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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

Why
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American flag
sometimes
have a
gold
Fringe ?

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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,

Well, there they go again. What is happening to our beloved Navy? In case you have not yet heard the news, as published in Navy Times and several other media, soon there will be no more Machinist's Mates, Boatswain's Mates, Quartermasters, Hospital Corps(pronounced Kor)men or any other terms used to define Navy rating specialties. Everyone is going to be the same. Rating insignia, our "crows" will no longer bear the symbol of our specialty. No more propellers, sparks, crossed anchors, ships wheel - no more anything. Why is that? Beats me. Kind of like the China Cultural Revolution that started in 1966. Couldn't tell the difference between an officer and an enlisted because no rank insignia was allowed.

A long time ago, I was at Machinist's Mate "A" school at Great Lakes. Sometime during the course, the Chief came in and announced to us we were authorized to wear the striker insignia, a propeller, above our Fireman stripes. It was a proud day for me when I sewed that propeller on above my two little red Fireman Apprentice stripes. And now, Sailors who want to work in engineering ratings, aviation ratings, and construction ratings, who previously wore very distinctive red, green or blue stripes, will only wear white stripes. How will anyone be able to tell the snipes from the deckapes from the airdales from the Seabees? And you know what? They don't even know what they will call the Non-rates. Sea-persons? Sailors will be known by a number - a Navy Occupation Code or NOC.

Navy traditions and institutions have taken a severe beating in the past decade. There are no more Shellback initiations, Chief Petty Officer initiations or other traditions that meant so very much back in the day. To find a CPO Club where an initiation could be held is almost impossible. CPO Clubs are very rare these days.

What could be next. Well, the rating badges of course will all have to be changed. Is it possible that Gold Hash Marks will become another historical artifact? Maybe. Some who haven't earned them feel they are being discriminated against just because they got caught and those wearing the gold were just lucky. There may be some truth to that fact in a few cases. Then there is the term "Petty Officer." There are already those who say "Petty" is demeaning to them because it means: relatively worthless or unimportant; trivial; insignificant; small scale; minor; relatively low in rank; subordinate. Naval Petty Officers have been around much longer than the U.S. Navy. It is traditional terminology.

So much for that rant. Sailors, it is time to get out the vote. Corvina Base is electing officers for 2017. I have received many "mail in" ballots already. Looks like a good turnout for the Base. We will have a new Base Commander and Vice Commander running the show next year. Base Secretary and Treasurer are also on the ballot. The Corvina Base election for 2017 officers will close following the opening ceremony at the November 5th meeting at Denny's. There will be ballots available at the meeting.

Election day for United States National Offices is Tuesday, November 8th and early voting is available before then. Voting is a privilege, an honor, a right and an obligation of American Citizenship. Please get out and exercise your Citizenship.

Best regards to all,

Dennis Wiley
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Away with the old



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**October
Meeting Minutes**



I was out of the room at the time, but I'm sure the meeting was called to order by Commander Wiley at 1400 as our co-COB Frank Young sounded two blasts on the klaxon. After the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI creed, Tolling of the Bell ceremony for boats lost in October and moment of silent prayer for all departed friends, family and fellow submariners followed in their usual order. There were 33 members and guests present.

Guest Mike Angenstein introduced himself followed by the members present introducing themselves. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter. I hope these minutes reach the membership because I have had a massive computer/programs failure and I'm using an untied and untested method of getting them to our Webmaster/Editor.

XO Steve Salzman Made his report.

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

Treasurer Dave Aunkst reports that all current bills have been paid and that the base is still in very sound financial condition.

Chaplain Paul Allen was traveling, so there was no Chaplains report.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Norm Peterson reports all is well.

There was no COB report.

The October 'Lunch-Bunch' meeting was announced for the Olive Garden at Legends in Sparks for October 21, 2016.

Recruiter Don Brown reported on his activities.

There was no Ad Hoc BoD members report.

Convention Chairman Terry Bolen reports that the final Convention report will be available in November.

Kaps4Kids Chairman Bill Conklin made his report.

Parade Chairman Dave Aunkst reports Corvina base is entered in both the Nevada Day and Veterans Day parades.

