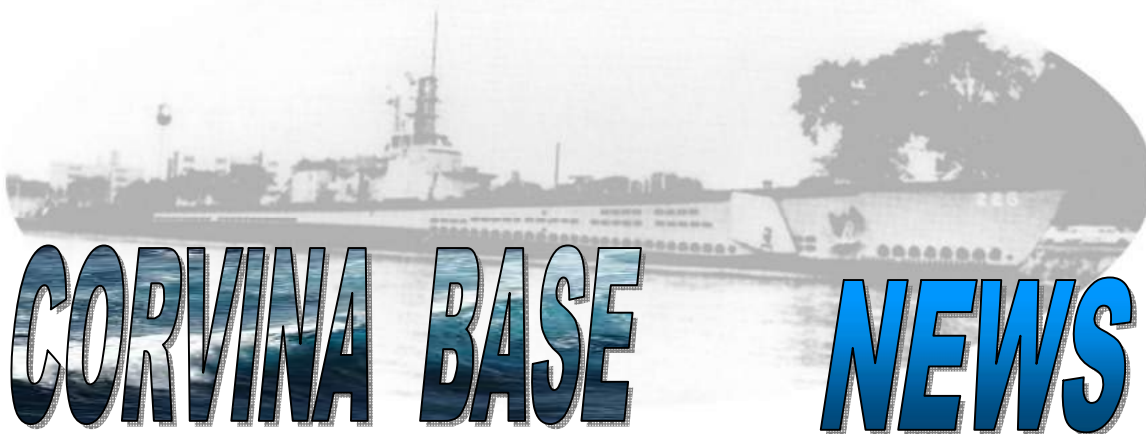




November
2016



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

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Brothers & Shipmates From All Over The World*

IRON MEN STEEL BOATS

PRIDE RUNS DEEP



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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,

2016 is almost over. It has been a busy year for Corvina Base. We have accomplished a great deal and will move on into 2017 more prosperous and under new Base leadership.

Congratulations are in order for the newly elected officers of Corvina Base. Steve Salzman will be your Base Commander and Vincent (Bill) Conklin will assume the duties of Vice Commander. Arthur (Pete) Akerson was reelected as Base Secretary and Dave Aunkst will continue his duties as Base Treasurer. They will all assume their duties for 2017 after being sworn in at the Holiday lunch. We have many positions in the Corvina Base that are not elected but appointed. These include the Base Chaplain, Chief of the Boat and his able Co-COB, Newsletter and Website Editor, Ad Hoc members, Recruiter and others. Please give them the same degree of support you have given me over the past two years. What am I going to do now? Well, probably whatever Lily tells me to do.

The 2016 USSVI Convention at Reno was a grand success. I am still receiving accolades for the fine job that Corvina Base and all of the volunteers did. However, the person who really deserves accolades is Terry Bolen. Despite my protestations about spending so much for coffee service, Terry manned the helm and steered us on to a very successful convention. Please give him a hearty well done when you see him at the Holiday lunch. He really deserves it.

Corvina Base did three great parades, numerous flag line greetings at the airport and numerous Kap(SS)4Kid (SS) sessions. Well done to all who participated. Our USS Corvina memorial service at the Veterans Cemetery at Fernley was a little different this year. We conducted the normal service accompanied by the Nevada Veterans Coalition which included a rifle volley salute and echo taps. It will be up to all of you if we want to do the same next September.

So, Shipmates, families and friends, this will be my last Newsletter submission. I will stand down and pass the deck and the conn on to Shipmate Steve Salzman very soon. I know he is going to do an exceptional job as Corvina Base Commander. Many thanks to all of you for being there for me over the past two years.

One last thing. We will have the annual Holiday lunch at the Nugget in Sparks on December 3rd. This year the price is right. No cost for our members, associate members and convention volunteers. For other guests, the cost is \$30.00. Would be really nice to see you all there. We expect the raffle to be huge this year so your donations to the cause will be greatly appreciated. This years split of the 50/50 will be a donation to Wreaths Across America via the Nevada Veterans Coalition.

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**November
 Meeting Minutes**



The meeting was called to order by Commander Wiley at 1400, as one of our Co-COBs sounded two blasts on the klaxon. The Invocation by Chaplain Allen, Pledge of allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed and Tolling of the Bell ceremony for boats lost in November and December and moment of silent prayer for all friends, family, shipmates and fellow submariners lost during those months followed in their usual order. There were 24 members and guests present.

