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Clear The Baffles

GOLD COUNTRY BASE



Our purpose is "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.



Howard Grover the co-winner of the 2017 "Master Mariner" award is presented with his plaque by Base Vice-Commander Regy Bronner

Next Meeting—February 24 , 2018
Potluck @ 1200 hrs Meeting Starts 1300 hrs
Folsom Veterans Hall 1300 Forrest Street Folsom
First Call to Morning Chow
Monday March 12 @ 9:30 Brookfield's Hwy 50
and Sunrise Blvd

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(left to right Warren Wiederhoeft, Jerry Wentland, Barry Wyatt & Les Jamison)
The USS Gold Country is proudly displayed at the American Heritage Day at Mt Vernon Memorial Park on Presidents Day.



Base Commander Barry Wyatt presents the Vietnam Veteran Commemoration pin and certificate to members Lon Schmidt & Harold Fisher.



Now Hear This!

February Base Meeting Guest Speaker MICHAEL J. NIVENS, CHIEF, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (RETIRED)
2 March VFW plaque presentation 6:00 pm, 415 Pine Street, Nevada City
21 April 118 Submarine Birthday Ball Naval Postgraduate School Monterey (page 8)
23 -27 April Western Region Roundup, Sam's Town Las Vegas (page 8)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates, At our last meeting I asked for help from the membership to fill some open spots and spread the work load of base operations around. The old saying goes "ask and you shall receive," and that certainly was the case. Four members volunteered Lee Kitchens, for the Folsom Veterans Hall JVO & Land Sea Air Dinner representative, Chad Clay, Guest Speakers Coordinator, John Mannis, Events Coordinator, and Jeff Saenz, Acting Base Secretary (a formal election is required to make it official) I have appointed all these shipmates to our executive board and am looking forward to their contributions.

This week we set up an informational exhibit using our award-winning float the USS Gold Country, which we proudly displayed at the American Heritage Day at Mt Vernon Memorial Park on Presidents Day. As always Warren and Jerry did the heavy lifting of prepping and transporting the float. It is important that we all acknowledge and thank them for the extra effort they do on our behalf. Also this week Vice Commander Regy and I drove out to the Yolo Sheriffs' office to present a plaque to Sheriff Ed Prieto and to Marine Patrol Unit Sargent Sam Machado thanking them for their more than 30 years of support for our December 7th Peral Harbor memorial and wreath laying ceremony. As always Max did a great job on the plaques and I am certain the effort was very well received. This month we have a great guest speaker MICHAEL J. NIVENS, CHIEF, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (RETIRED).



Hope to see you all at the meeting. **Barry Wyatt, Base Commander**

Jesus went throughout the region of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about Him spread all over Syria, and people brought to Him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and He healed them (Matt 4:23 & 24). *So it wasn't surprising that they followed Him. The following 11 verses are the first mentioned in the "sermon on the mount" beginning in chapter 5.*

FROM
OUR
CHAPLAIN



¹ And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

The rest next time.

Blessings, Howard Grover, Chaplain



The Bowfin Base in Hawaii has produced these great Submarine shirts. You can order one direct at <http://bowfinbase.com> (click on Ship's Store tab) or from me and save some of the shipping cost. I will have a sample at the next meeting.

If you order direct pay attention to their caution on size and order one size larger than you normally take.



**Tim Spoon
Membership, Storekeeper.**

Lost Boats

February

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on Feb 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.



USS Shark I (SS-174)

Lost on Feb 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.



USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on Feb 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser.



USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on Feb 26, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.



USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on Feb 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 officers & men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman & damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.



February Birthdays

Don Carman Dennis Cline

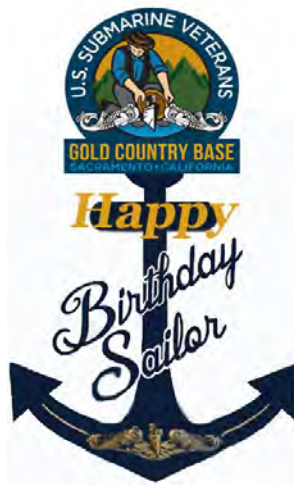
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On The Lighter Side





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Thank you

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VA Information



What is seasonal affective disorder (SAD)?

Seasonal Affective Disorder is a condition associated with feeling sad or blue during certain times of the year. It is a disorder that triggers symptoms of depression, most commonly in the fall or winter. In the fall and winter there is less sunlight, hence it is sometimes called winter depression.

Psychiatrists and other mental health clinicians diagnose depression by documenting low or sad mood, irritability, feeling of guilt or shame, problems with sleep, poor concentration or attention (memory problems), low energy or motivation, poor appetite and thoughts of self-harm.

SAD can mimic other medical conditions, such as anemia, hypothyroidism, diabetes, infections. Hence a medical work up may be needed—including levels of some vitamins, like vitamin D.

You may have SAD if in the last 2 years, you feel depressed in this season and normal during rest of the year. You may also have SAD if your depression for which you are being treated gets worse in this season.

