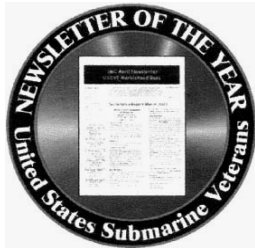


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The Silent Sentinel

DECEMBER 2014



Our Creed and Purpose

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives 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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be Strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

A Joyous Chanukah, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to the US Submarine Service and to its members, past and present!

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The Silent Sentinel via Email

To all of my Shipmates and families who currently receive our Great newsletter via the mail who would like it sent via email or continue to receive it via mail, please fill out the form and mail it to the base or myself. We are trying to cut the cost of the newsletter down from \$3700 to about \$1900 a year. By receiving the Silent Sentinel via email will cut down the printing and mailing cost. The other plus to receiving it via email is you can save it on your computer and not have the paper lying around the house.

A subscription to the Silent Sentinel newsletter will be available to surviving family members via internet email, at no charge, upon notification of the Membership Chairman. If a printed hard-copy is preferred, via US Post Office delivery, an annual donation of \$5.00 will be requested to cover costs.

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DUE TO LOGISTICS CONSTRAINTS, ALL INPUTS FOR THE SILENT SENTINEL MUST BE IN MY HAND NO LATER THAN *ONE WEEK* AFTER THE MONTHLY MEETING. IF I DO NOT RECEIVE IT BY THIS TIME, THE ITEM WILL NOT GET IN. NO EXCEPTIONS! MIKE

DECEMBER Meeting

Our monthly meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 3787, 4370 Twain Ave., San Diego. Our next meeting will be on 9 DECEMBER, 2014. The post is located one-half block West of Mission Gorge Road, just north of I-8. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. The E-Board meets one hour earlier at 6 p.m.

***Check us out on the World Wide Web
www.ussvisandiego.org***

BINNACLE LIST

George Koury, Frank Walker, R.C. Thompson, John Grienberger, John Lester, Judith Addington, Frank Gomez, and Debbie Justo (Mother of Fred Fomby) on the binnacle list. Jack Addington, Al Strunk, Butch Hubbell, Charles Simmons, and Louis Goebel on Eternal Patrol.

Submarine Losses in December

Originally Compiled by C J Glassford



Tolling of the Boats for December

USS Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on Dec 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol, but her exact location, date and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.

USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 5 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.

USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA.

USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.



Minutes for Submarine Veterans San Diego Base, 11 November 2014

1920 - Minutes of the Submarine Veterans Inc., San Diego Base was called to order by Base Commander Bob Bissonnette. He introduced the lady members of the San Diego State University club lacrosse team who came to thank our members for their service to our country. They were invited to stay for our opening exercises to better understand our purpose for meeting.

Conducted Opening Exercises:

Pledge of Allegiance by Treasurer David Ball.

Assistant Chaplain Russ Mohedano lead us in prayer.

Conducted tolling of the Boats for November.

Observed a moment of Silent Prayer for our lost shipmates.

Recognized past and present E-Board members and Officers present.

Secretary Ferguson announced 25 members and 1 guest Steven Youel present.

The meeting minutes of 14 October 2014 will be published in the November SENTINEL.

Treasurer Ball announced \$18,209.03 in the bank of which \$15,242.00 are savings.

The SDSU club lacrosse team left the meeting.

Call for Committee Reports:

Assistant Chaplain Mohedano announced George Koury, Judith Addington, R.C. Thompson, Chaplain Jack Lester,

Frank Gomez, and Debbie Justo (Mother of Fred Fomby) on the binnacle list.

Members Al Strunk, Butch Hubbell, Charles Simmons, and Louis Goebel were on eternal patrol.

Parade Committee - Joel Eikam - No report.

Membership Committee - Ray Ferbrache - 279 paid up members.

Scholarship Committee - Paul Hitchcock - March target date.

Nomination Committee - Paul Hitchcock - None yet with election in February.

Storekeeper Report - Phil Richeson - Phil has books for members to borrow.

Breakfast Committee - Warren Branges - \$339.79 profit from August breakfast with next one scheduled for 30 November with a 6a.m. setup for those volunteering.

