

THE HAWAII SUBVET

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives while voluntarily serving in submarine warfare 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. To further promote and keep alive the spirit and unity that existed among submarine crewmen during World War II. To promote sociability, general welfare and good fellowship among our members. To pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its constitution.

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- 1 Mar/1800 – Monthly Meeting at Clean Sweep Bar Lockwood Hall.
- 13 Mar/1130 Tolling of the Boats lost in January at Sharkey Theater.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brian P. Arkle	Kenneth R. Joyner
Ronald R. Cox	Peter L. Masters
Gerald R. Drumm	Crichton C. Roberts
John J. Dugan	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John C. Brandes	Jeffrey M. Snider
ADM James F. Caldwell Jr.	Timothy Sparks
Raymond E. Engle	Richard S. Taltavall
John Geng	Robert W. Wasson
Paul T. Jurcsak	

BINNACLE LIST

Please keep Paul H. Gagnon, Dick Taltavall, Linda Womac and Stumpy Taggart in your good thoughts and prayers for a full and complete recovery.

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**BOWFIN BASE
HONOLULU, HAWAII**



BOWFIN NEWS

1. Join the Pearl Harbor Submarine Spouses Charity Association for their annual gala on Saturday, March 9, 2019. To make your reservation contact Kim Olson Reservations Chairperson at phssca@gmail.com or via phone (562) 274-3354.



2. Welcomed members of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club (Darryl Hartley, Hamilton Fest, Adrian Watkins, Durell Jacobs, Michael Rodriguez, Eric Baker, Juan Gonzalez, and Luke Gossard). All are current submariners and now members. We also welcomed Richard “Ozzie” Osentoski USSVI National Convention Committee Chair, who provided members an update of the next three National Conventions.



3. 2019 Submarine Calendars are available, get your’s today for the low price of \$10. Contact Storekeeper George Bartlett.



4. 2019 marks 100 years of the U.S. Submarine Force at Submarine Base Pearl Harbor, and the 119th anniversary of the U.S. Submarine Force established April 11, 1900 with the purchase of USS Holland (SS-1).



5. The 119th Enlisted Submarine Birthday Ball will be held April 12, 2019 at the Hilton Ball Room. Tickets are \$85. Contact Base Secretary Brett Kulbis if you’re interested in attending.






6. Treasurer Report – Bank balance as of January 30, 2019 is **\$ 2,075.78.**



Bowfin Holland Club Members

Donald Clemons	1943	Howard Smith	1961
Velton Parker	1947	Joseph Winzenried	1961
Robert Wasson	1947	Gerard Blanchette	1962
Wallace Berry	1949	Denison Parker Jr	1962
Richard Cicero	1950	Arthur Allwood	1963
Esteban Padua	1950	Daniel Del Monte Jr	1963
Edwin Erickson	1952	Joe Gomez, Jr.	1963
Kenneth Joyner	1952	Nelson Greer	1963
Douglas Stahl	1952	James Kikis	1963
Raymond Engle	1953	Richard Lychywek	1963
Edwin Mee	1954	Crichton Roberts	1963
Napoleon Bragado	1955	Gary Sutton	1963
Donald Fisher	1955	Bruce Anderson	1964
Harry Jefferson, Jr	1955	Jerome Bacon	1964
Richard Taltavall	1955	Joseph Shook	1964
David Graham	1956	Charles Womac	1964
George Stott, Jr	1956	Christopher Calligan	1965
Richard Riddle	1958	Paul Gagnon	1965
Walter Taggart	1958	Michael Oakland	1965
Stanley Cook	1959	Mike Trotto	1965
Peter Demmer	1959	Steve Good	1966
John Hatch	1959	Bernard Greeson, Ph.D.	1967
Christopher Cunha	1960	Patrick Stevenson	1967
John Peters	1960	Richard Armstrong	1968
Billy Sears	1960	Edward Finan	1968
John Dalrymple	1961	Thomas Foglesong	1968
Karl Dye	1961	Frank Raymond Jr	1968
John Geng	1961	Henry Schwartz	1968
Timothy Seipp	1961	Charles York	1968

Lest we forget those lost in February!

	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. One additional man was killed earlier on the last patrol.
	USS Grayback (SS-208) - Lost on Feb 26, 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.

In Case You Missed It...New Year Message from Our Base Commander



Aloha Shipmates!

