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CORVINA BASE NEWS



December 7, 1941
Let Us Not Forget

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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.

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Kaps
Booster Club

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol

2001

Harry Wellman CS1 (SS)

2002

Harry Sembagh EN3 (SS)

Stanley Blair ICC (SS)

2003

Melvin Phillips ET1 (SS)

2004

Boyd Tieslau TM3 (SS)

Russel Scofield TMCS (SS)

2005

Richard Burdette LT. (SS)

Robert Rich EN1 (SS)

Donald Campbell TM2 (SS)

Francis Signore CSC (SS)

2006

Harold Lister EN3 (SS)

2007

James Avitt RM1 (SS)

2008

Larry Garrelts ETCs(SS)

Melvin Schreckengost ET2

Charles H. Massie TM1 (SS)

2009

Wayne F. Garrett ET2 (SS)

Elvin L. Morrison FTC (SS)

Erick Bjorum CWO(SS)

2010

Norm Snyder EM1(SS)

Charles Hyman MM2(SS)

James T. Wright III

Gordon Lane RMC(SS)

2011

Edwin V. Schalbert TMC (SS)

2013

Chester E. MacDowell TMI (SS)

Gerald Stratton ENC(SS)

Jerry D. Noma MM2(SS)

Richard Ekenberg, ETC(SS)

Richard C. Barringer SOSN(SS)

2014

Lowell Wapelhorst MOMM2(SS)

Jack Quade SMSN(SS)

2015

Bert Skidmore YN2(SS)

Frank Kenyon EM3 (SS)

Walter Lewis IC1(SS)

Bob Heaps IC2 (SS)

2016

James Jordan TMSN (SS)

Herbert "Doc" L. Starmar: HMC (SS)

2017

Rudolph (Rudy) Massenzi

Don Brown FTGC(SS)

Joseph Casten EM3 (SS)

2018

Leonard (Lenny) Stefanelli QM1(SS)

Lionel Schmidt STS1(SS)

2019

Primo Quarisa EN3 (SS)

Dennis Wiley MMCM(MDV/SS/SW)

Raoul (Bill) Noland EM2(SS)

Taggart Rogers LT(SS)

Thomas Utley MM1(SS)

Delmar Schwichtnberg CWO3(SS)

2020

2021 Rod Friedline ST1(SS)

William G. Parsons RM1(SS)

Jack C. Ely QM2(SS)

Richard R. Dentino EM3(SS)

2021

Oscar Rambeau QM3(SS)

Dale Poe EMC (SS)

James L. Stuart MMC

Kenneth M. McCray EN1(SS)

James Weaver SK2

2022

Dan Fawcett

2023

L. David Craig ETC(SS)

Bob Lewis TMSN(SU)

James Gibson LCDR(SS)

Clyde Webber ETNSN(SS)

2024

Arthur C. Akerson LCDR(SS)



CORVINA Base Christmas Party & Officer Installation

Saturday December 14, 2024.

Nugget Casino Resort 1st Floor- Orozko Room)

11:30

Lunch 1200 - 1400

CHRISTMAS 2024 LUNCH SELECTION (\$40.00 per person) (Buffet)



Cost \$40.00 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 Dec 9th, 2024

Mistletoe

DINNER BUFFET

All Buffets Served With Nugget Signature
Roast Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee
and Herbal Teas

COLD

Cocktail Shrimp
tomato horseradish sauce, lemon wedges
Mixed Greens
toasted pepitas, carrot, cucumber, tomato,
cranberries, ranch, Italian, blue cheese
Traditional Waldorf Salad

WARM

Roasted Turkey Breast
sage stuffing
Cider Brined Pork Loin
butternut squash hash
Seared Salmon
orange sake sauce
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
herb gremolata
Roasted Baby Carrots and Brussel Sprouts
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

SWEET

Pumpkin Pie, Pecan Pie, Chocolate Mint Cake,
Pear Tart, Yule Logs Cheesecake,
Pumpkin Cheesecake
Holiday Cookies and Brownies



Commander's Log

December is here and you know what that means, shopping. My list is posted on FB. Be careful while putting up the decorations and safe when it comes time to shoveling the snow.

We had a successful parade on Veterans Day, I want to thank Paul for hauling the float this year, nice job as usual. Our riders included Eric, John Hulsey, Danny, Roy, Bill and Gus, thank you guys for spending the day with us. The VA brought some members from their Care facility with them to see the parade from their van in the parking lot. They had a retired Submariner with them, we all went over and spent some time with him. Paul presented him with a base coin, that made his day!

The Christmas Party is on the 14th at the Nugget at 1130. We will be having great food and be swearing in the new Officers.

