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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

**Corvina Base annual
Picnic will be held at 1130
on August 5, 2017, at
Davis Creek Park**

Just where did the idea of eating
outside with bugs, weather, and cold
food come from?

Find the answer on
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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.

At our meetings, we read our Creed, which begins: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country." We honor the memory of our departed shipmates and the men and women currently serving in the military by displaying our float and marching in various parades in the area. We support the Veteran's Guest House. We attend services for veterans and spouses who have passed.

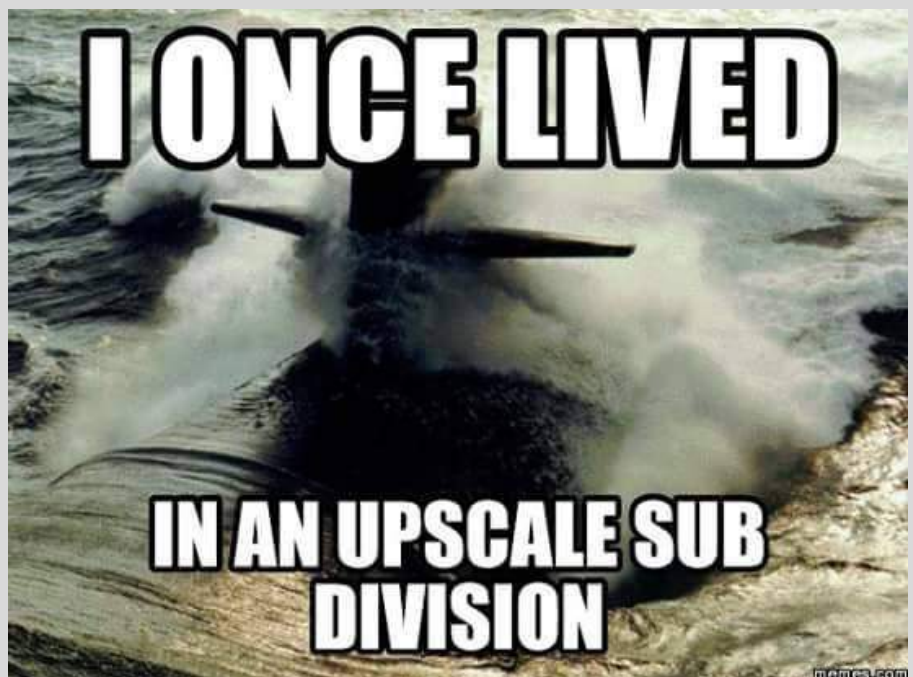
Our Creed also states: "In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment." We do this by holding regularly scheduled meetings; an annual picnic; and an annual Christmas party.

Our Creed further states: "The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today." While participating in parades, we all have opportunities to speak one-on-one with parade attendees. We participate in the Kaps4Kids Program to entertain and alleviate a child's fears in the hospital, explaining to them the Submarine Service and sharing some of our travels and experiences.

As members of Corvina Base, we work together and accomplish our stated mission.

As a group, we rely on reports from our Chaplain to inform of us of the health and welfare of our brothers. We attend services to show our respect for those who have departed on Eternal Patrol and to offer support to their families. But, (there is always a "but"), we need to remember that our Base is made up of individuals with individual needs. These needs might be met by offering assistance to one who is ill or caring for a spouse who is ill; keeping in touch with one who has recently lost a spouse and is feeling lonely; and wellness checks on any of our members who live alone and do not have immediate family or friends for support.

Do we, as individual members of Corvina Base, do all that we can for our shipmates?



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July Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Commander Salzman at 1400 as our Co-COBs sounded two blasts on the klaxon. After an Invocation by Chaplain Paul Allen, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling the Boats for boats lost in July, and moment of silent prayer for all departed family, friends, shipmates and fellow submariners followed in their usual order. There were 28 members and guests present.

There was no introduction of guests.

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

XO Bill Conklin made a brief report.

