



# BONEFISH Chronicle



USS Bonefish SS-223



USS Bonefish SS-582

## OUR CREED

"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.

8th Edition  
March 10, 2013

## 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  
POC – Mike Williamson  
Storekeeper – Marty Bruce  
Kaps 4 Kids Chairperson – Shirley Williamson  
Webmaster – Marty Bruce

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page 1 – Creed  
Page 2 – Base Commander's Corner  
Page 3 – Lost Boats in March  
Page 4 - Binnacle List & March Birthdays  
Page 5-8 – Meeting Minutes  
Page 8 – Holland Club Members  
Page 9 – Ships Store and Base Library  
Page 10 – Websites / Book Review  
Page 10 – Calendar of Events

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

The picture on my wall calendar for March has changed to the USS Sea Lion II. She was the only WWII Boat to sink a Japanese battleship-the Kong. One of the torpedoes from that six shot spread also sunk the destroyer Urakaze. Sea Lion II ended the war with a total of 11 sinkings to her credit.

The most urgent thing to remind you is that this coming Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, is the day for King Remembers. I'm hoping to get as many of you as possible to join up for lunch afterward over at Applebee's in downtown Riverside. They are Veteran Friendly and if we all wear our vests we might get a free meal in addition to extending our time together.

Two more activities coming up quickly in San Diego: first, the annual Old Timer's Luncheon on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed the next day by the Submarine Birthday Ball at the Hilton Bay Front. Let me know if you need more contact information for those events.

Another upcoming Subvets activity is the Regional WWII Subvets/USSVI meeting in Laughlin April 7-12. If you're interested and available let me know and I'll make sure you get the details you need to sign up.

For our March meeting we're looking forward to the rescheduled presentation of Base member George Kinnison. George qualified in 1943 aboard the USS Sawfish (SS-276.) After a tour in the Air Force as a fighter pilot George parlayed all that experience into a career as a civilian test pilot. We'll also get an answer to my question: Does a Colonel in the Air Force equate to a Captain in the Navy? Join us for a fine time Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In addition to shipmate John Raplee (who continues to recover and may be able to join us sometime later this year) our Binnacle List includes Mike Williamson recovering from his knee replacement and Lyn Schive. Lyn's at home-being closely watched over by her doctors and her best friend Bob.

There's an important attachment to this message. At our last meeting Daryl Brock shared his amazing progress with a Submariners' Memorial Plaque for Riverside National Cemetery. The attachment is a template for how that plaque will look. Please review it and share your feedback with the committee members: Daryl, Johnny or Dean.

Finally, this month's Nostalgia Note:

"Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month, read your magazines, and randomly lose every 5th item before delivering the rest."

I look forward to seeing you March 23<sup>rd</sup>-High Noon at the Spaghetti Factory...

Frank

## ***Tolling of the Boats for March***



### **USS Perch (SS-176)**

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth chargings 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 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was lost in the 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 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 loss of 21 men. She floundered 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8<sup>th</sup> in number of ships sunk.

## ***Binnacle List***

John Raplee  
Willie Williamson  
Lyn Schive

## ***March Birthdays***

Don Noyes – March 3  
Joe Canchola – March 3



See the Meeting Minutes



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

**February 23, 2013**

**OUR CREED:**

Our organization's purpose is "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 departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the 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."

**1202 Hours:**

Commander Frank Campbell convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. Daryl Brock, Karl Waterman and Al Kilpatrick 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 January:

### **USS Barbel (SS-316)**

Lost on Feb 4,1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.

### **USS Shark I (SS-174)**

Lost on Feb 11,1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.

### **USS Amberjack (SS-219)**

Lost on Feb 16,1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser.

### **USS Grayback (SS-208)**

Lost on Feb 27,1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.

### **USS Trout (SS-202)**

Lost on Feb 29,1944 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.

