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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

The Wahoo Base is having two functions in the month of December. Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on the 16th of December at the Downtown Club and our monthly meeting on the 21st of December at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. We have lost our free storage for the boat float and we need to work out the details of what to do with everything in the storage including the boat float. I will write down direction to get to both events later in the 7MC. The Wahoo Base will pay for the lunches of WWII sailors and their partner and for widows of Wahoo Base shipmates. We have received from our District Commander Pete Juhos a signed copy of our amended base by-laws. We had 10 people in the Fresno Veterans Day Parade. Glen Hunt being the driver and a Bob Silva Ford full sized pickup with front and back seats and chairs in the

back of the pickup.. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Day Family get together and I hope that your Christmas and New Year's holidays are full of good cheer.
Jim Van Vranken Base Commander

Shipmates dues are due December 31 for the base and for National. Base dues are \$15.00 National is \$25.00

December Meeting

The December meeting will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District on Thursday December 21st 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.

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Down town Club located at 2120 Kern Ave. The time will be at 11:30 am with lunch at 12:00 pm. The day and date are the 16th of December which is the 3rd Saturday of December

December Anniversaries

Bud & Fran Atkins	12/30
Tom & Shirley Young	12/31

December Birthdays

Aaron Phair	12/5
David Colwell	12/10
Robert Howk	12/14
Bill Pratt	12/19

November Minutes

Meeting was held on November 16, 2017 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District in Clovis, CA. Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Base Commander Jim VanVranken. Glen Hunt gave the invocation. The Pledge of allegiance led by Del Bowlby. Tolling the boats conducted by Jim VanVranken. Minutes from the last meeting were read. Treasurer's report was read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim VanVranken – reported Robert Howk has contacted the Down Town Club for the Christmas party. The cost will be \$28.00 per person. Del Bowlby made a motion to have the party at the Down Town Club. The motion was seconded by Glen Hunt. The motion passed.

Glen Hunt – The next Caps 4 Kids visit is scheduled for December 4. Glen will check with the hospital staff to see if we can take a group picture in front hospitalnof the base members attending. Glen also reported he believes that the base will receive a donation to the program. This was followed by a discussion of what the base can do as way of thanking the Madera Methodist Women for their donation

NEW BUSINESS

Jim VanVranken – We are losing our free storage facility as of January 1, 2018. We need to have a working party to clean out the storage facility. The date and time for the working party will be decided at the next meeting

Good of the Order

Jim VanVranken - Reviewed the base commander's qualification card. He encouraged the next base commander and anyone else who aspires to the base commander position to complete the qualification card and become familiar with the base commander's manual.

Next meeting will be on December 21st at 7:00pm at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District, Room 2.

Glenn Boothe won the 50/50 and gave it back to the Base

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted, Glenn Boothe
Secretary/Treasurer

November Sailing list

Glen Hunt, Art Brice, Glenn Bothe, Del & Annette Bowlby & Jim Van Vranken

Boats lost in December



USS F-1 Carp (SS 20) Lost December 17, 1917 Lost (19 men 3 were rescued by another submarine) when it sank after a collision with USS F-3 (SS 22) off San Clemente Island, California



USS S-4 (SS 109) Lost December 17, 1927 Lost (40 men) when it was sunk after being rammed by USCGC Paulding off Provincetown, Massachusetts.



USS Sealion (SS 195) Lost December 10, 1941 with a loss of (4 men 1 man died as a POW) by aerial bombs during a Japanese air attack at the Cavite Navy Yard Republic of the Philippines.



USS Capelin (SS 288) Lost December 2, 1943 with a loss of all hands (76 men) by an unconfirmed Japanese surface attack in the Celebes Sea.

Thoughts for the Month December

Meaning of Life in 13 Words:
Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the heck happened

USSVI News

Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz NC

Tonight our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Argentina and the families of the missing Submarine and it's 44 crew members. Submarine missing: the Navy confirms that the contact was lost 2 days ago, but still

does not speak of emergency. According to the force, there was "a communication failure". A large operation seeks to locate the "ARA San Juan", which carried out surveillance exercises in the exclusive economic zone around Puerto Madryn. There are 44 crew members, according to the official part of the Navy. Among them, the first submariner of the country.

Submitted by T. Michael Burcumshaw:

Please get a chest X-ray from your doctor and ask for the CD of the X-ray. Ask them to check to see if you have Pleural Plaques in your lungs. If you do, there is a high probability that you have Asbestosis. Pleural Plaques and Asbestosis are recognized and compensated by the VA. Additionally, you may qualify for civil compensation and Shipmate T Michael Bircumshaw will be glad to direct you in obtaining both VA money and the civil money available. He has both diseases and knows something about the issue. Neither of these ailments can be treated, so you may as well get the money. Additionally, you may get an indicator on whether or not you have Mesothelioma. That will eventually require a biopsy and is worth the big bucks, and if you have it, you are probably a short timer.

Cal Vet News

More than 64,000 Veterans Apply for Veteran Designation on California Driver Licenses

In the two years since Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed legislation

authorizing a VETERAN designation on California driver licenses and identification cards, more than 64,000 veterans have visited their County Veterans Service Office to apply and the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued more than 55,000. In the process, veterans learned about their eligibility for other benefits, and 28% applied for additional benefits. Thus far, an additional \$17 million has been awarded retroactively and \$31 million will be received by veterans statewide annually. "There are 1.7 million veterans in California. Our hope is that each one of them has ready access to all of the benefits they have earned through their service to this country," said CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani. "Getting them into a County Veteran Service Office is the first step to ensuring they do." A veteran designation on a driver license or ID card recognizes military service and makes it easier for veterans who don't have a retired ID or a VA ID to access privileges and benefits without having to carry their military record with them. As an added bonus, a veteran designation means a business can easily confirm veteran status when offering discounts on holidays such as Veterans Day. Veterans are required to pay a one-time \$5 designation The CalVet and the California DMV wants to remind veterans that they must first obtain a Veteran Status Verification Form from a CVSO, BEFORE visiting a DMV field office to apply for the designation.

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On the Lighter Side

What is Celibacy?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances. While attending a Marriage Weekend, Frank and his wife Ann listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that

are important to each other."

He then addressed the men. "Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?" Frank leaned over, touched Ann's arm gently, and whispered, "Gold Medal-All-Purpose, Isn't it?" And thus began Frank's life of celibacy.

Sensitive Stuff

Three rednecks were working up on a cell phone tower: Cooter, Ronnie and Donnie. As they start their descent, Cooter slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly. As the ambulance takes the body away, Ronnie says, 'Well, shucks, someone should go and tell his wife. Donnie says, 'OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it.' Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of Budweiser. Ronnie says, 'Where did you get that beer, Donnie?' 'Cooter's wife gave it to me,' Ronnie replies.

'That's unbelievable, you told the lady her husband was dead and she gave you beer?' 'Well, not exactly', Donnie says. 'When she answered the door, I said to her, "you must be Cooter's widow." She said, 'You must be mistaken. I'm not a widow. Then I said, 'I'll bet you a case of Budweiser you are.' Rednecks are good at sensitive stuff.

Understanding Engineers

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?" The graduate with an engineering degree asks, "How does it work?" The graduate with an accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?" The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

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