There was no Past Commanders Report.

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

Secretary Pete Akerson reported that no new mail requiring base action had been received.

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor Norm Peterson reported all is well in his areas.

There was no COB report.

Recruiter Don Brown had no news to report.

Kaps 4 Kids Chairman Bill Conklin reported on his group's recent and proposed future activities.

There was no Ad Hoc Report.

The Corvina model placement was not completed at the time of this meeting.

The Corvina Parade Float upkeep has been completed. Thanks and 'Bravo Zulu' to all who participated. We are still seeking a location for storage of the float.

The Corvina Base Bi-Annual Garage sale will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at Pete and Nancy Akerson's home, 7269 Bold Venture Court in Hidden Valley as a part of the Hidden Valley Community Garage Sale. Sale items and appropriate tables for the sale may be dropped off the night before the sale. NO items should be stored in the Potato Barn.

The Corvina Base annual Picnic will be held at 1130 on August 5, 2017, at Davis Creek Park in lieu of our regular monthly meeting.

The July 'Lunch Bunch' gathering will be held at Woody's, 960 S. McCarren Blvd., Sparks at 1130 on July 21, 2017.

After a brief recess, the regular monthly, 50/50 drawing was held with the following results: Cider - Paul Allen Knife - Dale Poe Tape Measure - Dave Aunkst Flash-light - Paul Young Vodka - Wes Rece Anchor Paper Clips - Pete Akerson Posters - Paul Allen Gift Card - Nancy Akerson Knife - Bill Conklin Wine - Norm Peterson The \$72.00 cash prize was won by me and in a very uncharacteristically generous moment, I donated some of it to Kaps-4-Kids and to the base booster fund.

After a Benediction by Chaplain Allen, the meeting closed at 1541 as three blasts were sounded on the klaxon.

Respectfully,

Pete Akerson, Secretary

Corvina Base Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS) Booster Club

Paul Young	Frank Urbani
Terry Bolen	Ted Henson
Bill Conklin	Frank & Linda Ely
Pete Akerson	Dale Poe
Jim Turner	Dennis Wiley



Treasurer's Report

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

Base Meeting Raffle/Memorial Fund	\$ 87.00
Booster Club	25.00
3. Checks issued in July:

None	
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Corvina Base Booster Club

James Gibson
Steve Salzman
James Turner
Bobbie Heaps
Dave Aunkst
Paul Young
Ken Anderson
R.Dennis Wiley
Leif Larsen
Pete Akerson
George Little
Bill Desormier
Lon Schmidt
Dave Chute
Paul Allen
Michael Uva
Dan Moran
Frank Urbani
Ted Henson
Clyde Webber
Frank Ely



Chaplains Report

Binnacle List

Del Schwichtenberg: Del is slowly gaining some strength and can get out of bed to use a walker with the help of two home healthcare workers. Mary Ellen said she can't do that by herself but the good news is they can get up to four hours of sleep at one time. Mary Ellen said that Del has a strong heart but we in the Corvina Base know him with a kind heart except of course when he fought our enemies in WWII from a submarine!

Linda Ely: Linda has finished chemo-therapy and as I write this she is going through testing to find out the results of the chemo-therapy and on August 1st she will have a conference with her doctor to find out the results. Linda is a very positive lady but exhausted from several months of battling cancer. Her and Frank have done a lot of activities during these months and just recently got back from San Diego where Frank gave away his daughter in marriage including growing a beard for her wedding at his daughter's request.

Dan Moran: Dan Moran just recently got the shocking news of being diagnosed with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and must do respiratory therapy. After getting the help he needed and after being treated for heart disease this last year Dan has an upbeat attitude and plans on enjoying life with his family.

Don Brown: Don is still very weak because the doctors still can't bring his glucose under control. Don had some good news recently though when the doctors did a biopsy of a spot on one of his lungs and told him it was not cancerous. I told Don that we missed him at Lunch Bunch (he and Terry are faithful attendees) but he said that after going to a doctor's appointment that morning he couldn't do lunch also.

