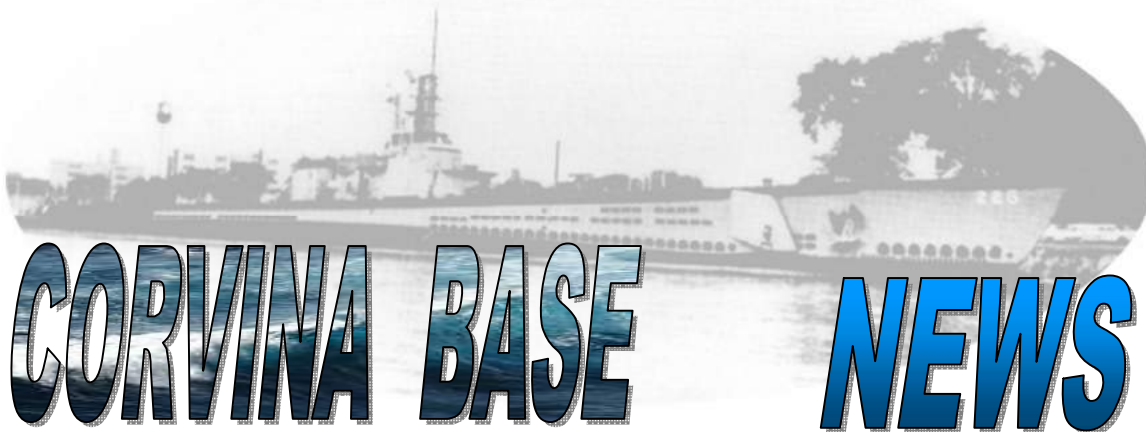




September
2016



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

Thank You Israel!

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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, families and friends,

Summer is history. Autumn is upon us and with autumn Corvina Base has numerous items on its agenda. We have two parades planned. Nevada Day in Carson City on Saturday, October 29th. This years theme is "Then and Now." I know we have the "then" covered well but the "now" not so much. We need to get some younger recruits for the Base. On Friday, November 11th, we will roll out the float for the Veterans Day parade in Reno. On December 3rd, we'll have lunch together at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. During the lunch, we'll swear in the Corvina Base Officers for 2017 and have the biggest and best raffle of the year. Donations of prizes will be appreciated.

October is the month to nominate your Shipmates for positions as Corvina Base Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. Saturday, October 1st, at the regular monthly business meeting, we will call for nominations. All regular members will be provided a ballot via e-mail or USPS shortly after the October 1st meeting. Nominated candidates will be listed on the ballot and there will be a provision to write in another's name. Ballots must be submitted and received by the start of the November 5th business meeting at which time they will be tallied and the newly elected officers will be announced.

I have received several nominations for the 2016 Corvina Base Founders Award, the "Brownie." There is still time to write up a Shipmate for the award. Your nominations must be received by November 1st.

Along with Autumn comes flu season. Got your flu shot yet? Remember, it takes about two weeks for the vaccination to take full effect. And while you're at it, please consider getting the pneumonia and shingles vaccine if you haven't already. A few cc's of preventive medicine is definitely worth more than a pound of cure.

Hope to see you all at the October 1st meeting. Rumor has it there will be some good stuff left over from the convention available at the raffle. And, I plan to tell you about a fellow Submariner who is a true hero. I think you'll find it interesting and it isn't a sea story. It's true.

Pride runs deep,



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**September
Meeting Minutes**



No meeting in September. Memorial service in Fernley.

**Treasurers
Report**



1. All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
2. Deposits for September:
None/No meeting
3. Checks issued in September:
 War Vets Memorial Assoc/Honor Guard
 Donation \$ 125.00

 Nevada Veterans Coalition/Honor Guard
 Donation 125.00

Only in Texas!





