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Our Creed

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward the greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its constitution”.

Commander Corner

Welcome to the Commander’s Corner. Well the “kid” of this group is in command. I am not sure how I am going to do as Commander but I will give it my best shot. I will need everyone’s help. My goal for this year is to increase the membership. What I need from all of you is suggestions as to get more members this year. I am personally going to go to the Recruiting Stations in Fresno, Merced and Madera and see if there are any Bubblehead recruiters that would like to join. I would like people to do the same in their local areas such as Visalia and Modesto. I would also like to start getting more involved and getting our name out there. Kaps 4 Kids is great, but I think we need to get with other groups like American Legion and VFW and see if there are any Submariners that would like to join USSVI from these groups. We have got

to get more people to come to the meetings. I am open to ANY suggestions on this. The meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Clovis Veteran's Memorial District - 808 4th St, Clovis, CA 93612 at 7:00 PM. I am looking forward to working with all of you this year. On a sad note, we lost another World War II shipmate. Joe Cox was in a car accident near Chowchilla Monday Jan 22. He was 92. Joe was definitely someone to look up to. He defined leadership. He will be missed.

Del Bowlby Commander

Shipmates if you have not paid your dues for the Base and for National. You have been dropped from both rosters as of February 1st unless you are a life member of National.

It is very easy to get reinstated. Just pay your dues to the Base Treasure

February Meeting

The February meeting will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial February 15th at 7:00 pm. Park in the north lot of the building.

February Anniversaries

John & Mary Ann Welch 2/14
Glenn & Paula Boothe 2/22
Paul & Jan Adams 2/26

January Birthdays

Jim Merritt 2/4
Steve Schultze 2/8

Glenn Boothe 2/20
Jerry Lanigan 2/25

January Minutes

Meeting was held on January 18, 2018 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District building in Clovis, CA

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Base Commander Jim Van Vranken.

Del Bowlby gave the invocation.

Pledge of allegiance led by Russ Alford.

Tolling the boats conducted by Glenn Boothe and Jim Van Vranken.

Minutes from the last meeting were not read.

Treasurer's report was not read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Van Vranken announced that the Darrell's storage has been emptied and vacated. The next project will be scanning old base records to digital storage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Van Vranken swore in the new base officers.

Del Bowlby is the new Base Commander.

Art Brice is the new Vice Commander.

The Secretary/Treasurer will be sworn in at a later date.

Del Bowlby said that his main emphasis as Base Commander will be the recruitment of new members. Initial

steps are the posting of pictures on the base Face book page and posting recruitment posters at the Fresno Veterans Hospital and at the Kaiser Hospital.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.
Glenn Boothe Secretary/Treasurer

Sailing list For January

Glenn Boothe, Del Bowlby, Russ Alford, Art Brice & Jim Van Vranken

Boats lost in February



USS Shark (SS 174) Lost February 11, 1942 Lost (59 men all hands) when it was sunk by surface craft East of Menado Celebes Island as a result of one of three Japanese attacks



USS Amberjack (SS 219) Lost February 16, 1943 Lost (72 men all hands) by Japanese aerial bombs and surface craft off Rabaul in the Solomon Sea



USS Grayback (SS 208) Lost February 26, 1944 Lost (80 men all hands) during a Japanese air and surface attack off Okinawa



USS Trout (SS 202) Lost February 29 1944 Lost (81 men all hands) during a Japanese surface attack in the Philippine Sea



USS Barbel (SS 316) Lost February 4, 1945 Lost (81 men) during a Japanese air attack off the entrance to the Palawan Passage

Thoughts for the Month January

Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you

USSVI News

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 1/12/2018

The following was received from the WWI Centennial Commission and is forwarded for your information:
I am writing on behalf of David Hamon, the Military & Veterans Service Organization Coordinator for the World War I Centennial Commission, a Non Profit Federal Organization dedicated to building a National Memorial for the Service men and women of the Great War. Next week the U. S. Mint will officially release for sale the World War I Centennial Silver Dollar to honor the 4.7 Million who served. (See Link below)

<http://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/communicate/press-media/wwi-centennial-news.html> If you, or any member of your Military/Veteran Service organization is interested in the coin, it will be available beginning Wednesday, January 17. Please feel free to contact Mr. Hamon at david.hamon@worldwar1centennial.org if you have any questions about this or our organization. Thank you and Happy New Year!
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Submitted by: Paul Hiser,
National Treasurer on 1/8/2018
Important: ALL monies (dues, Boat Sponsorship, American Submariner ads, etc.) going to National for any and all reasons should be sent to the National Office. Be sure to include a note explaining what the money is for. Do not send any monies to the National Treasurer. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 1/4/2018
Shipmates you have until March 1st 2018 to put in your nomination letters for the 2018 National Elections. So far the Nominees are: National Commander - Wayne Standerfer
National Senior Vice CDR- Jon Jaques
National Junior Vice CDR - Steve Bell
National Secretary - Ray Wewers
National Treasurer - Paul Hiser
Western Regional Director - Jim Denzien
Central Regional Director- Tom Williams
& Carl Schmidt

Eastern Region North Director - Les Athschuler
Eastern Region South Director - Ken Nichols
If you feel you would like to run for any of the above positions please send me an e-mail at al@ssbn657.com with your nomination letter stating your qualifications for the position and a statement that if elected you will accept the position.

Base News

The Base is looking for someone that has space to put a 2ft deep by 4ft wide by 6ft tall Cabinet to hold a few of the things the Base has accumulated over the years. Contact Jim Van Vranken or Del Bowlby. As you know the contact information for both of us is on the front page of the 7MC.

Honorably discharged veterans are now eligible to shop online at PX's and Exchanges. The web site WWW.VetVerify.ORG is the starting point to establish eligibility. The PX's and Exchanges do not collect sales tax. This can be a considerable savings on high cost items such as electronics and appliances. It's your benefit, check it out.

On the Lighter Side

Soft Ball In Heaven

Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day. One day Barb said, 'Rose, we both loved playing

women's softball all our lives, and we played all through high school. Please do me one favor: When you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there.'

Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed and said, 'Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you.' Shortly after that, Rose passed on.

A few nights later, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, 'Barb, Barb.' 'Who is it?' asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. 'Who is it?' 'Barb, it's me, Rose.' 'You're not Rose. Rose just died.' 'I'm telling you, it's me, Rose,' insisted the voice. 'Rose! Where are you?' 'In Heaven,' replied Rose. 'I have some really good news and a little bad news.' 'Tell me the good news first,' said Barb. 'The good news,' Rose said, 'is that there's softball in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired.' 'That's fantastic,' said Barb. 'It's beyond my wildest dreams! So, what's the bad news?' 'You're pitching Tuesday.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy. 'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yep!' 'Do I know her?' 'Nope!' 'This woman, is she good looking?' 'Not really.' 'Is she a good cook?' 'Naw, she can't cook too well.' 'Does she have lots of money?' 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.' 'Well, then, is she good in bed?' 'I don't know.' 'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?' 'Because she can still drive!'

Morris an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know the one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk ALL THE TIME !.