52 Boat Memorial - Warren Branges - San Diego Granite has completed one of the plaques with the other 50 due the first week in December. The Navy Submarine League has donated \$1000 for maintenance at the Memorial.

Float Committee - David Kauppinen - Base Commander relayed that the Float looked great at the Veterans Day parade earlier this afternoon.

Base Commander Bissonnette announced that Frank Merrill from HUMANA was present to assist any members with information regarding the sign up for Health Care.

1940 Base Commander called for a break.

1955 Base Commander called the meeting back to order.

Unfinished Business:

Christmas Party Saturday December 13th 1330-1600 dinner 1400, \$20 per person with choice of roast beef or cornish hen. See Secretary Ferguson for reservations. 22 persons signed up at this date.

Veterans Walk in October was a success with several hundred attendees.

The next USS Midway Book Fair will be announced when date selected.

Base By-Laws: The revised By-Laws will be made available to the members either through email or the SENTINEL in November. The membership will vote at the December 9th Base Meeting for approval.

WWII SubVets cash remaining when they retired their charter was given to National and they in turn placed it in the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

The Financial Review will be completed in November.

New Business:

The 2015 budget will be submitted to the membership upon completion of the Financial Review.

The new (very large) SubVets banner will be given to Squadron 11 for display and loaned back to the Base for use at subsequent events.

Base Commander Bob Bissonnette appointed Russ Mohedano as Base Chaplain as Chaplain Jack Lester is unable to continue due to health concerns.

Good of the Order:

David Ball discussed a recent article regarding percentages of charitable donations actually going to help those in need.

Warren Branges announced the Scamp Base Christmas dinner December 7th for \$25 and reminded us of the King High School in Riverside that conducts veteran interviews for classroom credits. The RONCADOR retrofit almost completed.

Ed Farley suggested that donations for Al Strunk be given to the Scholarship Fund.

Guest Steven Youel discussed his Masters in History undertaking at SDSU to publish information regarding little known memorials.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Jack Ferguson, Secretary

Sailing List for 11 November 2014

Bob Farrell	Warren Branges	Joel Eikam
Jim Haren	Tom Polen	Ray Ferbrache
Joe Sasser	Ed Farley	Nihil O. Smith
Charlie Tate	Alfred Varela	James Pope
Bob Bissonnette	David Ball	Jack Ferguson
Phill Richeson	Philip Richeson	Paul Hitchcock
Glenn Gerbrand	Russ Mohedano	Don Mathiowetz
Peter Lary	Michael Hyman	Jack Kane
Russ Filbeck		

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Pledge of Allegiance by Treasurer David Ball.

Assistant Chaplain Russ Mohedano lead us in prayer.

Conducted tolling of the Boats for September and October.

Observed a moment of Silent Prayer for our lost shipmates.

Recognized past and present E-Board members and Officers present.

Secretary Ferguson announced 30 members and two guests Juanita Williams and Jessie Farley present.

The meeting minutes of 12 August 2014 were approved.

Treasurer Ball announced \$17,896.03 in the bank of which \$15,242 is in savings.

Call for Committee Reports:

Assistant Chaplain Mohedano announced Al Strunk, George Koury, Frank Walker, Judith Addington, R. C. Thompson, Al Simmons, Chaplain Jack Lester, Frank Gomez, and Debbie Justo (Mother of Fred Fomby) on the Binnacle List. Members Edwin D. Lee Jr., and Harold Richard Jeffries were on Eternal Patrol.

Parade Committee: Joel Eikam reported next parade October 25th in Borrego Springs.

Membership Committee: Ray Ferbrache announced 281 present members, only 22 of which voted in the National Elections.

Scholarship Committee: Paul Hitchcock had no report.

Storekeeper Report: Phil Richeson has many submarine books to borrow, new calendars at \$8 each and bumper stickers.

Breakfast Committee: Base Commander reported next breakfast November 30th, \$7, and need help.

52 Boat Memorial: No report.

Float Committee: David Kauppinen stated that the float battery inverter had been re-installed.

Presentation: Base Commander Bissonnette introduced Frank Merrill from HUMANA Insurance Company who discussed Medicare options briefly and offered assistance to any member so needing.