Your symptoms will get better on their own when a new season arrives, often in spring or summer. But treatment can make you feel better sooner.



Gold Country Base Meeting Minutes. January 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 1300 by a toll of the bell. Base Commander Barry Wyatt read the USSVI Creed and Purpose and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Base Chaplain Howard Grover gave the Invocation.

TOLLING THE BELL: The Lost Boats for the month of January were read by Vice Commander Reggie Bronner and Harry Beach tolled the bell once for each Lost Boat with an additional toll for those shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

MEMBER INTRODUCTION: There were 28 members and 4 guests in attendance.

FORMAL REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER: Barry Wyatt reported the following:

Base Secretary, Event Coordinator, JVO Representative and Program Chair positions are open. Need volunteers to take on those jobs.

Date has been set for the plaque presentation to the Yolo County Sherriff.

Encouraged members to submit nominations for USSVI National awards.

VICE COMMANDER: Reggie Bronner reported the following:

We are within the projected budget for the year.

Working on a date to make plaque presentation to the Nevada City VFW.

TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP/STORES: Base Treasurer Tim Spoon reported the following:

The books are in balance. Gold Country Base does not publicly release financial information in the Newsletter. Any Base member can request a report from Base Treasurer via email.

Gold Country Base membership: 112 members in good standing, 7 associate members.

PAO / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Barry Wyatt reported the following:

Member biographies are needed for the Base Newsletter. This is a good way to become familiar with the background of the membership.

HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR: Pat Noone was not in attendance. No report.

EAGLE SCOUT CHAIR: Gil Miller had nothing to report.

KAP(SS)4KID(SS): Les Jamison working on a date with Kaiser Hospital for March.

NAVY JROTC LIASON: Max Schell reported JROTC Change of Command April 26th Luther Burbank High School.

CHAPLAIN REPORT / BINNACLE LIST: Chaplain Howard Grover had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following members volunteered to fill open positions: Lee Kitchens, for the Folsom Veterans Hall JVO & Land Sea Air Dinner representative, Chad Clay, Guest Speakers Coordinator, John Mannis, Events Coordinator, and Jeff Saenz, Acting Base Secretary

GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS:

First Call to Morning Chow: 0930 Feb. 12 @ Denny's, Sunrise Blvd. Roseville

Next Base Meeting: Feb. 24, 2018

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Base Chaplin gave a closing prayer. Chief of the Boat surfaced the Boat @ 1335 hrs.

Submitted by Barry Wyatt, Acting Base Secretary

Community News



Dear Veterans and Community Members,

I am proud to introduce a new program that has just been launched to support Sacramento County Veterans:

Sacramento County Veteran of the Month!

This program shines a light on experiences and issues that impact our local Veterans in Sacramento County. We want to:

- Elevate the voice of Veterans
- Promote Community Awareness
- Increase Young Veteran Engagement (They're our future leaders!)
- Connect Veterans to vital services that will improve their quality of life.

All Veterans are heroes. They signed up and were willing to pay the ultimate price. This program shares their stories with the world.

It's easy to qualify:

Must be a Veteran who currently resides in Sacramento County

Do you have a story? Do you know a veteran who has a story? Nominate yourself or others at the following link:

www.bit.ly/Vetofmonth

Thank you for participating! Please share this exciting new program with your friends! Your story can change the world!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sue Frost'.

Sue Frost
Sacramento County Supervisor, District 4

Western Region News



Western Regional Roundup

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROUP RATE ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE BOOKED BY

April 5, 2018

ASK FOR GROUP CODE "A8USC04" WHEN BOOKING Online after entering Group Code it will go back to

"Find a Room" WWW.SAMSTOWNLV.COM
PHONE: 702-456-7777 OR 1-800-897-8696

The website www.wrroundup.com has been updated for 2018. More information :
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118th Submarine Birthday Ball



The Naval Submarine

League of Northern California Cordially Invites All Military Services (Active and Retired) and All Civilian Supporters to Celebrate the

World's Finest Silent Service
The theme of this year's celebration is
"The Pacific"



GUEST SPEAKER:

VADM William R. Merz, USN
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems

Submarine Related Commands:
Director, Undersea Warfare Division (OPNAV N97)
Commander, Task Force 74.54
Commander, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command
Commander Submarine Development Squadron 12
Commanding Officer, "Submarine NR-1"
Commanding Officer, USS Memphis (SSN 691)

DATE: Saturday, 21 APRIL 2018

TIME: Cocktail Hour begins at 1800
Barbara McNitt Ballroom at NPS

For more information:
Contact LT Tim Whitney at
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website www.nslnorcal.com



Purchase tickets at:
www.nslnorcal.com

Pricing:
Officer/E7 and Above: \$55
E6 and Below: \$50
NSL Member: \$45
Civilian Guest: \$55

News From National

NEWS-01: 2018 USSVI AWARDS MANUAL MEMO FROM JOHN STANFORD



USSVI Shipmates,

The Awards Manual for 2018 was approved by the USSVI Board of Directors in January 2018.

The nomination period for all Awards starts on February 1, 2018.

