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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”.

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Editors Comments

Well it has been almost a year since the last 7MC was sent out but I hope to continue for the next few months. I was thinking about changing the format to a one column page but in order to get this out by the 1st of April I will have to stick with the old 2 column style that I have always used. I wanted to let you know that the 7MC won a third runner up for small bases in the newsletter awards from the USSVI last year. I hope you enjoy the 7MC again. If you have comments please send them to me via my cell phone (707) 696-2578, snail mail at 1520 Cypress Lane Chowchilla, CA 93610 or by email olfatman@sbcglobal.net .

Jim Van Vranken

April Meeting

The April meeting of the Wahoo Base will be held at the Clovis memorial Veterans District 808 4th Street Clovis, CA at 7:00 pm usually in room # 2

April Birthdays

Betty Holden	4/18
Helen liles	4/22
Katherine Owens	4/22
Tom Adams	4/23

April Anniversaries

Del & Annette Bowlby 4/2

March Meeting Minutes

If I get the March minutes before I send out the 7 MC I will post them.

The below minutes are from the February meeting and they were adjusted and edited for publishing purposes. Therefore they are not the official minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of the Wahoo Base Meeting held Thursday 21 February 2019 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building. Meeting was called to Order at 1915 by Base Commander Del Bowlby.

Officers present included Commander Del Bowlby, Chaplain Donald Johnson & Art Brice Vice Commander.

Members present included Glenn Boothe, Al Gedrimas, and Jim Van Vranken.

Donald Johnson gave the opening prayer.

Del led the pledge of allegiance.

Art and Jim Trolled the Boats for February.

Self-introductions were held.

The Minutes of the January meeting were not available to be read. The Office of Secretary Treasurer is vacant.

Treasurer's Report was given by Del.

Del also reported that the 2018 Year-End Financial Report has been filed with USSVI

Old Business

Veterans Submarine Memorial project was dropped because the hospital liaison was transferred.

Revised By-Laws – no progress.

Clovis Memorial Veterans district display – Looking at several

possibilities, including a bench, or a Lost Boats-type Memorial. Any large bench or display may require a maintenance fund or agreement. A motion was made to allocate \$2500 budget for the memorial so Art can get price estimates. The motion was approved.

New Business

Del appointed Donald Johnson to fill the unexpired term of the Secretary-Treasurer. Donald accepted and was installed as Secretary-Treasurer. Holland Club – we have two inductees this year, Tom Barrans and Bob Franque. Del will induct Bob Franque and Jim Van Vranken will induct Tom Barrans.

A motion was made and approved to donate \$50 to the national Holland Club.

Good of the Order:

A wide-ranging discussion of the issues of membership and the survival of Wahoo Base was held. No one doubts that if we don't get more members active in the Base, we will have to close. Al offered to develop a plan to attract new members, and present it at the March meeting.

The 50/50 Drawing: was won by Del, He donated his half back to the Base. Total proceeds were \$25. \$6 was found in the can, in addition to the \$20 change fund. Total \$31. Next meeting: Thursday 21 March 2019, 1900, at CVMB. Meeting adjourned at 2010.

Donald Johnson Secretary-Treasurer

Thought for April

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

Boats Lost in April



USS Grunion (SS 216) lost July 30, 1942 with the loss of all hands (70 men) off Kiska Island Aleutians (Alaska) to unknown causes.



USS S – 28 (SS 133) Lost July 4, 1944 with all hands (49 men) when she foundered off the Hawaiian Islands



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USS Robalo (SS 273) Lost July 26.1944 with the loss of (77 men 4 men were taken as POW's but were never recovered) by a possible Japanese mine off Palawan.

USSVI News

1st edition American Submariner Magazine
Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, NC on
3/2/2019

Shipmates, The 2019 1st Edition American Submariner Magazine is now posted on our National Web site. Open the USSVI website <https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp> Log On with your Login Name and Password. Click on the blue "USSVI Magazine" button about half-way down the left-side. menu This opens a page that will give you access to the "current edition".

Wayne Standerfer, National Commander

USSVI AWARD NOMINATIONS

Submitted by: Wayne Standerfer, National Commander on 3/19/2019

Shipmates, We are now half-way through our 2019 awards nomination period and to date we have only received a total of 18 nominations. Please read the individual award requirements and submission procedures described in the 2019 USSVI Awards Manual and take the steps to recognize the accomplishments of your Shipmates, Bases and Newsletters. The Manual can be found by following this link. https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards_Manuals_2019_USSVI_Awards_Manual.pdf

2019 Awards Submission Timeline

FEBRUARY 1, 2019: All USSVI Members in good standing submit their Award nominations to the National Awards Committee Chairman John Stanford.

APRIL 30, 2019: All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award) must be received by the National Awards Committee Chairman.

MAY 15, 2019: Deadline for submission of Newsletters for Newsletter of the Year Award. We have many individual Members and Bases that contribute untold hours working to help their shipmates, advance our organization and follow the directives of our Purpose/Creed.

Unfortunately, too many of these efforts and accomplishments go unnoticed because they take place at the local level and remain under Nationals Radar. All Award Nominations go to Awards Chairman John Stanford at: John G. Stanford
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Please direct any questions to John at: JStan131@Comcast.net or Cell (904) 502-8586

Wayne Standerfer National Commander

Base News

The Wahoo Base is now meeting at the Clovis Memorial Veterans District. It is a very beautiful place to just go visit.

Outside is a group of statues that represent veterans from different wars.

Inside is a quiet room with many local veteran names. It also has a few

individual displays of different veterans. The reason I am bringing this up is that The Wahoo Base is in the process of installing a submarine memorial. We have not finished with our plans and the selection of the memorial is still up in the air. If you are interested please come to a meeting and join in the discussion.

Holland Club Presentations



Bob Franque & Del Bowlby



Jim Van Vranken & Tom Barrans

Origin of April Fool's Day

Roots of April Fool's day are not known to this day, though there are some variations from where it stems. For example, it might be the April 1st on 1698 when many Londoners were tricked into coming to see "the Lions washed." It also might be as early 1381, when Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* were published, in which a depiction of Chauntecleer tricked by a fox took place on April the 1st. It doesn't really matter where this tradition comes from since it has gained worldwide popularity and gave us a chance to laugh with April fools pranks. Notable April fools ideas probably come from newscasters and newspapers. BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) once tricked the whole nation into believing, that spaghetti grows on trees in Switzerland. Or the trick that Taco Bell played, assuring that they have bought the Liberty Bell, now to be known as Taco Liberty Bell. The best April fools pranks come in good spirits while causing no harm for the receiver (except being shamefully tricked, that is).

The Lighter Side

George Phillips, an elderly man from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed

and stealing from me. Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy, you should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available" George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both; the dogs are eating them right now and he hung up. Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!" **(True Story)**

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. This is so true. I love to hear them say "you don't look that old."

Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going." The young guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too... I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate." The old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her...what does she look like?" The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs. old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom...wearing no bra, long legs, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?" To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter, --- let's look for yours."

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for. (Mostly because we forgot why we were waiting in line in the first place!!)

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

First you forget names, and then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper it's worse when you forget to pull it down.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.