2017 – 100th Year Anniversary U.S. Entering World War I

On April 4, 1917 President Woodrow Wilson with the approval of Congress declared war against Germany citing Germany's violation of its pledge to suspend unrestricted submarine warfare in the north Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Then on December 7, 1917 war was declared on German ally Austria-Hungary. (note: 24 years later, on December 7, 1941 Japan bombed Pearl Harbor). Another problem cropped up earlier in the year when Germany sent a telegram to Mexico on January 19, 1917 asking if they would support Germany in the war that they would help Mexico recover the territory ceded to the to the United States following the Mexican-American War. Germany had built 351 submarines by the end of WWI with the loss of 5,000 submariners and 178 Unterseebootes (U-Boats) trying to starve Britain of food and bring them to surrender.

Miss Healey (she never did marry) my U.S. History teacher at Los Banos High School, CA made sure we knew her favorite poem from WWI was "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae. She would almost cry sometimes because some of us 16 year old teenagers felt history was not important. Of course I feel different now! It is said that McCrae, who was serving as a Canadian Major and a military doctor started writing this poem on the evening of May 2, 1915, after losing one of his best friends in the 2nd Battle of Ypres.



(U-Boats nesting in WWI)

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields*

Inspired by McCrae's poem, Moina Michael responded with "We shall Keep the Faith" she wrote:

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders fields*

*Michael decided to wear a red poppy on Memorial Day!
She wrote this November 9, 1918 and began the use of
the Red Poppy on Memorial Day and Veterans Day*



Recently I gave some facts on WWI but they weren't very factual: Total casualties 41 million, killed 18 million, wounded 23 million, civilians killed 7 million. United States: killed 126,000, wounded 234,000, missing 4,500. War is hell! The U.S. did not use submarines in WWI because they were too under-powered. Remember our men and women that were lost serving our nation when we see the Red Poppies.

Scripture: *Isaiah 43:16, 17 "This is what the Lord says – He who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick"*

Prayer: *Almighty God, In our prayer we want remember to ask your help for Corvina Base families that need your healing hand to help them through some difficult trials. Thank you Lord for strength and healing for them and also their caretakers that minister in care and love. We are thankful for helping us to remember when we see the Red Poppy's that there was a great price paid our freedom. Help our country to remain a free nation O God! We pray with thankful hearts.
Amen!*

Paul Allen, Corvina Base Chaplain



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

During the month the K4K Team visited with five children at Renown Children's Hospital. For the first time three of the children were visited as a group in the Ronald McDonald Room, which worked out very well. This is a bright, kid friendly room maintained at Renown by the Reno Ronald McDonald House. The Team described submarine operations and life aboard the boats. Each was given age appropriate gifts including stickers, coloring books with crayons, wrist bands and piggy banks. A particularly popular item this visit were temporary tattoos. All children were given hats and certificates designating them as "Honorary Submariners". Team Members Bill Conklin, Primo Quarisa and Claudia Quarsia participated in the visit. By mutual agreement, visits to St. Mary's Pediatric Unit have been suspended for the summer due to low census, the same situation as the past two summers. Visits will resume in September.



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

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Float in dry dock for painting



Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Northern Nevada Veterans Home



The unknown face
behind Primo
is
Barry Katz
Base commander
of
Base 51



1962



David Aunkst
ET1 (SS)
USS Rasher
SS-269

1964



Don Brown
FTCG(SS)
USS Blackfin
SS-322

1958



Thomas Bonner
IC22 (SS)
USS Bonita
SSK-3

1959



Gerald Baer
ENFN (SS)
USS Charr
SS-328

1954



Joseph Casten
EM3 (SS)
USS Baya
AGSS-318



Corn from the Cob

\$5.37!

That's what the kid behind the counter at Taco Bell said to me.

I dug into my pocket + pulled out some lint and two dimes and something that used to be a Jolly Rancher.