Ballots for the Base Officer Election were distributed. Terry Bolen volunteered to collect and count the ballots, and was assigned that duty by Commander Wiley.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter. Vice - Commander

Steve Salzman had no new information to report.

Secretary Pete Akerson reported that no new mail requiring Base action had been received during the month.

Treasurer Dave Aunkst reported that the Base is still in stable financial condition.

Chaplain Paul Allen reported no additions to the Base Binnacle list.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Norm Peterson had nothing to report.

Co-COBs Leif Larsen and Paul Young had nothing to report.

Recruiter Don Brown was absent and there was no Recruiter report.

There was no Ad-Hoc Board of Directors Member report.

Convention Chairman Terry Bolen reported that no money had yet been received, but the 2016 Convention would add more than \$20,000. to the base Treasury.

Kaps4KidsProgram Chairman Bill Conklin reported on his success with that program.

Commander Wiley announced that the 2016 Founders Award process is completed. The winner will be announced and receive the award at the Christmas Party on December 3, 2016.

Terry Bolen announced the results of the election. Base Officers elected to serve for 2017 are: Commander - Steve Salzman Vice Commander - Bill Conklin Treasurer -

Dave Aunkst. Secretary - Pete Akerson. They will be sworn in at the Christmas Party.

The matching base donation requested by Ted Henson was approved.

Wreath laying for the 'Wreaths Across America' program at NNVMC is scheduled for 0900 on December 12, 2016. Corvina Base will participate.

This year's Christmas Party is at the Nugget's Poolside Terrace on December 3, 2016. This year's cost for each member and Spouse/Significant other will be paid by the Base. Guests may be included for \$30.00 per person. Pay Dave Aunkst and inform Terry Bolen by December 28.

After a brief recess, the Monthly 50/50 raffle/drawing was held with the following results: Wine - Dan Moran A 3'x5' Dolphin flag was auctioned. Steve Salzman placed the winning \$40.00 bid.

Book - Wes Rece Book - Leif Larson Beer - Wes Rece Wine - Bill Conklin Flashlight - Bill Sweetwood Picture - Dan Moran Flashlight - Bill Conklin Salami - Ted Henson Vodka - Steve Salzman Beer - Dave Aunkst. The \$83.00 Cash was won by Frank Urbani.

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, the meeting closed at 1521 as the Co-Cobs Sounded three blasts on the klaxon.

Respectfully,

Pete Akerson

Secretary

The New Navy





Treasure's Report

1. All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
2. Deposits for November:

Base Meeting-Raffle/Dues/Lunch/Misc	\$ 598.00
Christmas Lunch Payments	150.00
2017 Dues/Booster Club	150.00
 Proceeds from 2016 Reno Convention (To Money Market Account)	 26,919.10
3. Checks issued in November:

Terry Bolen/Reimburse August Picnic	\$216.98
Donation to Wounded Warrior Center/ Mammoth Lakes, CA	200.00
USSVI/National Dues 2017	155.00
Walmart/ Award Document Frames	13.44
Christmas Lunch Refunds (7)	330.00
USPS/ 100 Forever Stamps	47.00
Tripp Plastics/Founders Awards	132.00

DUES

If you are an annual member, please remit the 2017 USSVI/Base dues of \$35.00 for one year. Effected individuals will receive a dues notice. It has been confirmed that the dues deadline is by December 31, 2016. Send direct to the Base Treasurer to avoid going on the "dink" list in 2017. Make checks payable to "**Corvina Base**" and mail to: Dave Aunkst, 508 E. Spear Street, Carson City, NV 89701.





KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) TEAM VISITS RENOWN CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

On November 16, the Corvina Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited four children at Renown Children's Hospital.

Three of the younger children were visited in a group format in Renown's Common Play Area, and one thirteen year old boy was visited separately in his room. He was very excited and requested the visit when he heard the K4K Team was in the building. He is a very bright young man whose career goal is to be an Astro-Physicist.

The Team discussed submarine life and operations, and left the kids with lots of submarine-related gifts. Each was given a cap and certificate designating them as an "Honorary Submariner".

A very special thanks to Steve and DeDe Salzman who accompanied K4K Team Member Paul Young on this visit. Both jumped right in helped entertain and teach the children. Of particular note was DeDe's ability to speak Spanish, which allowed one young child to participate who otherwise may have been excluded.

