



# Hawfish Scuttlebutt



Razorback Base  
United States Submarine Veterans



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## Bow of WW II US Submarine Discovered Near Remote Alaskan Island



The bow of the World War II submarine USS Grunion has been discovered 77 years after the sub went missing off the remote Aleutian Islands in Alaska on her first war patrol.

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**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.**

### ***COMMANDER'S CORNER***



Hard to believe that we are into the month of August so I have a few things to discuss first there has been a link to donate to the batfish I think that we are at five hundred it has been suggested one hundred dollars however if you cannot give one hundred I'm sure that whatever anyone can donate will be greatly appreciated

The second thing I have is due to the flooding that we had the membership drive was postponed the new time for it will be at our Halloween party since we are already going to be at the boat and also to have enough time to get advertising out if I'm not mistaking we will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs.

The final item is the base meeting this month at the VFW in little rock the address is on our website Bravo Zulu to John Barr for getting it arranged hope to see as many of you as possible at this month's meeting.

V/r,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background. The signature appears to be 'David Boyer' in a cursive style.

David Boyer  
Base Commander



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The Gato-class submarine (SS 216) was sent to the islands in June 1942, according to the Lost 52 Project, which locates lost U.S. World War II submarines. Operating off the island of Kiska with a crew of 70 sailors, the Grunion sank two Japanese patrol boats before being ordered back to base in Dutch Harbor on Amaknak Island on July 30. But the submarine, which reported heavy antisubmarine activity during its final transmission, was never heard from again.

Declared overdue from patrol, the USS Grunion was assumed lost with all hands on Oct. 5, 1942.

#### STERN OF US WW II DESTROYER DISCOVERED NEAR REMOTE ALASKAN ISLAND: SURVIVOR RECOUNTS HARROWING DAY

Almost 80 years later, the bow was discovered in 2,713 feet of water near Kiska by underwater drones and sophisticated photogrammetry imaging. The discovery completes another piece in the puzzle of the Grunion's fate.

The main wreckage of the sub was found in August 2007, thanks to the efforts of John, Bruce and Brad Abele, sons of the USS Grunion's captain, Mannert Abele. The wreck was verified by the U.S. Navy in October 2008.

The latest discovery was made a short distance from the main wreck, with researchers noting that the bow is resting on a volcanic slope on the seabed.

#### ARMY HOSPITAL

An army major visits the sick soldiers, goes up to one private and asks:

"What's your problem, Soldier?"

"Chronic syphilis, Sir"

"What treatment are you getting?"

"Five minutes with the wire brush each day."

"What's your ambition?"

"To get back to the front, Sir."

"Good man." says the Major.

He goes to the next bed. "What's your problem, Soldier?"

"Chronic piles, Sir"

"What treatment are you getting?"

"Five minutes with the wire brush each day."

"What's your ambition?"

"To get back to the front, Sir."

"Good man." says the Major.

He goes to the next bed. "What's your problem, Soldier?"

"Chronic gum disease, Sir"

"What treatment are you getting?"

"Five minutes with the wire brush each day."

"What's your ambition?"

"To get the wire brush before the other two, Sir"





## Lost Boats –August USS FLIER (SS 250)

The following men were lost in the sinking of the USS Flier (SS 250):

1	<a href="#">Alexander Julius Abrahamson</a>	20	<a href="#">John William Cowie</a>	39	<a href="#">Gale Winstone Hardy</a>	58	<a href="#">Victor Joseph Murawski</a>
2	<a href="#">Victor John Anderson</a>	21	<a href="#">Robert Allen Cushman</a>	40	<a href="#">Eugene Wilson Heller</a>	59	<a href="#">Harvey Loyal Myers</a>
3	<a href="#">Herbert Albert Baehr</a>	22	<a href="#">Waite Hoyt Daggy</a>	41	<a href="#">Harry Stanley Holtyn</a>	60	<a href="#">Joseph Gordon Nicholson</a>
4	<a href="#">George Joseph Banchemo</a>	23	<a href="#">Peter Anthony Daros</a>	42	<a href="#">Edgar Walker Hudson**</a>	61	<a href="#">David Harold Nordhof</a>
5	<a href="#">Clyde Banks</a>	24	<a href="#">Thomas Armstrong Donovan</a>	43	<a href="#">Sol Kantor</a>	62	<a href="#">Charles William Parker</a>
6	<a href="#">Paul Francis Barron</a>	25	<a href="#">Walter Edward Dorricott, Jr.</a>	44	<a href="#">Oliver Wayne Kisamore</a>	63	<a href="#">Chester Payne</a>
7	<a href="#">William Harry Bivens</a>	26	<a href="#">Earle William Dressell</a>	45	<a href="#">Walter Joseph Klock</a>	64	<a href="#">George William Phillips, Jr.</a>
8	<a href="#">Thomas Leroy Bohn</a>	27	<a href="#">James Edward Elder</a>	46	<a href="#">Paul Knapp**</a>	65	<a href="#">Mason Poole</a>
9	<a href="#">Ervin Anthony Borlick</a>	28	<a href="#">Harry Godfrey Ericson</a>	47	<a href="#">Joseph William Kucinski</a>	66	<a href="#">Charles DeWitt Pope**</a>
10	<a href="#">William Jeremiah Brooks</a>	29	<a href="#">Frank Walter Falowski</a>	48	<a href="#">George Robert Laderbush</a>	67	<a href="#">Kit Joseph Pourciau</a>
11	<a href="#">Elton Stanley Brubaker</a>	30	<a href="#">Fred Elias Fender</a>	49	<a href="#">Richard Anthony Lambert</a>	68	<a href="#">William Laughlin Reynolds**</a>
12	<a href="#">James Francis Peder Cahl*</a>	31	<a href="#">Bernard Vincent Fite</a>	50	<a href="#">James LeRoy</a>	69	<a href="#">Michael Nicholas Ricciardelli</a>
13	<a href="#">Edwin Canady</a>	32	<a href="#">Walter David Freeman</a>	51	<a href="#">Boyd Odell Lindeman</a>	70	<a href="#">Robert Clifton Rose</a>
14	<a href="#">John Edward Casey**</a>	33	<a href="#">Peter Adolf Gaideczka</a>	52	<a href="#">Gerald Francesco Madeo**</a>	71	<a href="#">Donald Nesser See</a>
15	<a href="#">Christian John Christensen, Jr.</a>	34	<a href="#">Joseph John Galinac</a>	53	<a href="#">Philip Stanley Mayer**</a>	72	<a href="#">Alvin Leroy Skow</a>
16	<a href="#">Charles William Clawson</a>	35	<a href="#">Clyde Arthur Gerber</a>	54	<a href="#">Edward Howard McCoy</a>	73	<a href="#">James Earl Snyder</a>
17	<a href="#">Roland John Cosgrove</a>	36	<a href="#">Melvin George Getchell</a>	55	<a href="#">Vernon Clair McLane</a>	74	<a href="#">Jarrod Clovis Taylor***</a>
18	<a href="#">Charles Leon Courtright</a>	37	<a href="#">Joseph Wilmer Grimshaw</a>	56	<a href="#">Herbert Ambrose Miner</a>	75	<a href="#">John Clyde Turner</a>
19	<a href="#">William Francis Cowhey</a>	38	<a href="#">Kenneth Leroy Gwinn</a>	57	<a href="#">Vernon Leo Moench</a>	76	<a href="#">Paul Arthur Vest</a>
						77	<a href="#">James Frank Vogt</a>
						78	<a href="#">Lucius Polk Wall</a>
						79	<a href="#">James Edgar Westmoreland</a>





