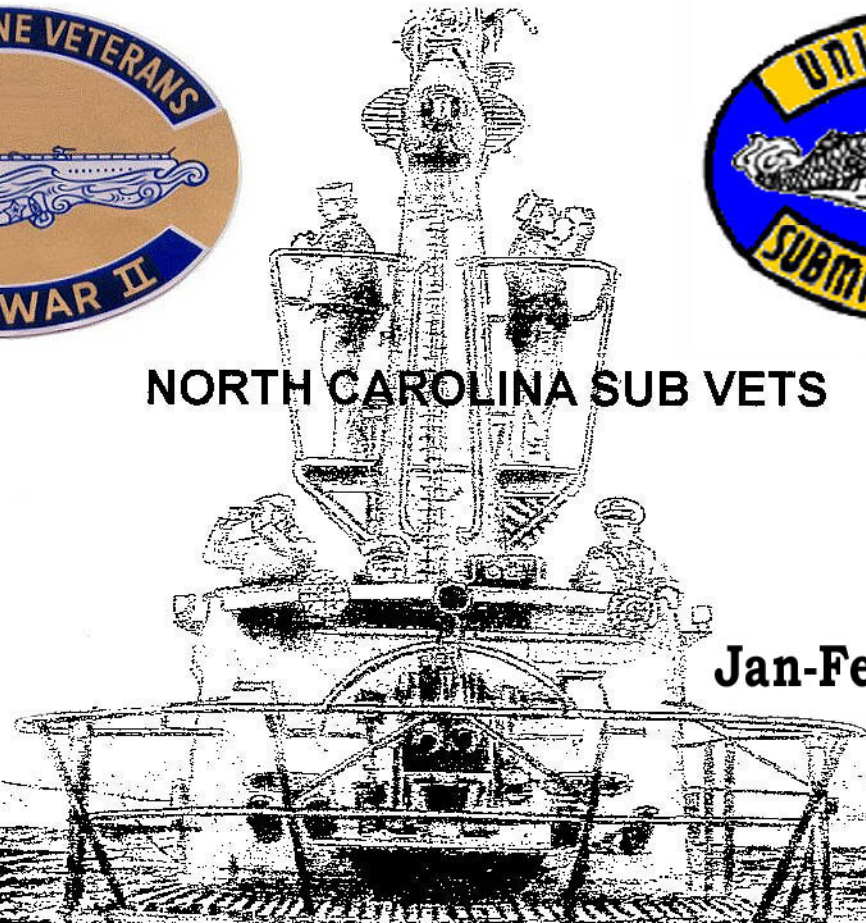




**NORTH CAROLINA SUB VETS**

**Jan-Feb-Mar 2004**



## **STATE** **COMMANDER'S CORNER** **.U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Here it is Friday and time for thoughts on what has transpired since the last news letter. It's about 33 degrees outside right now, not bad considering what it was last weekend. We had about 2-3 inches snow and temp. down in the low twenties, unusual for this part of the world. Snow disappeared in a day or so, wind blew it away. And a stove insert for burning wood makes the dumb heat pump stay off. I was just listening to the tape recording I made during the Pearl Harbor Memorial meeting. Chief Jeff Hudson was talking. What a wonderful speaker, they must train those Master Chiefs in the art of public speaking. And it made me think about what a wonderful get together we had at Greensboro. A joint meeting of the USSVWWII and USSVI, put together by Mike Burkholder and Chuck Jensen. The Ramada Inn provided a great hospitality room and the dinner was super. Copious quantities of refreshments were provided and the conversation was stimulating.

Chaplain Bill Whelan started off the evening at 1810 with the Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by Milt Stark. Members and guests introduced themselves. Jeff Hudson, guest speaker, introduced his lovely wife, Lisa, and his in-law parents, Linwood and Lib Rudd. Dinner was buffet style and everybody helped themselves to copious quantities of beef tips, rice, beans, you name it, and delicious desert, washed down with coffee.