Both Steve and DeDe thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and immediately volunteered to participate again in the future. Any Corvina Base Member (or spouse) who would like to join us on a future visit, please contact Bill Conklin or any K4K Team Member.





Chaplains Report

Binnacle List as of November 22, 2016

The Corvina Base family has several people that are dealing with physical problems, some are recovering real well while some require more treatment and taking longer.

Linda Ely: (wife of Frank Ely) recovering from cancer surgery and preparing to start radiation therapy. Linda said they will attend the Corvina Christmas Luncheon.

Primo Quarisa: Primo had a heart attack recently and stayed at Renown Hospital for 3 days. Thankfully there was no damage to his heart.

Cindy Austin: Cindy's cracked knee bone is slowly healing after missing the 2nd step on her 6 ft. ladder. She's thankful that she did not need surgery.

Bill Conklin: Bill is recovering from lower back surgery at all ahead on standard speed (with a lot of pain) and will be ready for the Christmas Luncheon.

Don Brown: Don and Terry recently got home from a 6,000 mile auto trip to Kings Bay, Georgia and Florida, but then Don had to spend 3 days at Renown Hospital with pneumonia. Don has recovered and was at Lunch Bunch on Nov. 18.

Marjorie Webber: (wife of Clyde Webber) has been at Renown Hospital for a week as of Nov. 22, recovering from lower back surgery. When able to, Marge will be moved to Renown Re-hab on Mill St. Recovering slowly.

Mark and Diane Hogan: Mark is preparing to have knee replacement surgery on one knee and Diane is going to have her 7th back surgery with hope of pain relief.

David Porras: Will have a knee replacement surgery on Dec. 6, at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital.

Christmas Advent

Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer loved to celebrate the Christmas Advent and had to celebrate Advent in German prisons for the years 1943, 1944 and executed at Flossenbug, Germany in April 1945. One year earlier during the Advent of 1942, Bonhoeffer had written a circular letter to some of his friends.

"The joy of God goes through the poverty of the manger and the agony of the cross; that is why it is invincible, irrefutable. It does not deny the anguish, when it is there, but finds God in the midst of it, in fact precisely there; it does not deny grave sin but finds forgiveness precisely in this way; it looks death straight in the eye, but it finds life precisely within it"

Eight months after his arrest, Bonhoeffer wrote these words:

"By the way, a prison cell like this is a good analogy for Advent: one waits, hopes, does this or that – ultimately negligible things – the door is locked and can only be opened from the outside. Advent reminds us that misery, sorrow, poverty, loneliness, helplessness, and guilt mean something quite

different in the eyes of God than according to human judgment; that God turns toward the very places from which humans turn away; that Christ was born in a stable because there was no room for him in the inn—a prisoner grasps this better than others. And for them this is truly good news.”

Even in confinement, Bonhoeffer was ever the pastor. He cared for and ministered to those around him – his fellow prisoners, guards, and officials. In the Advent, Bonhoeffer had hope. He was hung by the Nazis on April 8, 1945 and WWII ended a few days later.

What is Advent? It is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. “Christmas Day”! Advent in Western Christianity begins the 4th Sunday before Christmas. This year that will be Nov. 27. An Advent Wreath has 4 candles to light, one per Sunday, and one in the middle, a white candle representing the birth of Jesus to be lit Christmas Day.

I had a friend who died on Nov. 19, 2016 from cancer. Wolfgang Winkler was an emigrate from Germany in the 1950's. His dad had come ahead to prepare for his family in S. Calif. He and his mom rode on a Greyhound Bus across the US but got held over in Abilene, TX on Christmas Day. Sunny and warm Abilene made them home sick for the cold snowy Christmas of Germany. Now comes the submarine story. Wolfgang's father was an officer on a German U-Boat (Submarine) during WWII and came down sick and the U-Boat left port without him but never returned. Wolfgang said he felt it was a God moment. If his dad had been on that boat, Wolfgang would not have been born, gotten married, had 4 children, and several grand children. A great productive family in the United States of America! Wolfgang believed in the story of the Advent.



