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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

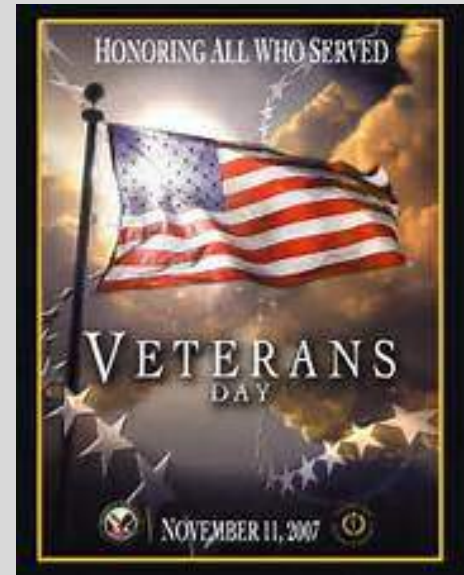


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Denotes a Holland Club Member



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.

This newsletter is going to be an abbreviated version do to many unforeseen circumstances.

1. Our Commanders computer is on the blink.
2. Pete has a reduced secretary report.
3. Paul just got back from vacation and will give us a report next month.
4. Our COB is in Australia or New Zealand playing with the koala bears.
5. I am getting over the flu so my thinking cap is on slow.

Let's hope next month is back to normal.

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Nevada Day Parade



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October Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order at 1400 by Vice-Commander Conklin. After an Invocation, The Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of the Bell for Boats lost in October, and moment of silent prayer for all departed friends, shipmates, family, and fellow submariners followed in their usual order. There were 25 members and guests and one extremely well behaved dog, (Rocky) present.

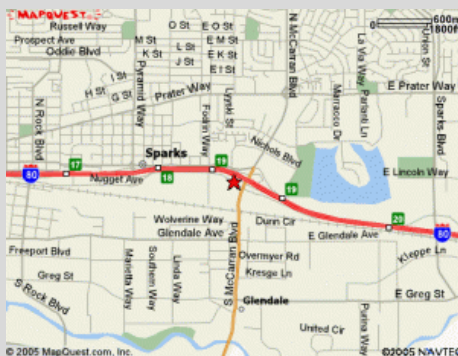
Although these minutes are much too brief and lacking in detail, Vice-Commander Conklin conducted the meeting in a business-like manner and all necessary and scheduled subjects were covered. The usual monthly 50/50 Raffle/Drawing was held even though I failed to record the results. Although short and incomplete, these minutes are a record that shows this meeting actually took place. The menu for the Corvina Base Christmas Luncheon on December 2, 2017, was distributed. The cost will be \$29.00 per person.

After all subjects had been discussed, and a Benediction, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Akerson,

Secretary



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



Treasure's Report

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

Base Raffle Proceeds/Brotherhood Fund	\$110.00
Christmas Lunch Payments	667.00
USSVI 2018 Calendar Orders	106.50
USSVI/Base Dues 2018	95.00
Base Booster Club	25.00
Total	\$1003.50

- Checks issued in October:

USSVI National Office-Dues new/renew member	100.00
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Add Notes:

Welcome to a new member Paul Grim of Fernley. He was a RM3(SS) and first qualified on the Sea Devil (SSN-664) in 1973. Say Hi to him at the next meeting.

Please continue to send me checks for 2018 Calendars and the Christmas Lunch, or remit at the November 4th Base Meeting.

Those members that owe 2018 dues will get an individual e-mail/letter specifying the correct amount to remit.

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
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**"These dolphins, once you pin
them on your chest, leave deep
marks, right over your heart,
long after the uniforms have
been put away."**



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

The Corvina Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited with three great kids at Renown Children's Hospital. Thirteen year old Breeanna is a bright and enthusiastic girl who was accompanied by her Dad, who is an Army Helicopter Crew Veteran. They both asked a lot of questions, and showed great interest in the Program. In the Team's first visit to the Teen Activity Room, we visited with two brothers, Hunter and Gunner, and several of their family members.

Each of the children was presented with coloring books and crayons, stickers, temporary tattoos and other gifts. Each was given a cap and certificate designating them as "Honorary Submariners." Team Members Bill Conklin, Primo Quarisa and Claudia Quarisa participated in the visits.

The St. Mary's visit scheduled for October was rescheduled for November 2 due to low census in the Pediatrics Unit.