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

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

### **Sailing List:**

<b>Members</b>		
Dean Van Leeuwen	John Anderson	George Riolo
Frank Campbell	Joe Canchola	George O'Zanich
Allan Kilpatrick	Jack Baker	Johnny Meyer
Don Noyes	Brick Noyes	Marty Bruce
Karl Waterman	Daryl Brock	

<b>Associate Members</b>		
Alyce Abels	Marti Noyes	Jan Noyes
<b>Honored Guests</b>		
Sally Van Leeuwen	Marcia Campbell	Rita Kilpatrick
Bob Hartnett		

#### **Minutes:**

January 26, 2013 minutes are posted on the website with copies available for review at the meeting. It was moved (Johnny Meyer), seconded (Don Noyes) 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 January 2013 as follows:

Starting Balance		<b>\$3,707.91</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Pd to National for 2013 dues Ck 1090	\$160.00
	Pd to National for 2013 dues Ck 1091	\$60.00
	Pd to National for 2013 dues Ck 1092	\$280.00
	Pd Bob Schive Longevity pins Ck 1091	\$32.76
	Sent National dues for Fred Tredy Ck 304	\$20.00
	Raffle	\$30.00
Total Expenses		<b>\$562.76</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Raffle	\$90.00
	National Dues for O'zanich, Bruce, Douglas, Riolo	\$340.00
	Base Dues 2013 for Riolo, Bruce, Douglas	\$80.00
	Base Dues 2013 for Fred Tredy Ck 303	\$10.00
	Fund Raiser Flag Sponsors Murrieta	\$90.00
	Mugs	\$12.00
	Calendars	\$10.00
Total Income		<b>\$632.00</b>
Ending Balance		<b>\$3,777.15</b>

It was moved (John Anderson), seconded (Al Kilpatrick) and passed to accept the treasurers report.

#### **Binnacle List:**

John Raplee, Michael Williamson

**Old Business:**

Float committee will be meeting.

**New Business:**

George Kinnison will be the speaker for March 2013 meeting.

**Recognition:**

Al Kilpatrick was called forward to receive his pin, patch and certificate for the Holland Club.

Don Noyes was called forward to receive his 60 years patch for the Holland Club.

Daryl Brock reported on an offer to cast a memorial plaque for the Riverside National Cemetery. A memorial committee was formed with volunteers Daryl Brock, Dean Van Leeuwen, Brick Noyes and Johnny Meyer. Johnny made the first donation to the memorial fund.

**Adjournment:**

The Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 12:35 to another room for lunch, our speaker, and raffle.

Lunch was served and then Bob Hartnett made a presentation on the Myths of Social Security, after which the raffle was held.

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 9**



***BONEFISH BASE***  
***Member Items***

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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, as that's when I start putting the newsletter together. Please no politics.





**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](mailto:karlwaterman@verizon.net)



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=vj-150-BTDw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=vj-150-BTDw)

Watch and listen to a broadside from the USS Missouri....

-----

## Book Review

---

Book Read – “The Fatal Dive” – The Book Solving the World War II Mystery involving the USS GRUNION, written by Peter F. Stevens.

This book was written about the USS Grunion and the Captain, Jim Abele, and his families search to find out what happened to her when she disappeared on her 1<sup>st</sup> War Patrol. How the US Navy was unresponsive in helping answer the questions of the families who lost their sons, husbands, or brothers when the Grunion was lost. Not so amazingly, the answers came from Japanese records. The Grunion did make a name for herself in sinking 2 subchasers before being sunk by a circular run of her own torpedo.

Bob

---

## Calendar of Events

Next E-Board meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> at Mimi's on Hospitality Way in San Bernardino at 8a,

Veteran's Parade in Riverside, on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have our float by this date.

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

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

113<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball at the Hilton San Diego Bay Front on Saturday, March 23, 2013, starts at 4pm. Cost \$65 per person.

2013 Old Timers Luncheon at the Naval Base Point Loma. Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Harbor Inn. \$20 per person and starts with Tolling of the Boats at 10:30a