Chaplains Report

Binnacle List

Rod Friedline: Rod qualified on the USS Pomphret (SS-391) in 1962 as a Sonar Technician Submarine and then became a plankowner on the USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN-634) in 1963-64. In 1965 Rod left the Stonewall Jackson and transferred to the USS Frank E. Evans (DD-754) with plans to leave the Navy to pursue a career in electrical engineering, which he did. After 18 months on the Evans Rod was discharged as a STS1(SS) and left at a good time because on June 3, 1969 at 3 A.M. the Evans was run over by an Australian aircraft carrier the Melbourne. It hit right where Rod would have been sleeping with the loss of 74 men. What was left of the Evans was used as a target on October 10, 1969 in Subic Bay, PI. Rod has had Parkinson's disease for over 15 years which is why we never see him in public any longer. I recently had a 2 hour visit with Rod at the VA Hospital in Reno. We spent the whole 2 hours talking about submarines and family. Becky, his wife, is his caretaker and to give her a well deserved break, Rod can have up to 30 days a year at the VA Hospital to give Becky a break. Rod said to give the Corvina Base his best and that he misses the meetings.



Diane Hogan: Thank you Diane for volunteering to be the treasurer for the 2016 USSVI Convention in Reno. Most people didn't know the pain she was in during the convention, but she had surgery on her back two weeks after the convention and just had the staples removed on 9/20/16. This was Diane's 6th back surgery over a 15 year period, plus dealing with other diseases and surgeries. Diane had a professional career in accounting. Thank you Mark for supporting your wife during this time of testing and may God's blessing be on you both.

A New Movie

USS Indianapolis CA-35: Men of Courage – and a story of forgiveness

This is the name of a new movie to be released on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, about the ship and it's men, especially the commanding officer, Captain McVay who was the only ship's captain to be court-martialed in WWII for the sinking of his ship. It was sunk by the Japanese submarine I-58 commanded by Mochitsura Hashimoto, who died on October 25, 2000 at the age of 91 in Kyoto, Japan. The I-58 was sunk by the US Navy after the war ended.



The Indianapolis had recently had a major overhaul at Hunters Point Shipyard in San Francisco and upon departing on 16 July 1945 she was given a top secret mission to transport the atomic bombs "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" to Tinian Island with about half of the world's supply of Uranium-235 at the time. The devices used to detonate the bombs were sent by C-54 and B-29 airplanes from Kirtland Army Base, New Mexico to Tinian Island. After delivering her cargo the Indianapolis went to Guam and was in transit to Leyte, Philippines to train for the invasion of Japan. On July 30, 1945, while in the Philippine Sea the Japanese Submarine I-58 shot her at 00:14 with two Type 95 torpedoes. The ship went down in twelve minutes with about 300 of the ship's crew of 1,196. The Navy didn't know the ship was lost until 3 ½ days later when at 10:25 a PV-1 Ventura airplane with two pilots spotted some survivors in the water. Only 317 survived because of dehydration, exposure, salt water poisoning, or shark attacks.



This movie was filmed primarily in Mobile, Alabama using two fully operational WWII era planes, the USS Alabama (BB-60) to depict the Indianapolis, and the USS Drum (SS-228) to depict the I-58 Japanese submarine. During the filming a WWII vintage seaplane PBY Catalina was accidentally destroyed with no injuries. After filming on July 14, 2016 in downtown Mobile, Nicholas Cage met an Indianapolis survivor on a Bienville Square bench, Richard Stephens, and had a long talk about the disaster.

Three radio stations received signals from the ship but none acted. One commander was drunk, another had ordered his men not to disturb him and a third thought it was a Japanese trap. Sadly, because a few of the lost sailors families harassing Captain McVay, in 1968 he was discovered on the front lawn of his house with a toy sailor in one hand. He had shot himself with his Navy-issue revolver at 70 years old. In 1996, sixth-grade student Hunter Scott did research on the sinking of the Indianapolis and the US Congress passed a resolution that "he is exonerated for the loss of the Indianapolis" due to Scott's efforts.

Forgiveness: I-58 Commander Hashimoto was a witness at Captain McVay's trial but he had to be careful because of the American animosity toward the Japanese. In an interview after the US Senate made their decision, Hashimoto makes this statement. "I understand English a little bit even then, so I could see at the time I testified that the translator did not fully tell what I said. I mean it was not because of the capacity of the translator. I would say the Navy side did not accept some testimony that was inconvenient to them. I was then an officer of the beaten country, you know and alone, how could I complain enough." In other words the outcome of the court-martial was set at the beginning.

On December 7, 1990 with the war's bitterness faded, survivors of the Indianapolis, including Giles McCoy, met Hashimoto in Pearl Harbor on the 49th anniversary of that attack. Speaking through a translator, Hashimoto told McCoy "I came here to pray with you for your shipmates whose deaths I caused" to which McCoy, apprehensive about encountering the man who had caused him so much pain and sorrow but touched by Hashimoto's comment, replied, "I forgive you."

