





OUR CREED

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9th Edition April 10, 2013

E-Board Members

Base Commander – Frank Campbell Senior Vice Commander – John Anderson Junior Vice Commander – Don Noves

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COB - Bob Schive

Chaplin – Don Noyes

POC – Mike Williamson

Storekeeper – Marty Bruce

Kaps 4 Kids Chairperson – Shirley Williamson

Webmaster – Marty Bruce

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

I'm reminded that before Whitey Mack and SSN-661 there was an earlier USS Lapon SS-260. She's this month's Poster Girl.

In July of 1943 Lapon, along with USS Permit and USS Plunger, was part of the first Boats to enter the Sea of Japan after penetrating Japanese minefields. In addition to sinking 11 ships, Lapon finished the war with four battle stars and a Navy Unit Commendation.

For current business, I anticipate that, after taking into account any member feedback, the EBoard will approve proceeding with our Brass Plaque memorial to be placed at Riverside National Cemetery. This is a tremendous beginning toward our goal of a substantial Submarine Memorial there. We'll have an update for you at the next meeting on April 27th.

At last month's meeting, Bonefish Base Plank Owner George Kinnison shared his story with us. From growing up in the Dust Bowl to President Eisenhower's statement that the Space Program would be, "flown by test pilots, not monkeys..." to the two Danish women that wanted to buy him a drink to Senator John Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe... it was a delightful presentation. We ran out of time, actually, but George agreed to again regale us in the future. I do take note that George didn't elaborate much on Ike's combining test pilots and monkeys in the same sentence. Maybe next time...

It was an unexpected pleasure to have shipmate Mike Williamson joining us at that meeting. Fresh from his knee replacement, Willie was ambulating quite well with only a cane and a smile. It's great to see him recovering so well! Shirley did say, however, that she wasn't taking him dancing that night.

Johnny also reaffirmed John Raplee's progress in rehab, and his determination to join us again at a base meeting later this year. Congratulations on the pace of your recovery, John-we look forward to seeing you back with us soon.

We had our third year of participation at King Remembers. I realized that each time hasn't been the same. With each new trio of students there's a different dynamic that keeps the experience fresh. Each group elicits a different experience based on their uniqueness. To my surprise, the stories haven't been exactly the same each year. The interaction with these fine young people and great mix of all the various participants makes it a really gratifying time together. And the lunch together over at Applebees was a fine finish to a great morning.

You've all seen Bob Schive's notice of a similar program coming up May 1st at Rancho Cucamonga High School. Several of us have decided to attend. In hopes that you'll join us I've included the two attachments Bob disseminated to make it easy for you. If you go we can guarantee you'll come away feeling it was more than worth the effort..

We also hope to see you at our next meeting-Spaghetti Factory in Redlands, 27 April. The klaxon sounds at

1200. We haven't yet confirmed the program-George Kinnison is a tough act to follow-but we're working on a couple of speakers that will add to the value of our time together.

Finally, this month's Nostalgia Note:

"Make all of your family members qualify to operate each appliance in your house - dishwasher operator, blender technician, etc. Re-qualify every 6 months." (Except the remote, of course...)

Mind your bubble. I look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

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Frank Campbell

Base Commander
USS Bonefish Base USSVI





USS Pickerel (SS-177)

Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.



USS Snook (SS-279)

Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10^{th} in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9^{th} in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.



USS Thresher (SSN-593)

Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with the USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" then silence. Rescue Ship Recovery (ASR-43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation.

Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine broke up, taking all hands on board to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.



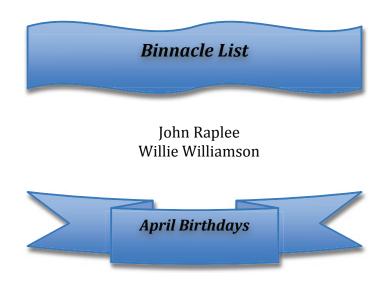
USS Gudgeon (SS-211)

Lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 79 men off of Saipan. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack.



USS Grenadier (SS-210)

Lost on April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, the plane dropped a bomb causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom at 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. While she shot down the plane, enemy ships arrived. The CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 61 crew members taken prisoner, 57 survived the war.



Bruce Williams - April 25



See the Meeting Minutes



USSVI BONEFISH BASE (SS-223) & (SS-582) Redlands, California

March 23, 2013

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1202 Hours:

Commander Frank Campbell convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. John Anderson, Jerry Cornelison, and Mike Williamson read Our Creed. Marty Bruce was asked to lead the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Noyes gave the opening prayer. Don Noyes and Johnny Meyer then reported the boats lost in the month of January.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of March:

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3,1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth charging in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 55 survived the war and six died as POWs.

USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5,1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.

USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4), pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.

USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15,1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.

USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20,1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.

USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the lost of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.

USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26,1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 26,1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a

combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.