The Manual is posted on the USSVI web site, (www.ussvi.org) under the Awards tab.

Please review the Manual, with special notice to the requirements for each Award, and submit your nominations to my attention. As posted my address is JStan131@Comcast.net

Phone: Home 904 743 3197 Cell 904 502 8586

Address any questions you may have regarding the Manual to me.

Thank you for your support for this important program.

John Stanford,

National Awards Committee Chairman

The USSVI Awards

Joe Negri Award (Submarine Veteran of the Year)*

Robert Link National Commander's Award

District Commander of the Year Award *

Meritorious Award

Golden Anchor Award

Silver Anchor Award

Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award

Newsletter of the Year Award

* This is a Lifetime Award and will be presented only one time per Shipmate.

UPDATE NEW USSVI WEBSITE This New System had to be made because the software used to make the old system would not be supported by Microsoft in the very near future and there were very few people who know how to program this software. Along with this it was out dated, did not work on a Mac, could not be accessed by the new browsers and did not work well or at all on iPads, iPhone, Tablets etc. and was overdue for a complete overhaul. Due to programming issues between the old and the new systems it took a lot longer to complete than expected. The big factor here is we own the software. What you see right now is phase 1. Phase 2 will correct any issues with the system as we move forward in the next few weeks and months and incorporate a direct e-mail system for the Regional Directors and DCs. Phase 3 will be for improving the look of the USSVI Webmaster TOOLS if needed and for adding any additional features to the Website and TOOLS. Phase 4 will be for incorporating the Submarine portion of DeckLog including submarine tenders, submarine rescue units as well as all the boats into USSVI's website and TOOLS. Once this is done the old system and Decklog will be archived in our cloud account. We are hoping to have this done by the end of June. More info and how to do things in the days ahead. For those of who are wondering why I did not send this out sooner it's because I just got my admin privilege this morning and this is the first test of the National E-mail system. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated during this system transfer process.

Pride Runs Deep, Al Singleman, Jr IPNC



USSVI 2018 Cruise Convention

The 2018 USSVI National Convention will be a Western Caribbean cruise, held aboard the MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM from Oct 21,2018 thru Oct 28,2018. <http://www.ussviconvention.org/2018/>

2018 brings a unique opportunity to combine the 55th annual USSVI National Convention with a fabulous Caribbean cruise! We'll sail on Holland America Line's beautiful *ms Nieuw Amsterdam*, round trip out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida!

Boat Sponsorship Program (BSP)

The AMERICAN SUBMARINER is the quarterly magazine published by the US Submarine Veterans, Inc. and is a major benefit that all USSVI members receive.

Your contribution to BSP pays to send three copies of each issue of *American Submariner* magazine for the subscription year to the command, boat or other place where news of the Silent Service is welcomed.

The cost is \$30 per year or a total of 12 magazines (three each of the four annual volumes).

The subscriptions may be made in the name of a Base or an individual.

The Program Manager is Victor Van Horn (708) 609-9840 Questions on the program may be addressed to him.

Each sponsor will receive the special BSP patch the first time they sponsor. In addition, all sponsors will be entered in the quarterly USSVI Boat Giveaway contest, a \$500 value (one entry per sponsorship).



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Complete the form above and mail with payment of \$30 per donation to:		Boat Sponsorship Program
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FROM SUBMARINES to RACE CARS.....

ROY WILHITE YN3(SS)

Roy joined the U.S. NAVY on September 29, 1955 and completed Boot Camp in San Diego, California. Upon completion of Boot Camp, the Navy does an interview to ask what you would like to do during your enlistment. During my interview I was asked what I would like to do.....I said I don't have a clue. The Interviewer said.....I see you have high test scores, would you like to serve on a Submarine? I said....I don't know anything about a Submarine, go figure from a 17-year-old kid. The interviewer said well the Navy will train you. I said no, don't think so. The Interviewer then said well they pay \$55.00 a month hazardous duty pay. I said, here's a 17-year-old kid **that** never had more than a few dollars in his pocket, OH WOW, I'LL TAKE IT!!

During the 1970's I owned and operated a large Used Car Dealership in Sacramento, California. My Sales Manager wanted me to go to the Auto Races in West Sacramento, and I finally gave in. Well the first visit was enough to get me hooked. During the 70's I owned four different Race Cars. Was inducted into the "Hall of Fame" in 2011.

Today, I'm on the Board of Directors of Northern California Auto Racing, Inc., as the Secretary/Treasurer. NCAR is a 501 (c)3 IRS approved NON-PROFIT whose mission is to acquire a "Hall of Fame & Museum" for Auto Racing, PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE.



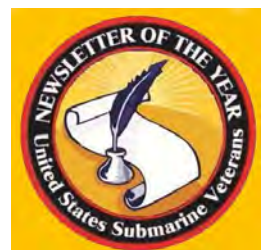
From Submarines to Race Cars.....Both offer thrills. As a member of Gold Country

Base I'm looking forward to the activities of both.

ROY WILHITE, YN3(SS).....916-709-8400



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