Base Commander called for a break 1925.

Base Commander called the meeting back to order at 1950.

Unfinished Business:

Commander Bissonnette gave a brief resume of his attendance at the San Francisco National Convention held in September. He stated that the Base September meeting was canceled and he was sorry that some members did not get the word.

Christmas Party Saturday 13 December 1330 to 1600, Dinner 1400, \$20 per person. Those wishing to attend should sign up with Secretary Ferguson who will collect the fees.

Veterans Walk November 1st, and those members on the walking team should confirm with the Base Commander.

The Financial Review is being conducted.

The idea of purchasing the six book works of lost WWII submariners has been dropped.

The Book Fair on the Midway Museum is November 8th. SubVets will have a recruiting table on the pier.

Base Commander will advise on disposition of the World War II SubVets cash balance given to National.

New Business:

Secretary Ferguson has rewritten and updated the Base ByLaws. The E-Board will make a final decision on the rewrite and present the new ByLaws to the membership for ratification.

Paul Hitchcock will be the Nominating Committee Chair for our Base Elections in February.

Bonefish Base has invited all to attend their meeting October 25th on the Midway and a no-host lunch will be available.

Good of the Order:

Warrior Social at Smugglers Cove October 20th. Being held in conjunction with USS LaJolla visit Oct 22nd and 23rd offering Boat Tours at 0900, 1300, and 1500. Call (619) 553-1278 or 2005 to contact the CAO about getting your name on the list.

Western Region Meeting in Laughlin 26 April to 1 May 2015.

Russ Filbeck - Squadron Eleven Commander is raising money for the Dolphin Scholarships.

Phil Richeson - John Grienberger family has expressed appreciation to the Base for their thoughtfulness in John's passing.

Jack Ferguson briefly discussed his recent River Cruise Paris to Normandy and his visit to the American Cemetery.

David Kauppinen advised Cell Phone numbers were going to be fair game soon and suggested getting your number on the Do No Call List. Call (888) 382-1222 to enter your number.

The meeting was adjourned at 2017.

Jack Ferguson, Secretary

Sailing List for 14 October 2014

Phill Richeson	David Ball	Mike Colombo
Jack Ferguson	Benny Williams	Bill Earl
Bob Bissonette	Jack L. Addington	Rocky Rockers
J. J. Lynch	Russ Filbeck	Tom Polen
Chris Stafford	Russ Mohedano	Bob Farrell
David Kauppinen	Paul Hitchcock	Joel Eikam
Joe Acay	Manny Burciaga	Al Poblete
James Pope	Jack Kane	Ray Ferbrache
Ed Farley	Jim Potts	Bob Welch
Mikey Hyman	Ferdinand Wittmann	Al Varela

Current News

**"Plataginet, I will; and like thee, Nero,
Play on the lute, beholding the towns burn" (Henry VI, Shakespeare)**

It will just depress you, so wait until next month when the holidays are over!

**SAN DIEGO BASE
U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.
BY-LAWS DATED OCTOBER 1, 1975
REVISED 3 OCTOBER 2014**

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this Chapter shall be San Diego Base of U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI). The spoken name may be shortened to SubVets San Diego.

ARTICLE II

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

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ARTICLE III

POLICY:

The Base shall adopt no policy in conflict with the laws and practices of the United States of America or with the Constitution and Bylaws of the "United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated."

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in this Base shall be in accordance with the National Constitution Article VII Sections 1-6 of U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. A member is considered "in good standing" if both National and Local Base dues have been paid for the current year. Beginning on January 1st, a non-renewed member is considered in arrears. Members shall have through 31 January to bring their status up to date. After the above listed dates, members who have not become current in status will be dropped from the rolls of the organization. Life members whose Base dues have not been paid by April 1st will be dropped from the Base. Members may join any number of Bases. One Base shall be selected as primary Base and all others as dual Bases(s). Members may only vote from their primary Base in the District, Regional and National elections of the organization.

SECTION 2.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Types of Membership are outlined in the USSVI National Constitution. All members in good standing on or before January 1, 1976 shall be known as Charter Members of the San Diego Base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., provided they maintain continuous membership.