**Corvina Base
Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS)
Booster Club
Paul Young
Primo Quarisa
Norm Peterson
Ted Hensen
Bill Conklin
Pete Akerson**



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)
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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)	Rudolph (Rudy) Massenzi
Don Brown FTGC(SS)	

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 Groeluk 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.

The Vast Majority Of Americans In Their 20s Are Unfit For Military Service

By James Clark

on October 13, 2017, Task and Purpose

The military is facing a growing recruiting crisis: 71% of Americans between 17 and 24 can't meet the minimum criteria for service, which places the burden of service on an ever-small and shrinking pool of troops with a family history of joining the military. At an Oct. 12 Heritage Foundation panel in Washington, D.C., Rep. Don Bacon, a Nebraska Republican and former Air Force one-star general told attendees "the single most important ingredient to readiness is the constant flow of willing volunteers." Yet with less than a third of the population eligible for service, "it's a red flag for our country," Bacon said. "If we don't turn this around, where does the world's strongest military recruit from?"

Some quick math shows what the services are up against. For the Army, the recruiting goal for the coming fiscal year is roughly 180,000 new soldiers. According to a detailed analysis by Army Times, only 9.7 million out of the 33.4 million Americans between 17 and 24 meet the Army's minimum standards. The reasons for disqualification range from failure to meet weight and fitness standards, misconduct, medical issues, mental health, and substance abuse concerns.

Once you take into account whether or not the remaining 9.7 million are enrolled in college - and that the Army doesn't want the bare minimum for its future soldiers - the recruiting pool shrinks to just 1.7 million. And that's before you get to those who are even interested in enlisting. What you're left with is just 136,000 potential recruits interested in joining out of the original pool of 33.4 million, Army Times reports. A less diverse, more insular volunteered force Due to the growing divide between civilians and those who serve, it's from a small set of geographic regions and families with ties to the Armed Forces that our all-volunteer force is recruited

Military service is increasingly shouldered by a small subset of the population - a "warrior caste" of multigenerational military families - and that population is shrinking. According to a Nov. 11, 2016 Pew Research report, the number of veterans has fallen by half since 1980, and as it declines, so too does the share of Americans with close ties to the military - those most likely to volunteer for service.

Roughly 80% of recruits entering the military have family members who served in the military; between 22% and 35% are children of veterans, depending on which service you look at, according to an Aug. 2 Slate analysis. Among Americans under 30, just a third have a relative with military service.

This uneven recruitment is also keenly represented along geographic lines, with a disproportionate number of new troops hailing from rural towns or the South. In 2010, rural Americans accounted for just 20% of the population, but were responsible for providing 44% of military recruits, as Task & Purpose previously reported.

Looking for solutions

Through incentives, aggressive marketing campaigns - and a spike in drug waivers for pot and a dip in testing standards - the Army in particular, and the military at large, can continue to keep its ranks filled, for now. But should a national security concern arise that requires mass mobilization, there may not be big enough pool of willing quality recruits to draw from.

As USNI points out, the recruitment problem would be compounded if the United States found itself in a security crisis that required a surge of fresh recruits.

"What happens if we had a national emergency?" Bacon asked during the panel. "I'm concerned about our reserve structure."

Let's just hope that those Americans who have made military service a family business - offering up generation after generation in defense of the country - don't decide to go on strike.



CORVINA Base Christmas Party & Officer Installation
Saturday December 2, 2017. John Asquaga's Nugget in the Poolside Terrace Room

Located on the 5th floor in the East Tower.

11:30 Pool Side

Lunch 1200 - 1400

CHRISTMAS 2017 LUNCH SELECTION (\$29.00 per person) (Buffet)

No Bar This Year

Cost \$29.00 per person
Make checks payable to Corvina Base
Mail checks to
Dave Aunkst
508 E. Spear St.
Carson City, NV 89701-4226
To be received no later than Nov 28, 2017

Jolly Luncheon Buffet
Fresh Field of Greens Salad Bar with
Seasonal Accompaniments and Dressings
Spinach & Chicken Salad with Mustard Bacon Dressing
Mediterranean Pasta Salad
Sliced Fresh Fruit and Melons
HOT STATION
Baked Vegetarian Cannoli
Poached Salmon with Ginger-Wine butter
Tri Tip with Bourbon Sauce
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Chef's Selection of Steamed White Rice/ Potatoes
Homemade Rolls and Sweet Butter
DESSERT
Kahlua Yule Logs
Pumpkin Cheesecake, Chocolate Mousse Parfait
Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce
Cranberry White Mousse Torte, Bread Pudding
Fresh Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea