



BONEFISH Chronicle



USS Bonefish SS-223



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Nov 14, 2013

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Shipmates,

As I write this, we're all still reeling from the sudden unexpected loss of Johnny Meyer. Johnny was our godfather-the original #1 Bonefish Base Plank Owner. None among us has been more proud of his SS designation, and none among us has been more passionate about the success and the Fellowship we've created here.

Johnny last attended our October meeting at Ronald MacDonald House in Loma Linda. Thin and frail, he was frustrated with hooking up his oxygen tank when he got out of his car. True to form, however, he never complained about his health. Always wanting to engage, always wanting to contribute-he stayed close by our booth, delighted to hand out his autographed picture of his Qual boat to all takers.

I walked back to his car with him as we were leaving. He told me he really enjoyed being there and was looking forward to our December 7th meeting. We talked a bit more and, predictably, the last thing I heard him say was, "Bye for now..."

**Bye for now, Johnny.
And thanks for being our Shipmate...**

Hope to see you all at our Holiday meeting. We'll have holiday entertainment, a Silent Auction and good friends. Starts at 1200, Spaghetti Factory, Dec. 7th.

For this month's Nostalgia Note, go to [utube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and see Bob Schive's excellent video: "Johnny Meyer - Submarine Veteran"

**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
Lyn Schive
George Ozanich
Dean Van Leeuwen
Allan Kilpatrick



November Birthdays

Daryl Brock – November 11
George Sisson – November 16



Treasurer's Report

See the Meeting Minutes

National and Base dues for 2014 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***

October 26, 2013

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1100 - 1300 Hours:

At its September meeting, the base membership voted to attend the Trunk or Treat at the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald house in lie of holding its regularly scheduled meeting. Those attending catered to all who visited our booth, providing candy, dolphins, signed photos of their Qual boats, and copies of the American Submariner. The looks on the children's faces and the smiles on the sailor's faces indicated an excellent time was had by all.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of October:

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on Oct 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.

USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on Oct 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.

USS Wahoo (SS-238)

Lost on Oct 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.

USS Dorado (SS-248)

Lost on Oct 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.

USS Escolar (SS-294)

Lost on Oct 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.

USS Shark II (SS-314)

Lost on Oct 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POW's on board.

USS Darter (SS-227)

Lost on Oct 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.

USS Tang (SS-306)

Lost on Oct 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Ababgarez off the Panama Canal.

Sailing List:

Members		
John Anderson	Mike Williamson	Joe Canchola
Frank McCoy	Don Noyes	Frank Campbell
Everett Noyes	Daryl Brock	Johnny Meyer
Jerry Cornelison	Bob Schive	Izar Martinez
Associate Members		
Shirley Williamson		
Honored Guests		
Marcia Campbell	Julia Brock	

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

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 as our annual holiday celebration.

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

On October 26th Bonefish base participated in the Trunk or Treat at the Ronald McDonald's House at Loma Linda. Our participation was doubled that of our first year. Those that participated are listed in this month's meeting minutes. It was certainly Great to see those that could make it be there.

I can tell you that each of us thoroughly enjoyed being a participant and look forward to being invited next year. As in last year's event I don't think most of the children and parents knew what to expect from us. It seemed as though they tended to shy away from our 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.



Tour of Submarine

Due to Saturday, October 26th, being established as Family Day at Point Loma our scheduled boat tour was postponed to February 2014. I will be passing along details as I am able to get them



Ship's Store Inventory

Marty Bruce, Base Storekeeper

Contact Marty for what is in our existing inventory or if there is anything you'd like to order from the USSVI site. When ordering through our Storekeeper, you would pay the same price as you would if you ordered directly from USSVI, but when the Base does the ordering, it receives a percentage to add to our financials.



Base Library

Karl Waterman, Librarian

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

Interesting Websites / Items

<http://kingsbayperiscope.jacksonville.com/military/periscope/2013-09-11/story/business-submarines>
The Submarine Business

http://armedservices.house.gov/index.cfm/hearings-display?ContentRecord_id=1dd2997a-09c0-4983-92e2-6500a331f002

Undersea Warfare Capabilities and Challenges

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20120706.aspx>
Navy Rethinks the Silent Service

Calendar of Events

December 7th is our joint meeting for November and December to be held at Old Spaghetti Factory in Redlands. 12 noon.

Veteran's Parade in Redlands on November 11th. Lineup starts at 7:30am. All Vehicles and floats need to be checked in by 8:15am.

Riverside Veteran's parade is scheduled for April 19, 2014. Mark your calendars

King Remembers to be held on March 21, 2014 at 9am at Martin Luther King High School Riverside.