This will be my last Commanders Log since my time as Base Commander is coming to an end. I just want to say that it has been an honor these past 2 years to be at the head of the table so the speak. We have gotten many things accomplished and done some fun stuff. I am looking forward to the future and 2027 Convention.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you!!

I hope to see you on the 14th for the Christmas Party.





Secretary's Minutes



Minutes of Membership Meeting held 2 November 2024

14:00: Rick Johns called the meeting of 13 members and 1 guest to order and asked all to silence their phones. Rick then instructed Bill Conklin to sound the klaxon. Chaplin Mark Smith gave the invocation. Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the USSVI creed. Norm Peterson played the tolling of boats lost in August on the A.V. Equipment, and Rick asked for a moment of silence.

Before meeting business, Corvina Base hosted a guest speaker arranged by Mark. Mark Palazzo of Walton's Funeral home gave the membership a presentation on Funeral Planning, pre-paid plans, death benefits from the V.A., insurance for transportation if one dies away from home and the benefits of peace of mind gained from planning ahead of time. <https://www.waltonfuneralhomes.com/>

After the presentation Rick had the membership do a round of introductions, including a couple members we haven't seen in a while, Tom Bonner who qualified in 1958 on USS Bonita (SSK3) and Bob Stapp who qualified on USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN 619) in 1966.

August Meeting Minutes: No corrections to the meeting minutes from our last membership meeting were requested by those present.

XO Report: John Holtzer is absent today. Rick reported that after being in the rehab hospital for an additional week, John is now home and recovering and making good progress.

Past Commander Report: Danny McHugh is absent today

Secretary Report: [Eric Meagher reported the results of the Corvina Base Election. The elected officers for 2025 will be:](#)

Danny McHugh is elected as Base Commander
 John Hulsey is elected as Base Vice-Commander
 Dave Aunkst is re-elected as Base Treasurer
 Eric Meagher is re-elected as Base Secretary

Rick reminded members of our elected officer term limits in our base By-Laws; that the Base Commander is limited to two consecutive 1-year terms and there is no term limit for Vice-Commander, Treasurer, nor Secretary.

Treasurer Report: Dave Aunkst advised the membership of the balances in our accounts. We received a generous donation from Member John Malloy in Pahrump. Dave also advised the membership that dues to USSVI will be going up in 2025, so it would be wise to renew sooner.

Rick took a moment to identify the connection to our bank balance, larger than the usual USSVI chapter, to the holding of the 2016 national convention. Hosting a national convention is quite lucrative for the local base and we expect the 2027 convention to be no exception. Rick took the opportunity to announce that Eric will be the convention committee chairman, Bill Brehler will be convention treasurer, Danny will be boat reunion manager, and Dan Delorey will coordinate the menu with the Grand Sierra Resort.

The convention committee will hold it's first meeting in January at the GSR so we can tour the facilities and meet the venue staff. Rick opined we may be able to have the tolling of the boat's ceremony in the stadium, of which the construction may be completed by convention time. Rick will be working on getting event sponsors soon. We will have a bank account established in October 2025 using seed money provided by national.

www.gsr.com

Chaplain Report: Mark had nothing to report today.

Newsletter/ Webmaster Report: Norm reported that the website is up to date. Norm told us of the awkwardness of the aborning technology that is Artificial Intelligence. While trying to make an illustration for a story in the newsletter, [Rats on a Submarine](#)- the story of a medical testing involving lab rats while at sea, the closest Norm could get was a humorous picture, literally of rats on top of a boat while underway. <https://usscorvinabase.org>

COB Report: Paul Young is absent while he does some time sensitive abattoir work today.

AdHoc/Recruiter Report: John had nothing in his AdHoc area. He did report that he did hand out one of our business cards to a prospective member at the Nevada Day Parade. <https://nevadaday.com/>

P.O.C./Events Report: Leif Larsen reported that all systems are go for our annual Christmas Luncheon, this year to be held at the Sparks Nugget. He encourages all to attend. Price and payment information is available in the Base newsletter. https://www.cnty.com/nugget/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQIaAgJa6BhCOARIsAMiL7V_8C7zGpzxqIGyzwsPuZR1fBVq56ue_UT76elft2VhPlkFiXb7IRWQaAvOREALw_wcB

Rick reminded the membership that our next parade, Veteran's Day, will be in Reno on November 11th, starting at 11:11am. Rick and Paul will run the float through the carwash on their way from the Potato Barn. Rick mentioned the proper care of the float should be followed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGrAsqHgeUY&t=474s>

Norm added that the annual Honor Flight Fundraising Dinner will be held November 23rd at the Atlantis Hotel Casino. All money goes to Honor flight. Bill joined in and recommends Honor Flight to all members and encourages us all to sign up at the earliest convenience. <https://www.honorflightnv.org/>

Advisor Report: Bill reported that our new Pop-Up canopy, with our logo printed on it is here and it looks good. It was used at our annual memorial service. Paul will be keeping it and we may buy some optional sand bags to keep it stable.