SECTION 3.

BASE MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Dues are in accordance with the Base Dues Schedule which is published yearly in the January Base minutes.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

SECTION 1.

ELECTED BASE OFFICERS:

Elected Officers of the Base will be: Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same individual. The term of office for all Officers will be two years, or until their successors have been elected.. All Officers may succeed themselves in office. The term of office for elected officers will begin immediately after the business meeting at which the elections were conducted and the results announced. Any officer missing more than three consecutive meetings without valid reason shall be removed from office. A vote to remove will be taken at the next regular Business Meeting by the membership. Any vacancy in office shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board subject to approval by the membership at the Business Meeting immediately following the appointment. No elected officer shall be paid for services rendered on behalf of the Base. All Regular and Life members may hold Base Offices but Associate members may only hold Base Offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and appointed offices.

SECTION 2.

APPOINTED BASE OFFICERS:

The term of office for appointed Officers will begin immediately after confirmation and notification by the Board of Directors and will expire at the discretion of the Base Commander. No appointed Officer shall be paid for services rendered on behalf of the Base.

SECTION 3.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- The Board of Directors will be comprised of the elected officers and the duly appointed officers of the Base.
- The Board of Directors shall have the control and general management of the affairs and business of the Base.
- Each duly elected officer will have one vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Base Commander's vote will carry the decision.
- The Board of Directors will approve an annual plan (calendar) and budget for the Base, that is developed by the Ways and Means Committee, each October for the next fiscal year.
- The Board of Directors will submit the annual plan and budget to the Base membership for approval each November.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

SECTION 1.

BASE COMMANDER:

- Preside at all Base meetings under Roberts Rules.
- Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Act as chairman "Ex-Officio" of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- Appoint all committees, committee chairmen and appointed officers subject to membership approval at the next regularly scheduled business meeting.
- Represent the Base at official functions.
- Oversee the performance of all Base Officers and committees.
- He shall be responsible for the contents, publication and distribution of chapter publications, and the Monthly Newsletter, "The Silent Sentinel".
- Prepare a "turn-over" package for his relief, containing all information and correspondence relative to the office.

SECTION 2.

BASE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

- Assist the Base Commander in the performance of his duties.
- Preside over meetings in the Base Commander's absence.
- Serve on the Board of Directors
- Perform all duties of the Base Commander should he become incapacitated.
- Serve as Base Ways and Means Chairman
- Serve as Building Committee Chairman and assure the Base has a place to conduct meetings.
- He shall assure an effective recruitment program is in place to increase membership.
- All programs to increase the Treasury, such as lottery's shall be under his control to ensure that they are according to all laws and regulations.
- He shall be responsible that only members in good standing and bonafide guests are admitted to all meetings.
- Prepare a "turn-over" package for his relief, containing all information and correspondence relative to the office.

SECTION 3.

BASE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER:

- The duties shall include but not be limited to execution of the powers and authority in organization matters, when required, in the absence of the Base Commander or Senior Vice Base Commander.
- He shall assume any and all duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Base Commander and serve as Temporary Secretary and or Treasurer in the event they are unable to fulfill their responsibilities as set forth in these By-Laws.
- Serve on the Board of Directors.
- Prepare a "turn-over" package for his relief containing all information and correspondence relative to the office.

SECTION 4.

SECRETARY:

- Keep the minutes of all Base regularly scheduled meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Serve on the Board of Directors.
- Answer and keep a record of all Base correspondence.
- Keep a file of all Bylaws and maintain required correction to same.
- Sufficient funds will be provided the Secretary to carry out the responsibilities of his office.

SECTION 5.

