

CORVINA BASE NEWSLETTER

July 2010

Note from Editor:

I switched to MS word 2007 and the publisher files I have will not convert.

Going to have to rebuild the newsletter and there is not enough time this month.

This is about as simple a newsletter as you can get. Sometimes computers can really get you in the back side.



The Day I Lost Control...

Commanders Log

The base has been busy since my last communication. We have had a float clean-up, a funeral, a parade, and the lunch bunch.

Jim Wright's funeral was well attended and Jim is now on eternal patrol. Fifteen members were present to partake in the very dignified service that Chaplain Paul Allen put together. Jim had no family, so his brothers-in-arms gave him a proper send off.

Six of us got the float spiffed up for the July 4th parade in Fallon. Pete's wife Nancy did the towing and we had a great time. Our float took 1st place in the Military category and it was a large parade for a small town. The weather was great and we were a big hit with the crowd. Nancy also took pictures and at least one of them is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The lunch bunch met at Heidi's on Damonte Ranch Blvd, where the manager, who is the daughter of a departed shipmate Melvin Phillips, made us feel welcome and everyone went away with a full belly. Good chow and a good time. If you have not attended our monthly lunch, give it a try in August.

The annual picnic will be held in lieu of a meeting on August 7th, at Davis Creek Park. Activities will start about 1100, with hot dogs, hamburgers and whatever you would like to bring to share. Also, I would like to ask you bring some sort of a raffle prize. Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the shade of large pine trees, good food, friends and families.

Don Brown

Minutes of Corvina Base meeting held on July 3, 2010 at Sparks Dennys

The meeting was called to order by Commander Brown at 1400 and COB Heaps managed to sound two blasts of the klaxon without any noticeable error. There were 19 members and guests in attendance. Our guests were Mercedes Parsons and

Fred Hamilton's son Bruce. We thank them for attending. The Invocation by Chaplain Allen was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the USSVI Creed, Tolling of The Bell for the month of July and a moment of silence for all of our departed shipmates.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Aunkst reported a total of \$16,749.45 in the base treasury in checking and CDs.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Pete Akerson reported that the only recent mail was a request for funds from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

Storekeeper's Report: Storekeeper Urbani is still on his current tour, and there was no report. Rumor has it that he was headed for Florida when last heard from.

Unfinished Business:

Fourth of July Parade Fallon - Assembly time and location was published in the Newsletter. All hands were urged to wear their "Bottom Gun" hats if they have one.

Jim Wright's Burial Service - Scheduled for 1000 July 6, 2010 at Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Car pool from Sparks Dennys at 0915.

Annual Picnic - The Corvina Base Annual Picnic will be held on August 7, 2010 at Davis Creek Park. Assistance will be appreciated for set-up and clean-up.

The menu will consist of hamburgers and hot-dogs provided by the base and pot-luck dishes of salads and deserts from those attending. We hope to see all of you there with your families!

USSVI National Election - All ballots must be cast on-line or by mail and in the hands of the Election Master by 2400 August 24, 2010. If you have not already done so - **PLEASE VOTE!!** This is your organization, you can show that you care about it's direction and future by casting your ballot!!

Commander brown read a letter from the Cadet Commander of the Damonte Ranch NJROTC Mustang Battalion thanking the base for our participation and support in their activities.

New Business: A location for the September Lunch Bunch meeting will be published as soon as it has been selected.

After a short break, the monthly 50/50 raffle was conducted with the following results:
Car Magnet - Dave Aunkst Flannel Dust Cloth - Dan Moran

Bird Farm DVD - Dave Aunkst Paperweight - Dennis Wiley Deck of Cards - Dick Ekenberg Car Magnet - Don Brown Scissors - Pete Akerson

Wine - Norm Peterson Jane's Submarine Book - Don Brown Bungee Cords - Bill Sweetwood Victory at Sea DVDs - Terry Bolen Car Magnet - Tom Utley

Light - Dennis Wiley The cash prize of \$38.00 was won by Paul Allen who very graciously donated it to the base treasury. Thank you, Paul, for your generosity!!

The July Lunch Bunch gathering will be at 1130 July 16, 2010 at the new Heidi's located in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center on Damonte Ranch Parkway.

After a closing prayer by Chaplain Allen, the meeting closed at 1455. Once again, COB Heaps was successful in his efforts with the klaxon - that's two months in a row, a new personal best! Well done, Bob! Although they have yet to determine an appropriate display or location, the Directors and staff of the Rio Linda Underwater Klaxon Academy are still considering a suitable memorial in your honor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Akerson

Secretary

Chaplain's Corner

Binnacle List

(As of July 24, 2010)

Bob Lewis: Bob had good news this month from the urologist that his PSA count is back to normal after treatment for prostate cancer.

Gordon Lane: Gordon is being treated with medication for prostate cancer at the Veterans Hospital in San Francisco. There is a bus that transports him from the Santa Rosa VA Clinic to San Francisco. Gordon feels fine and his family takes good care of him there in Santa Rosa.

Eternal Patrol

James Wright: I want to thank everyone that came to Jim's funeral at the Veteran's Cemetery in Fernley, NV. It was a beautiful, sunny day on July 6, 2010.

Inspiration: As part of Jim Wright's funeral ceremony we played the music of "Amazing Grace" by the US Navy Band. I shared at that time that the words of "Amazing Grace" were penned by an English sailor, John Henry Newton, (July 1725-Dec. 1807). He had worked in the seafaring slave trading business, but after conversion to Christianity he renounced slavery and teamed up with another Englishman, William Wilberforce, to abolish the slave trade which Newton lived to see in 1807 and died the same year. Newton wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace" to express his gratefulness to God for His Grace and forgiveness. The United States did not abolish slavery until the end of the Civil War, which was 58 years later.

Paul Allen – USS Corvina Base Chaplain