Bill also mentioned that “damn few people” showed up for our annual memorial at the cemetery in Fernley. Memorializing USS Corvina Crewmembers as well as our other lost shipmates is our Prime Purpose and we’d like to see more members turn out for this once-a-year ceremony. <https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/northern-nevada-veterans-memorial-cemetery/>

We will be awarding two “Pride Runs Deep” awards to members of the local Junior ROTC soon. It is desirable that we increase our charity giving to maintain our own non-profit organization tax status. Suggestions for suitable charities are welcome. Charities will be vetted using our base by-laws as a guide, and as always, such spending will be put to a membership vote.

The Nevada Veterans Coalition has had a large turnover of people but are now fully staffed. The annual Wreaths Across America observance will be held on December 14th <https://www.supportnvc.org/>
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

2025 USSVI Calendars are available from the National Storekeeper. https://store.ussvinationalstorekeeper.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=USSVINSK&Category_Code=Calendars

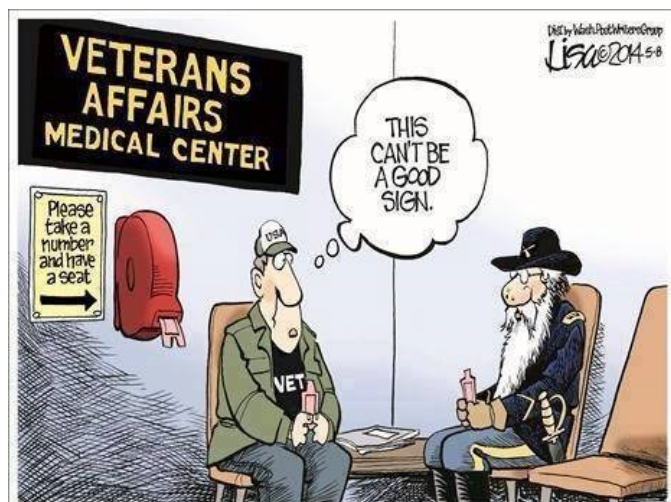
Lunch Bunch: The next lunch bunch will be November 15th at 11:30 am at Crawfish Asian Cuisine, 1296 East Plumb Lane, Reno. <https://crawfishasiancuisinetogo.com/>

Break: The meeting took a 10-minute break and afterwards our customary raffle was held in accordance with [Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 462 section 130.](#)

For the Good of the Organization:

Standard Time: The membership was reminded to turn clocks back 1 hour this weekend.

1625: Mark gave the benediction; Bill sounded the klaxon to surface the boat and Rick adjourned the meeting.





Treasurer's Report

1. All account balances are available at the Base Meetings.

2. Deposits for November:

Base Meeting Raffle Income	\$ 88.00
Challenge Coin Sales	80.00
Christmas Lunch	840.00
USSVI/Base Dues	1510.00
Booster Club	15.00

3. Checks issued in November:

USSVI/ Annual & Life Dues	1290.00
Sept Base Picnic Space Fee	150.00
Quicken Program/1 year	35.88

DK Details:

Attention all annual dues payers, you should have received the renewal notices.
Please remit your dues to beat the January 1st increase.

Bats lost in December

[USS F-1 \[ex-CARP\] \(SS-20\)](#)
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 \(SS-109\)](#)
lost on **17-Dec-1927** with the loss of **34 crew** when it was sunk after ramming by *USCG Paulding*

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

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

Video of boats lost
<https://youtu.be/xkPbPjW30uw>



Corn from the COB



Remembering Pearl Harbor: December 7, 1941



On the morning of December 7, 1941, the serene skies over Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, were shattered by the roar of Japanese aircraft. This surprise military strike against the United States naval base marked a pivotal moment in world history, propelling the U.S. into World War II.

The Attack

At 7:55 a.m., the first wave of Japanese planes descended on Pearl Harbor, targeting battleships, airfields, and other military installations. The attack was meticulously planned, aiming to cripple the U.S. Pacific Fleet and prevent American interference in Japan's expansion efforts in Southeast Asia. Over the course of two hours, more than 2,400 Americans lost their lives, and numerous ships and aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

The Aftermath

The attack on Pearl Harbor had immediate and far-reaching consequences. The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered his famous "Day of Infamy" speech, and the United States declared war on Japan. This event galvanized the American public and military, leading to a full-scale mobilization for war.