After everyone gorged themselves and before they fell asleep the Tolling of the Boats was conducted. Don Small read the Formal Preamble to the Ceremony "Tolling of the Boats". With the lights out and candles lit in front of the lost boats, Shorty Lebonville read the boat names and Bill Morris rang the bell. After all the names were read a minute of silence was observed.

Master Chief Jeff Hudson, guest speaker was introduced by Mike Burkholder. Jeff served 22 years in the Navy as a missile technician, served on the Francis Scott Key, the Kentucky in the weapons department as leading chief, and the Wyoming as COB. The later two are Trident Subs. After that he served at RTC as company commander, then went to Trident training facility at

Kings Bay, leading chief of weapons department.

Jeff started his talk by saying he was on a plane flight at the time of the 9/11 attack and having to land at the nearest airport, (Tulsa,Ok). He went on to say that this terrorist attack was similar to one that occurred 62 years ago. In both cases the attackers underestimated the resilience of the American people and their ability to regroup and fight back. Needless to say he got a big round of applause. In appreciation for his making the effort and taking the time to visit with us, the NC SubVets presented Jeff with a book entitled United States Submarines, published by the Naval Submarine League, and also a CD slide show of pictures taken at the Burnsville Memorial Service.



Joe Clark has always been very generous in his contributions to the NC SubVets. Most recently he was instrumental in making sure our parade submarine got completed and on the road. We have gotten numerous awards as best of show in several parades we participated in. To show our appreciation to Joe, he was presented with a "Thank You" plaque, something he can hang in his den to remind him we are all thinking about him. Chuck Jensen reported that the new officers for the Tarheel Base of USSVI are Jensen, Cdr., Dick Kanning, V.Cdr., Bill Lowe, Sec., and Bob Werner, Treas. The next meeting will be at Elizabeth City on March 27, and the South East Regional meeting will be in May at Salisbury, N.C. Several other reports were made concerning the Specialty Plates, the bus chartered to go to the Hunley ceremony, and status of the return of the Razorback. Bill Whelan closed the event with a prayer at about 2200 hours.

Please read the treasurer's report for information

on dues, it is a new way to let us know where we stand on our dues.

**Don Small**

## USSVI COMMANDER CORNER



Shipmates,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I am looking forward to being your base commander for 2004. We have a good slate of base officers for this upcoming year.

I view 2003 as a successful year for the base and would like to review some of the significant activities that were accomplished this year.

In June, we held the dedication ceremony for the State Submarine Memorial located outside of Burnsville, NC. Mrs. Flowers, the widow of Chief Flowers, allowed us to dedicate the memorial her husband had built on their property to remember those submarines and submariners lost in WWII. Through the superb efforts of Don Small, Joe Martin, Susan Martin, and many others, this impressive ceremony was a complete success. The base now needs to take a leadership role, to ensure the necessary actions are taken, so it can remain a permanent memorial. I expect we will meet again this year in Burnsville and this is an action item for early this year to determine the meeting date.

With the completion of our parade submarine, thanks to Bobby Harvell, Joe Clark, and many others, the base now

can make a bigger impact when marching in parades. In July, with 19 members marching in Greensboro's Fun Fourth Festival, we won a blue ribbon for "Most Patriotic" in the parade. In November, with 17 members marching in Asheboro's Veteran's Day Parade, we won \$100.00 for the best military entry. I would like us to participate in additional parades this year. We will need our base members to identify, in an earlier enough time frame, those parades they think we could participate so appropriate plans can be made to do it.

With the initiation of having Communication Contacts for those members not having email, I hope we are getting the word out to everyone more timely and effectively. Remember it is very important to notify Bob Werner or myself whenever you have either an email or mailing address change

We now have a new website that is still under development by our new webmaster Joe Ratner. He has a lot of plans and is implementing them as time permits.

The recent Pearl Harbor Dinner set up by Mike Burkholder at its new location in Greensboro was great. Master Chief Jeff Hudson gave an excellent speech as he also did at the Burnsville Memorial Ceremony.