Having already handed the kid a five-spot, I started to head back out to the truck to grab some change when the kid with the

Elmo hairdo said the hardest thing anyone has ever said to me.

He said, **"It's OK. I'll just give you the senior citizen discount."**

I turned to see **who** he was talking to and then heard the sound of change hitting the counter in front of **me**.

"Only \$4.68" he said cheerfully.

I stood there stupefied. I am 56, not even 60 yet?

A mere child! Senior citizen?

I took my burrito and walked out to the truck wondering what was wrong with Elmo. Was he blind?

As I sat in the truck, my blood began to **boil**.

Old?

Me?

I'll show him, I thought. I opened the door & headed back inside. I strode to the counter, and there he was waiting with a smile.

Before I could say a word, he held up something and jingled it in front of me, like I could be that easily distracted!

What am I now? A toddler?

"Dude! Can't get too far without your car keys, eh?"

I stared with

utter disdain at the keys. I began to rationalize in my mind!

"Leaving keys behind hardly makes a man elderly! It could happen to anyone!"

I turned and headed back to the truck.

I slipped the key into the ignition, but it wouldn't turn.

What now? I checked my keys and tried another.

Still nothing.

That's when I noticed the **purple beads** hanging from my rear view mirror.

I had no **purple beads** hanging from my rear view mirror.

Then, a few other objects came into focus:

The car seat in the back seat. Happy Meal toys spread all over the floorboard. A partially eaten doughnut on the dashboard.

Faster than you can say **ginkgo biloba**, I flew out of the **alien** vehicle.

Moments later I was speeding out of the parking lot, relieved to finally be leaving this nightmarish stop in my life.

That is when I felt it, deep in the bowels of my stomach: hunger! My stomach growled and churned, and I reached to grab my burrito, only it was nowhere to be found.

I swung the truck around, gathered my courage, and strode back into the restaurant one final time.

There Elmo stood, draped in youth and black nail polish.

All I could think was,

"What is the world coming to?"

All I could say was,

"Did I leave my food and drink in here?"

At this point I was ready to ask a Boy Scout to help me back to my vehicle, and then go straight home and apply for Social Security benefits.

Elmo had no clue.

I walked back out to the truck, and suddenly a young lad came up and tugged on my jeans to get my attention. He was holding up a drink and a bag.

His mother explained,

"I think you left this in my truck by mistake."

I took the food and drink from the little boy and sheepishly apologized. She offered these kind words:

"It's OK.

My grandfather does stuff like this all the time."

All of this is to explain how

I got a ticket doing 85 in a 40 mph zone.

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*Yessss, I was racing some punk kid
in a Toyota Prius. And no, I told the officer,
"I'm **nottoo old** to be driving this fast."*

*As I walked in the front door,
my wife met me halfway down the hall. I handed her
a bag of cold food + a **\$300** speeding ticket.*

*I promptly sat in my rocking chair and covered up
my legs with a
blankey.*

*The good news was that I had successfully found my
way home*

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

Harry Wellman CS1 (SS)
Melvin Phillips ET1 (SS)
Russel Scofield TMCS (SS)
Donald Campbell TM2 (SS)
Harold Lister EN3 (SS)
James Avitt RM1 (SS)
Charles H. Massie TM1 (SS)
Elvin L. Morrison FTC (SS)
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James T. Wright III
Chester E. MacDowell TMI (SS)
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Boats lost in August

[USS Grunion \(SS-216\)](#) was lost on **1-Aug-1942** with the loss of **70 crew** when it was sunk near entrance to Kiska (Alaska) Harbor

[USS S-39 \(SS-144\)](#) was lost on **14-Aug-1942** when it was destroyed after grounding on reef south of Rossel Island Louisande Archipelago. **All the crew were rescued.**

[USS Harder \(SS-257\)](#) was lost on **24-Aug-1944** with the loss of **80 crew** when it was sunk off Caiman Point, Luzon, RP

[USS Flier \(SS-250\)](#) was lost on **13-Aug-1944** with the loss of **80 crew** when it was sunk in Balabac Strait near Mantangule Island

[USS Bullhead \(SS-332\)](#) was lost on **6-Aug-1945** with the loss of **84 crew** when it was sunk in West end of Lombok Strait.