Commander Wiley gave a verbal report Remembering a fellow submariner.

Nominations were opened for the 2017 Base Officer Elections scheduled for our November 5, 2016 meeting. Nominees selected at this meeting are: Commander - Steve Salzman
Vice-Commander - Bill Conklin Treasurer - Dave Aunkst Secretary - Pete Akerson Ballots will be mailed/e-mailed to all members and must be returned by the close of business at the November meeting. Write-ins are welcome and encouraged.

A Clean-up of the base parade float was scheduled for 1000, Saturday, October 22 at the potato barn at Damonte ranch.

Nominations for the 2016 Founders ('Brownie') Award are due by the end of our November meeting.

Please attend the parades on October 29 and November 11, and don't forget the Christmas Lunch/Party at the Nugget on December 3.

After a break to sell tickets, the regular monthly 50/50 raffle/drawing was held with the following results: Wine - Terry Bolen Book - Primo Quarisa Wine - Pete Akerson Brandy - Bill Conklin Hat - Steve Salzman Wine - Pete Akerson Flag - Frank Urbani Wine - Ted Henson Book - Dale Poe Book - Frank Urbani Whiskey - Don Brown Place Mats - Mercedes Parsons There were many prizes and I'm sure I've missed a few, but the \$88.00 cash prize was won by Cindy Austin. After a Benediction by Assistant Chaplain Mercedes Parsons, the meeting closed at 1522 as Co-COB Paul Young sounded 3 blasts on the Klaxon.

Respectfully,
Pete Akerson,
Secretary



Treasure's Report

1. All account balances are available at the Base meetings.
2. Deposits for October:
Base Meeting-Raffle/Dues/Misc \$ 252.00
3. Checks issued in October:
USSVI/2017 National Dues \$ 55.00





KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) TEAM VISITS RENOWN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

In November the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited Five children, ages 4 to 16 years old at Renown Children's Hospital. It was a great visit with the kids showing a lot of interest and asking many excellent questions.

Of particular note was sixteen year old Lexus, who is studying pressure / temperature relationships in her High School Biology class, and we discussed applications of those principles in Submarine operation.

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



K4K Team Members Bill Conklin, Paul Young and Claudia Quarisa participated in the visit.

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)
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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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Erick Bjorum CWO(SS)	Melvin Schreckengost ET2
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Lowell Wapelhorst MOMM2(SS)	Jack Quade SMSN(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.

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Chaplains Report

Binnacle List

Linda Ely:

Linda is the wife of Corvina Base member Frank Ely who qualified on the USS Archerfish (SS/AGSS-311) in 1966. Frank and his brother, Jack, served on the Archerfish at the same time, Frank as a yeoman and Jack as a quartermaster. I bet they have some stories they could tell us. We sent out an email on October 8, about Linda but I felt that just in case some may not get that email I would put it in the newsletter. On Friday, the 27th, Linda felt ill and in so much pain that the Gardnerville Hospital recommended she be transported to Renown Hospital in Reno. Frank insisted that he would take Linda himself and on Monday, October 3rd, an oncologists had to do radical surgery on Linda's abdomen to remove extensive cancer but the doctor said he felt they got 99% of the cancer and after about four weeks they will start 35 radiation treatments. Linda is doing well in recovery at home under Frank's loving care. They live so far from Reno, Smith Valley, that they will bring their motor home to Reno during Linda's treatment. Hopefully we will see Linda and Frank at the Corvina Base Christmas Luncheon if Linda is up to it. This was totally unexpected.

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David Porras:

David is getting ready for another surgery. He has already had both shoulders replaced but on December 6, he is scheduled to have both knees replaced at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. For the ones of us who have had knee replacements that is a "BIG OUCH" but David will be glad to get his knees fixed!

Susan Lewis:

Susan Lewis is not on our Binnacle List but she did call me recently to say Thank You to the Corvina Base for an invitation to attend the Annual Memorial at Fernley in September. Susan's husband, Walter Lewis' name was one inscribed on the memorial because he passed away on September 4, 2015 at the age of 73. She would have attended the service but her daughter needed her in Oklahoma.



At the present time the entrance asphalt to the Veterans Cemetery is being ripped out and replaced. It should be completed sometime in late November.

