

Good morning shipmates,

After being on hiatus in July, our next meeting is rapidly approaching at 11:30 am, August 25, at Zacatecas Café in Riverside. Karl Waterman, our librarian, will be our speaker this month. He is also waiting on a response from Riverside counties rep to join him in a overview of Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). He has been involved in CERT since a group of preparedness friends told him about Los Angeles counties training in early 1990's.

The free CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Our national elections are currently taking place. If you have not voted, I encourage you to do so. Ballots will be available at the meeting if you have not voted yet.

I assume everyone has received Bob Schive's message concerning the STEP program at Bourns. It is October 3-4, from 8AM to 4PM. We really need more than two or three people each day to make it a success. Please sign up at the meeting or call Bob directly.

2018 USSVI National Convention (Cruise), www.ussvicruise.com or call 877-802-6894

The rest of our activities will be on the calendar on our website.

If you have a lead or an idea for a speaker or program, please let me or any eBoard member know so that we can schedule it

Looking forward to our meeting on Saturday, I thank you for your support.

Daryl Brock