The biggest challenge for this year is to successfully host the joint USSVI District #3 and WWII Southeastern Region meeting this May in Salisbury. Dick Kanning, is the chairman of the planning committee that includes Bill Bradburn, Don Small, Robert E. Hopkins, and Robert F. Hopkins. All base members need to be ready to assist them as action items are identified. Remember that this needs to be an **"all hands"** effort. Our next scheduled meeting is in March at Elizabeth City. I will be scheduling a working meeting either before or after the Elizabeth City meeting, as determined by the needs of Dick's committee, to work on the joint meeting.

A new initiative I am proposing for this year will be for base members having email, to contact those crewmembers that served on their boat(s) and who live in North Carolina. This could be an effective way to add to the list that Dick Kanning has for the submarine license plates and to be able to increase it to the 300 required. There are several websites that list crew's names with their email address and what state they live in. Also it could be a way to recruit new members. Once I get the initiative plans finalized, I will get a list together and



request volunteers to contact those crewmembers now living in North Carolina. Expect to see more details on this in January.

For your information;

The Fleet Reserve Association Commends Congress Rep. Ed Schrock (Va.) for introducing legislation (H.R. 3390) that seeks to protect TSRx beneficiaries from paying higher out-of-pocket costs than any other TRICARE beneficiary.

FRA is concerned that the newly enacted Medicare prescription drug benefit may provide an additional incentive for the government to reduce or eliminate the existing pharmacy benefit earned by military retirees. If enacted, this measure assures that the new Medicare drug benefit will not be used to justify reductions in the TSRx benefit, and that military retirees will receive the same level of protection afforded to other federal employees and retirees.

Will see you in Elizabeth City or the next working meeting which ever occurs first.

CHUCK

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## **SUBGALLEON CORNER**

A BELATED MESSAGE FROM YOUR PAST COMMANDER I assume most of the Subgalleons are aware that I did not have an article in the last ALL CLEAR. A busy summer, a two-week trip to Reno for the national convention, and the biggie, Isabel, just took up all my time. So much has happened since my last article, I guess the best place to start is where I left off. As I recall I ended with a recap of the 2002-2003 year. So lets begin with Reno. Reno was a huge success. The Hilton Hotel was huge and so was the crowd. More than thirty four hundred people attended. There was so much activity and so many meetings and so many boat reunions it was hard to keep up with what was going on. All things considered, the host state did a good job. I was the only N.C. delegate at the women's business meeting. There was only one candidate on the slate of officers that had to be voted on. Susan Palmer, our historian for 2002-2003, did not move up the chair to the office of secretary. Mary Mullaney was nominated to fill the position of

secretary. Susan Palmer stayed on as historian. Good news for the wives of Sub Vet Inc. On June 7, 2003 a charter was signed and The Subvettes Ladies Submarine Veterans was born. Ella Blado is president, Mary Cheek, 2nd vice president, Carol Boyle, secretary, Frances McGlamery, chaplain. They are members of the AL\FL chapter. They have 4 WWII members on their board. Their Membership includes: Wives, Grandmothers, Sisters, Aunts and Fiancée's of submariners. At the present time they have 6 bases and 71 members. After the Reno convention Don and I took a trip to Lake Tahoe, Donner Pass and Yosemite National Park. We had a wonderful time. No words can describe the beauty of the Giant Sequoias Forest. We arrived home from our trip six days before Isabel. We decided not to evacuate. In this part of state there doesn't seem to be good place to evacuate to. Fortunately we did not have any damage to our house. Lots of debris everywhere and no power or phone for three days. Unfortunately our Tidewater buddies did not get off so easy. Many of them were without power, water and phone for weeks. We had a good turnout at our Rocky Mount meeting in spite of Isabel. The Turners and the Krackers didn't make it. They were still recovering from the storm. After lunch and introductions the men proceeded to have their meeting. It was very interesting and I enjoyed it, but it lasted a long time. I finally got Don's attention and requested a break in the meeting so the women could conduct their meeting. This situation has happened before. I am asking for input as to how we can still be aware of what's going on with the men, and still have time for our meeting. I am happy to report that Claire Blakely accompanied by her son Russell joined us in Rocky Mount. Welcome back Commander. Jean Parker presented me with a gift certificate from Belk Department Store. It was very generous and thoughtful of the Subgalleons. It has been my pleasure to serve as your commander and I thank you. It is with great sadness that I report on the death of Grace Brockhausen. Grace was a charter member of the N.C. Wives of Submarine Veterans of WWII and our beloved chaplain for many years. Grace also gave us the name Subgalleons. Her husband, Charles, preceded her in death by 6 days. Charles died from complications after a fall and Grace died peacefully in her sleep. Our Pearl Harbor memorial meeting was held in Greensboro, N.C. at the Ramada Inn. The weather cooperated this year. Overall it was a big improvement from last year. Since we do not have a business meeting at the memorial service I called a special meeting for Saturday afternoon. The hotel let us use one of their meeting rooms. This worked out fine