Tolling of the Boats was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Sailing List:

Members		
George Kinnison	John Anderson	Jerry Cornelison
Frank Campbell	Mike Williamson	George O'Zanich
Don Noyes	Frank McCoy	Johnny Meyer
Daryl Brock	Brick Noyes	Marty Bruce
Associate Members Alyce Abels	Marti Noyes	Jan Noyes
Shirley Williamson	Pat McCoy	Jan Noyes
Honored Guests		
Gary Kinnison		

Minutes:

February 23, 2013 minutes are posted on the website with copies available for review at the meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as written and available.

Treasurer's Report:

Base Treasurer Brick Noyes presented the Treasurers Report for the month of February 2013 as follows:

Starting Balance		\$3,777.15
Expenses		
Ck#1094	Pd for Boat Sponsorship Topeka & San Francisco	\$60.00
	Raffle won by Karl Waterman	\$25.00
Total Expenses		\$85.00

Income		
	Raffle	\$75.00
	Johnny Meyer Donation Sub Memorial RNC	\$5.00
Total Income		\$80.00
Ending Balance		\$3,772.15

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the treasurers report.

Binnacle List:

John Raplee,

Old Business:

No old business was presented.

New Business:

It was moved, seconded and passed to pass the hat for a collection for the 50^{th} anniversary of the loss of the Thresher.

George Kinnison shared his story as our program for the meeting. It was most enlightening to hear of his experiences, and to see the impact one person can have on our history.

Adjournment:

The Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 1:05 for lunch and raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl E. Brock Secretary

Meeting Dates:

The Bonefish Base (SS-223)/(SS-582) meets at 1200 hours on the fourth Saturday of the month. Currently meetings are being held at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1635 Industrial Park Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374



If you want to send me an article or an item of interest that would be good to pass along to our members, and would like it published in our newsletter please feel free to do so, but do it before the 10th of the month, as that's when I start putting the newsletter together. Please no politics.

A question had come up as to when the term bubble head started being related to a submarine sailor. Here is the dictionary definition I found online.

bub·ble·head [**buhb**-uhl-hed] Show IPA

noun Slang.

a stupid or foolish person; dolt. (They certainly cannot be referring to us)

Origin:

1950-55; <u>bubble</u> + <u>head</u>

Since I didn't feel this to be accurate I goggled it and found this definition on a site where someone had asked the question where did bubblehead come from. Thought I'd pass the definition that was posted.

As a task for my Chief's Initiation in '92, I was tasked to find the meaning of Bubblehead in my charge book. This was pre-internet so I relied on the wealth of the knowledge to be found in the Chief's community in Ballston Spa. My favorite was from a skimmer Master Chief... "Because a bubble of air is what can be found in the heads of those that volunteer to go on submarines."

Wikiledia defines it as:

- USA slang for submariner
- Slang for "overly/friendly person
- USA slang for a naval salvage diver based on the spun copper diving helmets they use to wear.



Marty Bruce, Base Storekeeper

46 - Bonefish Patches

- 5 Large Submarine Veteran Shirts
- 21 Extra Large Bonefish Base Shirts
 - 3 2XX Bonefish Base Shirts
 - 4 3XXX Bonefish Base Shirts



Karl Waterman, Librarian

Want to check out a book or DVD, just contact Karl at karlwaterman@verizon.net. You can view what is in the library on our website.

Interesting Websites
/ Items

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2203110/Deadly-Hunter-Killer-submarine-capable-hearing-ship-leaving-port-New-York--sat-underwater-English-channel.html
Interesting article about the new British Attack Submarine the "HMS Ambush"

http://www.parche.org/683.htm

History of the USS Parche (SSN 683). What can I say of the 3 boats I served on this was my favorite!

Book Review

Book Read – "Japanese Destroyer Captain" – This book was written by Captain Tameichi Hara of the Japanese Imperial Navy.

The author, commanded a destroyer earlier in the war, and then moved up to Destroyer Squadron Commander, and achieved the rank of Captain. He describes the battles of Pearl Harbor, explaining how many Japanese felt going to war with America was the wrong thing to do. He also describes the battle for Guadalcanal, Midway, and other battles. The author attempts to explain the Japanese mentality as they sacrificed men and ships throughout the war. He was critical of both American and Japanese strategies of several battles fought during the war.

I thought the book to be interesting, but when I came to where he described sinking a couple of our Subs, I found it difficult.

Bob



Next E-Board meeting April 13th at Mimi's on Hospitality Way in San Bernardino at 8a.

April's monthly meeting to be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Redlands on the 27th at 12 noon. Try to arrive early to order your lunch.

Veteran's Parade in Riverside, on April 20th. Need to assemble by 8:30am. Parade starts at 10am.

Rancho Remembers to be held on May 1, 2013 at 9am at Rancho Cucamonga High School

Regarding the Riverside Veteran's parade, so far there is only me, myself, and I slated to participate. If I do not hear from anyone else, indicating they will be participating, I will cancel our entry and spend the time with my wife's group.