Thanksgiving

Because of the timing of the Corvina Base Newsletter I am writing early about this special American holiday. When our son, Tim and his family were living in Scotland attending St. Andrews University, the pastor of the church where they attended, jokingly asked Tim if he was going to celebrate America's freedom from Great Britain by observing Thanksgiving Day. Tim answered in the affirmative because he believes that America is a gift to us from God! He also observed that most of the Scottish people love America and that his pastor's sister and her husband used to own a fish and chips restaurant in Half Moon Bay, CA. This year though, Tim and family will miss our Thanksgiving Day celebration because after almost six years of hard work, on November 22, (2 days before Thanksgiving Day), Tim will be graduating from St. Andrews University as Dr. Timothy Allen, Doctor of Philosophy in Theology. Our family is very proud of him and his wife's accomplishment. Tim's wife is also an important part of the human creative design. When we're not thankful it usually means that we're too much into ourselves and that person usually does not have many friends. Even though the United States of America is not perfect and many people suffer the problems of this fallen world we can still be a thankful people. Here's a short list of things I thought of as I write that I am thankful for.



America – the most free nation on earth and loaded with opportunities to accomplish so much and we get to live here!

Free to worship God as we desire

Free to move about anywhere in this country we want to.

Thankful for our family and the love they give back to us when we show our love to them. I remember telling our children while guiding them in life that it is very important to maintain good relationships with your family because no one will love you like your family.

Good medical and dental care

Good housing and transportation.

The privilege to be a submarine veteran and part of the greatest military on earth.

Thankful for the Corvina Base and the comradeship we enjoy.

This is a very short list! There is much more to be thankful for.

Scripture: Psalm 13:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."

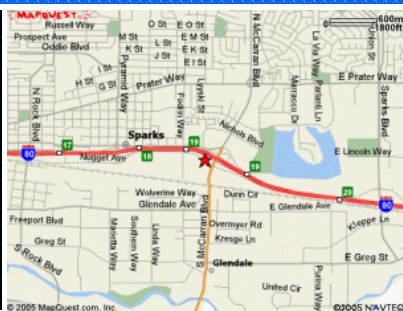
Prayer: Father God, Thank you for your love and blessings to us. We pray for Linda Ely, David Porras, and members of the Corvina Base family that needs your healing and strength. As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day we are thankful for all the blessings of this life and the promise of the life to come. Thank you, Lord for hearing our prayers. Amen!

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain

Nevada Day Parade in Carson City



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



Boats lost in November

USS Corvina (SS-226) was lost on **16-Nov-1943** with the loss of **82 crew** when it was sunk just south of Truk.
USS Sculpin (SS-191) was lost on **19-Nov-1943** with the loss of **40 crew** when it was sunk north of Groluk Island near Truk.
USS Growler (SS-215) was lost on **8-Nov-1944** with the loss of **84 crew** when it was sunk in South China Sea.
USS Albacore (SS-218) was lost on **7-Nov-1944** with the loss of **86 crew** when it was sunk in channel between Hokkaido and Honshu.
USS Scamp (SS-277) was lost on **16-Nov-1944** with the loss of **83 crew** when it was sunk off Inubo Saki near Tokyo Bay.

I was on vacation and stopped in Kingman, AZ at an antique shop last week. Saw this in front of the shop which belonged to the owner, a former USS Torsk sailor and member of the Area 51 base. If you are in Kingman stop in and say hi to Karl Kettlehut. Editor



1951



Kenneth
McCray
EN1 (SS)

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

1948



James Jordan
TMSN (SS)
USS Toro
SS-422

1958



Donald Johnson
RMC (SS)
USS Charr

-The first worker to die during the Hoover dam's construction was J.G. Tierny on December 20, 1922. The last person to die there was J.G. Tierny's son, who died on December 20, 1935.

Why does the American flag sometimes have a gold fringe?

This question came up at a meeting this morning. Seems like there is not a general consensus. You will have to decide.