# Edgar Walker Hudson



Rank/Rate Chief Motor Machinist's Mate  
 Service Number 295 24 90  
 Birth Date June 11, 1916  
 From Nashville, Tennessee  
 Decorations Purple Heart  
 Submarine [USS Flier \(SS-250\)](#)  
 Loss Date August 13, 1944  
 Location In Balabac Strait near Mantangule Island  
 Circumstances Sunk by a mine  
 Remarks Edgar was born in Dickson, Tennessee.

# William Harry Bivens



Rank/Rate Seaman, First Class  
 Service Number 726 79 12  
 Birth Date July 5, 1926  
 From Chicago, Illinois  
 Decorations Purple Heart  
 Submarine [USS Flier \(SS-250\)](#)  
 Loss Date August 13, 1944  
 Location In Balabac Strait near Mantangule Island  
 Circumstances Sunk by a mine



TREASURER'S REPORT		JULY 31 2019	
<b>TOTAL BASE FUNDS BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		\$	<b>13,592.96</b>
<u>General Fund Beg. Balance</u>		\$	<b>3,913.94</b>
<u>Travelers Game Receipts</u>		\$	<b>397.50</b>
<u>Travelers Game Final Payment</u>		\$	<b>32.50</b>
<u>General Fund Ending Balance</u>		\$	<b>4,278.94</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>			
Maint. Fund Balance		\$	<b>2,502.66</b>
Charity Fund Balance		\$	<b>372.00</b>
Snook Memorial Fund Balance		\$	<b>1,386.86</b>
Designated Fund Balance		\$	<b>4,261.52</b>
<b>Checking Balance (General + Designated Funds)</b>		\$	<b>8,540.46</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>			
	CD Beg. Balance	\$	<b>5,270.50</b>
	Interest	\$	<b>29.38</b>
	CD Ending Balance	\$	<b>5,299.88</b>
	Cash on Hand Balance	\$	<b>147.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BASE FUNDS ENDING BALANCE</b>		\$	<b>13,987.34</b>

## Booster Club

Terrance Murphy (1)  
 Mark Taylor (1)  
 Pete Jilek (11)  
 Bill Woods (1)  
 John Barr (1)  
 Tom Salisbury (8)

## Birthdays for July

Bonnie Zonner	3
Robert G. Medearis	3
John A. Albers	7
Stanley A. Walker	9
Raymond Paul Wewers	11
William L. Nichols	12
John E. Przybys	18
Dennis D. Foster	19
Billy D. Hollaway	23
James M. Barnum	23
James R. Stephens	25
Nicholas Charles Proctor	25
Sandy Stephens	25
Juanez Stiltz	27

## **Letter from District Commander.**

I visited the site this month, they do indeed have massive job to secure the boat. There was some minor flooding of the interior, the major problem is that the boat is now located about 50' up a slight slope from it's original location, and has a slight list. It is not safe for boarding until repairs are completed. Estimates to secure the boat at it's new location are around 1.5 million.

The Muskogee War Memorial Park has started fund raising efforts, and is seeking FEMA assistance.

For our part, we can donate via the USSV Charitable Foundation Memorial Fund.

To make a contribution, the check should be made to:  
USSV CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

And in the memo section write "Batfish Fund" and mail to:

USSVI NATIONAL OFFICE  
PO. BOX 3870  
SILVERDALE, WA 98383-3870

As the Batfish is in our district, it is my hope that we will contribute to this effort, either with individual base donations, individual member donations, or both. Please inform your membership of this effort.

Thanks for your help.  
Ed Irwin CD1

**Base meeting 1700, August 24 at the VFW Post 9095**

1121 Gamble Rd. (Corner Kanis and Gamble)  
Little Rock, AR 72211.  
(501) 225-9849

### MENU

Chicken breast \$10

Good ribeye steak \$18

Both include a salad and baked potato.

Cash Bar





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