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75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor: I recently visited the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, CA and took photos of the tombstones of two great submarine veterans of WWII. FADM Chester W. Nimitz and VADM Charles Andrew Lockwood “Uncle Charlie”. I’ve also included a photo of the USS Blackfin (SS-322) that Corvina Base members Ken McCray, Don Brown, Paul Allen qualified on, taken in 1963, decorated with Christmas Lights at Pearl Harbor. Adm Lockwood’s wife Phyllis Lockwood was the Blackfin’s sponsor at the July 4, 1944 commissioning. Also another history note; Bill Parsons of the Corvina Base was on the USS Thresher (SS-200) coming into Pearl Harbor from his 1st patrol the Day after the attack took place! Thank you Bill for your service!



Scripture: Isaiah 9:2 *“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”*

Prayer: Father God, as we enter into the season of Christmas, may the Light of your Love shine on us and bring Joy into the Corvina Base family and peace for our country and world. We ask, O Lord that you would bring healing and strength to all the Corvina Base families facing physical problems. Thank you Lord for the blessings of the Christmas Celebration and for hearing our prayers. Amen!

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain

Veterans Day Parade Reno 2016



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)

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)	



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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

1951



Kenneth McCray
EN1 (SS)
USS Blackfin
SS-322

1960



Frank Lipera
EM2 (SS)
USS Greenfish
SS-351

1963



Wayne Levie
SN(SS)
USS Bashaw
AGSS-241

1964



Leif Larsen
ST1(SS)
USS Greenfish
SS-351

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



Corn from the COB

I want to thank all who showed up for the Veterans Day Parade, it was great weather and a great time & also thanks to everyone for staying around after to help break down the float as it made life that much easier for all.

Great job and well done shipmates.

Now lets make this a great X-Mas lunch.

A song we made up in boot camp that got us on the tarmac for 3 hrs in underwear, boots and M1 as the head Chief in the chow hall did not think we were funny.

"They say that in the Navy the chow is mighty fine
a pea fell off the table and killed a friend of mine
oh lord I want to go but they won't let me go home,
home oh home."



Boats Lost in December

[USS F-1 \[ex-CARP\] \(SS-20\)](#) was lost on **17-Dec-1917** with the loss of **19 crew** when it was sunk after collision with *USS F-3* off San Clemente

[USS S-4 \(SS-109\)](#) was lost on **17-Dec-1927** with the loss of **34 crew** when it was sunk after ramming by *USCG Paulding*

[USS Sealion \(SS-195\)](#) was lost on **25-Dec-1941** when it was scuttled in Manila Bay after damage at Cavite

[USS Capelin \(SS-289\)](#) was lost **on or after 1-Dec-1943** with the loss of **76 crew** when it was sunk off Celebes possibly off Kaoh Bay



A Submarine Christmas Poem

T'was the night before Christmas, he lived in a crowd,
 In a 40 man berthing, with shipmates so loud.
 I had come down the Sail with presents to give,
 And to see just who in this rack did live.
 I looked all about, a strange sight did I see,
 No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
 No stockings were hung, just poopysuit close at hand,
 On the bulkhead hung pictures of far distant land.
 He had medals and badges and awards of all kinds,
 But one in particular seem to catch my eye.
 Why they were Dolphins, with a tiny submarine ... pinned on with
 pride,
 A sobering thought came into my mind.
 For this place was different, it was so dark and dreary,
 I had found the house of a Submarine Sailor once I could see
 clearly.
 The Sailor lay sleeping, silent and alone,
 Curled up in his rack, dreaming of home.
 The face was so gentle, the berthing in such good order,
 Not how I pictured a United States Submarine Sailor.
 Was this the hero whom I saw on TV?
 Defending his country so we all could be free.
 I realized the families that I've seen this night,
 Owed their lives to these Submarine Sailors who were

willing to fight.

Soon 'round the world, the children would play,
 And grownups would celebrate a new Christmas Day.
 They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
 Because of the Sailor, like the one lying here.
 I couldn't help but wonder how many lay alone,
 On a cold Christmas Eve on a sea, far from home.
 The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
 I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
 The Sailor awakened and I heard a rough voice,
 "Santa, don't cry, for this life is my choice."
 Defend the seas this day,
 So others may rejoice.
 The Sailor rolled over and drifted to sleep,
 I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
 I kept watch for hours so silent, so still,
 And we both shivered from the night's cold chill.
 I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night,
 This Guardian of Honor, so willing to fight.
 Then the Sailor rolled over and with a voice soft and pure,
 Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day,
 All is Secure!!"
Author: Unknown

