



BONEFISH Chronicle



USS Bonefish SS-223



USS Bonefish SS-582

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4th Edition
Nov 14, 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
POC – Mike Williamson
Storekeeper – Marty Bruce
Kaps 4 Kids Chairperson – Shirley Williamson
Webmaster – Marty Bruce

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

First of all, a reminder: No Meeting **This Saturday**. As usual, our November and December meetings have been combined. Our Holiday meeting is Noon, **Saturday, December 8th**, at the Spaghetti Factory in Redlands. As we did last year, you'll experience Fellowship, Holiday Cheer and some surprise Christmas Season entertainment. We anticipate a fine turnout, including some welcome faces we haven't seen in awhile. Come join the festivities with us.

The October meeting was a Trifecta. First we joined in at the meeting of the Doug Smay Base. There were almost as many Bonefish members as there were Smay members. It was good interaction and Commander Rocky was a gracious host.

Then we were able to tour the USS Hampton (SSN-767). Several people agreed this was the best Boat Tour we've had. They broke us into two groups, and we spent the better part of an hour onboard. The crew was most hospitable; our guides were as patient and open as we could have hoped for, and therefore lots of time for questions and camaraderie. We were joined by Smay shipmate Jack Ferguson and his wife JoAnn who afterwards hosted us to a lovely meal together at the Southwestern Yacht Club. We were also joined by Smay members Rocky Rockers, and George and Gary Kinnison. It was a wonderful conclusion to a fine day.

Not surprisingly, somebody had to contrast our fine meal at the Yacht Club with the Corvette Grille incident the year before. Doesn't the Statute of Limitations apply here somewhere?

That following Wednesday found several of us at Trunk or Treat-the Halloween function at Loma Linda's Ronald McDonald House. Andy's traveling Submarine Billboard (his tricked out Lincoln Stealth mobile) provided an appropriate trunk full of treats. Willie showed up with a mobile klaxon he'd put together inside an old ammo box. We told a couple of the kids that in order to be an honorary submariner they had to sound the diving alarm. The look's on their faces when it went off was priceless. It also saw service in response to a hovering sheriff's helicopter sounding its siren. Everyone there enjoyed the contest, and yes-I do believe the klaxon won out...

Finally on our binnacle list. Shipmate John Raplee is still recovering at Braswell's skilled nursing facility in Yucaipa. The address is **13542 Second Street, Yucaipa**, and his phone number is (909) 816-8567. Chaplain Don Noyes says the latest operation gave him some feeling in his lower half but he's still paralyzed and would welcome hearing from us. Please consider taking a few minutes to support John and help speed his further recovery.

Finally, this month's Nostalgia Note:

"Renovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of the bathtub. Move the shower head to chest level. When you take showers, make sure you turn off the water while you soap down."

Let me wish each of you Fair Winds and a Following Sea.

I hope to see you at our Holiday meeting.
Frank

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Frank Campbell
Base Commander
USS Bonefish Base USSVI

***Tolling of the Boats for
November***



USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on November 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on November 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



USS Scamp (SS-277)

Lost on November 9, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate her and destroy her with depth charges.



USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on November 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on November 19, 1943 with the loss of 63 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was Captain Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, Capt Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Binnacle List

John Raplee
Johnny Meyer
Pat McCoy

November Birthdays

Daryl Brock – November 11
George Sisson – November 16

Treasurer's Report

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

September 22, 2012

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1208 Hours:

Commander Frank Campbell convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. Dean Van Leeuwen, Bob Schive and Karl Waterman read Our Creed. Marty Anderson was asked to lead the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Don Noyes gave the opening prayer. Don Noyes conducted the POW / MIA Remembrance Ceremony. He then reported the boats lost in the month of September.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of September:

USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.

USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on Sept 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost.

USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on Sept 25, 1925 with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.

USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on Sept 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Sailing List:

John Anderson	Howard Hoyt	Frank Campbell
Frank McCoy	Donald Noyes	Everett Noyes
Dean Van Leeuwen	Mike Williamson	Marty Bruce
Karl Waterman	Daryl E. Brock	Bob Schive
Bob Schive		

Associate Members:

Alyce Abels	Jan Noyes	Marti Noyes
Shirley Williamson		

Honored Guests:

Sally Van Leeuwen	Marcia Campbell	Anna Hoyt
Lynn Schive	Pat McCoy	

Minutes:

August 25, 2012 minutes are posted on the website with copies available for review at the meeting. It was moved (Marty Bruce), seconded (Frank McCoy) and passed to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Base Treasurer Brick Noyes presented the Treasurers Report for the month of August 2012 as follows:

Starting Balance	\$3,580.91
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Expenses

Paid Steve Palmer ck# 1089 for trailer	-\$600.00
Frank Campbell paid cash for calendars (15)	
\$75.00 outstanding debt \$20.00	
30/30/30 Base Raffle winner Marti Noyes \$17.00	(\$17.00)
Paid Daryl Brock \$156.00 for mugs	-\$156.00
Outstanding Calendars 1 @ \$10.00	

Total Expenses - \$773.00

Income

Base 30/30/30 drawing	\$55.00
Calendars	\$45.00
Sub Mugs	\$260.00
Donation from Marti Noyes	\$17.00

Total Income \$377.00

Ending Balance: (deposit of \$204.00) \$3,184.91

It was moved (Marty Bruce), seconded (Frank McCoy) and passed to accept the treasury report.