except some of our members had not checked in yet. Maybe in the future we will be able to find a time convenient for everyone. Since three of the officers were present we decided to deal with some old business. First on the list was turning all the records over to Claire. Our next item was to welcome our new member Jean Lupo. Jean has recently changed her membership from South Carolina to North Carolina. I recently talked to Deane Morris. She is home from the hospital and doing well. It's been a long recovery for Deane but pneumonia and heart surgery can't keep a feisty gal down. The latest news from Lee Jackson isn't good. Len is still in a lot of pain. Drop Lee a line. I know she would like to hear from the group. Don and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in March. I shall end this newsletter with an article that was published in the All Clear in 1992. It was published to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 'Wives of U S Sub Vets of WWII'. We missed commemorating the twentieth, so we'll do it for our 22nd. FROM THE PAST 'The Subgalleons' The Wives of Sub Vets of WWII was organized on July 13, 1982. Grace Brockhausen submitted the name Subgalleons. Charter members were; Jessie Allen, Grace Brockhausen, Theo Denson, Deane Morris, Rosemary Sigworth and Jessie Turner. Jean Parker provided us with this piece of memorabilia. Jean is a storehouse of information about our organization. Thank you Jean!

Rose Mary

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

### ***HIDDEN BUT NOT INACTIVE!***

We've known for more than a week that this Corner was due, but couldn't find a good starting point.

Sunday morning, Pastor Randy's benediction gave us that starting point. He prayed simply, "Lord, You may be hidden from some of us, but we all know that You're not inactive." What could be more descriptive of the Silent Service than "Hidden but not inactive"?



### ***Oars At Rest!***

At our Pearl Harbor Memorial Meeting in December, we mentioned 11 of our shipmates and their silent partners who rested their oars in 2003. In case you weren't listening, they are Frank (Buddy) Allen, William Miller, Jean Thomas, Edna Guice, Bill Smith, Peck Osborne, Bill Egerton, Grover Brown, Chuck and Grace Brockhausen, and John Cochran. S-boat sailor Alston Cheek became the 12th "oar restor" later in December, with Randy Denson and Billy Williams tending lines for his final departure.

We pay tribute to each of those now on eternal patrol. Like most submariners, they maintained a low profile in their everyday lives, hiding their activities to perpetuate the memories of submariners past and to honor the service of submariners present. However, they set examples for all of us in remaining active in doing for fellow submariners and encouraging submariners of the future. Tending lines for departing shipmates is but one of several ways we serve: as many as 11 North Carolina submariners so served at one time during the past year.

### ***The Binnacle List***

Submariners had no binnacle list, but we think the term is a colorful one and continue using it. The binnacle was a stand on which was posted the names of crewmembers who, usually for health reasons, were assigned light duty (they were excused from climbing the rigging, tending lines, or performing other such rigorous duties). The binnacle was equipped with two principal items of equipment: a compass and a lamp. We like the inference of these two also: one shows the ship's course and the other ensures that the ship's course is visible, especially during storms and at night. COBs had their own effective way of keeping up with those entitled to light duty. Ollie's OK!