Legacy and Remembrance

Pearl Harbor Day is observed annually on December 7 to honor the lives lost and to reflect on the impact of the attack. The USS Arizona Memorial, built over the remains of the sunken battleship, serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made that day. Each year, ceremonies and educational programs are held to ensure that the lessons of Pearl Harbor are not forgotten.



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Conclusion

The events of December 7, 1941, forever changed the course of history. Pearl Harbor Day stands as a solemn reminder of the cost of conflict and the resilience of a nation united in the face of adversity. As we remember this day, we honor the bravery and sacrifice of those who served and reflect on the enduring importance of peace and vigilance.

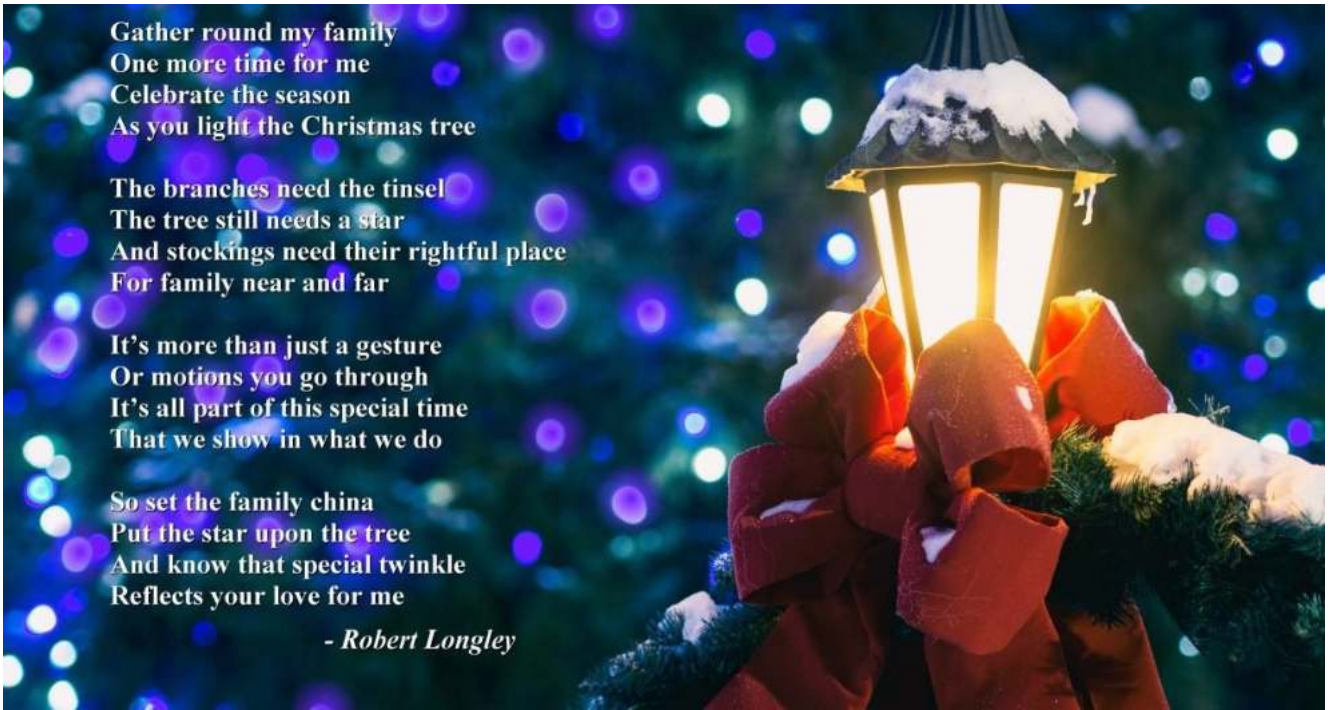
Gather round my family
 One more time for me
 Celebrate the season
 As you light the Christmas tree

The branches need the tinsel
 The tree still needs a star
 And stockings need their rightful place
 For family near and far

It's more than just a gesture
 Or motions you go through
 It's all part of this special time
 That we show in what we do

So set the family china
 Put the star upon the tree
 And know that special twinkle
 Reflects your love for me

- Robert Longley



Help Wanted

By Timothy Tocher

Santa needs new reindeer.
 The first bunch has grown old.
 Dasher has arthritis;
 Comet hates the cold.
 Prancer's sick of staring
 at Dancer's big behind.
 Cupid married Blitzen
 and Donder lost his mind.



Dancer's mad at Vixen
 for stepping on his toes.
 Vixen's being thrown out—
 she laughed at Rudolph's nose.
 If you are a reindeer
 we hope you will apply.
 There is just one tricky part:
 You must know how to fly.