TREASURER:

- The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds and securities of the San Diego Base, Of U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., and deposit such in the name of San Diego Base, U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. such place of deposit must be approved by the Executive Board.
- He shall read and submit a signed copy of the monthly financial reports at the Monthly Business and Executive Board Meetings and place copies on file with the Base Commander and Secretary for inclusion in the minutes of the Monthly Business meetings with subsequent publication in the Newsletter. This report will include, but not be limited to, a detailed accounting of all receipts, expenditures and financial transactions conducted during the previous month.
- The Treasurer's books will be audited annually during the month of September and prior to being relieved, by an Auditing Committee. This Committee will consist of three active members appointed by the Executive board. The Executive Board may require any additional audits as deemed necessary.
- He will receive dues paid from the Membership and new members that have been collected by the Membership Committee Chairman and forward to National that portion of the dues required by them in accordance with existing By-Laws.
- All monies in Base functions will pass through the Treasurer.
- He will serve on the Board of Directors.
- Prepare a "turn-over" package for Base Treasurer, containing all information and correspondence relative to the office.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS;

- The Commander, Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected by a majority vote of the members in good standing at the regular meeting held in the month of February.
- Vacancies in these Offices shall be filled by the Base Commander's appointment to complete an unfulfilled term, with approval of the Board

of Directors,

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS:

Meetings of the Base shall be in keeping with the normal parliamentary procedures set down by "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised." The date, time, and place shall be designated by the Base Commander, subject to approval of the Executive Board and the membership. The Base will conduct a minimum of eleven monthly meetings yearly at a time and place announced by the Board of Directors during a prior meeting as published in the newsletter. The Agenda for regularly scheduled meetings shall be:

- Call to Order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chaplain lead members present in prayer.
- Tolling of the Boats for the current month.
- Observe a moment of Silent Prayer in memory of our departed shipmates.
- Recognition of past and present E-Board members, National and Regional Officers past and present, Guests, and New Members.
- Secretary announce number of members and guests present.
- Approval of previous months minutes.
- Treasurer's report.
- Committee reports.
- Unfinished Business.
- New Business.
- Good of the Order.
- Announcement of upcoming meetings and events.
- Adjournment.

ARTICLE IX

EXPENSES:

All elected officers may draw from the Treasury upon proof of expenditure for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The Ways and Means Committee must pre-approve all other expenses before payment by the Treasurer will be authorized.

ARTICLE X

QUORUM:

The members present and at least two elected officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at a regularly scheduled meeting. Three members of the Board of Directors, two of which are elected officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at a duly called meeting for the Board of Directors.

Once a quorum has been established, no member absenting himself prior to adjournment will not be considered to nullify or negate the quorum. In the event of a quorum not being present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to some future time and date.

ARTICLE XI

VOTING:

Each Regular member in good standing shall be entitled to vote in person at any meeting of the Base regarding National or Base matters. An Associate member in good standing shall be entitled to vote for any Base matter only. There shall be no voting by proxy; any member in good standing not voting will be considered as abstaining.

ARTICLE XII

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- The Executive Board shall consist of all current elected officers, the immediate Past Base Commander, and any and all members who have previously served as a Base Commander of any Chapter.
- A simple majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum has been established, it cannot be nullified or negated by a member absenting himself.
- The Executive Board will take action on all matters referred to them by the Membership. All other actions are to be considered a recommendation until the minutes are read and accepted at the next general membership meeting.
- All elected members of the Executive Board and the immediate past Base Commander will have one vote each, with the exception of the current Base Commander, who will only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE XIII

COMMITTEES:

Standing Committees, which by their very nature require continuity, shall be reestablished at the start of each elective year. Committees appointed for a specific purpose shall continue until dissolved by the Base Commander.

SECTION 1.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

The Ways and Means Committee shall be a standing Committee. Chaired by the Senior Vice Base Commander, and shall have as regular members, the Junior Vice Base Commander, and any other members deemed necessary by the Base Commander. Their duties shall include, but not be limited to:

- Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Executive Board in October of each year.

- Monitor performance of operating units against the approved budget throughout the year.
- Prepare recommendations to the Executive Board on items of expenditure not within the approved budget.
- Approve/disapprove expenditures submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

SECTION 2.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Membership Committee shall be a Standing Committee and will be chaired by an active member appointed by the Base Commander. The remaining members of the Committee will be appointed by the Base Commander. Their duties shall include, but not be limited to:

- Receive applications from new members.
- Determine eligibility requirements of each applicant.
- Maintain a permanent record of applications and memberships.
- Provide each new member with a membership packet.
- Receive monies (dues) from new members and member renewals and remit to the Treasurer.
- Be responsible for maintaining a current list of members.

