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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”.

From The Commander

Shipmates, At the planning meeting we discussed 15 or more items. I can list them but I think that they should be discussed again at a regular Wahoo Base meeting and after the Base covers these items we can then put out the information to the rest of the members in the 7MC. One of the biggest issues was who was going to take over the 3 elected officer position in the Base. On July 22, 2017 Del Bowlby, Jim Van Vranken and District 5 Commander Pete Juhos held a meeting at my home in Chowchilla. We talked of many things and much to my regret I did not keep any notes. I asked Pete about how we could get more participation from our existing members and how to raise the attendance at our monthly meeting. He had a few ideas and all of them would require a change in our by-laws. So if any of you have any thoughts please bring them to the October meeting. Remember we are voting on two existing by-law changes at

the September meeting. So please attend and help the Base move forward as we try to keep the Wahoo Base from closing. The next 3 or 4 meetings will be very important to keep the Base in good order. Come join us and share with us your thoughts.

Jim Van Vranken Base Commander

October Meeting

The October meeting will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District on Thursday October 19th at 7:00 pm. Park in the north lot of the building.

Directions: Take 180 E. Freeway to Kings Canyon. Merge onto 168 E towards Shaver Lake/Clovis. Exit Herndon Ave., make a right at the exit and right again at the first street light-Clovis Ave. Turn left onto 3rd street and then right onto Veterans Parkway. The Clovis Veterans Memorial District north lobby entrance is off the corner of Veterans Parkway and 4th street.

September Anniversaries

No Anniversaries listed for September

September Birthdays

Norm Heller	9/3
Robbie Bonas	9/9
Barbara Hulse	9/10
Paula Boothe	9/13
Peg Curtiss	9/19
Rosalia Mellon	9/21

October Anniversaries

Jerry & Carol Lanigan	10/24
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October Birthdays

Cherese Schultze	10/5
Jerry Bowers	10/5
Bud Atkins	10/5
Donald Johnson	10/10
Jan Adams	10/12
Joe Cox	10/14

August Minutes

No minutes were taken at the Planning meeting but all the information that was discussed will be put out at the September or October meetings. Only 3 people attended the planning meeting. Robert Howk, Glenn Boothe & Jim Van Vranken

September Minutes

Meeting was held on September 16, 2017 at the Seven Bar and Grill in Clovis. Meeting called to order at 11:25 by Vice Commander Del Bowlby.

Glen Hunt gave the invocation

The pledge of allegiance led by Del Bowlby.

Tolling the boats conducted by Del Bowlby.

Minutes from the last meeting were not read.

Treasurer's report was read.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a lot of discussion of the future of the Wahoo Base.

Most ideas centered on the need to increase membership and attendance of meetings. Some suggestions were to hold week night meetings rather than Saturday days. Others suggested we consider quarterly meetings.

Robert Howk and Glen Hunt will make media contacts to try for publicity about base.

Del Bowlby indicated he would accept the nomination for Base Commander. Glen Hunt indicated he would be interested in Secretary position but not the Treasurer position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members want to participate in the November 11 Fresno Veterans Parade and in the Fowler Fall Festival Parade on October 7. Participation would be a vehicle towing the boat model float. Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Glenn Boothe Secretary/Treasurer

September Sailing list

Glenn Bothe, Robert Howk, Tom Barrans, Glen & Jeanette Hunt & Del & Lynne Bowlby

Boats lost in September



USS S-5 (SS 110) Lost September 1, 1920 with no loss of life because a hole was cut into the hull in the tiller room off the Delaware Capes



USS S-51 (SS 162) Lost September 25, 1925 with the loss of (33 men) when it sank after a collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island, Rhoden Island.



USS Grayling (SS 209) lost September 9, 1943 with the loss of all hands (76 men) to unknown causes when it sank in or near Tablis Strait. Republic of the Philippines.

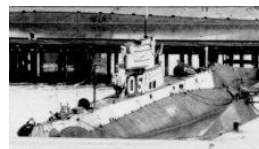


USS Pompano (SS 181) Lost September 25, 1943 with the loss of all hands (77 men) by possible Japanese mines off Honshu, Japan.



USS Cisco (SS 290) lost September 28, 1943 with the loss of all hands (76 men) during a Japanese air and surface attack in the Sulu Sea.