1. Gold fringe is used on the National flag as an honorable enrichment only. It is not regarded as an integral part of the flag and its use does not constitute an unauthorized addition to the design prescribed by statutes. Records of the Department of the Army indicate that fringe was used on the National flag as early as 1835 and its official use by the Army dates from 1895. There is no record of an Act of Congress or Executive Order which either prescribes or prohibits the addition of fringe, nor is there any indication that any symbolism was ever associated with it. The use of fringe is optional with the person or organization displaying the flag.

A 1925 Attorney General Opinion (34 Op. Atty. Gen 483) states:

"The fringe does not appear to be regarded as an integral part of the flag, and its presence cannot be said to constitute an unauthorized additional to the design prescribed by statute. An external fringe is to be distinguished from letters, words, or emblematic designs printed or superimposed upon the body of the flag itself. Under the law, such additions might be open to objection as unauthorized; but the same is not necessarily true of the fringe." It is customary to place gold fringe on silken (rayon-silk-nylon) National flags that are carried in parades, used in official ceremonies, and displayed in offices, merely to enhance the beauty of the flag. The use of fringe is not restricted to the Federal Government. Such flags are used and displayed by our Armed Forces, veterans, civic and civilian organizations, and private individuals. However, it is the custom not to use fringe on flags displayed from stationary flagpoles and, traditionally, fringe has not been used on internment flags.

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2. The National Flag of the United States, the 'Stars and Stripes', is sometimes decorated with gold fringe around the edges. These yellow fringed 'Stars and Stripes' can be found in most State and Federal Courts, Municipal Buildings, and Schools throughout America, but why?

The flags displayed in State courts and courts of the United States have gold or yellow fringes. That is your WARNING that you are entering into a foreign jurisdiction, the same as if you are stepping onto foreign soil and you will be under the jurisdiction of THAT flag. The flag with the gold or yellow fringe has no constitution, no laws, and no rules of any court, and is not recognized by any nation on this earth, and is foreign to you and the United States of America.

Those of us who believe that the Yellow Fringed Flag is the 'Law of Admiralty' Flag will know all about this. For the rest of us, this will be a shocking new disclosure. President, Dwight David Eisenhower signed Executive Order No.10834 on August 21, 1959 and had printed in the Federal Register at 24 F.R. 6865, pursuant to the law, stated that: "A military flag is a flag that resembles the regular flag of the United States, except that it has a yellow fringe border on three sides."

The American people were allowed to believe that it was just a decoration but its not. When you see a flag that resembles a regular US flag with YELLOW FRINGE border on the edges, it means that you are in a special place. A place that should not have any jurisdiction over you if you are a normal citizen. The President of the United States designates this difference from the regular flag, by executive order such as Ike did,

and in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the military he makes it so. The placing of a fringe on the national flag, the dimensions of the flag and the arrangement of the stars in the union are matters of detail not controlled by statute, but are within the discretion of the President as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

If you walk onto a ship docked in a port located in New York City you are subject to the laws of the city and state of New York as well as the Federal Laws of the United States. This is as one would expect. When that ship leaves that harbor, then things change. Got it now? Wherever that ship happens to come to rest the law of the land wherever you happen to be has jurisdiction over you. When out in the high seas past the twelve mile limit you are not under the jurisdiction of any nation's laws. You are under the jurisdiction of what is known as "Maritime Law". You will be subject to the law of the flag of that ship, enforceable by the "master of the ship," otherwise known as the Captain, by the law of the flag.

If you enter a foreign embassy that happens to be in Washington DC, you are entering a distinct "enclave" with laws that may differ from your "home" state. You will be subject to the laws of THAT country, not US law, just as if you are boarding a ship. So, when you enter a courtroom displaying a gold or yellow fringed flag, be aware that you have just entered into a foreign country, and you better have your passport with you. The judge sitting under a gold or yellow fringe flag becomes the "captain" or "master" of that ship or enclave and he has absolute power to make the rules as he goes. The gold or yellow fringe flag is your WARNING that you are leaving your Constitutionally protected rights on the floor outside the door of that courtroom.

This is why so many judges are appointed, and not elected by the people. Federal judges are appointed by the President, the national military commander in chief. State judges are appointed by the Governors, the state military commanders (head of the State National Guard). Judges are appointed because the courts are military courts and civilians do not "elect" military officers.

