also set up the three tours that are available in addition to planning the Memorial Service. Don stepped in when Bob Heaps passed away. Bob will be well remembered for his love and support of his submarine brethren. His widow, Bobbie Heaps, has jumped in and coordinated a volunteer group of 37 people to help with all the necessary tasks to run a successful convention.

Leif Larsen has been tirelessly keeping up with registering 390 shipmates and another 242 guests with more coming in. The registration work never seems to end.

The Convention website has been kept current on a weekly basis by our webmaster, Norm Peterson. Norm recently added a section for the short biography's of our speakers.

Bill Conklin has been tirelessly promoting the convention to get sponsors, boosters, vendors as well as working with Frank Ely to get the printing of the Souvenir Program completed.

Mark Hogan is our Boat Reunion Coordinator and we now have 10 boat reunions at the convention.

Diane Hogan has been doing a fantastic job as our Convention Treasurer. She keeps the bills paid and gives a detailed report each month as to how we are doing. It looks good for all.

Steve Salzman and Paul Young have been instrumental in getting items for the "Goodie Bags". Steve was able to get a good price on Orange hats to be worn by the convention workers. If you need help, look for the orange hats.

Thanks also to the support offered by Pete Akerson, Frank & Linda Ely and Dave Aunkst and to all our volunteers.

It is good to see it all come together since the committee has been working on this since September of 2014. We hope that the attendees will appreciate the effort we have put forth to make it a great convention.

Terry Bolen

USSVI 2016 Convention Chairman



Corn from the COB/CO-COB

In Honor Of:

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday in Minneapolis of a yeast infection and traumatic complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch.

The grave-site was piled high with flours.



America Is Hacking Other Countries With Stealthy Submarines

When Donald Trump effectively called for Russia to hack into Hillary Clinton's emails Wednesday, the GOP nominee's remarks touched off a (predictable) media firestorm. Here was a presidential candidate from a major U.S. party encouraging a foreign government to target American interests with cyberspying - an act that could not only expose national security information but also potentially undermine the actual security infrastructure of the United States.

Cyberwarriors working for Moscow and other regimes are already poking and prodding at our networks, so there's little reason to think Trump's words were all that damaging in themselves. But it's a good opportunity to talk about the state of state-sponsored hacking, and to offer a reminder that the United States is just as active in this space as the next government.

The U.S. approach to this digital battleground is pretty advanced. For example: Did you know that the military uses its submarines as underwater hacking platforms?

In fact, subs represent an important component of America's cyber strategy. They act defensively to protect themselves and the country from digital attack, but - more interestingly - they also have a role to play in carrying out cyberattacks, according to two U.S. Navy officials at a recent Washington conference.



"There is a - an offensive capability that we are, that we prize very highly," said Rear Adm. Michael Jabaley, the U.S. Navy's program executive officer for submarines. "And this is where I really can't talk about much, but suffice to say we have submarines out there on the front lines that are very involved, at the highest technical level, doing exactly the kind of things that you would want them to do."

The so-called "silent service" has a long history of using information technology to gain an edge on America's rivals. In the 1970s, the U.S. government instructed its submarines to tap undersea communications cables off the Russian coast, recording the messages being relayed back and forth between Soviet forces.



These days, some U.S. subs come equipped with sophisticated antennas that can be used to intercept and manipulate other people's communications traffic, particularly on weak or unencrypted networks.

"We've gone where our targets have gone" - that is to say, online, said Stewart Baker, the National Security Agency's former general counsel, in an interview. "Only the most security-conscious now are completely cut off from the Internet." Cyberattacks are also much easier to carry out than to defend against, he said.

One of America's premier hacker subs, the USS Annapolis, is hooked into a much wider U.S. spying net that was disclosed as part of the 2013 Edward Snowden leaks, according to Adam Weinstein and Wil-

liam Arkin, writing last year for Gawker's intelligence and national security blog, Phase Zero. A leaked slide showed that in a typical week, the Navy performs hundreds of so-called "computer network exploitations," many of which are likely the result of submarine-based hacking.

"Annapolis and its sisters are the infiltrators of the new new of cyber warfare," wrote Arkin and Weinstein, "getting close to whatever enemy - inside their defensive zones - to jam and emit and spoof and hack. They do this through mast-mounted antennas and collection systems atop the conning tower, some of them one-of-a-kind devices made for hard to reach or specific targets, all of them black boxes of future war."

But even this doesn't compare to what the Navy wants to be able to do next: turn its submarines into motherships for underwater drones that can maneuver themselves even closer to shore and conduct jamming or hacking operations while allowing the sub to work at a distance.

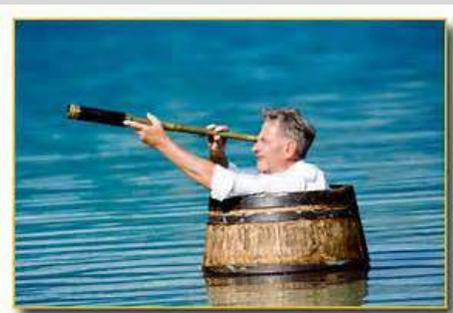
"We want the boat to grow longer arms," said Rear Adm. Charles Richard, director of the Navy's undersea warfare division. "We are at all-ahead flank [speed], both on unmanned aerial and undersea vehicles."



It's unclear how far behind - or ahead - other navies may be when it comes to submarine-based cyber offense. Many of the cybersecurity and military experts we interviewed for this story had hardly heard of the Defense Department's own undersea cyber capabilities.

But, Baker said, "espionage is a game where there's a lot of following the leader - so it's perfectly possible it's happening in this field as well."

What is clear is that the U.S. military operates some of the most sophisticated information networks ever designed, and it's using them to penetrate foreign computer systems as part of an evolving cyber strategy.



We may never know precisely what dirt the Pentagon is digging up with its submarine espionage, or be able to draw a link between it and any political or military events in the real world. But despite the rising prominence of Russian hackers in this news cycle - and Chinese hackers before that - it's worth pointing out that the United States has grown fairly proficient in cyberspace, too.

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A Submarine

Born in the shops of the Devil,

Designed in the brains of a fiend;
Filled with acid and crude oil,
And christened "A Submarine".

The poets send in their ditties,
Of Battleships spick and clean;
But never a word in their columns,
Do you see of a submarine.

I'll try and depict our story,
In a very laconic way;
Please have patience to listen,
Until I have finished my say.

We eat where're we can find it,
And sleep hanging up on the hooks;
Conditions under which we're existing,
Are never published in books.

Life on these boats is obnoxious,
And that is using mild terms;
We are never bothered by sickness,
There isn't any room for germs.

We are never troubled with varmints,
There are things even a cockroach can't stand.
And any self-respecting rodent,
Quick as possible beats it for land.

And that little one dollar per dive,
We receive to submerge out of sight;
Is often earned more than double,
By charging batteries at night.

And that extra compensation,
We receive on boats like these;
We never really get at all,
It's spent on soap and dungarees.

Machinists get soaked in fuel oil,
Electricians in H₂SO₄;
Gunnermates with 600W,
And torpedo slush galore.

When we come into the Navy Yard,
We are looked upon with disgrace;
And they make out some new regulations,
To fit our particular case.

Now all you Battleship sailors,
When you are feelin' disgruntled and mean;
Just pack your bag and hammock,
And go to "A Submarine"