Boats lost in October



USS O-5 (SS 66) Lost October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when it sank after

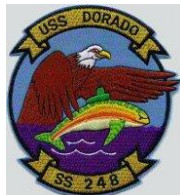
a collision with the SS Ababgarez off the Panama Canal. Torpedoman 2nd class Henry Berault received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions



USS S-44 (SS 155) lost October 7, 1943 with the loss of (56 men 2 men were taken POW) and survived. When it was sunk by surface craft off Paramushiru Kuriles



USS Wahoo (SS 238) Lost October 11, 1943 with a loss of all hands (80 men) during a Japanese air and surface attack in La Peroues Strait off Northern Japan



USS Dorado (SS 248) lost October 12, 1943 with the loss of all hands (77 men) by an air attack in the SW Atlantic Ocean



USS Seawolf (SS 197) Lost October 3, 1944 with a loss of all hands (83 crew and 17 US Army troops) when it was mistaken for a Japanese submarine and sunk by friendly fire.



USS Escolar (SS 294) lost October 17, 1944 with the loss of all hands (82 men) by possible Japanese mine in the Yellow Sea off China



USS Darter (SS 227) lost October 24, 1944 all the crew was rescued when it grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan. The crew was rescued by the USS Dace (SS 247)



USS Shark II (SS 314) lost October 24, 1944 with a loss of all hands (87 men) when it was sunk by Japanese surface craft in the channel midway between Hainan and Bashi



USS Tang (SS 306) Lost October 25, 1944 with a loss of (78 men 9 men were taken as POW). All 9 men survived the war. It was sunk by its own torpedo in the north end of the Formosa Strait.

Thoughts for the Months Of September & October

Why is a car's windshield so large the rear view mirror so small? The reason is because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on.

All things in life are temporary. If they are going well, enjoy them, they will not last forever.. If they are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

USSVI News

NEWS-01: USS SCORPION, SSN-589 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL
Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 8/9/2017 A request has been received from the subject Memorial Committee for assistance from USSVI to make this milestone event a very memorable experience for the widows, families and former USS SCORPION crew. The event will take place from May 25 - 27, 2018 in Norfolk, Va. Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral John m. Richardson has graciously agreed to serve as keynote speaker for the memorial service. USSVI was extremely generous with assisting in the 45th USS Scorpion SSN-589 Memorial Service by supporting the "99 for 99" fundraising efforts. They are again asking our support for this endeavor for the 50th Anniversary with the focus of the program being for each USSVI Base to donate \$99 in honor of the 99 crewmembers lost on SCORPION on May 22, 1968. All monies donated go directly to offsetting the cost of presenting the memorial service and providing a Saturday evening banquet for SCORPION families, former crew and specially invited guests. To support the "99 for 99" program, please make donations payable to "USS SCORPION, SSN-589 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION" and mail your checks to:
Mary Etta Nolan, Treasurer
USS SCORPION, SSN-589
50TH Anniversary Memorial Committee
487 Sandhill Rd.
Greenfield Center, NY 12833-1118

NEWS-01: NO DUES FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL JOINING USSVI FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 9/8/2017. Earlier this year the Board of Directors authorized a change to our membership dues that: "Any active duty member of any of the armed services who wish to join USSVI as a regular or associate member will not be charged dues for their first calendar year of membership." This new policy had been placed on hold until the new website went live, however, with the latest delays to that happening, we have decided to implement it effective immediately for the 2018 calendar year. This means any active duty person who joins for 2018, commencing immediately, will not be charged dues until or unless they renew in December of 2018. Their dues will be listed as paid in full until December 31 of 2018. There are some restrictions:

1. An application must be sent to the National Office as usual.
2. They will not receive a membership card until their first renewal in December of 2018.
3. They will receive only the electronic version of the American Submariner

We lost another WWII shipmate our base has two remaining Joe Cox & Bill Pratt

Ralph Joel Lynn

Ralph Joel Lynn was born in Harrisburg, PA on December 20, 1926 and passed away peacefully at his family ranch in Sanger, CA on September 3rd, 2017 at the age of 90. There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Ralph Lynn October 14th, 2017 at St. James

