



***USSVI
Southern Colorado Base***

Steve McKee, Base Commander

Newsletter for December, 2010

Happy New Year, fellow Denizens of the Deep,



Hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and looking forward to a prosperous 2011 and that we all experience improving status as the new year dawns.

Notable Anniversary Year

This year will be the 10th anniversary of the 9/11/2001 attacks on our nation when the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in NY and the Pentagon in DC were struck by planes piloted by radical Islamic terrorists masterminded by Osama Ben Laden. We have had no other major successful attacks on our soil since then, thanks to

our increased vigilance and the cooperation of our law enforcement and intelligence agencies under the Department of Homeland Security's guidance. We have that to be thankful for, but let's all remember the lives that were lost on that horrific day and the sacrifices made by the brave first responders, many of whom perished in their efforts to save others.

Great Christmas Party !!!



We had a great turnout for the Christmas Party/Dinner/Show at the Flying W Ranch on December 16th and everyone seemed to be having a great time socializing and enjoying the great food and entertainment. The Flying W musical entourage were great as usual and seemed to have added some new numbers to their Christmas entertainment program to complement the 'old standards'. What a musically talented bunch they are !!! Always a fun show !

Other than the party, December was a rather slow month, news wise, so there's not a lot to report. We didn't have a regular club meeting so there are no minutes to include. However, we will resume our regular monthly meetings in January with the next meeting at ST's PourHouse in Pueblo West on the 15th. We will have use of the meeting room from 1130 to 1330 hours as usual. Bring your wives and a hearty appetite for some of ST's great chow.

Float Appearance Opportunities in 2011



We're anticipating several opportunities to enter our float in various parades this year and hope you'll all come out and ride or walk alongside at every occasion we have to display our service and club pride. Each appearance will also be a memorial to all our shipmates lost at sea and especially those who served and died on the USS Scorpion upon which our float is modeled.

Here is a list of potential parade opportunities coming up this year: (We won't necessarily participate in all of them, of course.)

<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	<i>March 13, 2011</i>
<i>Canon City</i>	<i>May 1, 2011</i>
<i>Salida</i>	<i>June 19, 2011</i>
<i>Cripple Creek Donkey Derby Days</i>	<i>June 26, 2011</i>
<i>Monument</i>	<i>July 3, 2011</i>
<i>Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade</i>	<i>July 13, 2011</i>
<i>Monte Vista</i>	<i>July 31, 2011</i>
<i>Rocky Ford</i>	<i>August 13, 2011</i>
<i>Lamar</i>	<i>August 14, 2011</i>
<i>Cripple Creek Armed Forces Parade</i>	<i>August 21, 2011</i>
<i>Fountain Fall Festival</i>	<i>Sept. 6, 2011</i>
<i>La Junta Early Settlers Day Parade</i>	<i>Sept. 11, 2011</i>
<i>Florence</i>	<i>Sept. 18, 2011</i>

Plus, the Fruita Parade in the Grand Junction area; don't know the exact date for that one. So, as you can see, it could be as busy a summer as we choose, parade wise.

Remember, we're in need of a small generator to power the circuits for the dive klaxon and lights when we need them. So, be thinking about contributing for that cause or, possibly donating a small gas powered generator if you have one that you could part with.

Sa-Lute !



With regard to parades, etc., it is now perfectly legal by an act of Congress for honorably discharged veterans to render a proper military salute when the Flag of the United States passes in parade or when The National Anthem is played or when you are present at a flag raising or lowering ceremony or when Taps is played at a veteran's funeral, etc., or at any other time when a military salute would be proper and correct for someone in uniform. This is whether you are covered or not. So if you feel like saluting, you are perfectly entitled to do so as a veteran.



Newsletter Contributions

I'll be happy to include any contributions you may have to the newsletter if you will get them to me well in advance of publishing the letter so I can get them worked in. You can give them to me at

a club meeting, call me by phone: 719-647-3050 (home), 719-582-0170 (cell), or drop them to me by mail at:

Larry Leek, 972 S Kenosha Ln, Pueblo West, CO 81007.

This is your newsletter, so don't hesitate to get your news published if you so desire. If you have pictures you'd like inserted, you can email them to me at lars7m7@aol.com with a note or short article as to what they are and how they relate to the club, USSVI or the Submarine Service in general.



Commander's Comments

Happy New Year, Shipmates !

Well, the New Year is upon us, and time to think about what we want to accomplish this year. As we complete our float, we want to look at what parades we would like to participate in. Also we want to look at what improvements to do with the submarine. It will need repainting, and more details added. We want to look at putting a small generator on it to run some lighting and such. Once we decide on the parades, would like to see the wives get involved in helping with the themes to decorate the float or the riders.

We still need to decide where to have the February meeting, we need some folks to line up a place. Some suggestions are TREA, Bambino's, Southside Johnny's, or ??

Anyway, look forward to seeing everyone. Request that Paul Chestnut, Roger Frazier and Steve Iskra be present for a special recognition.

Steve

Chaplain's Corner



***On behalf of Southern Colorado Base Chaplain, Charlie Flood,
please consider the following verses of scripture:***

***" I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock,
and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I
will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high
tower. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised; so shall
I be saved from my enemies." Ps. 18: 1-3***

***"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be
acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."
Ps. 19:14***

See you all at the next meeting.

***Larry Leek,
Newsletter Editor***