Our phone rang Thursday (January 8) and guess who? "This is David Thompson," said the caller. "No, not that one," he added hastily. "I'm Ollie's son. I'm in Cary for a training session and want to update you on Dad's condition." David went on to explain that Ollie's doing better than expected. He had a combined pacemaker/cardiac defibrillator installed and is looking forward to many years of continued use. (Ollie

explained later that he and Shorty Lebonville are now similarly equipped and are thinking of starting a club. In case you're wondering: a defibrillator shocks the heart back to its normal rhythm, and a pacemaker synchronizes the beating of the left and right ventricles, helping the heart function more efficiently.) Before hanging up the phone, David asked us to keep Ollie on our prayer list. We assured him we would.

**Bill and Deane Are on the Mend!**

At this writing, Bill Morris is in a private room at Charlotte's Mercy Hospital, and scheduled to return home Friday or Saturday (January 16 or 17) in far better shape than when he left (he had double bypass heart surgery the previous Monday). Deane is still hospitalized and fighting pneumonia. We learned of Bill's plight quite by accident. Initially, we received an email message, telling us that Shorty Lebonville was hospitalized after a "heart problem." We were quite surprised when Shorty answered the phone at his home: "You ok?" we asked. "Sure am" he replied. Fortunately, he knew that Bill Morris had had the heart problem. Bill had gone to the hospital for a rather routine cauterization. "They" discovered three nearly blocked passages and went in to do their thing. They could do only two of the three planned bypasses (the third couldn't be bypassed because of extensive scar tissue). (Bill had had a pacemaker installed in 1996.)

Both Bill and Deane should be on our prayer lists.

**Also on the List!**

The trouble with writing this Corner weeks (if not months) ahead of publication is that it can't be up to date. But we feel that, particularly for us whose new year's resolutions include being more active in support of our shipmates and their silent partners, the trouble is worth the effort. We stand ready to take flack if we don't include someone who should have been mentioned, or if we include someone who shouldn't have been mentioned. Incidentally, no effort has been made to list shipmates alphabetically or in order of significance.

Last we heard was that Johnny Lipes was back in Craven Regional Hospital. His wife Audrey (in New Bern) said he missed his "day in the sun," when he couldn't attend a special gathering in Washington, DC, in his honor. Remember, Johnny's claim to fame was the appendectomy he performed underwater on a submarine during World War II. Our prayers are with him.

Len Jackson continues "hurting" at his Wilmington home. He's been everywhere and done everything but still no relief. Wife Leila (Lee) patiently continues caring for her patient. In case you want to call, it's 910/799-7767.

Robert (R.A.) Harris' wife Margie is in continuing need of prayers. She lives on the verge of having a stroke. R.A., who would make us an outstanding chaplain (but you'll have to fire us first), is pretty much homebound answering Margie's needs. The principal absentee from our Pearl Harbor Memorial Meeting in December was our sole "survivor" Jim Harbin. Last we heard was that he "survived" a cauterization in November with the prognosis that he would not have additional surgery. His delayed discharge from the hospital was the need for Jim to build up his strength.

Karl (Slim) Evans is a "live aloner" who refuses to give up and let himself be taken care of. One of us calls him regularly (at 919/772-0824). If anyone tries to phone him, give him time to crank up his walker and get to the phone. At times, he's a

slowpoke, but he enjoys a good conversation, and hasn't lost his sense of humor.

Last word from Jack Sloop is that his wife Alice was in a rehab facility, working loose the steel rod "they" put between her hip and knee. Seems that she was cooking on Thanksgiving Day: the stove indoors was filled with pies a-baking and a large ham was nestled in the oven on the back porch. On her way to the porch, she tripped and broke her leg. (When your Chaplain's wife Anne heard about Alice's mishap, she commented, "See, Bill, I told you that cooking was dangerous. From now on, we eat out.") Prayers, too, for the Sloops, please.