Episcopal Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Avenue, Fresno, CA at 11:00AM. Ralph grew up near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he had a passion for sports throughout high school and college. Graduating from high school in 1944 at the age of 17, Ralph joined the US Submarine Service serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific on the submarines USS Raton and USS Sailfish as radio operator. Following the service, Ralph returned to attend Pennsylvania State College at West Chester where he earned a BS in Education and met his future bride of 65 years, Elaine. Ralph and Elaine were married in 1951 and in 1953 they began their family with daughter Patricia Anne followed by Ralph Jr. (Skip) and Michael Scott. Ralph and Elaine moved to Stockton, CA working for the Curtis Publishing Company. Subsequently the family moved to Fresno where he worked for the Readers Digest to build and manage their new fund-raising company QSP. Over the next 35 years, Ralph rose to the position of Executive Vice President of Sales, retiring in 1992. During his lifetime, Ralph believed in investing in one's community. He was involved in the Clovis Unified School District serving on the CUSD School Board from 1963-1975 including two terms as President. He represented the District on the Fresno County Trustees Association and helped form the Foundation for Clovis Schools. Ralph loved the teachers, faculty and Board Members of the District and supported it in various ways for the rest of his life. He also served on the Fresno County Grand Jury, was a member of the Sanger Rotary Club for over 25 years, and very dear to his heart, Westerners International. He was faithful in attending church throughout his life serving as an Elder in the Presbyterian

Church and later as a longtime member of the Episcopal Church. Growing up the family remembers pack trips in the Sierra, road trips to the east coast, working and riding horses at the ranch on McKinley and just being with Dad. He was a wonderful father and loving husband and will be remembered for his easy smile, his quick wit, and his strong sense of honor and integrity. He is greatly missed by all that knew him. Ralph is survived by his wife Elaine, sister Adele, children Patricia, Ralph Jr. (Skip) and wife Heidi, and Michael Scott and wife Robyn. Also, grandchildren Sarah, Lorrie, Anna, Michael and wife Allison, their children Colton and Mason, Aaron and wife Jennifer and their children Blaire and Blakely. The Lynn family requests that in lieu of lowers, remembrances in memory of Ralph Lynn be made to the Foundation for Clovis Schools, [1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611](https://www.foundationforclovissschools.com) or online at www.foundationforclovissschools.com/donate or to Sanger Rotary, [PO Box 22, Sanger, CA 93657](https://www.sangerrotary.org) Attn: Ralph Lynn Memorial.

On the Lighter Side

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. "Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt," the golfer mumbles to himself. Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up one-fourth of your sex life?" Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen, so he says, "Sure," and sinks the putt. Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gee, I sure would like to get an eagle on this one." The same stranger is at his side again and

whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another fourth of your sex life?" Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay." And he makes an eagle. On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says, "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?" "Definitely," the golfer replies, and he makes the eagle. As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks alongside him and says, "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm Satan, & from this day forward you will have no sex life. "Nice to meet you," the golfer replies, "I'm Father O'Malley."

Irish hunters

Two Irishmen flew to Canada on a hunting trip. They chartered a small plane to take them into the Rockies for a week hunting moose. They managed to bag 6. As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could take only 4 moose. The two lads objected strongly. "Last year we shot six. The pilot let us take them all and he had the same plane as yours." Very reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were eventually loaded. The plane took off. However, while attempting to cross some mountains, even on full power, the little plane couldn't possibly handle the load and went down. Somehow, surrounded by the moose bodies, only Paddy and Mick survived the crash. After climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asked Mick, "Any idea where we are?" Mick replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year.."

Sister Mary entered the Monastery of Silence. The priest said, "Sister, this is a silent monastery. You are welcome here for as long as you like, but you may not speak until directed to do so."

Sister Mary lived in the monastery for five years before the priest said to her, "Sister Mary, you have been here for five years. You may speak two words." Sister Mary said, "Hard bed."

"I'm sorry to hear that," the priest said. "We will get you a better bed." After another five years, Sister Mary was summoned by the priest. "You may speak another two words, Sister Mary." "Cold food," said Sister Mary, and the priest assured her that the food would be better in the future. On her fifteenth anniversary at the monastery, the priest again called Sister Mary into his office. "You may speak two words today." "I quit," said Sister Mary. "It's probably best," said the priest. "You've done nothing but bitch since you got here."

Poor homeless guy I met

I talked to a homeless man this morning and asked him how he ended up this way. He said, "Up until last month, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library. I was working on my MBA online. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?" "Oh no, nothing like that," he said. "I was paroled."