SECTION 3.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Scholarship Committee shall be chaired by a member appointed by the Base Commander and consist of the the Senior Vice Base Commander, the Junior Vice Base Commander and such other active members as deemed appropriate.

SECTION 4.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Base Commander will appoint a Nominating Committee, which will include the immediate Past Base Commander, and a Committee Chairman, in November of the year immediately preceding the election. The duties of the Committee will include: Issue a "Call for Nominations" of eligible candidates for election by publishing said call in the December issue of the Newsletter. The slate of nominees shall be submitted to the Membership in February for voting. Additional nominations may be made by any member in good standing from the floor of the January meeting. Such person nominated must be present and agree to stand for the nomination to the office proposed. No further nominations may be considered after the Election begins.

SECTION 5.

BASE STOREKEEPER (BSK):

The Base Storekeeper is an appointed office. He shall purchase generic Submarine memorabilia in volume, thereby relieving the Base of paying premium prices for items purchased. He shall shop for the best price and affix at least a 10% "markup" to the nearest dollar on all items in inventory for resale. All expenditures (Invoices) for resale items will be presented to the Ways and Means Committee for payment approval/disapproval and forwarded to the Treasurer for payment after such approval. The BSK will have authority to initiate purchase and/or procurement in cases where immediate action will benefit the Base by reason of discount or price paid, provided he notifies the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of such action within five days of initiation of the action.

SECTION 6.

CHAPLAIN:

The Chaplain will be an appointee of the Base Commander. He recites or leads invocations and benedictions where such prayers are offered at the opening and/or closing of meetings or other

events. He will be responsible for appropriate services in the case of member's who have departed on "Eternal Patrol" and will appoint an Assistant Chaplain to assist in these matters, and to act as Chaplain in his absence. He shall also report on the "binnacle" list at the meetings.

SECTION 7.

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

The Parliamentarian will be an appointee of the Base Commander. The Parliamentarian advises the Base Commander and other officers, committees, and members on matters of parliamentary procedure. His role during a meeting is purely an advisory and consultative one since parliamentary law gives to the chair alone the power to rule on questions of order or to answer parliamentary inquiries.

SECTION 8.

CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB):

The Chief of the Boat will be the immediate previous Base Commander. The COB will assist in maintaining order on the floor during meetings and is in charge of physical arrangements of the meeting place. He will assume additional duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Base Commander.

SECTION 9.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

The Newsletter Editor will be an appointee of the Base Commander. He will be responsible for the publication of The SILENT SENTINEL, the monthly publication of the Base. Expenditures incurred in the performance of publication will be presented to the Ways and Means Committee for payment authorization and forwarded to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

SECTION 10.

WEBMASTER:

The Webmaster will be an appointee of the Base Commander. The Webmaster will be responsible for creation and maintenance of the Base Web Page on the Internet. Expenses incurred in the performance of creating and maintaining the Web Page will be presented to the Ways and Means Committee for payment authorization and forwarded to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS:

Any member in good standing may submit recommendations to amend these Bylaws by forwarding a proposed change to an elected Officer of the Base. Proposed change recommendations must:

- Be complete statements which stand on their own merit.
- Clearly state the intent of the author and the section of organization policy affected.
- Reflect the estimated or actual cost, if any, involved.
- Be signed and dated by the author.

These Bylaws shall be amended by a majority vote of the votes cast at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Base; provided that the proposed changes have been read at the next three monthly business meetings. At the third meeting, the membership will then vote to accept or not accept. No change can be withdrawn after the first reading.

ARTICLE XV

STANDING RULES:

Standing Rules relating to the administration of the Base shall be made as attachment to these Bylaws. Standing rules may be adopted, changed, or suspended at any regular meeting without previous notice, as any other ordinary action of the Base may be.

ARTICLE XVI

DISSOLUTION:

In the event the Base dissolves or discontinues activities all assets and monies or the organization shall be turned over to the National Senior Vice-Commander.

6 October 2014

These By-Laws are accepted and approved, as amended, in accordance with existing National By-Laws by the District Commander.

District Commander Signature and Date

Jack Ferguson, San Diego Base Secretary and Date