Several others of us, while not exactly on the binnacle list, deserve our attention if only for "how're you doing?" inquiries or phone calls asking, "need a ride?" In this category, while not all inclusive, would be Ed Galaviz, Joan Clark, Bill Bailey, Ben and Ruth Grimes, Jones (Deacon) Kennedy, Dusty Lathrop, Jean Parker, Ken Sigworth, and Harold Steed. There are many others, the truly hidden ones, who also merit our attention, care, and prayers.

**Kudos!**

We are particularly aware of the contributions to our success--the Tarheels of both U.S. SubVets of WW II and U.S. SubVets, Inc.--made by a host of individuals. We think immediately of the officers of both groups. We think of those heading up various appointed "committees." We think of hidden but active individuals like Claire Blakley, Walt Taverna, and Joe Clark (some of these are so well hidden, we can't identify them). We think of Webmaster Ratner who, despite being one of the new kids on the block, came aboard with throttle wide open, volunteering for nearly every task that came his way.

As the year 2004 continues, let each of us determine to do his or her best 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 government."

As flawed as it is, our government's the greatest in the whole wide world.

Our prayer for both our government and the world is peace.

Chaplain Bill

## USSVI MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

### **ATTENTION !!!!!**

Members: it's that time of the year to pay dues.

24 members have not paid. Are you one of them?

They are to be paid by Jan. 1

Send your check Payable to USSVI TARHEEL BASE  
to:

Bob Werner  
150 Wood Wedge Way  
Sanford, NC 27332

Tarheel Base dues are \$10.00 annually and non-life USSVI members will also owe an additional \$10.00 for USSVI National dues for a total of \$20.00. For all Tarheel Base or USSVI National Dues make your check payable to "USSVI TARHEEL BASE". Send your check for either Tarheel Base or USSVI National dues to Bob Werner 150 Wood Wedge Way Sanford, NC 27332. I will forward your annual national dues to USSVI. Holland Club Members who are annual USSVI member no longer pay USSVI National dues after they are inducted into the Holland Club. WWII members who are non-life USSVI members owe \$10.00 national dues. WWII members of USSVI do not pay Tarheel Base dues (just WWII Tarheel Chapter dues).

If you have questions call me at (919) 499-2210 or send an email to me at [bobwerner150@hotmail.com](mailto:bobwerner150@hotmail.com).

Paying your dues on time will keep your American Submariner Magazine and the All Clear newsletter coming without any interruption. **NOTE: when an address change occurs, including email address changes, you must notify me (Bob Werner at (919) 499 2210 or 150 Wood Wedge Way, Sanford NC 27330 or bob werner @hotmail.com) immediately so I can forward the changes to the National Headquarters.**

Bob Werner  
Membership Chairman.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH**

NOTE: If you do not see your Name in the appropriate month or missing please update your file on the Rosters of WWII and USSVI.

#### **JANUARY**

RAY BARBER  
WILLIAM BRADLEY  
JOHN BUTLER  
WILLIAM W. HAYNES  
FRASER C. McMENEMIN  
EDWARD D. OSBORNE

RICHARD RUFF

RICHARD SHIRLEY

NORMAN F. SKILES

LOUIS STILES

RICHARD THOMAS

BOB UPDYCKE

BILL WHELAN

BILLY WILLIAMS

RICHARD WRIGHT

#### **FEBRUARY**

ROBERT HARPER BRAME

CAPT. BEN BYNESIDE

WOODY CARMICHAEL

OLAF A HEARTNESS

DIEDERICK E. KANNING

WARREN MALINOFSKI

WILLIAM MILLER

KEN RANSBOTTOM

MILTON STARK

DAVID THOMMARSON

ROBERT WERNER

WILLIAM WOOD

#### **MARCH**

CLARENCE WILLIAM BAILEY

JAMES CLARK

ROY DUKE

BRIAN FLYNN

HERBERT FRANCIUM

ROBERT GREEN

BOB GOVERN  
 SHORTY LEBONVILLE  
 JAMES MYERS  
 CHARLES PATCH  
 LINWOOD RESPESS  
 GEORGE RODERICK  
 JOSEPH SENDEK  
 IRVING SWANSON  
 WALTER TAVERNA  
 MICHAEL WILSON SR.

