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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's Corner

Welcome to the Commander's Corner. Even though there was no meeting this month May has been a busy one for me. In the last two months I have talked about submarines more than I have in the last two years. First Art Brice and I were on KMJ talk radio and Friday May 18, I presented a talk to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at Biola Grade school in Biola, CA. The class was going on a field trip to the USS Pampanito the following week. I explained what life was like on a modern (well more modern than the Pampanito) submarine. I showed them a video of the USS Toledo. The size of the spaces is what blew them away along with the head. I talked to them about 10 gallon showers and how the bathroom worked. The questions that the students asked were serious questions. They wanted to know who our enemy was and none of them knew anything about the Cold War

and why we were there. I had to give them a brief history lesson on the Cold War. All in all it was a lot of fun. I was also asked to come back next year to talk to the next class by the teacher. It was a fun time. If you get the chance to talk about submarines then do it. It is especially great when the kids are of an inquisitive age. I highly recommend it.

Del Bowlby Base Commander

## June Meeting

The June Meeting of the Wahoo Base will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District June 21st

## May Meeting Minutes

We had no May Meeting so therefore there are no minutes of the May Meeting

## June Anniversaries

Tom & Barbara Barrans 6/16

## June Birthdays

Lynn Bowlby 6/10  
 Tom Lewis 6/12  
 Marcie Howk 6/15  
 Ronald Reek 6/22  
 Carol Lanigan 6/23

## Thought for June

Good friends are the rare jewels in life. Difficult to find and impossible to replace

## Boats Lost in June



USS O – 9 (SS 70) lost June 20, 1941 with a loss of (33 men) when it floundered off the Isle of Shoals 15 miles from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



USS S - 27 (SS 132) Lost June 19, 1942 the crew were all rescued when it grounded off Armchitka Island.



USS R -12 (SS 89) Lost June 12, 1943 with the loss of (42 men 3 men on the boat and 18 on liberty survived) off Key West, Florida to unknown causes.



USS Runner (SS 275) lost between June 26, and July 4, 1943 with the loss of all hands (78 men) by possible Japanese mine between Midway and Japan



USS Herring (SS 233) Lost June 1, 1944 with the loss of all hands (83 men) by a Japanese shore battery and surface craft off Matsuwa Island, Kuriles



USS Golet (SS 361) lost June 14, 1944 with a loss of all hands (82 men) during a Japanese surface attack off Honshu, Japan.



USS Bonefish (SS 223) lost June 18, 1945 with the loss of all hands (85 men) when it was sunk in Toyama Wan in the Sea of Japan

## USSVI News

### NEWS-01: 2018 USSVI REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Submitted by: Ray Wewers on 5/16/2018

This is the revised Constitution and by-laws to be voted on in the 2018 USSVI National. They are now posted on the National Website ([ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org)) and then go to "Documents" followed by "organization". Please review prior to voting after August 1, 2018 when the voting period opens.

### NEWS-01: Revised Constitution and Bylaws clarification. Submitted by:

William C. Andrea on 5/18/2018

Please Read - Explanation for Combining of Constitution & Bylaw Documents. The Constitution or the Bylaws, or both, are the documents that contain the basic rules and guidelines relating to an organization, as opposed to the parliamentary procedure that it follows. It is now the recommended

practice by most government and taxing authorities that these documents be combined into a single instrument. Our Constitution and Bylaws Committee in cooperation with the Board of Directors have spent the last two years diligently working on this combining process. It was authored under the guide lines of:

- Robert's Rules of Order, RONR (11th ed.) p 14 ll.6-9
- The State of Connecticut
- The IRS

The intentions were to merge the documents to:

- eliminate redundancy
- wordiness that exist in the two current documents
- antiquated language and gender specific wording such as was found in the Auxiliary Article
- incorporate all previous amendments and revisions
- do so without changing the intent of the Articles. In maintaining the original intent of both documents, we eliminated the need to highlight wording changes. Shipmates, this combination has resulted in a simplified, smoother, and easier to understand document that we can use to govern USSVI.

We are asking for your approval.

### NEWS-01: USS SCORPION (SSN 589)

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 5/22/2018

On this date in 1968 the USS Scorpion was lost with all hands. We mourn the passing of the 99 lost that day. The 50th anniversary Memorial Service will be held in Norfolk, VA this Saturday, May the 26th.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

## Base News

I received this email and picture from the branch manager of the Chowchilla Branch of the Madera County Library. I gave her the easels that the base had bought. When we lost our storage site I did not want to throw them away so I gave them to the Chowchilla library. The three easels held the winners of the art contest.

Mr. Van Vranken: We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the easels that were donated to the Chowchilla Library. We used them this past week for an art reception for an art contest that we conducted last month.

They worked perfectly! Thank you for thinking of the Chowchilla Library. We value your contributions greatly.

Amanda Judd Branch Manager



## “When you Under stand”

Provided by Bob MacPherson,  
September 30, 2014

**When** the hatch closes over your head, the OOD says last man down and the COW says green board, you understand the meaning of adventure.

**When...** the only thing between you and millions of gallons of seawater is a steel hull and some closed valves, you understand the meaning of courage.

**When** sonar calls out to the conn “high speed screws in the water” in hostile waters, you understand the meaning of fear.

**When** the messenger passes out the only family grams the satellite could catch and yours isn’t one, you learn the meaning of loneliness.

**When** hissing water in the overhead turns from a slight annoyance to a terrifying rushing cascade bouncing off the hull and equipment, you understand the meaning of survival.

**When** you hear the quick sound that a curtain makes on your rack that indicates your watch is about to begin, you understand the meaning of irritation.

**When** you see a brother stand at attention while the Captain pins on the fish he worked so hard to earn, you understand the meaning of pride.

When you retire and they pipe you over the side for the very last time, you learn the meaning of great sadness.

**When** your eyes grow dim and your strength ebbs with age, you understand the meaning of envy every time you see a submarine getting underway.

**When** a shipmate from a time so long ago passes on, and people say so many things they wish they had said before they departed, you understand regret.

## The Lighter Side

Police Stop at 2 AM Ron Chestna, 89 years of age, was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night. Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has

on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late." The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" Ron replied, "That would be my wife.

A couple both in their nineties are having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure.' 'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks. 'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks. Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. 'Where's my toast?'

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself." The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always

drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking. It hasn't affected my brothers though."

Russ and Sam, two friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems. One day Russ didn't show up. Sam didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something. But after Russ hadn't shown up for a week or so, Sam really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Sam didn't know where Russ lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him. A month had passed, and Sam figured he had seen the last of Russ, but one day, Sam approached the park and lo and behold! There sat Russ! Sam was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Russ, what in the world happened to you?' Russ replied, 'I have been in jail. 'Jail!' cried Sam. What in the world for?' 'Well,' Russ said, 'you know Brandi, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?' 'Yeah,' said Sam, 'I remember her. What about her?' 'Well, the little gold-digging witch figured I was rich and she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pleaded 'guilty'. 'The judge gave me 30 days for perjury.'