





OUR CREED

USS Bonefish SS-223

USS Bonefish SS-582

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of our departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force."

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

5th Edition Dec 27, 2012

E-Board Members

Base Commander – Frank Campbell Senior Vice Commander – John Anderson Junior Vice Commander – Don Noyes Treasurer – Brick Noyes Secretary – Daryl Brock COB – Bob Schive Chaplin – Don Noyes

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

Our Holiday meeting was a pleasure on several fronts. First, we had the best turnout in memory. We pretty much filled up the entire meeting room at the Spaghetti Factory. The best part was seeing so many good people all together at once. This included a bunch of folks we haven't seen in awhile, as well as most of the people who have come off our Binnacle List. It was a joyful way to start the Season.

Our entertainment was provided by a quartet representing the Chapel Singers from the University of Redlands. Their final number was "Anchors Aweigh"-not a Christmas standard but who cares? The Base primed the pump with a \$50 donation-then we passed the hat and they ended up with a big boost of support for their trip to Carnegie Hall this coming May.

The Spaghetti Factory was happy to have us back. In fact, they were <u>so</u> happy that we were able to get the guarantees we were looking for if we would come back there again for our regular meetings. We'll review that at the next Board meeting.

I do, however, anticipate that our regular meeting will be back at the Spaghetti Factory in Redlands beginning with the January meeting. We're still very appreciative of how supportive American Legion Post 79 was to our being there this past year. Personally, I'd liked to have stayed there if there'd been any hope of managing better to our needs.

The Board agreed that January is to be our annual Recognition Meeting. With that in mind, part of the agenda will be recognizing our members' milestones-both with USSVI membership and all our Holland Club members for the year. Please mark your calendar for the fourth Saturday-January 26th. We're going to have a good time while honoring many of our shipmates.

For the February meeting we've penciled in a presentation from one of our Charter Members-George Kinnison. George qualified in 1943 aboard the USS Sawfish (SS-276.) How he got from there to the rank of Captain in the USAF is just a prelude to his experience flying Sabre Jets (among others) as a civilian test pilot. You can anticipate another fine meeting at Bonefish...

Johnny Meyer was looking pretty chipper at our meeting, so the only person I'm aware of still on our binnacle list is shipmate John Raplee. Chaplain Don Noyes reminds me the John is at Braswell's skilled nursing facility in Yucaipa. Please note the correct address is 11970 Fourth Street, Yucaipa-not the Second street address I gave out last month. John's phone number is (909) 816-8567. Please consider taking a few minutes to support John and help speed his further recovery.

Finally, as we celebrate with our family and friends in safety this Christmas, remember there's a bunch of folks out there on duty the way we used to be. Let's all take a moment to honor them and what they do for us.

Have a great Christmas Season everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing as much of you as possible in the coming year.

Frank

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Frank Campbell

Base Commander
USS Bonefish Base USSVI



USS Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on December 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1^{st} war patrol, but her exact location and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on December 10, 1941 with the loss of 5 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.



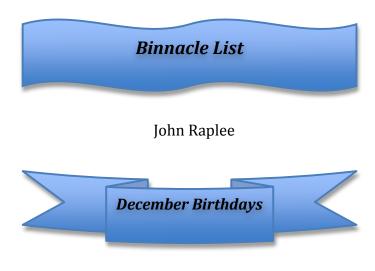
<u>USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)</u>

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after a collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, Ca.



USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by the USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.



Frank McCoy - December 17

Hard to believe we have just one December birthday.



See the Meeting Minutes

National and Base dues for 2013 are coming due in December. They are due on December 31. Those not paid after January 1 are considered in arrears. After January 31, those members not paid, are dropped of the rolls of the Organization, both USSVI and Bonefish, so let's make sure all dues are paid to Brick Noyes before this happens.



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

December 8, 2012

<u>Our December meeting was an abbreviated business meeting, so minutes and Treasure's report are not available. Please view them on the Bonefish Website.</u>

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 in Redlands.



The year 2012 certainly has had it's ups and downs, more than any other years that I can remember. A number of our members, or members of their family became seriously ill, but as the year started to come to a close most of those have been making excellent recoveries.

Our membership continues to grow, and the camaraderie has been excellent. Our meetings have had more members attending. The hospitality of Dean and Sally was superb having our September meeting at their home. The visit to the Doug Smay Base in October combined with the tour of the USS Hampton, and lunch at the South Bay Yacht Club as also a highlight of the year.

As we move into the New Year, I want to wish EVERYONE good health, and hopefully a year with more ups than downs.



Marty Bruce, Base Storekeeper

46 - Bonefish Patches

- 4 USSVI Member (Year) Patches
 - 4 5 year USSVI Pins
- 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

Interesting Websites
/ Items

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNQZpuCx36Q Interesting article about the Israeli Submarine Force

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7LoXJ5Bxto&feature=related Interesting video on Mare Island during the cold war and the spook boats

Book Review

Book Read - The Bravest Man - written by William Touhy

This book is about Richard O'Kane. It indicates it's about the him and the amazing adventures of the USS Tang. I enjoyed reading the book as, while it did go into some of the Tang's fantastic accomplishments during the war, it also went into the life of Captain O'Kane. It gave you more of an insight of the type of person he was, and how he came to be one of the greatest sub skippers of the war. It goes into his childhood through his service career and his abuse while a prisoner of war, and how close he was to dying before he was liberated at the end of the war.

Excellent reading.....

Bob

Calendar of Events

Next E-Board meeting January 12th at Mimi's on Hospitality Way in San Bernardino at 8a,

January's monthly meeting to be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Redlands on the 26th at 12 noon. Try to arrive early to order your lunch. Veteran's Parade in Riverside, on April 20th. We hope to have our float by this date.

King Remembers to be held on March 15, 2013 at 9am at Martin Luther King High School Riverside