As we close out 2018 and welcome in 2019, we can look back at some significant victories during the year.

Our vibrant Aloha Committee continues to wish our local submarines far winds and following seas during the pierside BBQ just before they depart to do the country's bidding. Then about 6 months later we do it all again and welcome the hard charging hero home after their deployment. This is a way to connect with the crews and their families and to do our small part to let them know how much we honor and respect them, and deeply appreciate their service to our nation. This is a memorable event for all those that participate, sailors, families, and SUBVETS alike.

We continue to take part in our annual ceremonies and celebrations. We once again conducted our Submarine Plaque rededication at Punchbowl on 11 April, marking the 118th birthday of the Submarine Force. This year's Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies were marked with the senior leadership of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force. COMSUBPAC Chief of Staff CAPT Tony Carullo was our Keynote speaker on Memorial Day and RADM Daryl Caudle honored us as our keynote speaker for our Veterans Day ceremony. We were very fortunate to get of these leaders as they are soon moving on. RADM Caudle will turn over the reins of COMSUBPAC to RDML Blake Converse on 22 Feb. Soon COS Carullo will turn over his duties to CAPT Rick Seif coming over from Commodore of Submarine Squadron ONE.

This year we added another unique and truly Patriotic event when we turned Black Friday Red, White, and Blue. We supported Preston Sharp in his Veterans Flags and Flowers by honored the graves of over 3000 heroes at Punchbowl while many were shopping for deals on the morning of Black Friday.

Sadly, we also felt some very painful losses in 2018. RADM Lloyd "Joe" Vasey passed away on 7 March, 2018 at the age of 102. His service during and after World War II will be his everlasting legacy. We also bid a final farewell to our dear friend and shipmate EMCM/SS Howard "Wags" Wagner who embarked on his final patrol on 29 April 2018. Wags' legacy lives on through our newly designed Submarine Aloha shirts which continue to be a rage throughout the Submarine community. We wish them eternal peace and will keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

But now we welcome in 2019 and there are some great events on the horizon for the Bowfin Base SUBVETS. In April we'll celebrate the induction of 7 shipmates into the prestigious Holland Club: LCDR John Burnett, MMCS/SS Pete Cueva, IC1/SS Charles Gibbs, VADM Al Konetzni, TMC/SS Stephen Lehto, EN1/SS Bill Steinke, and RMCM/SS Stan Worthley. In addition to Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies we'll once again head to Kailua for the Fourth of July parade which have marched in for the last 4 or 5 years, with COB Johnson following up in his truck and sounding the claxon to the pleasure of all the crowd.

2019 will be a great year for the Bowfin Base SUBVETS so stay tuned for Brett's newsletter announcements!

v/r
Paul Jurcsak
Commander
USSVI Bowfin Base

Leadership & Committees

USSVI National Commander <u>John E. Markiewicz</u>	Bowfin Base Commander <u>Paul T. Jurcsak</u>	USSVI Committee <u>John D. Peters</u>
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Western District 6 Commander <u>Michael Williamson</u>	Bowfin Base Treasurer <u>Carl L. Tatro</u>	Storekeeper <u>George F. Bartlett</u>
	Bowfin Base Chief-of-the-Boat <u>Gary G. Johnson</u>	Boy Scout Troop 97 <u>George F. Bartlett</u>

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Important Links

<u>Bowfin Calendar</u>	<u>Bowfin Binnacle List</u>
<u>Bowfin Official Website</u>	<u>Bowfin Eternal Patrol</u>
<u>Bowfin Officers</u>	<u>Bowfin IMC</u>
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<u>Bowfin Sub Vettes</u>	<u>USSVI Membership Form</u>

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Bowfin Ball Caps
\$20.00 at the meetings
or
request info from:
Base Storekeeper

Note gold or silver dolphins





Bowfin Base Patch
\$10.00 at the meetings
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Submarine Humor



Lord

Bless those who serve beneath the deep.
 Through lonely hours their vigil keep.
 May peace their mission ever be!
 Protect each one, we ask of Thee.
 Bless those at home who wait and pray.
 For their return by night and day.

Lord God, our power evermore,
 Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor,
 Dive with our men beneath the sea;
 Traverse the depths protectively.
 O hear us when we pray, and keep
 Them safe from peril in the deep."

Amen