Binnacle List:

John Raplee, Lynn Schive, Johnny Meyer, Pat McCoy

Reports:

E-Board Meeting: held on September 8, 2012, with minutes available for review by those interested.

Old Business:

Information was provided and is available from Brick Noyes concerning the Field of Honor in Murrieta, November 4-11, 2012.

The October Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Doug Smay base in San Diego, with a tour for a limited number of people of an available boat in port that afternoon. Please contact Bob Schive if you are interested in the boat tour.

There will be no meeting in November, but a Holiday Meeting will be scheduled for December.

Adjournment:

The Base Commander adjourned the meeting for lunch and activities. Many thank you's to Dean and Sally for a most enjoyable meal and afternoon.

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 American Legion Post 79,
at Fairmont Park, Riverside.**



***Trunk or Treat at Ronald
McDonald's House in Loma Linda***

On October 31st Bonefish base participated in the Trunk or Treat at the Ronald McDonald's House at Loma Linda. Those that were able to participate were Mike Williamson, John Anderson, Brick Noyes, Frank Campbell, and Bob Schive.

I can tell you that each of us thoroughly enjoyed being a participant and look forward to being invited next year. At the beginning I don't think most of the kids and parents knew what to expect from us. It seemed as though they tended to shy away from our little group, especially after we sounded off the klaxon the first time. However, it was not long before the kids, and some parents, wanted to come and give the klaxon a try themselves. We did learn a few things this year and know what to bring for next year. Hope more of you will be able to join us. Here are a few pictures. Please notice Andy's per dolphin on his shoulder. The little red head stole all of our hearts with her forever smile.



Tour Of USS Hampton – Oct 27th

On October 27th the Bonefish Base members started their day attending the meeting of the Doug Smay Base at Point Loma, San Diego. The meeting was held in the Submarine Room, at the Harbor Inn. Word was, there were more members from Bonefish Base than there were from Doug Smay Base. Regardless, it was great to meet with other Brothers of the Phin and swap sea stories. If you haven't been to the Submarine Room, it is a place you should visit some time. There are a number of WW II war patrol banners on exhibit, including the one George Kinnison made when he was just 17 years old.....

From there we were able to tour the USS Hampton. I can say that this was the best tour we have ever attended. Both the Duty Officer and Duty Chief gave the tours, which I have to say were the best

informative tours I've experienced. There was no rush to get through the boat, in fact we wound up having to cut the tour short ourselves as we had reservations at the Southwest Yacht Club at 3pm.

From the USS Hampton we enjoyed lunch at the Yacht Club compliments of Jack Ferguson and his wife, which certainly was a fine ending to a great day.

I've attached a few pictures of our tour below.





Ship's Store Inventory

Marty Bruce, Base Storekeeper

- 29 – 2011 Calendars – I heard we might be giving these away
- 46 – Bonefish Patches
- 8 – 2012 Calendars – The year isn't over yet....you can still track Nov thru Dec
- 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

Base Library

Karl Waterman, Librarian

Want to check out a book or DVD, just contact Karl at karlwaterman@verizon.net

Interesting Websites / Items

http://www.bellona.org/articles/articles_2012/severodvinsk_more_delays#.UJf7GFVYer4

Severodvinsk nuclear sub sets to sea for trials – again - Bellona

<http://puttinguptheflag.com/>

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsub/articles/20120706.aspx>

Navy Rethinks the Silent Service

Book Review

Book Read – Hitler's U-Boat War (The Hunters, 1939-1942)

This book was written by Clay Blair, who also authored Silent Victory (The U.S. Submarine War against Japan). I found reading the book interesting but at times tedious. While it described the successes of various U-Boat's, it also went into the politics that were ongoing that affected the U-Boat campaigns, from the German, British, and American side. I found the political issues more interesting than the descriptions of the U-Boat patrols and successes. One item that stuck in my mind was that the Germans were having the same trouble with their torpedoes as we experienced. They were only able to resolve part of their issues after they captured a British torpedo.

Also points out the mistrust of the British and Americans in that the British never were willing to share their information on the Enigma machine. This became an issue when the Germans went from the 3 rotor disc unit to a 4 disc unit. The British had captured U-110 and an Enigma machine and enjoyed being able to break the German code, but eventually Donitz was able to convince the German High command their code had been broken and changed over.

The book was over 700 pages, took me better than a month to read it. It's not on my list of top ten books to read, but I did enjoy reading not only about the U-Boats, but also about the efforts being employed to battle the U-Boats. To my surprise, there is supposed to be a 2nd volume, which describes the U-Boat war after 1942.

Bob



Calendar of Events

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

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

December 8th is our joint
meeting for November and
December to be held at Old
Spaghetti Factory in
Redlands. 12 noon.

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