Gold-fringed flags only stand inside military courts that sit in summary court martial proceedings against civilians and such courts are governed in part by local rules, but more especially by "The Manual of Courts Martial". So, the next time you see this yellow fringed flag you will know what you are looking at and what it really means. If you travel to Mexico and you see the National Flag of Mexico, you would know that you are under the jurisdiction of Mexico; and that Mexican laws govern you at that time. That flag is your official notification when you see that flag. You should understand that the gold fringed flag signifies the same thing. It is a notification to you that you are under the rules and regulations of the military force that is flying that flag.

Government officials and judges often refuse requests to remove the gold fringed flag and replace it with the official flag of the United States as defined in the constitution - which has NO fringe. In 1933 President Theodore Roosevelt described that the admiralty, maritime or administration display of the flag is established by the presence of "gold fringe, gold braid, gold eagle, gold spear, or gold ball atop the flag pole." In 1979 these standards were set down in Army regulations as part of the War Powers Act. By submitting a plea to this type of court, you are silently assenting, or agreeing, that this court has jurisdiction over you. That is how the display of the fringed-flags allows our freedoms to be taken away. Be advised.

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3. This is an interesting question in the US. I might disagree that the fringe is part of the flag. Of course, they are physically part of the flag, but in most cases they are just an "honorable augmentation" to the flag itself. The Executive Order establishing the flag of the US gives the details of the design, sizes, colors, etc. etc, of the Stars and Stripes, but it does not include the fringe as it is not part of the flag itself. On the other hand, the US military services include specifications for the fringe when they have official flags manufactured for indoor or parade use.

In 1945 when the flag of the President of the US was re-designed, the first draft of Executive Order describing the new flag included a sentence describing the fringe (gold and silver) but it was scratched out before the Order was issued. That is because the fringe was not part of the flag, and is not needed when, for example, the president is aboard a ship and his flag flies from the mast. Obviously fringe is inappropriate for that use of the flag. When the military services procure fringed flags for official use, then the specification for the fringe is added to the specs for the flag material, the type of sewing thread, the heading, the cords and tassels, how the flag is to be boxed for shipping, etc.

To open another can of worms, there are some people in the US that think the presence of fringe on the American Flag in a court of law is a sign that the court is an Admiralty court, not a civil court, and they argue that their case should be thrown out because of "lack of jurisdiction." This often mildly irritates the judge who readily dismisses the motion. Whitney Smith of the Flag Research Center has looked into this and of course can find no basis for this belief in law, regulation, or historic practice. He asked me to search my library to see what I could find about fringe on flags and the earliest recorded fringe I could find was a flag of a group of tradesmen in Boston. (The flag was white with symbols of the craft or guild that they belonged to, I forget which one it was, now.) The flag was used during a visit of George Washington to the City in the 1790's. Obviously a very early American use, and obviously not military related.

During the US / Mexican war of 1846 and the US Civil War of 1861-1865, fringe was common on the regimental colors of Northern States (the flags were often made of silk), but rarely seen on flags of the Confederate States (usually cotton or wool bunting).

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4. The American flag is an iconic symbol that evokes deep emotions. Flags contain colors and symbols that allude to the message of the pennant, but not all adornments have any special purpose or hidden meaning behind them.

Appearance of Fringe on the Flag

According to the Army Study Guide website, gold fringe appeared on the American flag as early as 1835. Officially adopted for use on flags in 1895, the gold adornment is not original to the flag's design. The fringe is generally used on ceremonial flags for indoor use or special services, and is optional. Outdoor flags usually don't have fringe, as it would deteriorate rapidly in inclement weather.

Legal Discussion

To clarify use of the fringe, a 1925 Attorney General's opinion states: "The fringe does not appear to be regarded as an integral part of the flag, and its presence cannot be said to constitute an unauthorized addition to the design prescribed by statute." There is no record of an act of Congress or executive order which requires or prohibits use of the fringe.

Custom or Meaning

It is customary to adorn a flag for ceremonial use with fringe to make it look more dramatic and official, and it has been a custom through the ages to make military flags dramatic and eye-catching. Fringe on flags has been a standard for centuries, but it doesn't denote any special meaning when added to the American flag. It is strictly for adornment.

You decide.....