[USS Cochino \(SS-345\)](#) was lost on **26-Aug-1949** when it was sunk in Norwegian Sea after fire, **one man from Cochino and 6 men from USS Tusk were lost** in the rescue operation.

The History Of Picnics

In our world today, picnic simply means a pleasurable outing at which a tasty meal is eaten outdoors, preferably in a beautiful landscape. But did you know that the relaxing and carefree act of eating outdoors and sharing quality time with those you care about has its roots back in the medieval times in England?

Picnics evolved from the elaborate traditions of outdoor feasts enjoyed by the wealthy. Medieval hunting feasts and Renaissance era country banquets can be credited with laying the foundation of the outdoor dining experiences we enjoy today. The history of picnicking is credited to the Europeans, and nowadays people all around the world enjoying participating in these leisurely outings.



In Europe during the 14th century, the earliest picnics were medieval hunting feasts in England. These feasts before the hunt began were of special importance and the main foods that could be found at these feasts would be hams, baked meats and pastries.

According to the Oxford English Dictionary (2nd edition, volume XI, p. 779) A picnic originally means "a fashionable social entertainment in which each person present contributed a share of the provisions; now, a pleasure party including an excursion to some spot in the country where all partake of a repast out of doors: the participants may bring with them individually the viands and means of entertainment, or the whole may be provided by someone who "gives the picnic".

The oldest print evidence of the word picnic in the English language can be traced back to 1748, according to the Oxford English Dictionary. The word picnic was known in France, Germany, and Sweden before it became part of the English society. According to Wikipedia, a free online encyclopedia, "the first usage of the word picnic was traced to a 16th century French text, describing a group of people dining in a restaurant who brought their own wine. A theory has it that the word picnic is based on the verb piquer which means 'pick' or 'peck' with the rhyming nique perhaps meaning trifle. The 1692 edition of *Origines de la Langue Françoise de Ménage*, which mentions 'piquenique' as being of recent origin, marks the first appearance of the word picnic in print. The word picnic first appeared in English texts in the mid-1700s, and may have entered the English language from this French word or from the German Picknick."



Hundreds of years ago, a picnic meant a potluck, an entertainment at which each person contributed some dish to a common table for all to share. The change in the meaning of the term, from "everyone bringing some food" to "everyone eating out of doors" seems to have been completed by the 1860s. Dining outdoors with a casual atmosphere, no strict course menu and jovial company is something that has taken hold of not only the European countries, but in the United States. By the mid 19th century, Americans had also adopted a flair for picnicking.

In America, we are a cultural melting pot, and there are many types of foods and cultural practices available to garnish a picnic outing. There are many different types of culinary dishes and recipes which can be prepared for a picnic. Your environment might also influence the recipes you decide to make and bring along on your outdoor dining experience. If you are from the north-eastern states, you might decide to bring along a thermos of clam chowder, a variety of sweet and tasty cheeses and meats, along with your favorite red or white wine. If you are picnicking in the southern states, a hefty supply of delicious BBQ and a cooler full of your favorite beers will satisfy you and your guests! A delicious blend of aromatic coffee with a selection of cheeses, cold cut meats and breads would suffice for a pleasant picnic no matter your location. For mid-western states, hamburgers, chili and biscuits and a crisp, cold beverage would soothe the soul. For western states, a variety of upscale dining such as lobster or sushi with a heavenly dose of white wine would complete the picnic affair.



Gourmet delicacies no matter your location will supply you with an alternative to the traditional selection of sandwiches and salads. As long as you are relaxing, enjoying the scenery and affable company with scrumptious foods....you are practicing the art of picnicking!