As I write this, I think back to another man and his wife, Jerry and Pat Noma. Jerry was a Corvina Base member of just a few months having moved here to Spanish Springs from Stockton, CA.

On March 13, 2013, at 64 years old, Jerry died of a heart attack while landscaping his front yard, leaving behind Pat, his wife of 36 years. Jerry was of Japanese descent from Lodi, CA and Pat came from a Filipino family that had emigrated from the Philippines through Guam after WWII. These families could have chosen to hate but they chose to forgive and live productive lives and enjoy our great country. Jerry was a Machinist Mate 2 (SS) and qualified on the Lapon (SSN-661 in 1971).

Scripture: From the book of Luke, in the eleventh chapter Jesus said in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us".

Prayer: Father God, we pray for Rod Friedline and Diane Hogan and the loved ones that take care of them. We pray for healing and strength and encouragement to be theirs. Also, Lord, help us to be a forgiving people which will bring blessings our way from you Lord. Thank you, God for hearing our prayers. Amen.

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain.

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
Marcedes Parsons
Leif Larsen
Frank Urbani (K4K)

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)
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.

**Growing old is
hard work...
The mind says
"yes" but, the
body says "what
the hell are you
thinking"**

At the July meeting Carl Inman was
Inducted into the Holland Club



1948	1962	1949	1965	1961	1965
 <p>James Jordan TMSN (SS) USS Toro SS-422</p>	 <p>Rod Friedline STS1 (SS) USS Pomfret SS-391</p>	 <p>James Gibson LCDR(SS) USS Conger SS-477</p>	 <p>Fred Hamilton TM2(SS) USS Andrew Jackson SSBN-619</p>	 <p>Bruce Hedrick EM2 (SS) USS Sea Dragon SS-584</p>	 <p>Mark Hogan ETCS(SS) USS Scamp SSN-588</p>



Corn from the COB/CO-COB

A Centipede Was Thirsty

A centipede was thirsty.
But to satisfy its need,
It drank too much for it
to hold--
And so the centipede.

I Made A Noise This Morning

I made a noise this morning
That I didn't mean to make.
It truly was an accident,
An error, a mistake.
I don't know how it happened,
But suddenly was there,
Filled with great reverberations
That resound in the air.
It mad a strong impression
On the people in the room.
A lot of them reacted
Like they'd heard a sonic boom.

They looked at one another
As if asking, "was it you"?
They were laughing, they were
pointing--
I behaved the same way too.
I couldn't keep from joking
With the other girls and boys
And never once admitted
It was I who made that noise.
From the bottom of my heart,
In a way, my brief eruption
Was a little work of art.

Memorial service in Fernley



Boats Lost in October

SS O-5 (SS-66) was lost on **11-Oct-1923** with the loss of **2 crew**

USS S-44 (SS-155) was lost on **7-Oct-1943** with the loss of **56 crew**

USS Wahoo (SS-238) was lost on **11-Oct-1943** with the loss of **79 crew**

USS Dorado (SS-248) was lost on **12-Oct-1943** with the loss of **78 crew**

USS Escolar (SS-294) was lost on or after **17-Oct-1944** with the loss of **82 crew**

USS Shark (SS-314) was lost on **24-Oct-1944** with the loss of **90 crew**

USS Seawolf (SS-197) was lost on **3-Oct-1944** with the loss of **102 crew**

USS Tang (SS-306) was lost on **25-Oct-1944** with the loss of **83 crew**

USS Dartar (SS-227) was lost on **24-Oct-1944** . **All the crew were rescued by USS Dace.**

Thank you Israel !

This is Israel's memorial to 9/11.



It is called the 9/11 Living Memorial Plaza.

Completed in 2009 for \$2 million, it sits on 5 acres of hillside, 20 miles from the center of Jerusalem.



The memorial is a 30-foot, bronze American flag.



That forms the shape of a flame to commemorate the flames of the Twin Towers.



The base of the monument is made of melted steel from the wreckage of the World Trade Center. And includes this engraving in Hebrew and English.



Surrounding the monument are plaques with the names of the victims of 9/11 including 5 Israeli citizens



The monument is often used for memorial and commemoration services.



A powerful memorial from a powerful ally.