**Reidsville Rd. Walkertown, N.C. 27051.**  
**We have 7 members still not renewed.**

HERBERT FRANCUM                      ROY HALL  
 LINWOOD RESPRESS                      KENNETH SIGWORTH  
 RICHARD THOMAS                      DAVID THOMMARSON

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

**THIS APPLYS ONLY TO WWII VETS and ASSOCIATES**

As an attempt to help all of us to remember our dues and time to pay them, we have a new way of informing everyone where they stand and keep it private to the individual. **LOOK AT THE ADDRESS LABEL ON YOUR ALL CLEAR, SEE THE NUMBERS AFTER YOUR NAME, You are paid up to JULY of that year. Example: if 2004 is the number, you are paid up until July 2004 at which time your dues are due.**

ANYONE RECEIVING THE ALL CLEAR NEWSLETTER AND DOES NOT RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES FROM CHUCK JENSEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH CHUCK OR JIM MYERS WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO THAT YOU CAN BE ADDED TO OUR GROUP ADDRESS BOOK..

Our new webmaster Joe Ratner has our new web site at <http://ncsubvets.rodent-web.com>. He has been able to put the ALL CLEAR news letter on the site, please go to it and click on ALL CLEAR on the top tool bar. Let Joe and Jim Myers know what you think.

**"The Tarheel Base will be hosting a joint meeting with WWII and USSVI this year. The location will be in Salisbury, NC with the meeting headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Salisbury. You can check out this facility at their website which is [www.holiday-inn.com/salisburync](http://www.holiday-inn.com/salisburync) . The dates for the meeting will be Thursday May 13th through**

**BOOSTER CLUB DONATIONS - 2004**

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
JOHN/SUZETTE RENFRO	8/9/03	50.00
BILL BRADBURN	8/9/03	30.00
BETTY LEASURE	8/12/03	10.00
BILL MORRIS	9/27/03	20.00
DONALD LEDUC	10/27/03	25.00
RAMONA YOST	11/13/03	15.00
KARL EVANS	1/4/04	20.00
	TOTAL	170.00

**TREASURER'S CORNER**

At the Reno Convention the WWII Executive Board voted to increase all ASSOCIATE and SUBSCRIBER member dues to \$10 vice \$5 in order to defer the cost of the POLARIS, this will be retroactive to Sept. 1, 2003.

**July is the dead line for Renewal of WWII Sub Vet 2004 dues, Life members owe \$10, Annual members owe \$15 and Associates owe \$20, if you have not already paid your dues please forward all payments to Jim Myers, 4905**



**Saturday May 15th. We are planning to have the closing luncheon at the NC Transportation Museum on Saturday. More specific information will be provided later as the agenda for this meeting is developed."**

We are still looking for any and all History making, Funny, Unusual stories for the All Clear. Email or snail mail to me and I'll be glad to insert them in the All Clear.

## **HUNLEY TRIP**

### **Hunley Interment Update**

The Hunley interment is scheduled for Saturday at 0930 on April 17, 2004 in Charleston SC at White Point Gardens (The Battery). The funeral begins at 0800 and memorial begins at 0930 followed by the procession to Magnolia Cemetery at 1030. The procession is approximately 4.5 miles in distance and estimated to take 1 hour and 45 minutes. A detailed schedule is provided below. All details have not been completed. I will keep you informed as I learn of them.

Shipmates, we have a bus chartered to take us down to Charleston for the Hunley crew burial. The bus will leave GREENSBORO on FRIDAY MORNING on APRIL 16, stop at the Outlet mall at the Speedway Exit on I-85 to pick up the Charlotte members. We will return home after the ceremony the next day on SATURDAY APRIL 17. The bus has seats for 47 so if we fill up all the seats it will cost each rider \$35 for the round trip. The bus has a bathroom on board as well as a vcr/tv. Now here is the kicker. All well and good but so far I only have 23 signed up and I need 24 more to make this work. I really need to get the names asap of who wants to ride the bus so we will know whether or not this is going to fly or not. Please call me or email me to sign up or re-confirm your name on the list to go. Thank you very much for your help on this project. Mike Burkholder [grahamfan@webtv.net](mailto:grahamfan@webtv.net) 336-292-8331 Day or 336-854-3730 Evenings. Engines Forward: Burkholder

As of 1/16/04 we have 18 rooms reserved of the 25 set aside for NC Subvets. The hotel will hold the seven unreserved rooms until 3/16/04 at which time the rates will increase and be available for anyone. So if you have not reserved, you should do so ASAP. Call toll free 1-800-704-4480 directly to the hotel. Tell them you are with the NC Subvets group.

Other items to note, when we have more firm

numbers on how many persons will be attending, I will look into a location for a dinner get together. There are several nice restaurants nearby. As we get closer to April 17<sup>th</sup>, more info will be coming forth. For those with the internet, you can get schedule info at [www.usvicb.org](http://www.usvicb.org). They also have a list of volunteer pallbearers on the site.

I have submitted 3 names (Joe Clark, Robert Hopkins, Thompson) to the carriage coordinator in Charleston so far to be in the carriage in the funeral procession.

The Charleston Subvets are meeting 1/31/04 to select a pallbearer. The Charleston Sub Base members desiring to be pallbearers have first choice. They are expecting approximately 100 others outside the Charleston Base for pallbearers. There will be 10 groups of pallbearers (48 in each group). The group at the battle will be USSVI members. The group at the cemetery will be a group of 8 names for pallbearers (Wayne Powell, Joe Ratner, Brian Fly, Emerson, Al Bremmer, Lin Sutton, Dick Kanning).

Contact for the Hunley funeral is Wayne Powell (919-362-9498 or email: [fbmer@aol.com](mailto:fbmer@aol.com)).

### **Schedule/Info**

§ 4/17/04 (Sat)– preceded by 8 day memorial period (one for each crew member)  
o newspapers to provide background on different crew member each day  
§ memorial begins at 1000 at White Point Gardens (Battery) – at approximately 1100 will proceed ~ 4 1/2 miles to Magnolia Gardens Cemetery with full military honors – each remains will be transported on individual caissons  
§ Well worth attending no matter the level of participation  
§ At 2000 burial ~2500 people attended and they expect 3 times that many this time.

### **MOTEL RATES**

Rates \$119 + 11% Tax (suite – includes microwave/refrig.)  
\$109 + 11% Tax (standard)  
Breakfast hot – limited

Available

Only have 4 standard rooms (\$109) Rest are suites with refrig/microwave. A few are smoking 3 are handicapped

accessible.

To reserve - call – 1-800-704-4480 - reference NC Sub Vets

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- No transportation being provided to and from Battery to cemetery by committee.
- Transportation for Tarheel members from Greensboro has been arranged. Bus will leave Greensboro stop at Concord and proceed to Motel in Charleston. The day of interment bus will go to Patriot Pointe and then on to Cemetary site and after proceedings will return to Greensboro. Contact Mike Burkholder for arrangements.

### **USSVI 2004 CONVENTION**

*Northern Virginia Base is trying to get people interested in taking the AMTRAK to Saratoga Springs, NY for the convention this year.*

*I have contacted AMTRAK and they are willing to work with us. They will arrange for food and drink and even reserve an entire car IF we get enough people interested.*

*Minimum number of persons required is 20. The train originates south (Miami) and travels north (New York City). If there is enough interest we may be able to convince AMTRAK to put on a special car in Miami and pick up our troops all the way to Saratoga Springs.*

*Otherwise our tentative schedule is as follows:*

*If you are interested in joining this Convention Special let me know. If there is enough interest I will contact AMTRAK*

*with the expected number. I will NOT make your reservations; that will be your responsibility. I will let you know the train number and departing times for the trip north.*

*Let's make the convention and the trip a time we'll remember!*

*Fraternally,*

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